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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**BREAKFAST POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** — A half dozen students at the SeDoMoCha Middle School in Dover-Foxcroft won prizes in a breakfast poster contest. Fifth-grader Annie Raynes, second from left, won the grand prize of a cup stacking set which was sponsored by the school's Wellness Team – team members and other school staff judged the contest entries. Pictured, from left, are RSU 68 Food Service Director Kandi Hartford, Raynes, and first-place finisher, fifth grader Ella Molaghan. Third and second from left, respective second-place winners, fifth-graders Taebria Currie and Cassandra Smith and third-place finisher, sixth-grader Aidan Currie.

## Student posters promote most important meal of the day

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — SeDoMoCha Middle School students recently had the opportunity to put their artistic talents to the test in a poster contest promoting the school's breakfast program. The winners were announced on the afternoon of March 3, shortly before

National School Breakfast Week March 7-11 which is part of National Nutrition Month. This year's theme is "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right."

RSU 68 Food Service Director Kandi Hartford said 21 entrants took part in the breakfast poster contest, either individually or in pairs, with all participants receiving a small prize.

She said the students had about two and half weeks to create their posters showing "Why I like school breakfast" or "How I feel when I have had a really good breakfast."

Posters were judged by school staff as well as members of the Wellness Team, and "I am going to hang them in the cafeteria," Hartford said

about the various poster submissions.

Fifth-grader Annie Raynes earned grand prize honors in the breakfast poster contest with her work of art titled, "Don't Run on Empty, Fill Up on School Breakfast." Raynes'

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## Dairy farm fire destroys barn and home, kills 25 cows

By Dawn Gagnon  
BDN Staff

DEXTER — Fundraising is underway to help a Dexter dairy farmer after his two-story farmhouse and attached barn were destroyed in a fire on Saturday.

The fire at Kenny Trafton's 80-cow farm began about 11 a.m. Saturday, when a tractor that was brought into the shop caught fire, Dexter First Assistant Fire Chief Rick Stocker said Sunday.

The house and barn were destroyed, and all of his milking equipment and farm machinery were destroyed, too.

Neither the farmer nor his farmhands were injured, but about 25 cows died in the fire, Stocker said. The farm was not insured.

Stocker said Trafton and his son, who also lived at the farm on Upper Garland Road, are staying with family and that the Red Cross is providing some assistance.

Stocker said that a GoFundMe page has been established to help Trafton. The fundraising goal is \$30,000.

Dexter firefighters were assisted by their counterparts from more than half a dozen surrounding towns. Stocker said getting water to the fire proved a challenge, and fire crews initially had to bring it in by tanker. He added that firefighters eventually were able to tap into a pond about half a mile away.

## Fire destroys home in Sangerville

By Ryan McLaughlin  
BDN Staff

SANGERVILLE — A home on Frenchs Mill Road was destroyed by fire on March 2, officials said.

The fire at the two-story residence broke out shortly

before noon, according to Lt. Marc Boutilier of the Sangerville Fire Department. Boutilier said half of the house was gone when firefighters arrived to battle the blaze, so there was nothing crews could do to save the

home.

A cause has not been determined, and the fire remains under investigation.

Crews from Sangerville, Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Guilford and Monson were sent to the home.

## Selectmen form budget committee

Staff Report

GREENVILLE — New this year, a five-member budget committee will review the proposed 2016-17 spending plan prepared by Town Manager John Simko and the various department heads and approved by the selectmen. The budget committee will then render recommendations in favor of or opposed to various budget articles to help citizens make their decisions at the annual town meeting on June 6.

The budget committee was formally approved by the selectmen during the board's March 2 meeting. Serving on the committee will be residents Dennis Bortis, David Burrill, Janet Chasse, Stacey Duncan and Burt Whit-

man.

Over the ensuing few weeks, the selectmen and Simko will meet with the department heads. At the April 6 meeting, the selectmen are scheduled to approve a budget to then go to the committee for these five members to review.

Several public hearings on the budget and then the town meeting warrant will be held in late April and early May, with the selectmen potentially approving the warrant during a special meeting on the morning of May 6. The 2016 town meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, June 6 in the Louis Oakes Auditorium at Greenville High School.

In other business, the selectmen discussed the concept of a downtown Wi-Fi hotspot through equipment located at the Shaw Public Library.

The Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation (MLREDC) has

been seeking a public wireless Internet zone and the objective was validated through the Roger Brooks Report as an achievable means to make downtown Greenville more visitor-friendly. Working with Axiom Technologies of Machias and Librarian Linda Shaw and officials from the Maine State Library, the MLREDC identified a Wi-Fi hotspot possibility through the use of the Internet connection used by the Shaw Public Library and provided by the Maine State Library Network.

The initial costs for installation and equipment is \$2,000, and ensuing years of operations service and maintenance would be \$1,000 annually. The cost would be paid for by the MLREDC.

Axiom Technologies is installing and servicing the Wi-Fi system with the town of Greenville, through the Shaw Public Library, hosting the service, which is intended to be established by April 1.

## Attention to detail fuels Hamlin's basketball success on court and sidelines

*Editor's note: Several sports personalities with Penquis-area ties have been named members of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016, among them the late Ed Guiski of Dexter; former Penquis Valley of Milo player and coach Tony Hamlin, and former Foxcroft Academy stars Kevin Nelson and Dean Smith. The Observer will profile each of the honorees during the next few weeks.*

MILO — Many of the earliest days of Tony Hamlin's basketball career were spent in Phil Gerow's barn playing two-on-two games with his buddies before his school day began.

"That was back in the fifth and sixth grade," he recalled. "It was pretty small, but guys were waiting in the loft for winners."

More than five decades later, Hamlin's competitive career also ended in a barn of sorts — the Bangor Auditorium where he guided his alma mater, Penquis Valley High School, to the 2013 Class C state championship in the final tournament game before that building was torn down and replaced by the Cross Insurance Center.

That 61-54 victory over Boothbay marked the final game of Hamlin's 31-year coaching career. "To win the last game at the Auditorium, I knew I was

done and to end it like that and walk away was special," he said. Between those pick-up games in Gerow's barn or on the outdoor court next to the old Milo High School and that last departure from the historic Auditorium where he is believed to



Ashley L. Conti

**MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE** — Class of 2016 Maine Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Tony Hamlin listens as Steve Pound, executive director of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, introduces the rest of the Class of 2016 inductees during a press conference on Wednesday at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

be the only coach to win tournament games in five different decades, Hamlin's influence on basketball in Maine has taken on myriad forms — highlighted by 401 victories and three state championships as a coach.

"He's probably the most cerebral coach I've been around," said former Lawrence of Fairfield coach Mike McGee during a 2013 interview after Hamlin's retirement. "I consider him one of the best coaches in the state, if not the best."

McGee's sentiment is backed

by a resume that has earned Hamlin a place in the third class of Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, which will be inducted Aug. 21 at the Cross Center.

"I grew up on Willow Street, a short dead-end street with 14 boys living there within 3 or 4 years of each other," said Hamlin of his modest roots in the sport. "And I can remember distinctly the smell of autumn and the leaves burning and going

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### Spring AHEAD

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 13, when clocks are set ahead one hour at 2 a.m.

Please, take this opportunity to change the battery in your smoke detector.





# Law Farm to host equinox celebration

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWCD) is extending an open invitation to families, school groups and the public to join the district and welcome spring during an equinox celebration at the Law Farm. The celebration to welcome spring will be a great way for folks to enjoy what the Law Farm has to offer as a dynamic outdoor educational and recreational space for all to enjoy.

This event will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 with snow-shoeing and skiing the Law Farm trails, and a hands-on presentation at the farm wetland from Gordon Moore of the Maine Forest Service about wood duck nesting ecology, finishing the presentation with a wood duck box installation. The Law Farm's extensive wetlands with natural biodiversity offer ideal habitat for wood ducks. Skiing, snowshoeing and the wood duck demonstration will be fun, unique ways to check out the beautiful nature trails and educational demonstration areas.

After fun in the snow, attendees will gather back at the trailhead for a bonfire and potluck BBQ. Hot dogs, hamburgers and the fixings for s'mores will be provided. The PCSWCD staff will be present to answer questions about the Law Farm, the array of natural resource programs or to just have a friendly conversation.

The Law Farm is a 115-acre parcel of public land that is owned and maintained by the PCSWCD. Since the land was deeded to the district in 2009,



Photo courtesy of PCSWCD

**WELCOMING SPRING** — The PCSWCD will host a welcome spring celebration on March 19 at the Law Farm. The event will include a presentation from Gordon Moore on wood duck nesting ecology.

those involved have worked to develop a trail system and create an engaging, educational outdoor space for Piscataquis County residents and visitors to enjoy and actively learn about the benefits of a community forest.

In case of warmer weather

and no snow, the PCSWCD will welcome spring with a good hike around the nature trails followed by a bonfire and BBQ. The PCSWCD is encouraging everyone interested in coming to RSVP by calling 564-2321 ext. 3 or emailing [info@piscataquisswcd.org](mailto:info@piscataquisswcd.org).

## Breakfast —

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color poster featured a school bus along with breakfast items such as a piece of toast and a muffin with facial features and arms and legs as well as an apple clinging to the back of the bus.

Raynes won the top prize, a competitor speed stackers cup stacking set which along with the other bestowed items were sponsored by the Wellness Team.

The next level prize was a \$25 gift card to Subway, and this honor went to fifth-grader Ella Molaghan. Grade 5 students Taebria Currie and Cassandra Smith tied for the next prize, \$15 Subway gift cards. Sixth-grader Aidan Currie rounded out the poster honorees, and he earned a \$10 Subway gift card for his artwork.

All students at the SeDoMoCha complex have the opportunity to start their day off right with a universal free breakfast, with the meal served regardless of the K-8 pupils' free or reduced meal status. Hartford said a second chance breakfast recently started during the middle school mid-morning snack time so students do not have to go without a healthy item, and about a dozen pupils took advantage the second chance breakfast during a recent morning.

## Bicentennial potluck starts annual meeting

GUILFORD — For the first time in its now 200-year history, the annual Guilford town meeting will begin with a potluck supper. Residents are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share on Monday, March 21

at 5:30 p.m. in the Piscataquis Community Elementary School cafeteria. Enjoy the delicious food and socialize with local townsfolk before getting down to business at 7 p.m. with new moderator Paul Stearns.

## Sawtell's 'The Rocket Lanes' now available

Local author and historian Bill Sawtell recently published his 51st book, "The Rocket Lanes of Dover-Foxcroft". Sawtell's work features a history of the bowling alley with many testimonials and photographs. The cover features art-

work by Allen C. Monroe of Milo.

Sawtell, a resident of Brownville, began writing in 1982 and he is best known for his books on Katahdin Iron Works. For more information, go to <http://www.billsawtell.com>.

## FA student recital

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Music students of Foxcroft Academy will perform solo and small chamber ensemble works at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church — located at 824 West Main Street. The recital will feature works by Haydn, Brahms, Albeniz, and

charming folk pieces.

A reception will be offered following the program in order to meet and greet the student performers. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 564-0043 or [susan.ramsey@foxcroftacademy.org](mailto:susan.ramsey@foxcroftacademy.org).

## Municipal waste

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scale," Lizotte said about the future waste-to-energy plant. He said the county is a very small player in the discussions with the unorganized territories resulting in about 250 tons of waste, compared to the hundreds of thousands of tons coming from the cities in Penobscot County.

"Everybody pretty much has to go in the same direction to make the tonnage work," he said. "It would start in 2018 and the idea is this would continue for 20-plus years," with the contract having an out clause in the event communities may want to go back to PERC or pursue a landfill option.

"We are members of the MRC and I think our duty is to stick together," Lizotte said, saying there are financial incentives to sign the agreement by the May deadline compared to after the fact.

Greenville Town Manager John Simko said his community is looking into an option other than Fiberight or PERC as town officials have toured Exeter Agri-Cycle Energy (EAE) regarding the possible separation and shipping of organic waste. The EAE facility uses food scrap waste and cow manure to make methane to run an electrical turbine for power genera-

tion which is sold on the grid as green energy.

Simko said Greenville averages about 1,600 tons of waste, and non-organic materials would either be recycled or hauled to Norridgewock. "From that waste stream we want to pull out as much as we can, as we do that we control our destiny — we control our costs," Simko said. He said these expenses could be less than retaining membership in MRC.

"We want to have as much control over our solid waste as we can," Simko said, saying an arrangement with EAE is only in the discussion stages right now and may not come to fruition. "We would continue with PERC right up until can't anymore."

In other business, Lizotte said "The county commissioners did go over to Guilford with the sheriff's department leadership to look at a couple of sites. The feedback I got was both of these sites are viable."

County officials are looking into working space for sheriff's department patrol officers. One possibility is leasing space at the town-owned former Guilford Primary School on High Street, and the other is a building on Hudson Avenue across the road from the post office.

Lizotte said since the Guilford trip, another possibility in

Dover-Foxcroft has arisen that could be the home of not just patrol operations but also the sheriff's department administrators. "Under any scenario we are looking at dispatch and the jail would stay here in Dover-Foxcroft," he said.

The commissioners went into an executive session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the various real estate proposals.

Piscataquis County Economic Development Council Executive Director Chris Winstead told the commissioners that he has visited nearly all of the region's select boards to gauge interest in a proposed countywide broadband Internet feasibility study. "Minus one community we have full support," Winstead said, as he still has another session left on his tour.

At a future meeting, the commissioners will make a formal decision on pursuing the study, which if in place would help the county seek outside funding for technology improvements. The data could look at the potential broadband providers available, access speeds, household data, what infrastructure is available and what the possibilities for broadband are. Winstead said the study would include information specific to each participant.

## Milo Free Public Library news

By Rochelle Williams

Library Director

MILO — The Three Rivers Kiwanis project for last year was to paint the downstairs of the Milo library. The painting got started this February after all the windows were installed. This project is in process and looking very good with a new color scheme — aren't we lucky! We are also doing some reorganizing to make the space more user friendly.

A Nook or E-book reader was recently donated to us and can be checked out to use for our download library selections.

Kathy's pick is "Have you ever felt neglected, lonely, less than useful? These old gems need a visit! Care to try one?" This book display features a great variety of older books and authors that needed to be put in the forefront again.

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Questions, call 943-2612 or e-mail us at [milolibrary@trc-maine.org](mailto:milolibrary@trc-maine.org). Winter hours are in effect. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-7 p.m. and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

## RSU 68

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between the needs of the district and being fiscally responsible to taxpayers.

The school board could take a vote on a preliminary spending plan next month. The district budget meeting is scheduled for May 31 and the ensuing referendum in Charleston, Dover-Foxcroft, Monson and Sebec would be on June 14.

Board Chair Rick Johnston said he believes RSU 68 is back to a full staffing level, "really for the benefit of the students in our district." He added that with four teachers in each grade, "It's nice to be back to where we were in the past" as enrollment figures have increased in recent years.

Lucy said the building, grounds, transportation, food service committees met earlier in the evening, discussing potential capital improvement projects that can be funded with monies in various reserve accounts. He said upgrades to the gym and cafeteria audio systems are possibilities, as are improvements to the computer network.

"We continue to think about those projects we might do if we have some year-end funds,"

Lucy said, mentioning laying tile in some classrooms as an example.

In other business, the board discussed three administrative positions in executive sessions. The directors came out of each session to make motions to extend the contracts of SeDoMoCha School Principal Julie Kimball, Assistant Principal Nathan Dyer and Special Services Director Sue Watson through June 30, 2018. Each administrator will have their salaries increased by 3 percent for the 2016-17 academic year.

During the open portion of the meeting, the school board heard reports from district administrators. Kimball said, "I wanted to start out by saying a huge thank you to our elementary staff and our middle school staff and especially to (grade 3 teacher Jessica Dunton)." Kimball said all of the efforts helped make the sixth annual One Book, One School ending celebration on the evening of Feb. 11 a great success.

"There was a lot of energy that evening and we couldn't do it without so many dedicated people," Kimball added, saying the attendances figures were around 250 elementary student and family members taking part in the meal and activities related to the book "The World According to Humphrey".

She also said the local Masonic Lodge approached the SeDoMoCha School about participating in the Bikes for Books program. "It's really to promote

literacy with our students," Kimball said.

Students who read a book, at home or in the classroom, or have a book read to them are eligible for a drawing for a brand new bicycle. The Builders Club put together boxes for the Bikes for Books drawings, and Kimball said bicycles will be given to a boy and girl in "every grade level, K-8, in our building."

Food Service Director Kandilyn Hartford said plans are underway for the second year of the weekday free summer lunch program. She last summer 2,458 meals were served to children 18 and under, as well as about 100 meals to paying adults.

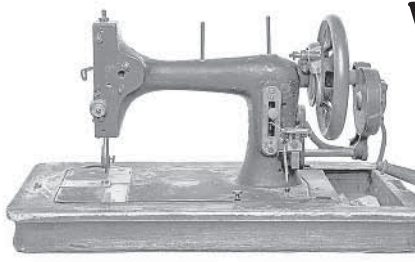
"We provided a lot of meals for this county, we pretty much we're it," Hartford said. "We are hoping to increase our numbers again," she said, with a summer lunch kickoff being planned and the possibility of serving meals across town at the Thompson Free Library is also being looked into.

SeDoMoCha students are able to enjoy a universal free breakfast, with the meal served regardless of the K-8 pupils' free or reduced meal status. Hartford said a "second chance breakfast" is now being offered during the middle school mid-morning snack time so students do not have to go without a healthy item.

"You have a program to be proud of, a lot of districts run in the red," Johnston told Hartford.

The school board approved the appointments of five middle school coaches for the spring. Kassandra Foster will be the head track coach and Mary Kate Povak will be the assistant. Jonathan Seavey will lead the A baseball team, Alexis Coleman will be the head coach of the A softball squad and Teresa Sinclair was appointed for B softball.

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### NOTICE TO DOVER-FOXCROFT RESIDENTS

#### Nomination Papers for Municipal Offices

Nomination papers for the June 14, 2016 Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Election for the following offices will be available on Monday, March 21, 2016:

**Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor:**  
Two positions/Three year term

**Member Executive Committee Thompson Free Library:**  
One position/One year term

**HAD# 4 Board of Directors:**  
One position/Three year term

**RSU No. 68 Board of Directors:**  
Two positions/Three year term

**Charter Commission Member:** Six positions/One Year Term

Nomination papers can be received at the town office located at 48 Morton Ave., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. The deadline for filing is Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM at the town office.

For more information you may call the town office at (207) 564-3318, Ext. 1010.

Lisa A. Niles, Town Clerk



# Focus Maine and Federal contracting at PCEDC meeting

MONSON — Join the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) for the first quarterly meeting of 2016. PCEDC members will meet at Spring Creek BBQ, in Monson on Monday, March 14 from 4-7 p.m. The evening’s focus will be on federal contracting and in learning more about Focus Maine.

Please register online at <http://conta.cc/1XOQe08>. The registration deadline is Friday, March 11.

James Pineau, senior area manager with the Small Business Administration (SBA) will talk about federal contracting opportunities including the HUBZone Program. Federal contracting isn’t just for defense contractors ... the government has a diverse purchasing policy. If someone can think of it, they most likely purchase it. This is a chance to hear more about opportunities and resources for local businesses and how the HUBZone program works.

In addition, attendees will

be hearing from Andrea Maker regarding Focus Maine. Focus Maine seeks to be a catalyst for creating high-quality jobs within a few traded sectors — which means a dollar of business created in a traded sector company tends to be a dollar that doesn’t already exist in the local economy and in turn will create a more robust economy for all. Their general purpose is to strengthen and revitalize opportunity and prosperity in Maine by accelerating the creation of quality jobs within a few select, traded sectors that have high growth potential, based on global growth projections and Maine’s competitive advantages in those sectors.

Focus Maine has been in existence for 18 months and is comprised of business leaders with proven success in their respective fields.

For more information please contact PCEDC Community Development Specialist Georgia Underwood at 564-3638 or [georgia.underwood@pcedc.org](mailto:georgia.underwood@pcedc.org).



Photo courtesy of Maine Senate Republican Office

**CAPTAIN JOHN “JAY” BRAINARD GOLD STAR BRIDGE** — Legislation brought forward by Sen. Paul Davis (R-Piscataquis) was unanimously passed by the Maine Senate to name a bridge on the Stagecoach Road between Atkinson and Sebec as the “The Captain John ‘Jay’ Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge.” Pictured are, from left, Rep. Ray Wallace (R-Dexter), Davis, Don White and Nancy White (Gold Star In Loco Parentis), Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford) and Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft).

# Davis’ legislation to name bridge after Capt. Brainard passes unanimously

AUGUSTA — The Maine Senate unanimously enacted a measure on March 1 from Sen. Paul Davis (R-Piscataquis) to name the bridge on Stagecoach Road crossing the Piscataquis River between the towns of Atkinson and Sebec as “The Captain John ‘Jay’ Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge.”

LD 1571, “Resolve, To Name a Bridge between Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John ‘Jay’ Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge” also directs the Department of Transportation to erect appropriate signs on both sides of the bridge.

Capt. Brainard was born in

Newport and later lived in Atkinson. He was killed in action on Memorial Day 2012. Posthumously Capt. Brainard received the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Combat Action Medal and the Purple Heart.

“I am grateful my colleagues in the Legislature supported naming this bridge after Capt. Brainard,” Davis said. “His life and deeds deserve our utmost respect, and we must never forget what he sacrificed for our country.”

# Milo’s Portalatin third in Can-Am race

By Don Eno  
SJV Reporter

FORT KENT — Quebec musher Martin Massicotte crossed the finish line at 5:45 a.m. Monday at Lonesome Pine Ski Lodge in Fort Kent with his team of Alaskan huskies, capturing his record seventh top finish in the Can-Am Crown 250-mile sled dog race.

Second-place finisher Denis Tremblay of St. Michel des Saints, Quebec, followed Massicotte, arriving just after 6:30 a.m. in second place.

“I’m very tired and having a tough time appreciating I won right now,” Massicotte said Monday morning. “I am destroyed physically but conscious

that I won.”

Of the 15 mushers who departed Main Street Saturday in the 250-mile race, four — Jessica Holmes of Portage, Amy Dionne of St. David, Andy Bartleet of Albany Township and Becki Tucker of Dorchester, New Hampshire, had dropped out by Monday morning.

Matthew Schmidt of Grand Marais, Minnesota finished in third. The top Maine musher in the 250-mile event was Ashley Patterson of Shirley, who finished fifth.

In the 100-mile race, Bruce Langmaid of Kearney, Ontario,

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# PRYMCA’s Callaway represents Full Plate Full Potential



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**FULL PLATES LEAD TO FULL POTENTIAL** — Regional YMCA Healthy Project Coordinator Erin Callaway, Piscataquis (back row, second from the left), recently visited Washington, D.C. to meet with the state’s congressional delegation along with Full Plates Full Potential, a collaboration working to end child hunger in Maine.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Last week a delegation from Full Plate Full Potential, an organization working to end child hunger in Maine, traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit with the state’s congressional leaders. Erin Callaway, the coordinator of the Piscataquis Regional YMCA’s Healthy Community Project and a member of the collaboration, was there to discuss several projects including her work in Piscataquis County.

The group met with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, Congressman Bruce Poliquin, Sen. Angus King and Sen. Susan Collins. According to Callaway the chance to talk in person to the congressional delegation was very important. “Maine has the third highest rate of very low food security .A” the federal term for hunger — in the nation, where one in four Maine children live in food insecure homes and almost half of all Maine’s school age children are eligible for free and reduced priced meals,” she said. “These are issues that are important for Maine’s future and all of the Congressional delegation was interested in hearing what we had to say.”

In Piscataquis County, Callaway reports that 61 percent of the 2,600 children enrolled in

school are eligible for free or reduced price lunches; only one of our nine schools falls below 50 percent and the highest rate tops 90 percent in the Milo-area.

Full Plates Full Potential is a group of anti-hunger advocates and food service directors collaborating to end childhood hunger in Maine. Collectively, their initiative includes state agency representatives, the statewide food bank, school foodservice directors, anti-hunger advocates and the business community. They have worked on several projects including a partnership to increase participation in school breakfast by facilitating a breakfast challenge potentially impacting 12,000 students; leading a collaboration in Gray to begin a summer food program that served 4,600 meals in 2015; the group also highlighted Callaway’s work for the PRYMCA to increase access to healthy food in Piscataquis County especially a recent meeting to raise local awareness about the USDA’s Summer Food Program. More than 30 people representing local schools, churches, small businesses, service providers and community organizations attended and learned how they can help promote summer meals and create more meal sites.

The group spoke to the con-

gressional delegation about several aspects of the Senate version of childhood nutrition reauthorization and how it can support their work of ending childhood hunger in Maine. Besides Callaway, the Full Plates Full Potential group included Jan Bindas-Tenney and Joanie Klayman, from Preble Street; Clara Whitney, Good Shepherd Food Bank; Sonja Carvahlo and Christine Wood with Catholic Charities, Maine; Ron Adams, Martha Spencer, Jeanne Riley, and Dave Roberts with Maine School Nutrition Association; Amy Bacon, RSU 15; and Whitney Strout, York schools.

The PRYMCA’s Healthy Community Project is supported by the Maine Health Access Foundation. It is a multi-year project focusing on increasing access to healthy food in Piscataquis County by building and strengthening existing networks and increasing the capacity of organizations across the county.

The PRYMCA is a cause-driven organization that is committed to the community and dedicated to promoting healthy spirit, mind, and body for all, through programs and services grounded in Christian heritage and the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Anyone interested in the

# Medicare 101 at Mayo

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Leslie Lizotte LSW, community service specialist from the Eastern Area Agency on Aging, will be holding a Medicare 101 presentation in the Sebec Room at Mayo Regional Hospital on Thursday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

This presentation is specifically designed for those who will

be newly eligible for Medicare: either people who are soon to be age 65 or those who are younger but disabled and who will be eligible for Medicare in the future. The presentation explains the coverage Medicare offers and also will explain other Medicare products such as Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare D,

Medicare Savings Programs, and Medicare Supplemental insurances.

Please park behind the hospital in their Dweley Avenue parking lot, and enter the back of the building. Attendees must call in advance if planning to attend at 564-7376 or 1-800-432-7812.

# YesterYear Music Makers singalong

DOVER-FOXCROFT — On Saturday, March 12 at 7 p.m. the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church hosts a singalong program led by Lew Dow and the YesterYear Music Makers with great old songs that feature the subject of love. It’s almost spring, and love should be in

the air; however, its presence is not too obvious as the cold and snow continue to keep coming.

The YesterYear Music Makers have a solution for the “can’t wait for spring to get here” folks. Come and join them to sing songs of love from the 1940s, 1950s and

1960s. The group will sing them like they used to when the good old days were young. Refreshments will be served, and donations would be gratefully accepted. The church is located at 156 East Main Street. For more information, call 2876-8013 or email [lld@myfairpoint.net](mailto:lld@myfairpoint.net).



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Healthy Community Project or any of the programs or services of the PRYMCA, or who wants to make a donation, can call the 564-7111, stop by 48 Park Street in Dover-Foxcroft or visit [www.prymca.org](http://www.prymca.org).

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MAINE HIGHLANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
REBECCA DU-PERRY a/k/a REBECCA S. KNOWLTON DU-PERRY of Bristol, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, individually, and as Fiduciary of the ESTATE OF ROBERT KNOWLTON a/k/a ROBERT H. KNOWLTON and ALL OTHER PERSONS UNASCERTAINED, NOT IN BEING, OR UNKNOWN CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THE DECEDENT, ROBERT KNOWLTON a/k/a ROBERT H. KNOWLTON OR ANY OF THE NAMED DEFENDANTS AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, APPOINTEES OR IN ANY OTHER WAY  
DEFENDANTS

KILBOURNE & TULLY, PC and KENNETH DONALD GOULD, SR. and STATE OF MAINE, MAINE REVENUE SERVICE  
PARTIES IN INTEREST

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED**

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

It further appears, and the Court so finds, that personal service of the Complaint cannot be made upon any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devisees, appointees or in any other way, inasmuch as their present whereabouts is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be established, it is hereby ORDERED that service be made upon any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devisees, appointees or in any other way, by publishing this Order once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Piscataquis Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in Piscataquis County. The first publication shall be made within twenty (20) days after the Order is granted. Service by publication shall be complete on the twenty-first day after the first publication. Within twenty (20) days after service is completed by the foregoing method, any and all other persons unascertained, not in being, or unknown, claiming by, through, or under the Decedent, Robert Knowlton a/k/a Robert H. Knowlton, or any of the above named Defendants as heirs, devisees, appointees or in any other way, shall appear and defend this action by filing an answer with the Clerk of the Maine District Court at 159 E Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426, and also by serving a copy of the answer on Plaintiff’s attorney, Richard H. Broderick, Jr., Esq., at P.O. Box 5, Lincoln, Maine 04457. If they fail to do so a judgment by default will be rendered against them for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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If you believe the Plaintiff is not entitled to all or part of the claim set forth in the Complaint or if you believe you have a claim of your own against the Plaintiff, you should talk to a lawyer. You may ask the office of the Clerk of the Maine District Court for information as to places where you may seek legal assistance.

Dated: 2/12/16  
/s/ Keith L. Stitham  
Judge, Maine District Court





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**FUN IN THE SNOW** — Winter Family Fun Days will be offered at Lily Bay State Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13. The Maine State Parks ski and snowshoe trailer (pictured at Cobscook Bay State Park in eastern Washington County in January) will be on site for a free equipment loan of cross country skis, skates and snowshoes. Other activities include learning how to ice fish, visiting the wildlife exhibit, riding the snowmobile tote, winter survival with Boy Scouts, a bonfire, burgers and hot dogs and hot cocoa and more. For more information, please call 695-2700.

# Sessions on suicide prevention

ABBOT — Walter Boomsma, educator and author, is presenting a workshop on suicide prevention. The workshop is for anyone who has someone in their life that they are concerned about, adult or youth.

Maine is ranked 14th in the U.S. for deaths by suicide. Suicide in Maine occurs seven to nine times more often than homicide. The state averages 196 deaths by suicide each year; in 2009 alone, 2,800 high school students and 4,000 adults attempted suicide while 6,700 high school students and 27,000 adults considered suicide.

The first step in suicide prevention is to become aware of the issues in order to develop prevention knowledge and strategies. In

this two-hour workshop, participants will gain general information on suicide prevention and intervention. They will receive printed information with local resources and information on more in-depth trainings offered by the Maine Suicide Prevention Program.

The training is presented through the Maine Suicide Prevention Program, an initiative of the Maine CDC in DHHS; training offered through partnership with NAMI Maine, The Maine Medical Association, Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine and Maine Primary Care Association. The training also meets the requirements of LD 609 for public and private school employees.

Boomsma is gatekeeper trained and a NAMI-certified mental health first aid specialist for youth and adults. He is an experienced educator and battle-tested elementary school substitute teacher and authored the book “Small People, A” Big Brains, stories about simplicity, exploration and wonder”.

There are currently four opportunities to attend: March 15 and March 29 in Dover-Foxcroft and March 17 and April 14 in Newport. The Dover-Foxcroft classes are sponsored by Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative (564-6525) and the Newport classes are sponsored by RSU 19 Adult Education (368-3290). Additional information is also available at <http://wboomsma.com/>.

## Nutrition Program

Wednesday, March 9 — Lemon pepper haddock, rice, broccoli, roll and peanut cookie.

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

Monday, March 14 — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn and custard pie.

Tuesday, March 15 — Baked ham, baked potato, Mediterranean

vegetables, roll and lemon cake.

Wednesday, March 16 — Roast pork, potato, peas and carrots, roll and snickerdoodle cookie.

Thursday, March 17 — Fish burger, potato wedges, coleslaw and birthday cake.

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.

# OPINION

## The Piscataquis Observer

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## Keeping timepiece ticking

To the Editor;

We are just delighted to read in your paper about the efforts which are being made to repair Milo’s historic town clock in the Park Street United Methodist Church. Hats off to the Milo Town Clock Committee.

The clock is a beacon in the community. It serves a purpose, and it is important to preserve historic structures. Even if everyone gave just something, it would be a big help. Send whatever you can spare to the Town of Milo clock account at Camden National Bank, 53 Main St., Milo ME 04463.

Good news.

**Janet and John Schuring**  
Blairstown, N.J.

## Restore the Penobscot’s West Branch

To the Editor;

The time has come to consider removing the dam at the outlet of Quakish Lake, restoring the West Branch of the Penobscot River to its original course. This dam was built around 1900 to divert water to the now closed paper mill in Millinocket.

Because of a licensed hydroelectric plant that is down river, the removal of the dam would be a slow process and may even have to wait until new technology makes hydro power obsolete. But this remote area would make for fine camping and wilderness recreation.

When the Penobscot returns to its God-given course, it would be spectacular. Our future generations would greatly appreciate our foresight.

This corridor sits just north of Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribal territory. The Millinocket area and Maine would benefit in tourism dollars. This dam served a useful purpose in making paper and helped supply good jobs for more than 110 years.

Unfortunately, now that the great chimney of the paper mill is gone, these jobs are gone forever.

**Kevin Perry Orneville**

## The tragedy trajectory of addiction

Over the last year, there have been approximately 200 deaths from drug overdoses here in Maine. This is an eight-fold increase in the last three years. Another startling statistic from the last year is that of the 12,000 babies born in our state, more than 950 were addicted to a substance. That is almost one in 12 Maine babies.

All these statistics are troubling, and they reinforce the need for action. But when I went to the Senate floor to discuss the drug epidemic recently, I didn’t want to talk about numbers — I wanted to talk about people. In particular, I wanted talk about a young man from Maine named Garrett Brown, whose battle with addiction tragically ended with a fatal heroin overdose in November of last year.

There was a gripping story about Garrett in the *Bangor Daily News* recently that chronicled his battle with addiction. The author, Erin Rhoda, spent a lot of time interacting with Garrett over the last three years and recounted his struggle with addiction.

I sat reading Garrett’s story in my darkened office late last week. It was like reading the story of the Titanic or of the Lincoln assassination. You knew how it was going to come out, but you hoped it wouldn’t happen. You kept seeing moments when the tragic end could have been avoided; but the saving moment never came.

That was what was so gripping to me about his story. It was so real, and it was so close to home. Included in the story was a picture of Garrett as a young boy: smiling, happy, and ready to go to school with his backpack. Most families in America have pictures like that their scrapbooks, or stored on their computer. Here was a

wonderful kid who had a family that loved him, but had a system that failed him.

We have this idea in our society that addiction is just a choice. Well, the way these drugs work on your brain, they hijack the very parts of your brain that enable you to make that decision. The BDN article accurately laid out the issue when it said that opioid addiction like Garrett’s needs treatment.

Make no mistake, Garrett took responsibility for his addiction. But when he took responsibility, we didn’t provide the means for him to effectuate change and save his own life. He had to will to beat it, but didn’t have the resources he needed to take that step.

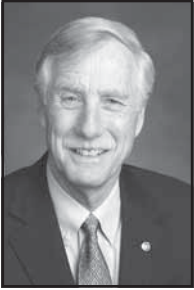
I didn’t know Garrett Brown, but I know he was a brave kid. I could tell by his conversations with Erin Rhoda and by his conversations with us. He knew he was talking to us through the interview. He knew this was going to be public.

He knew he was communicating with us, and here’s what he said:

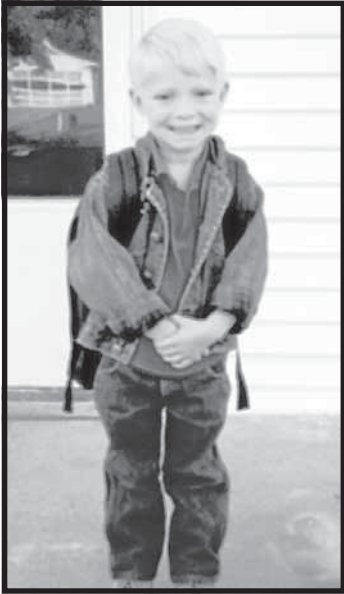
“If this changes one kid’s life, saves one kid from being in jail, saves his family the pain of seeing him go through it, saves one kid from overdosing and dying, then all that I’ve done hasn’t been in vain. I guess that’s why I keep doing this with you.”

What an amazing statement from someone struggling with addiction, and what a tragedy that he couldn’t be saved. This isn’t a tragedy of numbers, it’s a tragedy of real people. It is a tragedy of young lives lost, of treasure squandered, and of hearts broken.

I have never in my adult life seen a problem like this that is facing our state. We can’t solve it all at once. There is no magic wand. But if we find young



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



Contributed photo  
**A YOUNG MAN — Garrett Brown on his first day of kindergarten, age 5.**

people like Garrett who are ready to take a step towards recovery, we need to meet them halfway.

People in Washington sometimes ask me: What is so special about Maine? I tell them Maine is a small town with very long streets. We know each other, care about each other, think about each other, and we try to help each other. I think this country can also be a community — should be a community where we think about and care about each other.

Young lives lost, treasure squandered, and hearts broken. I hope we can start to change the tragic trajectory of addiction that is breaking so many hearts in this country this week so we can make a difference, maybe not for Garrett Brown, but for the young people to whom he was desperately sending this message. We can, we should, and we shall.

*Editor’s note: To read Garrett Brown’s story go to <http://external.bangordailynews.com/projects/2016/02/garrett/#.Vtz-BlowrJpg>*

## Spring can’t come too soon

**By Milt Gross**

It looks like spring outside today. Yup, I know spring is mud season. But it’s also spring. The weather gets warmer, and I dare to step outdoors.

I recall years ago driving in a long dirt driveway to go to church in a private home. And I recall driving back out through the mud. I think that Sunday spring came in about two hours.

I remember my first wife going off in the car to celebrate spring. I also remember our friend the mechanic phoning me to tell me she was stuck in the mud and he was pulling her car out.

The weatherman nowadays I think is out to get me or at least drive me to distraction. We went to the hospital today to check on some kind of thingamajib that showed up on my shoulder. The hospital part was okay.

But getting there went against what last night’s weather report said ... depending on to which weather report I paid attention. I’ve noticed ones on the same TV station, perhaps 10 minutes apart since there is — thank goodness no real news — tend to vary slightly. That’s okay, I guess the weather can change in 10 minutes — and does, you’ve noticed if you’ve lived in Maine long enough.

Anyhow “they” predicted a warm day today and warmer tomorrow and warmer yet the next day.

But today was cold. Now I’ve been around awhile, but I can still tell the difference between “warm” and “cold” when our professional weather guy stands in front of all those maps and says those two words.

Tomorrow it’s supposed to be warmer than today. I can well believe that.

After all, we’re into March now, almost done with winter...thank God.

But while I was in the hospital’s emergency room, listening to the doctor tell me I’m fine — raising the question of why I was there in the first place — I got to thinking of all those places and paths we plan to visit.

Now that the doctor says I’m fine. And spring is coming.

I guess the cold — in Maine, we mean cold hard facts are that spring may sometime arrive in our land.

I think I remember from past years that spring eventually shows up for a few minutes. Plants rush to their leafiness, bugs get into circulation, we see critters in yonder woods such as deer and rabbits, and a few more things that mean spring.

Spring — those few days when, if we had time, we could get out and enjoy the great springy outdoors.

Without quite so much cold.


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# Honor Rolls

## Local Schools announce honor rolls

### Foxcroft Academy

**GRADE 9 — High honors:** Shania Bates, Christian Blakely, Brigid Casey, Nicolas Daneman, Rebekah Fishburn-Batey, Abigail Henderson, Spencer Ireland, Mariah Poulin, Cailin Seavey, Matthew Spooner and Lincoln Wentworth. **Honors:** Isaac Anderson, Jared Atkinson, Samantha Beauchesne, Gabriel Chambers, Noah Contreras, Lauren Cooper, Kylie Dow, Jonathan Feix, Madison Hall, Matthieu Honorowski, Breanna Jazowski, Jacob Lizotte, Jacob Marsh, David Mcleish, McKenzie Mc-

Leod, Gavyn Moreshead, Hannah Poland, Sydney Quigley, Jeremy Richard, Ashley Robinson, Dustin Simmons, Hannah Sprecher, Kailee Ward and Hunter Watt.

**GRADE 10 — High honors:** Kathleen Bayerdorffer, Jinlin Chen, Jenna Clukey, Emily Curtis, Yuan Gao, Tobias Hogfeldt, Shiyun Liang, Griffin Loomis, Avery Nelson, Jacob Olson, Jessica Schwab and Bojia Yang. **Honors:** Forrest Bates, Austin Bickmore, Emily Brawn, Cassandra Drinkwater, Maya Hage-

lin, Matthew Harmon, Reginald Johnston, Charlotte Jolin, Gabrielle Jolin, John Judkins, Sujeong Kim, Harley Knowles, Shyler Lewis, Kaiyuan Ma, Virginia Macomber, Jonathon Mcginley, Randy Nelson, Duc Nguyen, Esau Olson, Alyssa Pearl-Ross, Nicholas Pratt, Joshua Reed, Levi Stedman, Shimin Sun, Jordan Thomas, Kailee Thorell and Morgana Vick.

**GRADE 11 — High honors:** Brianna Adkins, Caleb Buerger, William Casey, Bonnie Page, Taylor Smith, Emily Sprecher,

Mikaeli Sutton, Zhiyue Tang and Dingying Zhang. **Honors:** Kyle Blake, Camille Bozzelli, Mariaisabel Ceden, Erika Chadbourne, Henry Chase, Xinru Ding, Hannah Fishburn, Colby Garland, Joseph Gilbert, Branson Goodine, Sierra Hanson, Marie Hartung, Soomin Ko, Rose Kreider, Samuel Libby, Laura Lukacova, Crystal Macomber, Mason Merrill, Emily Mikoud, Andrew Miles, Cassidy Panciera, Ethan Poland, Chandler Rockwell, Jon-

### Piscataquis Community Secondary School

GUILFORD — Piscataquis Community Secondary School Principal has announced the second-quarter honor roll for 2015-16. Included were:

**GRADE 7 — Honors:** Colby Chadwick, Joel Champlin, Isaiah Conary, Louise Gerickont, Kobe Gilbert, Elizabeth Gray, Sabrina Hamele, Joseph Keenan, Hunter Kemp, Mackenzie LaBlanc, Justin Loneragan, Anna Morin, Sarah Richards, Gabriel Riitano.

**GRADE 8 — High honors:** Madelynn Crosby, Macee Pearl, Quentin Polley, Taylor Willey and Jemyni True. **Honors:** Megan Beckwith, Melissa Burdin, Chelsea Cookson, Ariona Gerry, Caroline Goggin, Wayne Haley, Shanoah Hill, Emily Hinrichs, Cameron Kendall, Sean Kimball, Taylor Marson, Megan McLaughlin, Zachary Priest, Olivia Riitano and Mya Young.

**GRADE 9 — High honors:** Chloe Hamele, Jennifer Simon

and Zachary Wilson. **Honors:** Rachel Beckwith, Ethan Chadwick, Eben Cooley, Ashlie Grant, Collin Harrington, Alivia Hunt, AnnaLee Knowles, Brooke Kujawski, Rosa Labbe, Tiffany Leathers, Lilli McCormack, Erika Merrill, Alison Quimby, Caleb Rolfe, Logan Wood

**GRADE 10 — High honors:** Adam Bagley, Lena Downes, Matthew Griffith, Lexi Harris, Bailey Lemieux, Cali Turner and Amaya White. **Honors:** John Armstrong, Madison Brasslett, Bryce Gilbert, David Hession, Alexandra Huff, Cameron Kane, Makayla McKenzie, Abri Roberts, Tatianna Rogers, Maia Shahin, Erin Speed, Brooke Trafton and Matthew Yates.

**GRADE 11 — High honors:** Hannah Bagley, Danika Hill. **Please see Page 9, PISCATAQUIS COMMUNITY**

### Ridge View Community

DEXTER — Ridge View Community School has announced the 2015-16 second-quarter honor roll. Included were:

**GRADE 5 — High honors:** Emma Alexander, Sydney Dyson, Sydney Fogler, William Kusnierz, Annajayne Pitman and Payson Rienhardt. **Honors:** Joseph Bard, Amanda-Jo Blais, Lauryn Brunner, Bryce Connor, Gianni Costonis, Jillian Dill, Zoe Dill, Phillip Fol-

ster, Christian Gallant, Olivia Gilman, Deago Gould, Jozlynn Haley, Kayden Kimball, Annika King, Lucreshia Lyman, Hailee McCourt, Brendon Mehlhorn, Alexander Morris, Dylan Phillips, Jillean Poliquin, Alex Race, David Race, Emma Ranquist, Brady Reynolds, Aleaha Richards, Kimberly Rideout, Caleb Schobel, Kevin Scott, Trevor

**Please see Page 9, RIDGE VIEW**

### SeDoMoCha Middle School

**GRADE 5 — High Honors:** Justice Batchelder, Ivy Bathey, Kirsten Marshall, Lauren Martin, Emily McLeish, Rachel Mullis, Carter Pratt, Anna Raynes, Cameron Skomars, Rylee Speed and Adam Taylor. **Honors:** Olivia Berce, Justin Bessey, Cody Chambers, Cameron Chase, Garret Chase, Keegan Clark, Adam Conner, Caden Crocker, Taebria Currie, Matthew Dourant, Craig Farmer, Seth Finnemore, Alexis Green,

Amanda Greenlaw, Cadence Herrick, Logan Hinson, Ayda Holyoke, Jada Lewis, Ryan Lile, Ella Molaghan, Kaleb Mudgett, Kholton Perry, Donald Poole, Aliza Pulkkinen, Brayden Reier, Brayden Rogers, Douglas Rowe, Kiernan Schriver, Eli Sharrow, Cassandra Smith, Hannah Vail and Austin Weymouth.

**GRADE 6 — High Honors:** **Please see Page 9, SEDOMOCHA**

### Dexter Regional High School

DEXTER — Dexter Regional High School announces the second-quarter honor roll for the 2015-16 school year.

**GRADE 9 — High honors:** Christopher Roderka and Matthew Sickles. **Honors:** Isabella Adam, Ethan Boutlier, Danielle Cummings, Kaylee Deering, Ashley Downing, Gao Yike,

Isaiah Hesseltine, Mark Kilmier, David Kirshkalm, Matthew Meunier, Shannon O’Roak, Abigail Paige, Janette Patterson, Aino Rudloff-Eastman, Morgan Smith and Hunter Speed.

**GRADE 10 — Highest honors:** Kaitlyn Webber. **High honors:** Andrew Carlow. **Honors:** Kelli Bache, Rebecca Batron,

Tyler Beem, Jacob Bickford, Mathison Deering, Matthew Hanscome, George Lewis, Matthew Richards, Kayla Rutledge, Starr Tasker and Olivia Webber.

**GRADE 11 — Highest honors:** Nathan Bourdeau, Alyssa Brasier, Claeb Cyr, Jacob Hesseltine, Brayden Miller, Autumn Nickerson, Tiffani Ortiz, Chan-

dlar Perkins, Cidney Pratt, Ashley Reynolds, William Strauch, Abigail Webber, Dakota White and Zachary White. **High honors:** Brandon Allen, Hannah Farrar, Regan King, Reagan Patterson and Caitlyn Race.

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### Penquis Valley

**GRADE 6 — High Honors:** Grady Atkinson. **Honors:** David Bucci, Eira Johnson and Brianna Witham.

**GRADE 7 — High Honors:** Ainsley Ade, Evette Godwin, May Horton, Miranda Leclair and Hannah McKissick. **Honors:** Savannah Boislard, Haylee Gauvin, Destiny Golden, Salena Goodine, Izaak Krause, Zakary Mills, Stephen Newman, Makayla Peirce and Courtney Rouleau.

**GRADE 8 — Honors:** Rosa Cianci, Sydney Fowles, Tegan Johnson and Kaden Stalter.

**GRADE 9 — High Honors:** Katilyn Black, Katelyn Bolstridge and Camryn Rolfe. **Honors:** Jacob Baker, Jeremy Martin, Brooke McKenzie, Leah McKissick, Mackenzi Pelletier, Faith Spencer, Megan Valvo, Taylor Weeks and Chloe

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# Foxcroft's Pendriss earns All-New England honors

By Ernie Clark  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Michael Pendriss capped off his high school wrestling career in memorable fashion last week-end by becoming just the third grappler in Foxcroft Academy history to earn All-New England honors.

Pendriss, the Class B state champion at 220 pounds, placed sixth at the 52nd annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships held Friday and Saturday at Providence, Rhode Island.

Pendriss lost his first match, then won four straight bouts to secure a top-six finish good for All-New England status.

He becomes the first Foxcroft wrestler to earn All-New England accolades since 2006, when Josh Pelletier won the 275-pound championship and James McPhee placed fourth at 215 pounds.

"Michael just showed his resilience to never quit," said Foxcroft wrestling coach Luis Ayala. "When he was tired he just dug deep within himself to get that extra burst of energy to get those wins."

"He has had an amazing year. He showed to everyone what a Foxcroft Academy wrestler is all about."

Pendriss was one of three Foxcroft wrestlers to compete in this year's New England championships based on their top-three finishes at Maine's all-state qualifying meet held two

weeks earlier in Topsham.

Senior Zach Caron, the Class B state champion at 145 pounds, finished 3-2 for the Ponies at the New England while classmate Brandon Brock, the Class B 195-pound state champion, went 1-2.

"It was great coming down [to the New England] and having all of our wrestlers winning matches," said Ayala, whose team won the Class B team state championship last month.

Foxcroft finished the New England meet with 16 points to tie for 47th place among the 155 schools represented.

"It's always tough coming down here because the competition is two or three notches higher than what we see during the season," said Ayala. "You have to be on your 'A' game to come here and win some matches."

Pendriss dropped a 3-2 decision to Dan Gioioso of Xaverian High School in Westwood, Massachusetts, in his first match at the New England.

"Michael gave up an escape and it cost him," said Ayala. "He was not able at the end to get the takedown. But after that match he just had an amazing run of winning four straight matches. I have never seen anything like it."

Pendriss began his comeback with a 3-2 decision over Mike Ramos of Framingham, Massachusetts, then scored a reversal in the final seconds to rally past Jon Ferri of Windham, New

Hampshire, 6-5.

Pendriss advanced past Ellis Feliz of Manchester, New Hampshire, by injury default before clinching his medal finish with a takedown and back points in the final 20 seconds to secure a 7-2 victory over Joe Fusco of Shawsheen Tech in Billerica, Massachusetts.

Pendriss then dropped a 3-1 decision in a return match to Gioioso before his tournament run ended with a loss by pin to Broc Dokos of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, in the fifth-place match.

"Just to get to the podium at this level is amazing," said Ayala. "Michael has been wrestling since first grade through Foxcroft Youth Wrestling, SeDo-MoCha Middle School and now at Foxcroft Academy. It says a lot about the work he has put in to achieve this, the countless hours at practice, the summer wrestling camps, the wrestling tournaments, the hard work in the weight room, the conditioning to build his endurance, the dieting to make weight, and so much more to get to this point."

"We always tell our wrestlers with hard work anything is possible and Michael has proven this."

Pendriss was one of eight Maine wrestlers to earn All-New England status.

Peter DelGallo of Gardiner won his second New England title in four years, following up his 106-pound title as a freshman with the 120-pound crown

as a senior.

Cody Craig, a junior from Skowhegan, placed second at 106 pounds while Chris Wilson (195 pounds) of Nokomis of Newport, Austin Shorey (120) of Noble of North Berwick and Bradley Beaulieu (132) of Marshwood of South Berwick each finished third in his weight class.

Kam Doucette (160) of Skowhegan and Robert Heatherman (170) of Mount Ararat-Brunswick each battled to a fourth-place finish.



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**ALL-NEW ENGLAND** — Foxcroft Academy senior Michael Pendriss followed up a recent Class B championship at 220 pounds by earning All-New England honors over the weekend at the New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships in Providence, R.I. Pendriss finished sixth in his weight class to earn to join the best grapplers from across the half dozen New England states.



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**PROUD COACHES** — Foxcroft Academy senior Michael Pendriss is congratulated by his coach Terry Whittemore, left, and head coach Luis Ayala at the New England finals in Rhode Island. Pendriss was joined at the match by a pair of classmates, with Zach Caron wrestling at 145 pounds and Brandon Brock competing in the 195-pound division.



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**PROUD MOTHER** — Michael Pendriss of Foxcroft Academy was joined by his mother Heidi Weymouth at the 52nd annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships on March 4-5 in Providence, R.I.



Meghan Agrell

**ICE SPEED** — The West Cove Ice Racing Association has been hosting Saturday ice races for 16 years on Moosehead Lake. At one time anywhere from 30 to 50 cars competed in various classes, including trucks, a "powderpuff" class, and a youth class. While a decline in both competitors and attendance have changed the nature and appearance of the races, a love for racing and a sense of community are still very palpable atop the frozen water.

## Ice racing on Moosehead Lake enjoys following

By Jason Agrell

Special to The Observer

On a recent Saturday morning in Greenville Junction, spectators and racers alike gathered on the ice in Moosehead Lake's West Cove. The racecars, each painted with a number and the names of various sponsors, lined up in the designated "pit" area, adjacent to a large oval track that has been meticulously plowed and groomed. Many spectators gathered near the side of the track; some stood outside on the ice, while others preferred to watch from the comfort of their warm vehicles parked facing the track. This is West Cove Ice Racing.

The West Cove Ice Racing Association has been hosting these ice races for 16 years. Racing on a frozen lake is not exactly average, and there is a lot of planning that goes into the races: "you can race on 14 or 15 inches of ice, but as a rule we will not race until there are 20 inches, we have liability insurance, and we have to have the approval of the state fire marshal," said association member, and former longtime president, Tom O'Neill.

The association does a number of fundraisers throughout the year to support the races, but the scope of their fundraising is not limited to the racing community. Each year West Cove Ice Racing buys a sponsorship at Big Squaw and donates the lift tickets they receive to local kids who otherwise might not be able to afford a day of skiing on the local mountain.

Racing takes place every Saturday at noon while there is sufficient ice, but got off to a late start this year due to an unusually warm winter — the Feb. 27th race being only the second of the season. That day's lineup saw nine cars, competing in a four-cylinder

and an "open chain" class.

Organizers say that this a relatively small number of racers compared to seasons in the past. At one time anywhere from 30 to 50 cars competed in various classes, including trucks, a "powderpuff" class, and a youth class. While a decline in both competitors and attendance have changed the nature and appearance of the races, a love for racing and a sense of community are still very palpable atop the frozen water.

"We had a pretty good turnout today, we don't have that many cars, but we had more than last week" said current association

president Billy LaPointe, "I'd love to see the association get bigger — we're getting there, we went from nothing to almost 10 cars again — but we're just out here for the fun. There's no money in it, just bragging rights and three-dollar trophies."

The Feb. 27 winners in the four-cylinder class were Mark Elliot (#6), Perry McKusick (#3), and Billy LaPointe (#7x), coming in first, second, and third place respectively. First, second, and third place winners in the "open chain" class, were Mark Elliot (#6), Billy LaPointe (#47), and Perry McKusick (#3).



Meghan Agrell

**ARCTIC SHARK** — The Feb. 27 overall winner Mark Elliot of Greenville poses with his ice racing car Arctic Shark. Elliot finds the sport "a lot of fun. Oh, I love it." Elliott described the concept behind his racecar, "I was working on the car drinking a six pack of LandShark, and thought, 'boy that car would look pretty good with a shark fin on it,' and I'm a huge Arctic Cat fan, and so it became the 'Arctic Shark.'"

## Doane, White spark win in PVC all-star game

**HOWLAND** — Penobscot Valley's Grant Doane and Greenville's Tim White each scored 14 points to lead the Home team by the Visitors 80-73 in the Penobscot Valley Conference's Class C-D boys basketball senior all-star game Thursday night at George Seireyko Memorial Gym.

In the girls game, the Away team defeated the Home team 83-57.

**In the boys game,** Piscataquis Community of Guilford's Ben Morrill chipped in with 12 points for the Home team. Other scorers were: Kyle Jackson (Bucksport) 8; Austin Mason (Bucksport), Devon Smith (Schenck); 6 each; Thomas Spencer (Penobscot Valley), Riley MacLeod (Bucksport) 5 each; Dakota Reinhardt (Katahdin) 4; and Eric Phillips (Searsport) 2. Sumner's Max Eklund and Deer Isle-Stonington's Krisford Melanio also played in the game, coached by Zak Mills, the seventh-grade son of

Penquis coach Jason Mills.

Troy Reynolds of Searsport paced the Away team with 11 points while Katahdin's Tyson Porter and Sumner's Pat Pinkham each added 10. Other scorers for coach Chris Woodside of Calais were: Ryan Chasse (Fort Kent) 8; Alex O'Hara (Sumner), Noah Davis (DI-S), Nick Szwec (George Stevens Academy) 7 points each; Devon Whitney (Stearns), Bryce Shorey (Searsport) 4 each; Earon Gringe (Calais) 3; and Hayden Craig (Bucksport) 2. Tyler Pye also played in the game

**Halftime:** Home 38-29; **3-pt. goals:** Home: Mason (2), Morrill (3), Doane (2), MacLeod, White (4); **Away:** Chasse (2), Reynolds (3), Szwec, Davis, Porter, O'Hara

**In the girls game,** Searsport's Melinda Ogden scored 12 points to help the Away team prevail. Penobscot Valley's Amy Hallett, Calais' Logan Huckins, Dexter's Skyler Theo-

dore, Piscataquis' Delanie Bennett and Katahdin's Molly Cunningham each added 10 points.

Other scorers for coach Dawn McLaughlin of Penquis were: Mikayla Roy (PVHS) 8; Nicole Chasse (Schenck) 5; Abby Cross (Bangor Christian) 4; and Kaitlyn Shute (Searsport), Kayla Falone (Schenck) 2 each. Cory Gray also played.

Schenck's Chantel Lane paced the Home team with 10 points and Katie Barton added nine. Other scorers were for coach Joe Cyr of PVHS were: Sami Ireland (PVHS) 8; Ally Eaton (DI-S) 7; Courtney Stevens (Katahdin), Taylor McLaughlin (Schenck) 6 each; Kaycee Cintron (Katahdin), Hannah Gutow (GSA), Jordynne Littlefield (PCHS), Margaret Brooks (GSA), and Anna Bucklin (Searsport) 2 each. Arianna McKinnon also played.

**Halftime:** Home 33-32; **3-pt. goals:** Away: Hallett; Home: Ireland, Lane (2), McLaughlin (2).

## Trio of Lakers play soccer at Maine Maritime

**CASTINE** — Three former Greenville High School soccer stars were members of the Maine Maritime Academy men's team this past season.

Mariner junior forward Henry Hersey played in 12 games, with seven starts. Hersey scored two goals and picked up one assist, with 11 shots and four on goal.

Junior forward Tristan Richards appeared in 12 games, starting six contests. Richards picked up two goals and an assist, and he recorded 11 shots with five on goal.

Freshman defender Trevor



Hersey



Tristan Richards



Trevor Richards

Richards played in eight games, 2015 with an overall record of 4-11-1, going 3-5-1 in North Atlantic Conference play.

## Pearsall plays his senior season at U-Southern Maine

**GORHAM** — Garland resident William Pearsall, a graduate of Dexter Regional High School, was a senior on the University of Southern Maine men's soccer team this past season. Pearsall, a defender, appeared in 15 games for the Huskies and he made 10 starts. He had one goal and five shots, with two on goal.

Southern Maine finished the 2015 campaign with an overall record of 2-14-1, going 0-7 in Little East Conference play.



Pearsall



# Can-Am Crown Sled Dog Race results

## At Fort Kent

### 30-mile race

1. Nancy Duplessis, St-Zenon, Quebec, 2 hours, 56 minutes, 16 seconds

2. Eli Golton, L'Amable, Ontario, 3:05:02

3. Eric Dore-Delisel, Mont-Laurier, Quebec, 3:07:52

4. Lara Renner, Alton, New Hampshire, 3:17:37

5. Amelie Aubut, Pont-rouge, Quebec, 3:18:55

6. Mark Patterson, Shirley, Maine, 3:22:45

7. Lilly Anderson, Southwest Harbor, Maine, 3:25:34

8. Peter Franke, New Durham, N.H., 3:28:13

9. Bailey Vitello, Brookfield, Massachusetts, 3:32:08

10. Amy deWolski, Millbury, Mass., 3:41:12

11. Sydney Plante, West Brookfield, Mass., 3:42:38

12. Steve Renner, Alton, N.H., 3:58:44

13. Daniel Coutu, Windsor, Quebec, 4:06:34

14. Frank Caldwell, Mansville, New York, 4:08:46

15. Katherine Langlais, Glenwood, New Brunswick, 4:10:12

16. Guillaume Lamarre, St-Jacques-le-Mineur, Quebec, 4:18:59

17. Terry Knowles, Brownville, Maine, 4:19

18. Eric Benson, Baltimore, Maryland, 4:40:36

19. Nadya Healy, Brookline, Mass., 4:50:38

### 100-mile race

1. Bruce Langmaid, Kearney, Ontario, 12 hours, 20 minutes, 19 seconds

2. Jacob Golton, L'Amable, Quebec, 12:25:46

3. Rick Portalatin, Milo, Maine, 13:10:44

4. Sylvain Robillard, St-Gabriel, Quebec, 13:19:55

5. Brian Kandler, Mason, Michigan, 13:25:28

6. Christine Richardson, Canaan, N.H., 13:37:28

7. Stephanie Duplessis, St-Zenon, Quebec, 13:38:24

8. Eric Chagnon, Parent, Quebec, 14:21:15

9. Ward Wallin, Two Harbors, Minnesota, 14:24:03

10. Luc Gaudrau, St-Denis de Brompton, Quebec, 14:43:28

11. Paul Boudreau, L'Assomption, Quebec, 14:52:10

12. Gavin Baker, Almonte, Ontario, 14:52:40

13. Kasey McCarty, Lexington, Maine, 15:39:50

14. Gen Raymond, St-Jacques Le Mineur, Quebec, 16:23:16

15. Marla Brodsky, West Chesterfield, Mass., 17:29:44

16. Ingrid Bower, Underhill, Vermont, 17:54:43

## Can-Am

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was the first to arrive Saturday night at the Lonesome Pine trails ski facility in Fort Kent, beating Jacob Golton of L'Amable, Ontario, by just five minutes.

This is the first year Can-Am hosted a 100-miler, replacing the 60-mile event that had been run since 1994.

The only Maine mushers in the 100-mile event, Rico Portalatin of Milo and Kasey McCarty of Lexington, finished third and 13th respectively.

No racers dropped out of the 100-mile race, and the only musher scratched from the 30-mile race on Saturday was Jeffrey McRobbie of Wayne, who was injured in a collision with a snowmobile.

The juvenile driver of the snowmobile involved in the ac-

cident has been charged with operating to endanger, according to Maine Warden Adrien Marquis.

Nancy Duplessis of Saint Zenon, Quebec, finished first in the 30-mile race Saturday, beating second-place finisher Eli Golton of L'Amable, Ontario, by 10 minutes. Thirteen-year-old Lara Renner of Alton, New Hampshire, finished in fourth place, just 20 minutes behind Duplessis.

With the "winter wonderland" scene finally set after nearly a foot of new snow Wednesday last week, downtown Fort Kent once again played host to the start of all three Can-Am Crown sled dog races Saturday morning.

The Fort Kent Public Works crews and volunteers worked late into the night Friday to move snow and turn a half-mile stretch of downtown Main Street into a runway for the mushing teams

and a big party for fans who get to watch up close as teams race past.

The carnival atmosphere created by closing off both ends of downtown to vehicle traffic at the start is a signature of this event, as are the community groups and merchants who welcome racers and visitors.

Several racers were well-known fan favorites, and others had family friends travel with them. But the majority of local spectators were at the races to share the excitement and root for all the mushers to do well.

"We cheer them all on," Raymond Ouellette of Fort Kent said Saturday. Competitors in all three races left from the downtown area at various times Saturday morning.

*Editor's Note: BDN staff Writer Julia Bayly contributed to this article.*

## Hamlin

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to the town hall and seeing the shellac on the floor, smelling the wood and practice starting as a sixth- or seventh-grader.

"All I wanted to do back then, the height of my goal, was just to make the team and be on a bus and wear that junior high uniform."

Hamlin's career soon took him to Milo High School to play under coach Dennis Black and then for his final two years to Penquis Valley under Carroll Conley after the area schools consolidated into SAD 41 during the late 1960s.

While those teams did not experience postseason success, Hamlin's experience as a tough-minded point guard earned him a walk-on berth on the University of Maine freshman basketball team for the 1970-71 season. That kicked off a four-year relationship with Skip Chappelle, who was in his third season of coaching the Black Bear freshmen.

"As a player in high school I could score, but basically I ran the team, played defense, distributed the ball and knew where the ball had to go in certain situations and that's what I did at Maine," said Hamlin.

Both moved up to the UMaine varsity the following year, Hamlin as a sophomore team member and Chappelle as its new head coach.

Together they experienced considerable success. Maine's 15-10 record for the 1971-72 season was the program's first winning mark in eight years, and the Black Bears went 13-10 and 14-10 during Hamlin's final two years with the Black Bears before they dipped back below .500 the season after he graduated.

"Tony wasn't the top scorer, but he did two things that are a real base for coaching a team and that's defense and assists," said Chappelle. He could finish plays with an assist or a hoop and he always played good defense."

Hamlin started his last two years at Maine and captained the Black Bears as a senior in 1974.

"I majored in basketball with Skip at Maine," said Hamlin, "because it was four years in the gym from Sept. 3 to the end of March."

After Hamlin graduated from Maine in 1974, Chappelle helped him land his coaching job at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield where he guided the Huskies' boys varsity and postgraduate teams simultane-

ously for three years and led the postgrads to two New England championships.

"It wasn't planned, but once I got started I knew I was going to (coach)," said Hamlin. "I think I had an aptitude for it, but I also had the practice structure because the way Skip broke down drills gave me a huge advantage.

"Our practices were all two-, four- or six-minute segments. We never scrimmaged when I coached, and we didn't scrimmage when I was at Maine. It was all teaching."

Hamlin soon moved downstate to become head coach at Morse High School of Bath for four years before taking the same post at South Portland beginning in the early 1980s.

"When I was down there I was going against coaches like Bob Brewer, Ron Cote, Bob Brown, Art Dyer and Tommy Maines, and they all knew what they were doing," said Hamlin. "That part of it forced me to get better. I improved more quickly than most because I was getting my butt kicked."

Hamlin's seven-year tenure at South Portland was highlighted by the 1983 Class A state championship and a second Western Maine crown in 1985.

"I think the big thing with Tony was his demand for detail," said Brown, who preceded Hamlin at South Portland, in a 2013 interview. "His kids always played hard regardless of the situation, and regardless of whether it was offense or defense his kids were always well organized and knew what he expected from them."

Hamlin took a nine-year hiatus from high school coaching after the 1988 season until he brought his defensive-minded brand of basketball back to Piscataquis County and his alma mater in the late 1990's.

"We played really hard-nosed defense at South Portland and took care of the basketball," said Hamlin, "so when I came back here in '96 I started watching games and it would be 84-78 and everybody was running up and down the floor and if you were up five with a minute and a half left you still chuckled it.

"We were going to play a different brand of basketball."

Hamlin's defense-first mentality helped Penquis win its first Eastern Maine Class C title in 1999, and the next year the Patriots upended Boothbay 58-45 for their first state championship in school history.

"It was really surprising because I had been told by some coaches that it didn't matter

what we did, they were too good," said Hamlin. "They were 21-0, had beaten (Portland Class A schools) Deering and Cheverus in Christmas tournaments, won every scrimmage and were so big they were like a college team.

"But to win the first state championship here in basketball here was huge. It was big for me because it was my fourth year here and there was some controversy about me coming back so it kind of validated what we were doing."

Hamlin's Penquis teams went on to compile a 231-110 record over 17 seasons with 15 postseason appearances, five trips to the Eastern C final, three regional crowns and two state championships — including the 61-54 victory over Boothbay in 2013 that closed down the Bangor Auditorium.

During that last championship run, Penquis yielded an average of just 35.3 points in its four tournament victories.

"The old adage that defense wins championships is an adage for a reason," said Hamlin.

"We always spent 80 percent of preseason on the defensive end of the court, and we never ever went 5-on-5. By the first game we weren't very good offensively, but by the end of January we were going to be good because the offense is going to catch up and the defense is still going to be there."

Hamlin, currently the athletic administrator at Penquis, has spent considerable time since his retirement from coaching as a driving force behind the establishment of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame along with executive director Steve Pound.

"What we want to do is make this the gold standard for halls of fame in Maine," he said. "I know the Maine Sports Hall of Fame is big and so is the baseball hall of fame, but because basketball has such a unique place in Maine culture you want to have this be a unique experience."

That effort has included the establishment of a physical presence for the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame, within the hallways of the Cross Insurance Center, an annual induction banquet and the ultimate goal of becoming the premier historical repository for basketball from around the state.

"It's a huge obligation that we want to try to fulfill over the many years," said Hamlin. "But the hall is something we're pretty proud of and I'm personally proud of what it's doing and where it's headed."

## SPORTS ON TAP

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**Thursday, March 10—WRESTLING:** SeDoMoCha vs. Ridge View 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, March 19—BASKETBALL:** Coaches vs. Cancer game — to benefit Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation — 5 p.m. at PCHS. **WRESTLING:** SeDoMoCha youth tournament at Foxcroft Academy.

**Monday, March 21—BASEBALL AND SOFT-**

**BALL:** High school pitchers and catchers start practices.

**Wednesday, March 23—WRESTLING:** Penquis championship at Warsaw (Pittsfield) 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 26—WRESTLING:** Howland youth tournament.

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

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

## Fruit tree pruning workshop

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A sure sign that spring is just around the corner ,Ã“ it's time to start pruning fruit trees. Have you ever wanted to learn how the experts prune their trees? The Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWCD) in partnership with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) are providing a hands-on fruit tree pruning workshop on Saturday, March 26 to demonstrate how to prepare trees for the upcoming growing season. Whether you have older, neglected trees or younger trees, and no matter what experience level with pruning is, there will be something helpful and useful at this workshop.

The PCSWCD will be hosting CJ Walke, MOFGA's organic orchardist, to present this informative workshop. Walke has years of experience teaching and mastering organic orcharding practices, and has worked alongside many orcharding experts such as John Bunker of FEDCO Trees and Michael Phillips, author of "The Holistic Orchard", among others. Walke has taught orcharding workshops covering topics such as grafting, pruning, pest management, renovating old trees and much more.

Kacey Weber, educational coordinator at the PCSWCD, said that "the PCSWCD hosted CJ for an Organic Orcharding 101 workshop last spring, which was very popular and well-received. We are pleased to have CJ back for another chapter in our orcharding series."

This workshop will cover fruit tree pruning techniques that encourage vigorous growth, heavy fruit set and quality fruit yield. Walke will also discuss why it's important to prune, the collection of scion wood, storage of this wood and much more.

Pre-registration is required to attend and spaces are limited to 30 participants and there is a registration fee. This event will be an outdoor event, so registrants are encouraged to dress appropriately. For more information and to register, please contact the PCSWCD by calling 207-564-2321 ext. 3, emailing [info@piscataquisswcd.org](mailto:info@piscataquisswcd.org) or by stopping in the office in the USDA Service Center at 42 Engdahl Drive.

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**ABBOT:** Beautiful home with extra large kitchen with dining area, large living room with fireplace, 2 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms, fireplace in master bedroom, 3-car garage, family room over garage, beautiful farm pond, new garden shed, all on 3 1/2 acres. Home is very well-built with lots of extras throughout. Priced at **\$249,000**



**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. **\$239,900**



**NEW LISTING**

**MONSON:** In the heart of Maine: Cozy log cabin on 4.8 acres w/access to ITS Trail System and Moosehead Trail Access. Nice rustic log cabin w/fireplace, wood stove, propane furnace, 2 BR, LR, kitchen, dining area, + loft & all purpose room, all in great cond. and well maint. 2 car garage w/overhead storage, large elevated lot with house sitting well back from road. Close to Moosehead Lake & rec. areas. **\$114,900**



**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. **\$85,000**



**PRICE REDUCED**

**DOVER FOXCROFT:** Absolutely gorgeous views of Mt. Katahdin with this comfortable three bedroom cape with 1 1/2 baths, lovely sunroom, kitchen, living room, downstairs master bedroom, large two car garage plus workshop. Beautiful elevated lot ideal for horses. **\$149,000**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### Recurring Events

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

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

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

**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](http://www.cuthbert-foundation.org).

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

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

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

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

**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.

**SANGERVILLE:** The ongoing food cupboard at the Uni-

tarian Universalist Church of Sangerville and Dover-Foxcroft is open the first Wednesday and third Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 876-4926.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**Thursday, March 10**  
**CORNHURST:** The Widows and Widowers Group meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Countryside Restaurant. FMI call 924-5351.


**DEXTER:** Dexter Regional High School will present the student production "Alice in

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## Town of Dover-Foxcroft Employment Opportunity

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The Town of Dover-Foxcroft is accepting job applications for the positions of maintenance attendants for town cemeteries and facilities. This is a part time seasonal position that requires the employee to be able to cut grass and perform as a general laborer for summer maintenance work. The position requires that the candidate can lift 50 lbs., is available to work (at minimum) from mid-June through mid-August, and to work weekends as may be required.

Employment applications are available at the Dover-Foxcroft town office and will be accepted until the positions are filled.

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## Manufacturing Leadperson

Pride Manufacturing is a wood manufacturing company with its main factory located in Burnham Maine. We are seeking an experienced Manufacturing Leadperson with mechanical/electrical abilities for our Weekend Shift (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

This position will be responsible for ensuring each area meets production, safety and quality goals; training, development and coaching of employees; ensuring all entries into database are accurate, and troubleshoot the mechanical/electrical processes.


The ideal candidate will have prior leadperson/supervisory experience, have proven mechanical/electrical ability, be a self-starter, be safety, quality and production-minded with the ability to effectively manage time.

The weekend shift employees receive a bonus equal to 4 hours of straight time when they work their entire scheduled shift. Pride offers a competitive wage and benefits package.

Please submit a resume via mail or email to:

**Heather MacKenzie**  
**10 North Main Street**  
**Burnham, Me. 09422**  
**[hmackenzie@pridesports.com](mailto:hmackenzie@pridesports.com)**

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## BOILER OPERATOR

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The shift available is Wednesday, 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m., a total of 42 hours a week.

Job responsibilities include maintaining safe operation of the boiler, conducting hourly security walks of the mill, assist with weekend dry kiln operation, and other miscellaneous duties as assigned by the supervisor.

This person must be able to lift up to 50 lbs., be able to walk on cement entire shift, and be responsible, trustworthy, and dependable.

Pride offers a competitive salary and benefits package. If you are interested, complete an application at our front desk before March 15th, 2016

or send a resume to:

**Heather MacKenzie**  
**10 North Main Street**  
**Burnham, Me. 09422**  
**[hmackenzie@pridesports.com](mailto:hmackenzie@pridesports.com)**

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### Full Time Opening Eligibility Assistant

Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC), is now hiring for a full-time Eligibility Assistant for our Brownville and Millinocket location. The Eligibility Assistant will work cooperatively with KVHC patients in the endeavor to increase the number of patients who have access to health care. The person in this role will assist patients in applying for insurances, coverage and other resources. The Eligibility Assistant will conduct outreach, marketing and education to better inform patients of choices of coverage and how their plan works.

**Minimum Qualifications Required:** High school diploma or equivalent required. Excellent customer/patient service skills, experience in an office setting, proficiency in Microsoft Office products, as well as the ability to work in a busy health care setting. Previous experience in a healthcare office setting a plus. Must also possess valid driver's license and reliable means of transportation, with ability to travel to all KVHC sites as needed.

KVHC Applications may be downloaded and printed from [www.kvhc.org](http://www.kvhc.org). To request an application be mailed to you, please contact your local KVHC office. Qualified candidates should complete a KVHC application and submit to the address on the right, or email to [mlefay@kvhc.org](mailto:mlefay@kvhc.org).

**Katahdin Valley Health Center**  
**ATTN: Human Resources**  
**P.O. Box 500**  
**Patten, ME 04765**

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## Katahdin Valley Health Center

Are you looking for a rewarding career that offers an excellent benefit package, home and work life balance, and generous amounts of time off?

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Visit [www.kvhc.org](http://www.kvhc.org) for more about these positions. You can also contact Michelle LeFay at 207-528-2285 or [mlefay@kvhc.org](mailto:mlefay@kvhc.org) with questions or to submit a resume.

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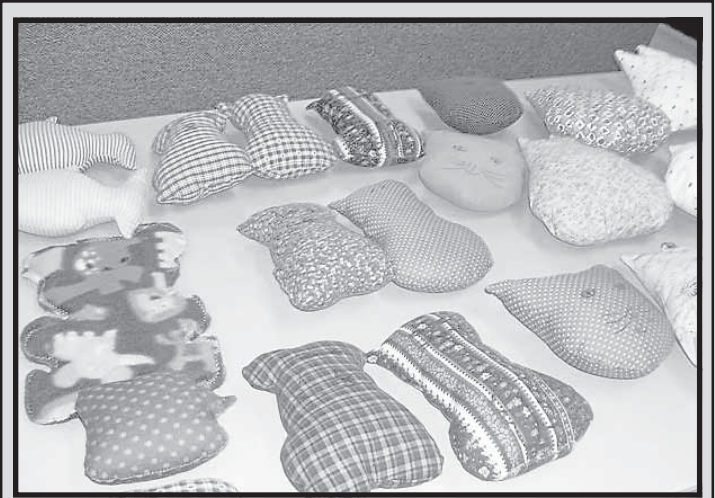


Photo courtesy of GFWC/Miosac Club  
**SOFT TOYS FOR MAYO REGIONAL HOSPITAL**  
— GFWC/Miosac Club members were scheduled to make toys for Mayo Regional Hospital at the Feb. 16 meeting, but the gathering was canceled due to the weather. Some members worked on the toys at home and brought these items to the March 1 meeting.

## Foxcroft Academy

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athan Scott, Tyler Shaw, Abigail Simpson, Dylan Stevens, Katherine Storen, Hannah Vainio, Peishu Wang, Jiahao Wu, Songqi Yang and Kaiyu Zhang.

**GRADE 12 — High honors:** Toan Bui, Angelina Buzzelli, Madison Fadley, Hunter Giacomuzzi, Dylan Harmon-Weeks, Jiwoo Hong, Han-Yu Hsiao, Gabriela Johnson, Daryna Melikhova, Cooper Nelson, Renee Smith and Zu Wang. **Honors:** Brittany Adkins, Blake Arno, Antonio Ayala, Devan Baird, Callie Bates, Saij Bergman, Paul

Birtwistle, Racquel Bozzelli, Asrai Brainerd, Zachary Caron, Avery Carroll, Madison Chadbourne, Mitchell Chasse, Youjin Choi, Vanessa Crockett, Lois Day, Alexandria Desmarais, Travis Hanners, Jianyu Hao, Christopher Hobbs, Joon Kim, James Loring, Yunzheng Luo, Man Mei, Catera Noll, Liam Riehl, Blaine Robinson, Alice Russo, Savannah Scudder, Weizhe Shi, Laura Shorey, Abraham Simpson, Brian Sletterink, Judson Smith, Mckenzee Stone, Tanner Strout, Yun-Ting Tsai, Gage Tucker, Rebecca Wallace, Qingfei Yu and Yunwen Zhang.

## Ridge View

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Speed, Zachary Spizuoco, Cadence Tasker, Emmaline Therau, Minerva Wigham and Aaron Woodard.

**GRADE 6 — High honors:** Kiana Bennett, Owen Brown, Clyde Day, Arianna Jandreau, Amelia Rolfe and Nathan Schobel. **Honors:** Cameron Allen, Aliviah Anderson, Molly Bennett, Dakota Burns, Caitlyn Chabot, Patrick Childers, Avery Gagnon, Nickolas Galligan, Payton Gilman, LaKota Glidden, Caroline Gould, Keith Grant, Trenton Judkins, Elizabeth Kinney, Kendal Lachance, Jasmine Lewis, Ellie McComb, Dylan Moore, Hanna Morse, Madeline Myers, Adam Paquin, Taylor Rideout, Tyr Ronco, Ora Rudloff-Eastman, Gage Sinclair, Cole Smith, Kassidy Swimm, Jonathan Whitman and Justin Williams.

**GRADE 7 — High honors:** Abby Andrews, Josephine Costonis, Valli Day, Rosalie Gillis, Peyton Grant, Kaitlyn Gray, Avery Herrick, Brett Kuznierz, Santinaca Lawson, Olivia Peakes, Parker Ponte, Abigail Wakefield, Grace Wallace and Jade Wintle. **Honors:** Cheyenne Beem, Cameron Blakely, Demetri Burton, Hannah Camp-

bell, Jacob Campbell, Madia Chesner, Jaycee Cook, Hunter Dean, Robert Dorman, Juanita Genereau, Ryan Gould, Kassandra Gray, Alli Green, Aaliyah Hernandez, Myra Knowlton, Jaden LaBonte, Kyle Larrabee, Emily Leavitt, Isaac Limoges, Mary Mailhot, Joshua Mann, Lilah McCormack, Nathan Michaud, Nathan Mower, Hunter Nelson, Carter Polichak, Tayler Prentiss, Dakota Rider, Destiny Russell, Aaliyah Singleton, Janessa Smith, Colin Speed, Joseph St. Louis and Isaac Webber.

**GRADE 8 — High honors:** Jay-Kob Davis, Izabel Dorman, Madison Gauvin, Caitlyn Hardy, Shawnee McNally, Cloe Mountain, Logan Perkins, Jordan Ranquist, Rachael Sickles and Gabriel Stone. **Honors:** Katelynn Babine, Caden Bligh, Elayna Boutilier, Alexander Gray, Medeau Gustin, Seth Hocking, Augustus Irwin, Brian Johnson, Jacob LaBonte, Desiree Lancaster, Nickolas Long, Aurora Martin, Regan McNally, Carver Myers, Sienna Newman, Rebekah Parker, Alec Price, Nathan Richards, Eric Rosso, Ryan Smith, Alaina Spizuoco, Cheyenne Steeves, Stephen Thomas, Parker Tibbetts, Maleek Washington, Krystalynn Williams and Justin Wing.

## Dexter Regional

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**GRADE 12 — Highest Honors:** Stacey Allen, Jenna Crane, Ciera Handy, Lacey Harding, Elizabeth Harrington, Mariah Hughes Korst, Dayle Iverson, Airiell Knowlton, Ryan Lunn, Jason Millette, Christie Nich-

olas, Makayla Smith, Daniel Wallace, DeAnn Watson, Emily Watson and Hannah Wigham. **High Honors:** Ashley Albair, Celine Beaudry, Emma Blais, Arielle Carlow, Kaitlyn Hall and Ashton Ward. **Honors:** Pheobe Phillips, Landon Shaw and Autumn Young.

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Morgan Hutchins and Bailey Woodard. **Honors:** Elizabeth Bagley, Marissa Beane, Miriah Chapman, Makayla Cole, Brianda Guevara Castillo, Bachi Gugusvilli, Garrett Kimball, Sydney Marden, Tia Rice and Taylor Sinclair.

**GRADE 12 — High honors:** Haley Bergeron, Alexa Merrill and Lucinda Callie Wingert. **Honors:** Delani Bennett, Me-

gan Bergeron, Stephen Bowley, Ethan Cooley, Courtney Deane, Cole Edes, Aaron Fish, Tijana Flick, Michael Gustin, Cahrey Harris, McKenzie Landry, Jordynne Littlefield, Steven Marden, Benjamin Morrill, Christian Mumley, Mercedes Murdoch, Haylee Patterson, Taylore Perkins, Tiffany Porter, Rylea Roberts, Devin Ronco, Brandon Sanborn, Alanna Wilson and Logan Woodard.

## Penquis Valley

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**GRADE 10 — Honors:** Faith Brown, Mitchell Carey, Olivia Castellano, Julian Maxcy, Denali Smith, Daniel Spurgeon, Adam Stetson, Alex White, Thomas White and Noah Zambrano.

**GRADE 11 — High Honors:** Cody Guarino. **Honors:** Charles Artus, Colin Beckett, Harley

Brooker, Krista Dearborn, Jordan Durant, Cheyannely Foster, Jazmyn Gray, Colwyn Johnson, Clayton Preble, Derek Robinson and Faith Simmons.

**GRADE 12 — Honors:** Lydia Balestra, Brittini Black, Morgan Cavagnaro, Mashilla Harrison, Joshua Martin, Blake Morrison, Alyssa Murano, Kara Pariseau, Destiny Ray, Bethany Watts and Jarod Webb.

# Cellular company boosts 4G access

BANGOR — U.S. Cellular has recently expanded both its technological and philanthropic efforts in Aroostook County and other parts of the state by investing more than \$4.2 million in its network, stores and community support.

The company, in conjunction with its partner, King Street Wireless, announced that Aroostook, Somerset and Piscataquis county residents now have expanded access to 4G LTE services.

According to company officials, the wireless carrier invested \$3.3 million in network enhancements last year, which included adding more than 600 4G LTE cell sites across the country and making improvements to the existing network, with service boosted in 10 states. Locally, the expansion brings additional 4G LTE service to Castle Hill, East Dover, Fort Kent Mills, Greenville,

Hammond, Littleton, Monticello, Sherman Mills, Spragueville, Van Buren and Acadia, among other locations in the three counties.

Additional areas in Maine, as well as in New Hampshire, Oregon, Virginia and Washington were also targeted.

“At U.S. Cellular, we know that the phone, tablet or machine-to-machine device you have is only as good as the network that backs it up, so we will continue to invest in our technology to ensure that whether you live in the city or a rural area, you have a strong signal when and where you need it,” said Matt Kasper, director of sales for U.S. Cellular in New England. “We also want every interaction you have with us to be a positive one, so when you visit us in the store, call us on the phone or see us out in the community, know that we are constantly striving to provide you with a great wireless

experience.”

The network tweaks follow earlier improvements. Last year, several devices and hundreds of new accessories were launched in the company’s stores, so four retail locations in Maine were either opened or redesigned to provide shoppers with an improved in-store experience. To continue to innovate in its retail stores, in 2015 the company invested \$906,000 to ensure that they are an easy and fun place to shop.

Along with its network and store enhancements, the cellular retailer focused its philanthropic efforts on STEM-focused education and donated \$1.35 million to local Boys and Girls Clubs and 4-H clubs across its markets in 2015. These donations supported the clubs’ STEM programming and provided store associates with several volunteer opportunities to interact with the clubs’ members

and staff.

Locally, the company made a total donation of \$47,500 to six clubs around the state, with \$5,000 going to the Penobscot Boys and Girls Club on behalf of its Presque Isle office for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming.

Operated by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Presque Isle Boys and Girls Club serves both native and non-native youth, and comes under the umbrella of the Penobscot club. It is the city’s only Boys and Girls Club.

King Street Wireless is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, where it is recognized for its economic development and philanthropic efforts.

U.S. Cellular is the fifth-largest full-service wireless carrier in the United States, and currently, 99 percent of its customers have access to 4G LTE speeds.

## SeDoMoCha

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Grace Carlson, Aine Casey, Emily Fuller, Jasper Makowski, Jacob Reed and Austin Seavey. **Honors:** Marshall Burt, Bodie Clarke, Alexis Cole, Kamryn Commeau, Kiya Cook, Aidan Currie, Rebekah Demers, Jesse Drury, Miles Gadwah, Cadence Gil, Olivia Goodine, Oriana Goodine, Emily Harmon-Weeks,

Chase Higgins, James Jankunas, Benjamin Johnston, Makayla Landry, Alicia London, Kaitlyn Lord, Olivia McCarrison, Carter Merrill, Connor Plante, Aleshia Raymond, Ruby Rideout, McKenzie Sands, Dahlia Sharrow, Madyson Skipper, Anthony Smith, Meghan Spooner, Diana Voter and Joel Wortman.

**GRADE 7 — High Honors:** Alyssa Boyd, Miriam Cameron, Maren O’Connell, Ava

Rayfield and Annabelle Rhoda. **Honors:** Alex Atkinson, Kelli Black, Sheryl Chase, Khrystopor Downing, Isaac Drury, Kaylee Durgin, Austin Gil, Triston Green, Lucas Greenlaw, Noah Lamb, Logan Martin, Maranda Poulin, Esa Ranta, Lucas Ronco, Luke Stedman, Madeline Taylor, Juliana Whalen and Bradley Whitten.

**GRADE 8 — High Honors:** Megan Fuller. **Honors:**

Katherine Ames, Enrico Ayala, Kylie Butts, Elisabeth Carlson, Hunter Clarke, Victoria Cyr, Jediah Dean, Diana Demers, Samuel Harmon-Weeks, Taylor Hibbard, Jacob Ireland, Olivia Johnson, Mackenzie Pearl, Dakota Raymond, Jacob Raynes, Molly Rhoda, Natalie Robinson, Jasmine Sanchez, Cheyanne Skomars, Carter Starbird, Sierra Stevens, Abbie Tetreault, Joshua Tibbetts and Kelly Watt.

## Calendar

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Wonderland Jr.” at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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

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

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

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

**DEXTER:** The First Universalist Church of Dexter hosts a contra dance from 7-10 p.m. FMI call 924-3925 or 277-3961.

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

**Saturday, March 12**  
**BROWNVILLE:** The Brownville Community Church serves an Italian Night spaghetti supper, with optional moose meat sauce, from 5-6:30 p.m.

**DEXTER:** Dexter Regional High School will present the student production “Alice in Wonderland Jr.” at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover-Foxcroft UMC hosts a singalong program with Lew Dow and the YesterYear Music Makers at 7 p.m. FMI call 876-8013.

**GREENVILLE:** The Piscataquis County Democratic Committee’s monthly meeting takes place at the Greenville Housing Corporation Meeting Hall (corner of High and Cross streets) from 10 a.m.-noon with Congressional candidate Emily Cain as guest speaker. FMI call 564-0139.

**LILY BAY:** Lily Bay State Park hosts a Winter Family Fun Day, with free equipment loan from the Maine State Parks Ski and Snowshoe Trailer, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI call 695-2700.

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

**Sunday, March 13**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Piscataquis Public Health Council and others will present a screening of the documentary “Paper Tigers” at 2 p.m. at the Center Theatre, with a discussion to follow.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Foxcroft music students will perform solo and small chamber ensemble works at 3 p.m. at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church. FMI contact 564-0043 or [susan.ramsey@foxcroftacademy.org](mailto:susan.ramsey@foxcroftacademy.org).

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Maine State Parks Ski and Snowshoe Trailer, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI call 695-2700.

**Monday, March 14**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover & Foxcroft Water District trustees’ monthly meeting takes place at 5 p.m. at 48 Morton Ave., Suite B.

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

**MILO:** The annual town meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

**Tuesday, March 15**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Maine author Tim Caverly will screen the late 1940s Maine film “Blizzard to Blossoms” at 5 p.m. at the Thompson Free Library. FMI go to [www.allagashtails.com](http://www.allagashtails.com).

**Thursday, March 17**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Foxcroft Academy holds parent/teacher conferences from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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

**Saturday, March 19**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The PCSWCD hosts a celebration to welcome spring at the Law Farm at 2 p.m. To RSVP contact 564-2321 ext. 3 or [info@piscataquisswcd.org](mailto:info@piscataquisswcd.org).


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

**HARMONY:** A dance featuring Shilo Creek will be held at the Harmony Community Center from 7-11 p.m., to benefit building repairs.

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

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

**Sunday, March 20**  
**GUILFORD:** A concert with the Opus One Big Band and PCSS Jazz Marauders starts at 4 p.m. in the PCSS gym, to benefit the SAD 4 Music Boosters.



*In Loving Memory of*

**Hubert Lewis Sr.**  
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Time passes slowly day by day Two years since God took you home The moon still glows, the stars still shine, memories recall when you was mine. I loved you then when you was near, I love you still though you’re not here. Our time together was long and sweet, having you made my life complete. I will always be happy that we had 60 yrs together.

*Love Always,*  
*Ethel*

**Monday, March 21**  
**GUILFORD:** The annual town meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at PCES, with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 22**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Jim Brown Lecture Series and Foxcroft Academy will present Hank Lunn, author of “German Prisoners of War in Maine From Foe to Friend” at 5 p.m. at the Thompson Free Library. FMI call 564-3350.

**Wednesday, March 23**  
**DEXTER:** An information session on the University of Maine Center on Aging’s Senior Companion Program will be held at 2 p.m. at the Abbott Memorial Library. FMI call 924-

7292 or 1-800-287-1495.

**Thursday, March 24**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Maine Educational Opportunity Center offers a free session of the Essentials of College Planning at 1 p.m. at PHEC. To register contact call 1-800-281-3703 or go to <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

**Saturday, March 26**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover-Foxcroft UMC’s Easter dessert pie sale starts at 9 a.m. FMI contact 564-8013 or [lld@myfairpoint.net](mailto:lld@myfairpoint.net).

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

# OBITUARIES

### Obituary Notices

**MORRILL, Jamie Scott**, 43, Brownville Jct., March 2, 2016. Private graveside services for the family will be held in the spring. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

**PARKMAN, James “Jim” Wesley**, 54, March 5, 2016. There will be a Celebration of his life for immediate family and close friends, with date to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

### Jamie Scott Morrill


BROWNVILLE, JCT – Jamie Scott Morrill, 43, only son of Larry and Donna (Cobb) Morrill, died March 2, 2016. He was born April 10, 1972, in Milo. He graduated from Penquis Valley High in 1990 and the University of Maine, Orono, in 1994, with a degree in chemical engineering.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by twin daughters, Kiran and Lauren Morrill, and

their mother, Holly. He leaves his sister, Amy Morrison, her husband, Wayne, and their sons, Alex and Ben; his grandmother, Helen Cobb; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private graveside services for the family will be held in the spring. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

### James “Jim” Wesley Parkman

 James “Jim” Wesley Parkman, 54, made his final inappropriate and probably sarcastic comment on March 5, 2016. He was born February 3, 1962, the son of Wesley Earl and Constance Ann (Alden) Parkman.

Jim served his country in the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army consecutively. Later, he worked in manufacturing and woods industry jobs before launching his own landscaping company.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman, and was even seen pulling a few trout up through the ice last month, despite recent mobility challenges. When indoors, Jim could most often be found with a good book, and his canine companion, Mickey. Making others laugh brought Jim great joy; he will always be remembered for his clever sense of humor. Jim is loved by family and friends, and will be deeply missed.

In addition to his parents, Jim leaves behind a daughter, Krystle (Parkman) Bean and her husband, Randy Bean of Hudson; a sister, Sheila Grant

and her husband, Gary Grant of Parkman; a nephew, Jonathan Grant of Augusta and his fiancé, Kim Jordan; a niece, Rebecca Grant of Old Town; uncles, Duane Parkman and Alton Libby of Dover-Foxcroft, and Brian Parkman of Old Town; an aunt, Inez Carey of Howland; a cousin, Angel Carey, of Brewer; a special lifelong best friend, Jonathan Richards and his wife, Marlene Richards of Windsor.

He was predeceased by a cousin, Michael Carey. There will be a celebration of Jim’s life for immediate family and close friends, with date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send a contribution to the Maine Audubon Brook Trout Survey Project, 20 Gilsland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME 04105. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).





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## Resource Exchange to host 2016 Women of Worth Conference at Foxcroft Academy

DOVER-FOXCROFT—Registered participants for the 2016 Women of Worth Conference can look forward to a day packed full of fun and meaningful personal and professional development. The event will be held for the third year in a row at beautiful Foxcroft Academy on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 8 am—5:00 pm. Workshop options range from learning about how you can manage stress, improve and project confidence, manage your social media profile, tell impactful stories for non-profits and others, how to finance your small business, how to build your dream business with a plan and hearing success stories from women in business. Participants can choose three sessions to attend from those options for just \$59. This also includes their food and beverages for the day. To register and find out more about the presenters and workshop content you can visit the website at [www.wowmaine.wordpress.com](http://www.wowmaine.wordpress.com) or call 974-2440. The deadline to register is April 15. Tickets are selling fast for this year's conference, so it is best to register and make payment as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Barbara Ann Cookson, motivational speaker and health and life coach will be this year's keynote speaker. Barbara's talk will focus on Channeling Your Inner Super Hero: Living Your True Life Story. She will also highlight the theme and content of this year's conference, "Becoming Your Own Superhero". She is a Certified Holistic Health Coach, Licensed Massage Therapist, group fitness instructor, and motivational speaker. She lives in Hermon, Maine, where she also owns Healing Hands Massage Therapy, a tranquil massage therapy studio offering wellness massage, stress management and aromatherapy. Barbara is a dynamic motivational speaker who presents to audiences large and small on topics that are important to all of us, health and happiness. She engages her audience in interactive exercises to educate, motivate and entertain, all the while teaching invaluable lessons and strategies for reaching your goals. Her message is one of happy, healthy being and the choices we need to make to get there. She has been featured most recently on WABI TV5 Fitness

Friday and is also an international bestselling collaborative author.

This year the conference organizers will once again offer the Marketplace Shopping Emporium, offering a variety of products and services for sale that are specifically of interest to women. During the built in times on the day's schedule, participants can shop at local artisans and crafters booths and purchase product from consultants such as Mary Kay, Thirty One Gifts, Pampered Chef and much more. In addition, service providers will be there too in the Business Resource Showcase to explain, in most cases their free assistance programs to participants.

The 2016 Women of Worth Conference is being made possible by funding from the Resource Exchange and assistance from Penquis, Camden National Bank, and Axiom Technology. It is also supported by Foxcroft Academy and the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce. Catering for the event is being provided by the Foxcroft Academy food service department and they have planned a fabulous breakfast bar, delicious luncheon and delectable desserts, including chocolate for the afternoon.

A couple of years ago, the Resource Exchange, a community coalition of social service agencies, non-profits, businesses and individuals, brought the annual conference back to the Piscataquis region. Vice President/Treasurer, and WOW conference attendee in 2009-2011, when it was hosted by the Penquis Higher Education Center/Eastern Maine Community College, and 2014-2015, Sheree Brown of Penquis "believes there is no other conference being offered in this region for women with such highly skilled presenters, relevant workshop content and bringing the annual conference back just made sense to our group and I highly recommend it to any woman. It fits in perfectly with the Resource Exchanges' mission to share information and resources and to offer trainings and conferences to both our membership and the community. I'm thrilled that we are hosting it again this year and I am so happy to be part of it. I cannot wait to meet this year's participants and experience the day with them on April 20<sup>th</sup>!

The Resource Exchange group has been meeting locally since 1995. Currently there are 12 member organizations and businesses, which pay a \$35/year membership fee, but they are always open to adding more members at any time. Members of the Resource Exchange include Care & Comfort, Charlotte White Center, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Mountain View Youth Development Center, Piscataquis Public Health Council, Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative, Penquis, Pine Tree Hospice, Maine-Stream Finance, United Way of Eastern Maine, and Spruce Run-/Womancare Alliance. They meet on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of July, at the Penquis office in Dover-Foxcroft from 11 am—1 pm. Those meetings offer a great opportunity to network with members from other agencies that have common goals. "In the long run, it really doesn't cost to belong; it pays to belong to this group. I learn a lot about the resources available right here in the Piscataquis region, which I can share with clients and co-workers", says member and current President, Art Jette of Spruce Run/Womancare Alliance. If you would like more information about the group, you may visit the website at [www.resourceexchange-me.org](http://www.resourceexchange-me.org) or call Art at 564-8165.

The goal of the conference event will provide localized and meaningful skill development annually without the high cost and travel expenses associated with other one-day conferences of this caliber. They also want to highlight all the unique and wonderful things going on in the Piscataquis region, like the Women of Worth Conference. Registrations from as far away as Belmont, Lincoln, Bingham, Hampden and beyond have been received, proving this really is a statewide draw to the area, as well as a local favorite. Conference organizers are asking that interested people register as soon as possible as seating for this event is limited. FMI, Contact Sheree at 974-2440 or [reofficerinfo@gmail.com](mailto:reofficerinfo@gmail.com)

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