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## Trash talk

Commissioners nearing deadline for solid waste disposal decision

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — For a number of months, the Piscataquis County Commissioners have been weighing options for the long-term future of solid waste disposal as after 2018 the contract between the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) and the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) expires. The over 180 MRC member governments have been deciding to continue with PERC, remaining as an MRC member as part of a new venture to go to a future facility in Hampden operated by the Maryland-based Fiberright or choosing another option.

"We have seven different collection points for municipal solid waste in our counties for the unorganized territories," Interim County Manager Tom Lizotte said during a June 7 meeting. Lizotte said the county contracts with some towns for the disposal of nearby unorganized territory (UT) residents' waste, such as those living in Blanchard and Elliotsville getting rid of their trash through Monson and Barnard residents going to Dover-Foxcroft.

Lizotte said with these towns making a choice for post-2018 disposal, the county will likely go along with the decision that has been made by the community. What still is to be decided is where trash from the county transfer stations in Lily Bay and Orneville will go.

Monson Town Manager Lucas Butler said residents there opted to remain with the MRC for Fiberright. "For the average citizen in Monson the minute that bag hits the dumpster, they are thinking 'it's not my problem, it's the town's problem,'" he said.

Butler said the MRC "kind of pulled it all together and really came up with a solution that works best for municipalities." He said the town looked into staying with PERC but company officials did not respond to requests for presentations. Monson has also considered creating its own landfill but this option would have been far too costly.

The town manager said the contracted rate of \$70 a ton with rebates was best for Monson. "I feel really strongly they have come up with the best solution to our trash problem," Butler said, adding he is willing to advocate on behalf of the MRC.

The commissioners expressed some concern because tech-

nology being proposed at the Fiberright facility has not been proven in the U.S., just in Europe. "The research is great, but there's no proof it's going to work," Commissioner James White said. He said there are still steps before construction can start, such as the permitting process, and "even if they get over all their hurdles, it still might not work."

Butler said a facility such as that in the Fiberright project has not been implemented in the U.S. yet, but for Monson the proposal is worth putting faith in.

"That really leaves us with what to do we do with Lily Bay and Orneville?," Lizotte said.

Commissioners Chair Fred Trask asked Moosehead Rubbish President Sean Bolen, who hauls trash for the county, for his recommendation on Lily Bay and Orneville.

The MRC has set a deadline of June 30 for its members to make a decision on the Fiberright plan, in order to sign a contract with the best incentives. The commissioners are scheduled to discuss and potentially make a decision on post-2018 waste disposal during their June 21 meeting.

In other business, Head of Maintenance David Ronco told the commissioners he will be retiring on June 24 after 18 years with the county.

"I just want to say now Dave will be missed by everyone here in the county," Lizotte said. "He is just a really good guy who sees these buildings as something he owns and he takes great care of." Lizotte added that Ronco will always be on the campus shoveling at 6 in the morning following a snowstorm, and he is the first person many visitors see.

Ronco said for the last five years Josh York has worked as his assistant, and he is recommending York succeed him as head of maintenance. "I think he would be a perfect individual to step in," Ronco said, mentioning all the department heads have nothing but positive things to say about York.

"Josh is doing a good job and he's very conscientious," Ronco said. "Again, I cannot recommend anyone more strongly." Ronco said when he started nearly two decades ago his predecessor told him, "I have been waiting for the right man" and Josh is that right man.

"I always appreciate promot-

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**A GIFT TO THE TOWN** — A week after the entire study body posed outside in the formation of the numbers of 200 in honor of the Guilford Bicentennial, a picture of the scene was given to the town of Guilford by students in Peggy Cleaves' fifth-grade class at Piscataquis Community Elementary School during the June 9 morning meeting. Among the students speaking on the town's history were Samantha Goodwin, left, and Anna Zimmerman as Guilford Town Manager Tom Goulette and Principal Anita Wright look on. "It's going to hang in the town office for the next 200 years," Goulette said upon receiving the gifted picture.

## SAD 46 voters OK \$13.97M budget

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DEXTER — A proposed 2016-17 budget of \$13,967,172 was approved during the annual district budget meeting on June 9 at the Ridge View Community School. The total was then moved to the referendum in the towns of Dexter, Exeter, Garland and Ripley on Tuesday June 14 — results were not available as of presstime.

Superintendent Kevin Jordan said the near \$13.97 million figure represents an increase of a little more than \$761,000 from the current year (5.76 percent). Jordan said the increase includes about \$300,000 in additional state funding for debt service, and without these monies the total budget is up by 3.46 percent from 2015-16.

"We have to show it in the budget but we actually don't get the money," Jordan said about the the state funding.

The combined assessments

between the four SAD 46 communities is \$3,279,893, nearly \$52,000 or 1.56 percent less than the year before. Dexter's contribution of about \$1,990,670 is \$34,770 or 1.72 percent less than in 2015-16. Exeter's \$33,100 share is up by just under \$5,000 or 0.94 percent. Garland would see an approximate \$16,850 reduction (3.49 percent) to \$465,565 and Ripley would fund \$290,540 or about \$5,300 less (1.79 percent) of the SAD 46 budget.

In his presentation, Jordan said he wanted those in attendance to see the totals of the proposed district budget and the preceding seven spending plans. He said it is important to note that the budget has only gone by 8.61 percent from the 2010 fiscal year (\$12.86 million to near \$13.97 million), for an average of 1.23 percent each year.

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## Historical society receives \$4,100 grant

Funds will help get Parish House Museum wired

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

BROWNVILLE — The Brownville-Brownville Junction Historical Society recently received a \$4,164 grant from the Maine Community Foundation, with the funds earmarked for improvements to the society's Parish House Museum on Church Street.

"We are hoping to get Internet access here and get a computer for visitors to use and another computer for staff to use to put all we have into a database," Brownville-Brownville Junction Historical Society board member Lynn Weston, who wrote the grant application, said about the use of some of the awarded funds.

Weston said a scanner — which would be used to make copies of glass images among other tasks — new printer, museum shelving and additional fire extinguisher are among other possible grant fund purchases.

"There's so much stuff we just don't have room to display," Weston said, as the Brownville-Brownville Junction Historical Society volunteers are working to move the organization



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT** — The Brownville-Brownville Junction Historical Society recently received a grant for over \$4,100 from the Maine Community Foundation to help with improvements to the Parish House Museum on Church Street. Pictured at the museum are, from left, society Treasurer Marilyn Kindamo, Vice President George Dean and board member Lynn Weston.

forward. "We hope drum up more members and more interest," she said, with the renewed interest including greater involvement with students such as those at the nearby Brownville Elementary School.

Recently-elected society Vice President George Dean said a sign for the Parish House Museum will be placed by the Church Street/Route 11 intersection. "If you want to know if we are open look for the sign to see if we are

open," he said with the museum open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times can be scheduled by con-

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## MMA debut part bucket list, part teaching tool for Lupo

The Sports OBSERVER

By Ernie Clark



The year was 1995, and Lewiston, Maine, was still a fight town.

Thirty years had elapsed since Muhammad Ali had knocked out Sonny Liston in the first round of their rematch for the world heavyweight boxing title at what then was known as the Central Maine Youth Center.

The sport remained popular in the area thanks to native son Joey Gamache, a super featherweight and lightweight world champion during the early 1990's.

That year, 1995, marked the last time Stacy Lupo stepped into a ring.

Lupo, then a 27-year-old amateur boxer and kickboxer and owner of Lupo's Mid-Maine Karate in Pittsfield, won a unanimous decision over Vermont Golden Gloves silver medalist Don Labbe during an April 21, 1995, show in the same Lewiston building where Ali fought, which by then was renamed the

Multi-Purpose Center.

But by that time boxing had begun relinquishing some of its popularity to a new sport, mixed martial arts, through the advent of the Ultimate Fighting Championship. Kickboxing opportunities were even fewer — leading Lupo to a major decision.

"I beat [Labbe] and I thought, 'This is a good time for me to walk away,'" said Lupo. "I've got a family to raise and bills to pay, so I walked away from it. I shut down my school because



Stacy Lupo

at that time the UFC was just taking off but it wasn't anything that was taking off up here. There just wasn't a call for it like there is now."

Lupo, a former wrestler at Nokomis Regional High School in Newport who owns black belts in Taekwondo and Shotokan karate, has heard such calls more often in recent times.

He now teaches kickboxing classes at Angelo Rizzitello's The Outlet/Shatterproof Combat Club in Dexter, and on Saturday night he'll enter the same facility where he last fought 21 years earlier — now called the Androscoggin Bank Coliseum — to make his mixed martial arts debut on the Maine-based New England Fights' latest boxing-MMA card.

"When I walked away the idea was to stay away because I get the itch all the time and I had to separate myself from it," said Lupo, now a 48-year-old grandfather who lives in Corinna and works as a millwright welder at Sappi's paper mill in Skow-

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## Dexter has busy summer on tap

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DEXTER — Town Manager Shelley Watson provided updates on several happenings scheduled for the upcoming few months during a June 8 meeting of the town council.

"I don't want you to forget the anniversary celebration on the 17th," Watson said in her report. On June 17 the community will host a special event from 2-4 p.m. at the town hall to mark the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Dexter.

"That was the exact date the town was incorporated 200 years ago," Watson said. She said resident Dave Pearson will be dressed in period costume to read the proclamation that established Dexter on June 17, 1816, with cake to follow in the dining area.

Watson said plans are underway for a Fourth of July parade, and organizers are encouraging participants to tie their floats into the 200-year milestone theme.

A hiring committee has met to review applicants to staff a summer camp being offered to SAD

46 students in grades 2-5. The program will be funded through a grant from the William and Joan Alford Foundation. "We have chosen five wonderful applicants and three have been chosen as lifeguards," Watson said.

The Plummer Foundation is underwriting a fifth counselor position.

"The Red Hot Festival is growing bigger every day," Watson said about the inaugural event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13. She said there is still a great need for volunteers, about 100 are needed, and those willing to help out can do so in two-hour shifts.

"Everyone who volunteers gets a free T-shirt, so there's an incentive there," Watson said.

In other business, Watson reported that budget meetings are ongoing with very tough decisions and cuts being made to help maintain the current mill rate. The council's final budget meeting was scheduled for June 13.

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## School year nears an end in RSU 68

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — With the final day for students set for June 14 and the current academic year concluding at the month's end, the RSU 68 directors had a brief agenda for the June 7 meeting. Among the action items, the salaries of nine positions — including five administrators — were set by the board.

Answering a question from Vice Chair Jenny Chase, Superintendent Robert Lucy said these employees all received an approximate 3 percent raise.

The salaries are part of the 2015-16 proposed budget, approved at the annual meeting the Tuesday before to be moved to the referendum one week later on June 14 — results were not available as of presstime.

"I think the increase is reasonable and we will get some of this money back," Chair Rick Johnston said about state funds. "I think we are in good shape for next year, we have a full staff at

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# Whoopie Pie Fest get sweeter

## Organizers plan exciting changes for June 25 event

DOVER-FOXCROFT—For the seventh year, the Center Theatre and Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce will partner with other local and regional businesses to bring the sweetest Maine festival back to downtown Dover-Foxcroft. In addition to an incredible 10,000 whoopie pies being prepared, this year several aspects of the festival on Saturday, June 25 will be changing, making it all so much sweeter.

In previous years, the festival ran from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., this year it will run until 8 p.m. Piscataquis Chamber Executive Director Denise Buzzelli explains, "(East) Main Street vendors have expressed disappointment in the past with the length of the festival, the day moved much too quickly for most, and they really wanted more time to sell their product. Keeping the festival open until 8 p.m. gives the vendors a great opportunity to potentially see a different crowd, like those folks who work on Saturdays and haven't been able to come to the festival before. We are hoping it will also motivate

vendors and visitors from away to stay overnight and spend extra time in Piscataquis County."

In addition to the extended schedule, the layout of the festival has changed significantly. Before, the bakers and live music stage were stationed in a parking lot behind Pastimes Pub and Pat's Pizza, and away from the vendors. This separate area is where the contests, judging and live broadcasts were held. Festival goers had to stand in a long line to enter "The Whoopie Pie Zone" and pay an entrance fee. Some vendors felt they saw less traffic because crowds would turn the corner before visiting the booths placed after the entrance. This year, the festival is laid out like a 'V', with vendors on the left arm, whoopie pie bakers and festival merchandise on the right arm and between them is the Vamey Agency's Kids Zone with fabulous kids' rides and games. Finally, a food court with picnic tables, a street dance area and the music stage with live broadcasts and contests where the two arms meet — directly in the

center of downtown.

There will be three entrance gates this year, and admission to the festival has been brought down to an easy \$3 per person due to the generosity of festival sponsors with children under 12 getting in free. This means shorter, faster lines and a greater opportunity for all vendors to see the same traffic.

The first gate, sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank, will be at the corner of East Main and Court streets to the east of Rite Aid. The second gate, sponsored by the Bangor Daily News, will be stationed on the west side of the Rite Aid, at the corner of Court and Pleasant streets. The third gate, sponsored by Dave's World and US Cellular, will be stationed downtown, in front of the True Value building, adjacent to the music stage.

As they come in to town, festival-goers will find signs directing them to the fairgrounds for parking, where shuttle busses will transfer to and from.

Live music will be performed this year by two bands. Sharon Hood

and Dixon Road will play all day long with Willicker playing a set in the afternoon. The Z107.3/Townsquare Media Street Dance is a new addition to the festival, as well as a designated food court, as most of the food vendors will be stationed in one place, with plenty of seating in the court and other shady spots.

The Whoopie Pie Festival organizers are grateful for the ongoing community support and the financial support of this year's sponsors, including Bangor Savings Bank, Dave's World, Z107.3, Bangor Daily News, the Vamey Agency, Will's Shop 'n Save, The Freedom House Bed & Breakfast, Foxcroft Printers, Bergs Sportswear, George Howard Insurance, Kim Cavanaugh Law Office, Mallett Real Estate, Pat's Pizza of Dover-Foxcroft, Rideout Seasonal Services and True Textiles, with Maine Credit Unions as the official sponsor of the Main Street Zone for the second year.

For more information, please visit [mainewhoopiepiefestival.com](http://mainewhoopiepiefestival.com) or call 564-7533.



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**YEARBOOK DEDICATION** — Piscataquis Community Elementary School grade six teacher Diana Hobart, right, is presented with the first yearbook out of the box by Principal Anita Wright during an assembly on June 3 to kick off the school's annual Arts Alive event. The yearbook is dedicated to Hobart, who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

## Brownville and Willimantic net culvert project funds

In 2014, Maine voters passed the "Clean Water for Maine" bond. As a result, \$5,400,000 in funds was earmarked for vital improvement projects including stream crossing and culvert upgrades. Among the grant recipients are the towns of Brownville and Willimantic which both received \$95,000. The funds for Brownville will be used on Front Street and the \$95,000 for Willimantic is earmarked for the Norton Corner Road.

The projects awarded will benefit public infrastructure by

replacing several culverts that are currently failing and at risk of complete washouts, open up fish spawning habitat, eliminate undersized and other impassable culverts and reduce some of the worst ongoing erosion impacts to streams, brooks, and lakes.

The Department of Environmental Protection received 85 applications to review which totaled over \$6.8 million dollars in fund requests. The department has issued over \$2.4 million in grant money through this second round of applications.

## SAD 46

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The superintendent said he also wanted the public to know a \$454,384 balance is being carried forward to 2016-17, and these funds have not been spent.

In addition to the monetary warrant items, non-exclusive 10-year tuition contracts between SAD 46 and Harmony and Athens were approved.

"What it does, it locks in a guaranteed tuition rate which provides some relief for Harmony and Athens," Jordan said, mentioning these two Somerset County communities both have school choice.

SAD 46 and Harmony previously had a decade-long contract, which was renewed, and the agreement with Athens is new.

When asked, the superintendent said no Athens students currently attend SAD 46 schools. "Right now we have none, it's a transition," he said. "They are used to going to going to Skowhegan, Madison way for everything they do."

Jordan said tuition rates are set by the state in December.

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## Library offers 'Let's Talk About It' book group

GREENVILLE — The Shaw Public Library has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It", a free reading and discussion group with copies of the books available through the library. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Maine Center for the Book in cooperation with the Maine State Library and through the council by a grant from the Belvedere Fund of the Maine Community Foundation.

The series "Destruction or Redemption: Images of Romantic Love" begins June 24 at 6:30 at the library and continues for five sessions until Aug. 26.

Books to be read and discussed in this series include "Madame Bovary" by Gustave Flaubert, "The French Lieutenant's Woman" by John Fowles, "The End of the Affair" by Graham Greene, "Morgan Passing" by Anne Tyler and "Lolita" by Vladimir Nabokov. David Richards will facilitate the discussions.

It has been considered by past participants to be a great experience to be part of these programs and to have the opportunity to get together with the community to discuss what was read. The experience is further enriched with a skilled facilitator. Books for the program are available at the Shaw Public Library. Please call the library at 695-3579 to register and pick up the titles.

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**PROJECT LINUS** — The recent Project Linus Blanket Day 2016 was a huge success with 75 plus “blanketeers” finishing to date over 375 blankets to share with children in crisis. A heartfelt thanks is given to all who volunteered their time and talents making the blankets as well as the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship for supplying the luncheon as well as the Penquis Higher Education Center, Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Collaborative and Bangor Savings. From left are Penobscot County Project Linus Coordinator Faye Johnson, Robin Chase of Bangor Savings, Penobscot County Coordinator Merlene Sanborn, Carrie Orcutt, Marilyn Hartford and Kelly Byron of Bangor Savings and Piscataquis County Coordinators Judy Raymond and Barb Austin.

# Anti-wind power group claims victory

Seeks to protect Moosehead Lake from developers

By Nick Sambides Jr.  
BDN Staff

**BREWER** — Industrial wind power projects will be more difficult to site on the west side of Moosehead Lake, after a state planning board voted unanimously on June 8 to remove six unincorporated areas from an expedited wind permitting area.

The Land Use Planning Commission’s 9-0 vote removed 14 townships and plantations from the area, where environmental reviews of wind projects are fast-tracked to encourage development. They are: Cathance, Concord, Edmunds, Long Pond, Mason, Misery Gore, Molunkus, Salem, Sapling and Sapling Administrative Area 1 townships; Denniston, Pleasant Ridge and Rangely plantations; and Taunton & Raynham Academy Grant.

Of the 14, Denniston, Long Pond, Misery Gore, the two Saplings and Taunton & Raynham are near the lake, along Route 201, said Richard McDonald, a member of the Moosehead Re-

gion Futures Committee.

The committee successfully petitioned to remove those areas from the expedited permitting zone in late February under a new state law. Committee members say wind development in those areas would detract from land value, spoil viewsheds and disrupt the tourism industry around the lake.

“We have taken a very strong initial first step. This is an extremely positive development for the Moosehead region and it represents a strong commitment by local citizens to protect it,” McDonald said after the meeting at Jeff’s Catering.

His committee opposes tentative plans by wind power developer EverPower to install 24 wind turbines on ridges near Big Indian Pond, as well as SunEdison’s possible 26-turbine project for Misery Ridge between Rockwood and Jackman. The companies have placed test towers in those areas but have not submitted formal plans, McDonald has

said.

Previously, wind farms proposed in the Unorganized Territory — which covers nearly half the state, mostly rural areas in the western and northernmost portions — were automatically fast-tracked for review. The new law, which took effect in January, requires wind-energy developers to seek zoning approval from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, among other agencies, and follow the regular permitting process if enough local residents submit a petition certified by the state. The threshold is at least 10 percent of a given zone’s registered voters in the most recent gubernatorial election.

“It is just a perfunctory vote. We are just following the legislation involved,” commission Chairman Everett Worcester said.

Anti-wind power groups say the new law restores residents’ rights by triggering hearings in which their input is given weight. But wind-to-energy proponents

say the law inhibits the growth of an important industry that has drawn millions of dollars to rural northern Maine. It effectively doubles the permitting process for wind projects, creating investor uncertainty, they say.

SunEdison spokesman John Lamontagne said his organization is reviewing the vote.

“We’re determining if it has any impact on potential projects,” Lamontagne said.

An EverPower spokesman could not be reached.

On May 9, the commission voted to remove from the expedited permitting zone several other Somerset County areas. They were: Big Moose, Harfords Point, Moosehead Junction and Sandbar Tract townships; Moxie Gore, Parlin Pond, Rockwood Strip and two plantations, The Forks and West Forks. Three Franklin County areas also were removed, Freeman and Lexington townships and Highland Plantation, as was Trescott Township in Washington County, officials said.

## PCES receives \$1,000 for library books

**GUILFORD** -- As part of the 2016 Books Across America Library Books Award, the NEA Foundation has distributed 100 awards for \$1,000 each to schools across the country.

Piscataquis Community El-

ementary School Librarian Charlotte Violette applied for and received an award for the school library. The high interest books purchased with these funds will be available for the students when school reconvenes in the fall.

## Milo Free Public Library news

By Rochelle Williams  
Library Director

**MILO** — The children’s summer reading program theme this year is “On your mark, get set ... READ!” Sign-up week is June 20-24. The program will run for five weeks beginning June 27 with a final party on July 29.

A gentleman contacted me in March regarding sending used children’s books to him in Taiwan. He is originally from Illinois and has a business near the elementary school of 200 students. He has volunteered to help reinforce the kids’ basic language skills. Picture books for grades 1-3 are best. We sent him five books and he greatly appreciated it. If anyone is in-

terested, please contact me here at the library and I can give you his name, e-mail address and shipping information.

Kathy’s pick is “Go Green”, a book that could have a green cover or the word green in the title. Come and check out the selected variety.

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## Trash

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ing someone from within because they know the layout and they know what to do,” Commissioner Jim Annis said.

A decision on the hiring of York as head of maintenance is scheduled for June 21. In the meantime, the county will advertise for York’s current position.

“I did ask Tom if I could fill in if they needed me,” Ronco said about covering vacation and sick time.

Another county position will also need to be filled as Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tom Capraro said EMA administrative/probate clerk Brenda Clawson will be departing on June 24 to resume her teaching career.

Clawson had been with the county for about five months as the position was newly created at the start of the year, with Clawson spending approximately four days with the EMA and a fifth day with probate.

In his report, Lizotte said he will be in Augusta for a June 16 session concerning the Atkinson de-organization efforts. He said next week the likely conclusion at the meeting will be that a study on the matter is done.

“There’s many hurdles to go with that,” Lizotte said.

## 4-H Adventures in Health Science slated

**GREENVILLE** — Are you between the ages of 12-18 and interested in a career in the health field? Do you know someone who is?

The Adventures in Health Science program will be held at C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital from June 28-30. Participants will learn about the anatomy (structure), physiology (function) and pathology (function of diseases and conditions) of the respiratory system while meeting with people who work in the healthcare field. The program runs from 10 am to 2 p.m. all three days, with lunch provided.

4-H encourages kids to “learn by doing” and this program will be as hands on as possible, including participating in dissections of animal lungs with a vet. The program cost is waived for currently enrolled 4-H members. Please sign up by June 21, by contacting Sheila Norman at UMaine Extension in Piscataquis County at 564-3301 or sheila.norman@maine.edu.

## Center Theatre awarded \$2,700 grant

**DOVER-FOXCROFT** — The Center Theatre has been awarded \$2,700 from the Maine Community Foundation’s Piscataquis County Fund. The grant will be used to build board and staff capacity, according to Executive Director Patrick Myers.

“We’ll be using the support to send members of our staff and board to various trainings and workshops this year,” Myers said. “It will help to educate new board members about the role and responsibilities of nonprofit board members. And for the staff, we’re looking at volunteer management, social media and marketing, as well as nonprofit management as areas in which to provide training.”

The Maine Community Foundation has a long history of supporting the Center Theatre via grants from various funds. “They’ve supported us through the purchase of energy-efficient LED spotlights, helped us grow our community theater, supported our drama camp, and were instrumental in beginning our Endowment Fund,” said Myers.

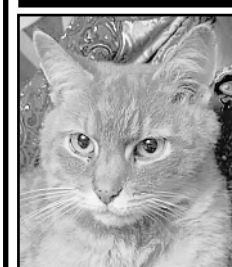
“As we celebrate our 10th an-

niversary, we are very grateful to the Maine Community Foundation and the Piscataquis County Fund for their generous support over the past decade,” Myers said. “This most recent grant is just another testimony to their commitment to our community. This grant will support training for our staff and board that will ensure that the Center Theatre remains vibrant and sustainable for many more years.”

The Center Theatre is a nonprofit performing arts center dedicated to making the arts a part of life in the Maine Highlands. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Center Theatre reopening its doors to produce affordable entertainment, arts and education. For more information, call 564-8943, stop by the 20 East Main Street location between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays or visit [www.centertheatre.org](http://www.centertheatre.org).

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# Health & Senior Living



## Doore receives AFFM Private Agency Worker of the Year Award

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine (AFFM) presented Stephanie Doore, program coordinator at Community Health and Counseling Services, with the Private Agency Worker of the Year Award at the annual spring training conference in April.

In recognizing Doore, AFFM board member Denise Card noted Doore “demonstrates by example how to stay grounded in the sea of change that is children’s mental health service and child welfare, and she does it with integrity, compassion, leadership and an impeccable work ethic.”

Card noted in Doore’s 23 years of working in foster care, “she has written over 3,000 pages for home

studies, attended over 1,000 hours of team and community meetings and trained and worked with more than 125 foster families. Her empathic and uplifting support for foster families provides a positive example for all of the staff who work with families and children, whether foster, birth, kin or adoptive families. She is a compassionate advocate for foster parents and children in foster care, not only at Community Health and Counseling Services but also throughout Maine.”

Doore previously received national recognition in 2011 when the Foster Family-Based Treatment Association presented her with the Treatment Foster Care Professional of the Year Award.



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**HONORED FOR HER WORK** — Community Health and Counseling Services Program Coordinator Stephanie Doore, right, was presented with the Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine (AFFM) Private Agency Worker of the Year Award. Pictured with Doore is AFFM board member Denise Card.

## JD Foundation receives Maine Community Foundation grant

ABBOT — The JD Foundation has received a \$7,136 grant from the Piscataquis County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation to allow the organization to hold a three-day event called “A Journey Through Grief”, especially designed for women who have lost a loved one to suicide.

This grant will help many who struggle with the aftermath of losing someone to suicide and in dealing with the complicated feelings. Those who cannot afford to attend an event like this will now have the opportunity.

The non-profit JD Foundation was founded in October of 2008 after the loss of, William Jody Day. Day’s family knows first hand how this type of loss affects others and they are dedicating to helping others through the process so that they will better their coping skills, form friendships they might not have had otherwise and to learn the natural effects that nature has as a healing tool.

For more information on “A Journey Through Grief”, please call Cheryl Morin at 876-2295.

## Dementia care workshop offers help and hope

On June 28 Pine Tree Hospice is hosting a dementia care workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church. Kathryn Pears, founder of Dementia Care Strategies, will be the speaker.

Pears has a master’s degree in public policy and management and an executive certificate in health care policy from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. Following a 15-year career with the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, she started her own company Dementia Care Strategies.



Pears

Pears trains and consults with families, health and long-term care professionals and facilities, and aging and disability community agencies on the non-pharmacologic management of the challenging behaviors that occur with dementia. Pears also has personal experience, her own father being diagnosed with Alzheimer’s at age 58.

The workshop will cover topics such as what dementia is ... and isn’t, what to expect in each stage, medication, understanding what triggers behavior, creating a supportive physical environment, why people with dementia don’t see the world the same way and how that impacts care. The workshop is open to all personal and professional caregivers and healthcare workers.

This event is part of Pine

Tree Hospice’s Caring for the Caregiver series, which is an ongoing program to educate, support and encourage area caregivers. Caregivers are individuals who take care of a disabled person, an older person who has difficulty with daily living or someone with chronic illness. They can be paid or unpaid, personal or professional. Caregiving is a demanding job that often receives little recognition from society. Pine Tree Hospice recognizes that caregivers need care. This is an issue that affects one in five Mainers. Another issue that is affecting many families in Maine is having a family member with dementia.

There is no charge for attending and lunch and snacks will be provided. To register, please call 564-4346 or email [wecare@pinetreehospice.org](mailto:wecare@pinetreehospice.org).

## Open house

GREENVILLE — New building, new programs and new staff. Come join the Natural Resource Education Center (NREC) at the new office at 19 Lakeview Street (right across from Big Lake Equipment) on Wednesday, June 22 from 3-6 p.m.

Meet the NREC board of directors and the new team of educators that will be leading this summer’s youth education program “The Maine Woods Explorers”. NREC officials have big plans this summer including revamping the MWE program to bring more science and education to the outdoors classroom, the Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail Festival, a pre-K program with the L.C. Bates Museum at the Shaw Public Library and an opening celebration during Forest Heritage Days for the fire tower located at the Visitors’ Center. For more information, please go to <http://nrecmoosehead.org/>.

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DOVER-FOXCROFT — As part of its commitment to making the Maine Highlands one of the safest and most heart-healthy regions in the state, Mayo Regional Hospital offers Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for public use in regional events. Mayo has provided this service to local businesses and workplaces over the past seven years and the hospital now offers AEDs to the community for special events. AED units are used to save victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

Mayo keeps at least one unit at each of the three EMS bases in Dexter, Corinth and Dover-Foxcroft. Community members planning a special event (a reception, party, parade or a large barbeque or clam-bake) can make arrangements with the staff at their nearest EMS base to reserve and sign out a defibrillator for use at the event if needed. The device must be returned after the event so that it can be made available to the next function.

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# Sarah Elizabeth Palmer Tent #23



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**CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS** – The Sarah Elizabeth Palmer Tent #23, Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV) and the Daniel Chaplin Camp #3, Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) held a joint memorial May 28 to honor two Dover-Foxcroft residents who served during the Civil War. Sarah Elizabeth Palmer left home in 1862 to volunteer as a nurse for the wounded in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, Va. She served directly under Dorothea Dix along with hundreds of other women from the north until the end of the war. The SUV honored Dr. Elbridge Thompson, a Foxcroft Academy graduate who enlisted at the outbreak. He was attached to the 12th Regiment of Maine Volunteers and saw action in the Shenandoah Valley and from Vicksburg to New Orleans. For three years Dr. Thompson treated the wounded and witnessed the worst conditions imaginable for a medical healer. He served until December 1864 when he was transferred to the Provost Marshal's office in Bangor until the close of the war. He then returned to Dover and resumed his private practice, along with becoming very active in the community. Attending from the DUV and SUV were Molly and Eric Bennett, Toni Snyder, Jennifer Sylvain, Linda Tozier, Carmen Smith, Tootie and Wayne Bennett, Jim and Mary Annis. For more information about joining the DUV, contact Estella Bennett at 876-3073.

## Muhammad Ali

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expanded our nation's commitment to liberty of conscience.

How ironic, then, to hear words of praise for Ali from those who demonize American Muslims, turn a blind eye to racial inequality and police brutality, and ignore the devastation of poverty.

Ali's life is not a salve for America's conscience — it is a sharp prick that should inspire us to action. We don't have to agree with his politics or share his religion to share his commitment to work for justice, religious freedom and equality for all.

After all, an American is not defined by race, religion or creed. An American is defined by adherence to the principles

and ideals that flow from the Constitution with its Bill of Rights.

Liberty of conscience, freedom to dissent, the right to peacefully protest and petition — these are the fundamental, inalienable rights that animated Ali's lifelong struggle for freedom and justice. Exercising those rights on behalf of the oppressed and marginalized is what makes him a true American hero.

"I am America," Ali proclaimed.

For the sake of fulfilling the vision of a nation with "liberty and justice for all," I hope and pray that he was right.

Charles C. Haynes is vice president of the Newseum Institute and founding director of the Religious Freedom Center.

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benches, trees, and a clock.

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## Elder Abuse

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My grandmother is currently in a nursing home and we visit her often. To hear that people can and actually do these things is unfathomable to me. These people depend entirely on someone else which takes away the dignity that they do have left, abusing that leaves them completely helpless and humiliated.

I believe that elder abuse needs to become more publicized the way that other abuse is being explained. People worldwide are aware of domestic abuse and sexual abuse because there are many organizations projecting its issues out to their communities. Involvement in the community could be a huge help to this cause. Financial Abuse Specialist Teams have been created throughout

the United States to inform the authorities about elders in their communities and the situations they are in. With the public being knowledgeable about these situations and becoming aware that this is a problem all around them, everyone can begin to contribute in small ways to help all of our elders avoid these terrible situations that many are going through unknown and alone.

On June 15, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the winner and runner up will be honored at a press conference at the State House. If you want to learn more about how you can help prevent elder abuse or you need help stopping abuse visit [www.elderabuseprevention.info](http://www.elderabuseprevention.info).

Jaye L. Martin is executive director at Legal Services for the Elderly in Augusta.

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# Maine friends to run across U.S.

*Effort will honor family members affected by cancer*

By Peter Warner  
BDN Staff

Marie Miller has always enjoyed running for fun. Sami Wilson just took it up a couple of years ago — at Miller's urging.

This summer, the two friends will test the limits of their endurance when they run across the U.S.

Miller and Wilson are gearing up to participate in the 4K For Cancer, a 4,000-mile relay from San Francisco to Baltimore. The event, which begins on June 19, benefits the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, based in Baltimore, which focuses on direct patient services.

The race is run in teams, whose members will run two at a time, two miles at a time, alternating along the route.

"There's 27 people on my team, and every day we'll have a different running partner, so we're not running with the same person every day," said Miller, a native of Blanchard Township.

Each team member will run about 10 miles per day, with a rest day built into the schedule every three to six days.

"As a team we'll cover about 150 miles a day," Miller said of the seven-week journey, during which the teams will spend the night at YMCAs, churches and other donated spaces.

Miller was selected as a "leg leader" for the run and secured lodging for 10 nights of her team's trip.

Both women are participating to honor family members who have been affected by cancer.

Miller is running for her late maternal grandfather, Wayne Young, who died of esophageal cancer when she was 12. She said he helped raise her.

"I have multiple family members that have been diagnosed with cancer and fought the disease, but my biggest and first impact with cancer was my grandfather," she said.

"It really changed my thinking," Miller said. "I've always wanted to do something ever since that happened. I think I finally found my way."

Wilson, a Bangor native, is running for two family members. Her aunt Carolyn Dorriety died of pancreatic cancer in

February. Wilson's cousin Jaxson Storm was diagnosed with leukemia at age 4 but is in remission nearly three years later.

"It was really bad," Wilson said of how the cancer took her aunt, which was a motivator to join 4K For Cancer.

The women took much different paths to running the race.

Miller has always enjoyed running since her days at Foxcroft Academy, where she was a soccer midfielder but only briefly ran competitively.

"Running was something that I did to relax me. It kind of seemed like something for my mental health instead of my physical health," she said.

Wilson is a latecomer to the activity. She was convinced by Miller to participate in the 2014 Color Run, a 5-kilometer race.

"I was never into sports in high school," said Wilson, who received encouragement from Miller as she learned to train.

"She was my biggest supporter," she added. "I've been running about four or five times a week and as much as I can. I do about nine miles at once."

Running has helped bring the friends closer together.

"She's my best friend, and now it's something else that we can do together. It's awesome," Miller said.

One of the prerequisites for running the 4K For Cancer is fundraising. Participants must raise \$4,500.

Miller was all set on that count. She was signed up to do it last year but was forced to undergo knee surgery for a genetic condition.

She put on a spaghetti dinner at the Goodwill Riders Snowmobile Club building in Hampden that accounted for \$2,500 of her goal. The facility, the food and drinks and the silent auction items all were donated.

She also held bake sales and bottle drives and made and sold Christmas wreaths.

"I was so grateful," Miller said. "I had a lot of family and friends that helped me."

Wilson also sponsored a successful spaghetti supper that netted more than \$1,500 toward her goal. She conducted a gift card raffle and had a collection box at Spotlight Cinemas and



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**4K FOR CANCER** — Friends Sami Wilson, left, of Orono and Marie Miller of Blanchard are gearing up to participate in the 4K For Cancer. The women will be on a 27-member relay team that will run across the country from San Francisco to Baltimore as a fundraiser for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. The run begins June 19.

Pat's Pizza in Orono and did other small projects.

The recovery and rehabilitation period after Miller's May 2015 surgery meant she was forced to defer her acceptance in the 4K For Cancer until this year. She has bounced back better than expected.

"The surgeon said, 'You might not ever run more than a 5K without it hurting,'" Miller said. "Now I'm running up to 12 or 13 miles, but I'm running without pain, so I feel awesome."

The women have made other sacrifices in order to run the 4K For Cancer. Both have given up their jobs.

Miller, a 2015 University of Maine graduate who works for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and volunteers with the Christine B. Foundation, believes making the run is worth it.

"I think it's a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I didn't want to give it up," she said.

Wilson walked away from her jobs at Spotlight Cinemas and at the Black Bear Inn in Orono.

Remembering people who have battled cancer is a central theme of the run. Miller plans to take along photos of her loved ones.

The teams will have more obvious acknowledgement of those affected by cancer.

"Every single day, everybody on the team dedicates a day of their running to someone or multiple people," Miller said, "and we write the names of those people on the back of our legs. That's who we're thinking about when we're running."

Wilson said the women will run through some interesting places, including the Rocky Mountains and two national parks. On their rest days, participants will visit cancer patients and their families.

"The first thing we do is run across the Golden Gate Bridge. I'm pretty excited about that," said Wilson, who hopes the experience might help enlighten her about her future.

"Hopefully being able to visit hospitals and the cancer centers and places like that might help me find some sort of a career path."

## Lupo

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Lupo to perform at least up to his own expectations, as 70 of his friends and co-workers are expected to be supporting him from the stands.

"For me it's showing my level of skill that I've never gotten to show in front of a crowd before, and to show that I've maintained it and still have it," he said. "I'm 48 and I don't have any kind of grand picture in my head of becoming a world champion. I know who I am and what I am."

"Honestly I just want to represent myself well and I don't want to get caught with something stupid. You see it happen all the time with the younger guys and I think I'm at the age now where I'm not going to walk into something."

Sharing that perspective with the younger fighters, particularly those he trains at The Outlet, also

is important to Lupo.

"I want to represent for my gym, too," he said. "My fighters seem to all think this is going to be a 45-second street fight, and I just want to show them you don't have to go in there and go nuts the first 45 seconds. You see that a lot with amateurs, they just go in there and go to war and punch each other in the face until somebody goes down."

"Your better fighters are more calculating, they're smarter fighters. That's what I'm trying to show my guys."

Lupo acknowledges he was a better fighter at 21 than he will be upon his return to Lewiston at 48, but says Father Time hasn't diminished his competitive instincts.

"Do I think I have as much as I used to? No," he said. "But I think I can surprise some people."



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**RETURNING TO THE RING** — Stacy Lupo, left, pictured sparring with Josh Harvey during an April exhibition show in Dexter, will be making his mixed martial arts debut on Saturday at a New England Fights' card at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee in Lewiston. The 48-year-old Lupo, who lives in Corinna and is an instructor at The Outlet/Shatterproof Combat Club in Dexter, won a boxing match by unanimous decision in what is now known as the Androscoggin Bank Colisee in 1995 during his last competitive bout.

## Historical

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tacting President Susan Worcester at 965-8070.

Dean explained the museum is full of "a lot of old history," such as topographical maps and the oral histories from now deceased residents gathered by local author and historian Bill Sawtell.

Dean said a former Brownville Junction resident Ken Hatchette is currently working to detail all the properties owned by the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the community. "That's going to be quite a project," Dean said, as Hatchette is also exploring the benefits and modernizations brought to town during the railroad's years of operation.

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**TOP WORK OF ART** – Foxcroft Academy senior Youjin Choi was recently recognized at an assembly or her painting of roses. The painting was the first-place winner at the GFWC Maine Spring Convention, and the artwork goes on to GFWC International Convention in June. From left are art teacher Jane Blay, Choi and Elaine Larson, club art show chair.

## Regulations

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work during the summer and fall months and a more relaxed schedule for the rest of the year. The new overtime rule would result in many workers being moved from salaried to hourly positions or even being let go during winter months. This will make it harder for workers to make ends meet and harder for employers to retain high-quality employees.

Businesses are not alone in their concern. Non-profit organizations are also struggling with the impact on their workers and those whom they serve. The Executive Director for Habit for Humanity in Great Portland states that the “new overtime rules will so drastically change our current compensation obligations that we may no longer be able to give our workers the benefits, schedules and other incentives that drew them to us in the first place.” And he notes that “services to those in need will be reduced and organizational funding will decline as resources are spent on overhead instead of programs.”

Indeed, non-profit organizations would be among the hardest hit by this rule. Operation Smile, which provides vital oral surgeries around the world, estimates that the rule would cost the equivalent of more than 4,100 cleft-palate operations. Similar

cutbacks in essential services are predicted by the Salvation Army, youth services providers, home health care services, and blood centers throughout the country.

In addition, higher-education groups nationwide are urging the Department of Labor to take a more measured approach. The University of Maine system, which has worked so hard to freeze tuition and make higher education affordable, estimated that the new overtime rules could increase its costs by as much as \$14 million.

To prevent this rule from going into effect, I have joined a number of my colleagues in urging the Department of Labor to consider the negative impacts on small businesses and non-profits and reconsider its rule. In addition, I am a cosponsor of legislation that would nullify the current draft of the rule and would require the Department to take into account the effects of the rule on small businesses, differences in geographical regions, and impacts on lower-wage industries, startups, and workers.

The overtime threshold has not been increased in a number of years and should be raised, but doubling it will be extremely costly and damaging to small businesses, universities, nonprofit organizations, and so many other segments of our nation's economy and our society.

## Radio club participating in National Emergency Communications Test

BROWNVILLE -- Amateur radio “Field Day” June 25–26 demonstrates science, skill and service. Members of the Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club will again be participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise at Stickney Hill. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of amateur radio. For over 100 years, amateur radio -- sometimes called ham radio -- has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet.

Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Over 35,000 people from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2015.

“It's easy for anyone to pick up a computer or smartphone, connect to the Internet and communicate, with no knowledge of how the devices function or connect to each other,” said Sean Kutzko of the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio. “But

if there's an interruption of service or you're out of range of a cell tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage.”

“Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to a battery-powered transmitter and communicate halfway around the world,” Kutzko added. “Hams do this by using a layer of Earth's atmosphere as a sort of mirror for radio waves. In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines and is a huge asset to any community during disasters if the standard communication infrastructure goes down.”

Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are over 725,000 licensed hams in the U.S., as young as 5 and as old as 100. And with clubs such as the Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club, it's easy for anybody to get involved locally. For more information about Field Day, contact Bill Welsh, Amateur Radio Call Sign KB1WEA, at 717-7838 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/parcradio/>.



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**CIVIL WAR CANNON** – Daniel Chaplin Camp #3, Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) sponsored a cannon demonstration June 4 at the Valley Grange Hall in Guilford. Tim Brochu of South Brewer brought his replication cannon to instruct and demonstrate the Civil War-era artillery piece to the SUV and Daughters of Union Veterans. Several of the men had a chance to fire after instruction from Brochu. For information about joining, please contact Commander Jim Austin at 564-2281 or Eric Boothroyd at 564-0139. Pictured are, from left, Austin, Eric Bennett, Brochu, Boothroyd, Wayne Bennett and Jim Annis.

## Burial

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to call the police when you haven't touched base by a certain hour. And be sure your friend has directions.

Third, don't rely on cell phones. We have vast areas in northern Maine where cell phone coverage is non-existent or spotty at best. So, have your phone with you but be aware it may not work in backwoods parts of the state.

Fourth, dress appropriately. This is no time to worry about fashion. Wear good walking type shoes — uneven cemetery ground is no place to wear your little sandals. Bring bug spray and long sleeves — no shorts or tank tops. You may get covered in ticks or bitten badly so dress for cemetery stalking and have an extra sweater or jacket with you in case you get stuck and it turns cold.

Finally, be sure you take plenty of water and something to eat with you such as energy bars. If you get stranded in the woods overnight you'll want to have something to nourish you. Also, have a flashlight along.

All these suggestions may seem excessive but I knew an

elderly, partially disabled lady who ended up on a little-used logging road miles from the nearest house. She had serious car trouble late in the day. She was unprepared, no food, no water, and no warm jacket or blanket, and no one knew where she was. This might have ended tragically but fortunately a hunter came along and rescued her. She was lucky.

My philosophy in life is always better safe than sorry and this is especially true when you venture into the Maine woods in areas where there are no close houses or a road is seldom used or repaired. So, take precautions, enjoy your cemetery hunt, and stay safe.

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all grade levels.”

In other business, Lucy reported on several staff changes for 2016-17. He said grade 5-6 resource teacher Adrienne Parsons would be retiring and grade 8 English/language arts teacher Kassandra Foster and technology teacher Sean Malone both have both given notice of their intent to resign. The superintendent said

grade 3 teacher Brian Miller applied for and was hired for the opening in fourth grade. Lucy said the new third-grade vacancy is being advertised.

Lucy also said he wanted to thank all of the volunteers at the SeDoMoCha School, who previously were recognized at a tea. “We are just so grateful for all of the support in our school community by all of the volunteers throughout the year,” he said.

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