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Flags of Honor Hike recognizes those who served

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

MONSON — For the third year in a row a group, this year comprised of about 20 individuals, is hiking approximately 120 miles over 10 days from in-town Monson to the summit of Mount Katahdin through the 100-Mile Wilderness along the Appalachian Trail. This year's themed "Flags of Honor Hike" supports the Wilderness Walk for Warriors, raising money for Maine veterans and service members and honoring the nation's fallen heroes.

During the late morning of July 16 members of the Wilderness Walk for Warriors team departed from Bangor by the Maine Army National Guard Base for a 60-mile ride to the Monson Center for Community and Commerce, escorted by the Patriot Riders of America. The Maine State Police lead the procession with team members transported in a pair of Downeast Emergency Management Institute humvees.

Shortly before 1 p.m. the roar of motorcycles could be heard in downtown Monson as the procession arrived from Bangor. Those waiting for the team and their escort enjoyed a barbeque served by Mon-

son's American Legion Post 116 and the Wilderness Walk for Warriors First Volunteer Group.

The outdoor bandstand had the country's and American Legion's flags flying and was decorated with other red, white and blue decorations as the Flags of Honor Hike opening ceremony began. Wilderness Walk for Warriors co-founder Tim Robinson — himself a veteran of the U.S. Navy — began by thanking the crowd for attending and saying, "This is our third year."

Robinson's brother and organization founder Chris Robinson also thanked everyone for attending the hike kickoff. He said the team would be walking the near 120 miles to the top of Mount Katahdin, "All in honor of our service members and raising money for them."

Each of the Flags of Honor Hike participants raises pledges, such as for each mile traveled or at a flat amount. The team members will have a hiking staff and attached to the staff will be a specific Flag of Honor including those for POW/MIA, KIA, Honor and Remember, American Legion, Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and multiple American flags.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

FLAGS OF HONOR HIKE — On July 16 the Wilderness Walk for Warriors "Flags of Honor Hike" started in Monson as 20 participants began the near 120-mile journey north to Mount Katahdin to honor fallen members of the armed forces and first-responders as well as raise funds to assist veterans and their families. Speaking at a pre-departure ceremony outside the Monson Center for Community and Commerce Wilderness Walk for Warriors was co-founder Tim Robinson, left, and his brother and founder Chris Robinson.

Robinson said in the fall of 2013, at the age of 47, he was hiking by himself when he thought, "I have never served my country or done anything like that, what can I do?" Robinson then had an idea of combining his love of hiking and the outdoors with giving back to those who have served. After talking with his brother Wilderness Walk for Warriors was born.

"It has nothing to do with us because we do it for them, and that's what we need to remember," Robinson said about those assisted by

the endeavor.

He said he would be hiking for several individuals this year. One is Robinson's University of Maine-Fort Kent fraternity brother Craig Feeney, who passed away from cancer and was a firefighter in Cranston, R.I.

Robinson said attached to his backpack would be the Maine State Police license plate 616 on behalf of the late Trooper Glenn Strange of Houlton. Robinson asked the audience to look at the license plate visible in the trailer carrying his gear up

from Bangor.

When the Flags of Honor Hike concludes at the summit of Mount Katahdin, an American flag will be displayed that had previously been flown above the U.S. Capitol. The folded flag was presented Chris and Tim Robinson from the office of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine).

Tim Robinson said he has been asked why he and others work to

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Council approves near \$4.4M budget

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DEXTER — The town council gave its approval, via a 4-0 vote with several councilors not in attendance, to a net budget of \$4,386,211 for the 2016-17 fiscal year during a July 14 meeting at the town hall. The figure represents an increase of a little more than \$43,300 (1 percent) from the previous year.

The net 2017 budget is comprised of just over \$3,939,800 in municipal operating expenses, about \$264,250 or 6.3 percent more than the year before; approximately \$282,700 in Dexter's share of the Penobscot County tax; and an estimated \$1,990,670 for the town's portion of the SAD 46 spending plan — a district budget still needs to be approved.

The over \$6.2 million total of these combined costs centers — which represents a 4.5 percent increase from 2015-16 — is offset by nearly \$1,827,000 in revenues (up by 15.5 percent) for the \$4,386,211 total to be raised through property taxes.

Council Chair Michael Blake said getting to the final figure and the approximate \$43,300 increase to the net budget, "I can tell you took a lot of elbow grease to get there. For what we had to work with, I think we did a good job."

In her report, Town Manager Shelley Watson said, "The budget process was long and painful this year, with many cuts and projects placed on hold. Many thanks to the council and department heads for their sincere efforts to keep taxes in check."

Councilor Marcia Delaware, who was part of the 4-0 budget vote along with Blake and councilors Ron Apel and Fred Sherburne, wondered beforehand about how the still to be determined SAD 46 figure should be handled in the Dexter spending plan.

A near \$14 million school budget was voted down last month at the polls in Dexter, Exeter, Garland and Ripley, and a revised spending plan is being brought to a district budget meeting on Thursday, July 21 at 6 p.m. at the Ridge View Community School with an ensuing referendum set for Tuesday, July 26.

Watson said the mill rate would not be set until a later date, and adjustments could be made should Dexter's education share be different than the \$1,990,670 projection.

"I think we ought to leave it alone until we know where

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Advisory referendum enables UT residents to weigh in on Atkinson deorganization

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

GREENVILLE — With the town of Atkinson in the midst of the deorganization process, which if successful would change the community from a municipality to an unorganized territory (UT) falling under the jurisdiction of Piscataquis County, over 650 advisory referendum absentee ballots have been mailed by the county to registered voters in the UTs across the region. The ballot asks if these residents support the deorganization of the town of Atkinson — either yes or no — and the referendum results will be presented to the Maine Legislature should the disbandment effort proceed that far.

The county held two public hearings on the advisory referendum for UT residents, in Greenville and

Milo on consecutive evenings, with the first being held for UT residents from the Moosehead Lake region on July 12 at the Greenville Town Office with about two dozen in attendance.

County Commissioners Chair Fred Trask said the ballots, which are due to be mailed back to the county by Aug. 1, will "make an indication to the state Legislature how the people in the UTs feel about Atkinson deorganization." He added, "People in the UTs usually don't have a voice."

Maine UT Fiscal Administrator Marcia McInnis explained the municipal deorganization process is comprised of three steps, with the first phase already completed. Atkinson residents have approved the pursuit of deorganization, elected a local committee and submitted writ-

ten notification to the Legislature and to her.

"Phase two is the phase we're in and it's probably the phase that involves the most work," McInnis said. She said a deorganization procedure has been written and reviewed by a state commission. On July 19 Atkinson citizens were scheduled to vote on the deorganization procedure via a special town meeting.

"They will vote whether they accept the procedure or they have the opportunity to amend it," she said. Should the plan be voted down — on July 19 or a short time later post-amendments — then the deorganization process would end.

McInnis said the advisory refer-

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Asphyxiation listed as cause of death in homicide

By Nok-Noi Ricker
BDN Staff

GREENVILLE — A local man who died in a June altercation, reportedly in a dispute over rental property, died of asphyxiation, according to the medical examiner's office.

George Bradford Woodbury III, 32, of Greenville died June 25 at a camp off Burnt Jacket Road, near Beaver Cove, according to Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Stephen McCausland.

"The cause of death is asphyxiation, with compression of chest and neck, [and] the manner is homicide," Mark Belserene, spokesman for the state medical examiner, said in an email. No further details were released.

Police were called to the camp around 7 p.m., June 25, after a report of a physical altercation between two people that reportedly was over a dispute involving rental property, McCausland said in a release issued shortly after the incident.

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National basketball group selects Dexter coach

DEXTER — Peter Murray has been the picture of stability on the sidelines as the boys varsity basketball coach at Dexter Regional High School for the past 23 years.

The Sports OBSERVER

By Ernie Clark



next month.

A solid record of accomplishment has ensued during Murray's tenure that includes 260 victories, 15 post-season appearances, two trips to the Eastern Maine finals and a Class C regional championship in 2005.

The Tigers, 12-6 a year ago, also figure to be among the top teams in Class C North again next winter led by a strong returning senior class.

But Murray's impact on the sport in Maine goes beyond those

achievements and his veteran status in the area's basketball coaching community.

The veteran high school English teacher has played a key role in the work of the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches for years, currently serving as that organization's president.

The MABC may be best known for organizing the annual McDonald's East-West Senior All-Star Weekend in Bangor after each high school basketball season as well as the related Mr. Basketball award and other postseason honors recognizing outstanding achievement in the sport by players, coaches and others who contribute to the game.

The MABC also advocates on behalf of the state's coaching community and the best interests of the sport as well as sponsoring coaching workshops, networking opportunities and other activities to enhance the profession in Maine.

Murray now will have the chance to impact the sport at the national level after being elected last week to serve a two-year term on the executive board of the National High School Basketball Coaches Association.

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SAD 41 has potential funding opportunities for school renovations

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

MILO — Last month the SAD 41 board of directors opted to delay an approximate \$10 million school construction project, with no timetable set to resume, based on the concept of a 25-year plan to address the facility needs in the district with pre-kindergarten through grade 12 all being housed at the Penquis Valley School campus. During a July 13 meeting of the school board, Superintendent Michael Wright said funds may be available to make some of improvements that have been discussed as part of the school construction project.

Wright said he recently received a letter from the state indicating SAD 41 has been approved for a \$2.1 million quality zone academy bond (QZAB). QZAB funds for building renovations come with a 0 percent interest rate and the borrowing district pays the principal back in 25 years.

"It would mean \$700,000 or \$800,000 could be saved," Wright said, saying SAD 41 applied for a QZAB loan in the midst of the school construction project planning. He said the project includes

about \$2.15 million worth of renovations, including window and door replacements and upgrades to the heating system.

"They approved us for the bulk of the renovations of the project," Wright said, saying districts awarded QZAB monies need to use the funds within three years. He said recipients need a business partner to provide an in-kind match, and the district has already spoken with the non-profit Pulling for Kids Foundation of Kansas about this.

Wright said the state is making more monies available through its School Revolving Renovation Fund program. Districts are able to apply for funds and — like the QZAB program — depending on economic factors only have to pay back a portion of the awarded amount.

SAD 46 in the Dexter-area was approved for \$685,600 from the School Revolving Renovation Fund earlier in the year to fix a roof at Dexter Regional High School. The district had 70 percent of the costs forgiven, needing to only pay \$205,680 over 10 years — \$20,568

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Observer photo/Jeanette Hughes

ANNUAL QUILT SHOW — For nearly three decades the Atkinson Lady Quilters have showcased members' talents with a quilt show at the Atkinson United Methodist Church. This year's 29th annual event was held on July 16.



File photo courtesy of Maine Senate Republican Office

CAPTAIN JOHN “JAY” BRAINARD GOLD STAR BRIDGE — Legislation brought forward earlier in the year by Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) 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.” A dedication/celebration of the bridge will take place on Saturday, July 30 at 3 p.m. Pictured in Augusta in March are, from left, Rep. Ray Wallace (R-Dexter), Sen. Davis, Don White and Nancy White (Gold Star In Loco Parentis), Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford) and Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft).

Capt. Jay Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge dedication

ATKINSON — The Gold Star family Nancy and Don White of Atkinson invite the public to the Captain. John “Jay” Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge dedication/celebration on Saturday, July 30 at 3 p.m. The event will be on the bridge spanning the Piscataquis River between Atkinson and Sebec on the Stagecoach Road.

Capt. Brainard lived in Newport and Atkinson, attended middle school at the Penquis Valley School and he was a 2004 graduate of Foxcroft Academy. Capt. Brainard was an Apache helicopter pilot, killed in action in Afghanistan on Memorial Day 2012.

Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville), Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft), Capt. Brainard’s family, friends, veterans and the community will honor and remember Capt. Brainard on July 30. The dedication is scheduled to include the Maine Army National Guard Marching Band, National Guard Honor Guard, the Patriot Riders, military veterans, Gold Star families, the Summit Project stones and speeches by Capt. Brainard’s fellow Army aviators.

The bridge dedication will be followed by food and fellowship at the Atkinson Town Hall and the adjacent newly refurbished Atkinson Veterans Memorial.

Friends don't let friends drunk drive

Ogden earns his Ph.D. in economics

BOSTON — Benjamin “Ben-jy” G. Ogden of Brookline, Mass. — formerly of Derby — received his doctorate in economics from Boston University in April.

A 2007 graduate of Penquis Valley High School, Ogden earned his bachelor’s in economics from Colby College in 2011 and his master’s from Boston University in 2014. He was a graduate teaching assistant at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and from May 2014 to May 2016 Ogden was a research assistant at the Boston University School of Law.

Ogden will be an assistant professor of political science at Texas A&M University in College Station, following a post-doc at Universite libre de Bruxelles from 2016-17.

Ogden is the son of Benjamin and Tami Ogden of Derby, and he is the grandson of Ethel French of Brownville. Ogden is married to Annelise (Annie) Wilson of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Selectmen continue town manager search process

GREENVILLE — The board of selectmen reviewed submitted applications for the position of town manager during a special meeting on July 11.

After about an hour the board agreed by consensus to take no action on the items, other than to have Town Manager John Simko prepare letters for Chair Richard Peat to sign indicating the selectmen have received the materials and that review of the documents is ongoing.

The selectmen were scheduled to have another special meeting on July 18 to again review applications for town manager in executive session.

Each of the five board members will work with Simko to be briefed on five projects in order to be better prepared for the town manager transition. These projects are the ATV and snowmobile trail, downtown revitalization, the airport, Greenville Steam Plant revitalization and solid waste disposal.

Simko is departing at the end of the summer to become a municipal loan officer and vice president with Androscoggin Bank.

Homicide

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Upon arrival, police determined Woodbury was in need of medical attention, and emergency medical personnel were summoned, he said. Woodbury was not responsive, and he never regained consciousness.

“We’re still investigating the circumstance of his death,” McCausland said last week. “We know the medical examiner’s determination, and we continue to investigate.”

No charges have been filed, and no arrest has been made, McCausland said. The identity of the person who fought with Woodbury was not released.

Woodbury’s brother said the family believes charges should be filed against the man who caused his death.

“Homicide ... Now we pray the investigators go after that man who took my brother’s life,” Corey Woodbury, of Portland said in a text.

The Maine attorney general’s office will review the results of the investigation once it has been completed to determine whether charges will be filed, McCausland said.

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Marchese said that investigators are still working on the case.

Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit and Evidence Response Team, Greenville Police Department and the Piscataquis County Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene.

Woodbury was born in Lewiston and is survived by a daughter, according to his obituary.

BDN writer Dawn Gagnon contributed to this report.

Deorganization

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endium for UT voters is also a part of the second phase. “It does not enhance or prevent the community of Atkinson deorganizing, it is a way of expressing how the voters of the UTs feel to the Legislature and the secretary of state,” she said.

The Legislature, secretary of state and McInnis would receive the results from both Atkinson and the UT voters to finish the phase two. After a state commission reviews the deorganization plan, the document would then be voted on by the Maine House and Senate. These legislators will make their decision on “what’s best for the region and what’s best for Maine,” McInnis said.

“If the Legislature approves the deorganization it comes back to Atkinson for one more vote because it’s such a terrific change to the government of Atkinson,” she said. “They lose their corporate powers, they can’t enter into agreements or contracts.”

Interim County Manager Tom Lizotte said this final vote needs to pass by a two-thirds majority. When asked, Lizotte said Atkinson had 326 residents in the 2010 census but estimates have this number today being closer to 300. The town has about 230 registered voters.

“This is the largest community that we know of that is disorganizing,” McInnis said.

The fiscal administrator said the last vote made by Atkinson residents — if the deorganization gets that far — could be part of the gubernatorial ballot in November 2018. If approved then the community would join the county UTs at the start of the next fiscal year in the summer of 2019.

“This is the fourth deorganization attempt by Atkinson and it’s never made it all the way through,” McInnis said, saying very few deorganization efforts have come to fruition. The first attempt in 1997 failed at the polls, and residents approved deorganization in 2002 and 2004 only to have the plan rejected by the Legislature.

County Commissioner, and former state representative, Jim Annis said one Atkinson deorganization procedure was approved in the House but fell one vote shy of passing in the Senate.

Lizotte said the Legislature has not favored the deorganization of communities with several hundred residents. He said earlier in the year a plan for the central Aroostook County town of Oxbow Plantation — with about 50 residents — was approved while the deorganization attempt for the 200-plus population community of Cary Plantation in southern Aroostook County was voted down in Augusta.

“If you say ‘yes’ what happens to the other 50 or so towns?,” Lizotte said.

He said the county UT budget is about \$1.5 million annually, while Atkinson’s municipal budget is about \$300,000 or approximately 20 percent of the \$1.5 million. The interim county manager said the addition of Atkinson would raise the UT tax rate, but it is too early to say exactly how much.

“That’s always been the attraction of deorganization - the lower taxes,” Lizotte said, as a UT the costs would be lower than as a municipality.

Referencing a map included in the Atkinson deorganization procedure, Lizotte said the community is pursuing dissolution because almost half of the community’s taxable acreage is the Tree Growth Program and about 13,000 acres of these lands are in tax-exempt or reduced valuation conservation programs. “There’s very little tax base for the town to drawn on,” he said.

“It’s a very unusual situation, you have all of this land in one town,” Lizotte said.

McInnis said liabilities would remain with Atkinson, such as contamination from a salt/sand pile and a bridge on the McCorrison Road, as identified in the deorganization plan. Lizotte said the county can refuse to pay for improvements needed to bring infrastructure up to county standards.




“What we’ve tried to do is get Atkinson to discontinue some places,” Trask said, such as the McCorrison Road bridge which is not the only way in and out to some properties.

Shelley Lane, director of state schools for education in UT, said Atkinson currently has 34 K-12 students who attend school in the Milo-based SAD 41. She said educational reasons are not why the town is deorganizing but after looking at all the options “in this case Dover-Foxcroft was the decision I made.” Lane cited the lower costs across all grades as well as programming and transportation for why she opted for RSU 68/Foxcroft Academy for Atkinson pupils.

Lane said the town would need to formally withdraw from SAD 41 in order for students to no longer attend schools in that district.

“Right now we take care of about 1,000 students in the UT,” she said, with a budget of about \$12 million funding education for these pupils across the state.


Katahdin Valley Health Center Celebrates National Health Center Week August 8th - August 12th



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Book talk July 30

MONSON — The Monson Public Library will host a book talk by Lauri Anderson on Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m. Mr. Anderson is a Monson native who has lived on Michigan’s Upper Peninsula for many years. He is a professor at Finlandia College and has written a number of books which feature Finnish-American characters.

51st Hall family reunion on Aug. 7

SANGERVILLE — The descendants of John Taylor Hall and Adell Mancell Hall will gather for the 51st family reunion on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Hall’s Christmas Tree Farm, 816 Doudy Hill Road, S. A bean-hole-bean and potluck lunch will be held at noon. Bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share, along with an item for the auction. Come have fun and meet relatives for a day of reminiscing and renewing family relationships.

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Council

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they're going to be and then we're going to know where we're going to be," Blake said.

In other business, the council briefly discussed the possibility of The Moving Wall being hosted by Shirley B. Carter VFW Post 4298 next year at Ellms Field instead of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The wall, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and also inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 Americans who lost their lives during the Vietnam War, would be more accessible to the public at Ellms Field. Exactly where on the property the monument would be placed is still to be determined.

The VFW Post has been serving public suppers on Friday evenings and is conducting other fundraisers to cover the costs needed to host The Moving Wall. Last month Post officials told the council the plan is for the exhibit to arrive in Dexter on May 10, 2017, be assembled by a crew of veterans and then be on display from May 11-17.

"We had a little mishap with our ceiling caving in," Watson said, as the July 14 meeting was moved from the council chambers to the town hall. "We are in the process of getting estimates to get that fixed." She said thankfully no one was in the room when a portion of the chamber ceiling fell earlier in the week.

Second session of theatre's summer drama camp starts Aug. 1

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The first session of the Center Theatre for the Performing Arts' summer drama camp will be performing "The Fairy Tale Network" by John Woodard, directed by David Murray, on Friday, July 2 at 6 p.m. — admission is by donation.

The second session of drama camp, performing "Totally Terrific Tale Tales", written and directed by Bobby Keniston, starts on Monday, Aug. 1 and space is still available.

"Summer drama camp is our longest running program," said Patrick Myers, the Center Theatre's executive director. "It was started by Jayne Lello, one of the founding members of the Center Theatre's board. It is a great experience for kids of all ages as they learn to work together on a play, make new friends, and have a lot of fun."

Camp is held weekdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Sangerville Grange with the final performance at the Center Theatre. Anyone wishing to learn more about drama camp or enroll in the second session, can call the Center Theatre at 564-8943 or stop by during regular



Photo courtesy of Center Theatre

SUMMER DRAMA CAMP — Jonathan MacNeil tries on a mouse mask at the Center Theatre Children's summer drama camp. Space is still available for the second session starting on Monday, Aug. 1.

business hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Center Theatre is a nonprofit performing arts center dedicated to making the arts a part of life in the

Muzzy elected to Unity College trustees

UNITY — The Unity College Board of Trustees has added two new members with broad experience in business and nonprofits, Luke Muzzy of Greenville and Howard Johnson of Toano, Va.

Unity College President Dr. Melik Peter Khoury praised the board's selections. "They are a dynamic group of people who have led successful sustainability efforts through times of change in their organizations," Dr. Khoury said. "They are from business and government, from private and public organizations, from nonprofits and for-profits and bring a blend of views from inside the school, as alumni; and from outside the school, as thought leaders and entrepreneurs."

Muzzy — who oversees real estate matters in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont as senior land asset manager for Weyerhaeuser — is responsible for identifying and evaluating lands that have recreational, conservation and development uses, working closely with state and local government, and community leaders.

A lifelong resident of Greenville, Muzzy is very involved in his community and state, currently serving as president of the Moosehead Lake Economic Development Council. He is a 1983 Magna Cum Laude

graduate of the University of Maine.

"As a lifetime resident of Maine, I am very excited to join the Unity College Board of Trustees," Muzzy said. "My appreciation for Unity College is rooted in my love for the state of Maine, its people and especially the beautiful natural places. I see Unity as focused on helping Maine — and our country, really — with finding a balance that sustains communities and conserves our natural resources for future generations."

His civic interests include posts with the Moosehead Lake Kiwanis Club, Maine Woods Consortium, Moosehead Marine Museum, Eastern Maine Healthcare Charities, Maine Community Foundation, the Greenville Board of Selectmen, C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital, Moosehead Lake Chamber of Commerce and the University of Maine Foundation. Muzzy is married with two grown children.

"Luke brings a depth of nonprofit experience blended with success in the business world that's hard to match," Dr. Khoury said. "As a lifelong Mainer and fourth-generation resident of Greenville, I doubt there's anyone who knows more about Maine and its place in the world than Luke. I am thrilled to have his perspective as a Unity College trustee."



Luke Muzzy

SAD 4 lands grant to build distance learning network

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded a total of \$1,644,596 in grant funding to four Maine school districts and a rural health care provider through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program. The funding will help connect rural communities with medical and educational experts in other parts of the country, increasing access to health care, substance misuse treatment and advanced educational opportunities.

The Guilford-based SAD 4 will be awarded a \$239,235 grant to establish a distance learning network connecting instructors at the Maine Tri-County Technology Center to students in 10 rural schools in Maine, three rural schools in New Hampshire as well as the Passamaquoddy Recreation Boys & Girls Club located in the Indian Township of Passamaquoddy.

"Broadband and telehealth technologies have become critical tools for rural communities, helping connect students with teachers and patients with doctors," Sens. Collins and King said in a joint statement. "This funding will support rural Mainers in their efforts to bridge the

digital divide and actively interact with experts and resources across the country."

USDA Rural Development State Director Virginia Manuel said, "I am so pleased these five Maine organizations from across our state have received grants through this important program. Distance learning and telemedicine services are critical to the quality of life for rural Maine residents, and these funds will ensure that these programs are accessible, regardless of their rural location."

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program provides funding to rural hospitals, clinics, schools and libraries for equipment and technical assistance for telemedicine and distance learning. Grant recipients must demonstrate that they serve rural America, prove there is an economic need and provide at least 15 percent in matching funds.

Murray

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Murray's selection came during the NHSBCA's annual business meeting held in Kansas City, Missouri, as part of the organization's summer convention.

Murray becomes the first representative from a New England state to serve on the NHSBCA executive board.



Peter Murray

Renovations

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annually — at 0 percent interest.

"We're just starting on the paperwork on that and I'm not sure where we're going to go as a district," Wright said as the school board will have more discussions on the QZAB and School Revolving Renovation Fund opportunities.

Board Chair Arthur Herbest said the \$2.1 million in QZAB funds were approved based on the school construction project, and the directors will need to discuss funding the rest of the work if the project is to continue.

Board member Bob Ade suggested holding a workshop with the select boards of Atkinson, Brownville, LaGrange and Milo to examine the project costs. Herbest said he and Wright

would look into holding such a session.

In other business, the directors accepted the resignation of Penquis Valley Assistant Principal Bill Vigue. In a letter to the board Vigue, who had been at Penquis Valley for two years, said he was leaving to take a similar position in SAD 53 in Pittsfield to be closer to home.

The July 13 meeting enabled several new administrators to introduce themselves to the school board.

AOS 43 Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum Meredith Higgins said, "I've been on the job two weeks, and I've been getting to know where we stand as a district and as an AOS." She said she has worked in education for 24 years in both Maine and her native Florida.

"I enjoy this kind of work,

it's my favorite kind of work — curriculum," Higgins said.

"I'm really thrilled to be hired and on board in this district," Director of Student Services Lori Prestidge said. "This is day 18 and the staff here have been very welcoming and supportive."

Prestidge said she has worked in the educational field for 36 years. For the last 15 years she was the special education director at the Mountain View Youth Development Center in Charleston.

The board also approved the appointments of the fall soccer head coaches. Jason Mills and Dawn McLaughlin will be leading the high school boys and girls squads respectively and Crystal Cail and Erin Weston will be the middle school boys and girls head soccer coaches.

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Anonymous citizens invited to open meeting

To the Editor;
I received an undated, unsigned letter from “concerned citizens of Sangerville” requesting for my resignation as a Selectman of Sangerville.
In response to it and previous queries on my actions and votes as a selectman, I am inviting you and anyone else with questions on my decisions and performance to come to my “Town Hall Meeting” in the Sangerville Community Room, Wednesday, 20th of July from 6 to 8 p.m.
I hope for this to be an informative and civil meeting. Refreshments will be served.
Thomas F. Carone
Selectman of Sangerville

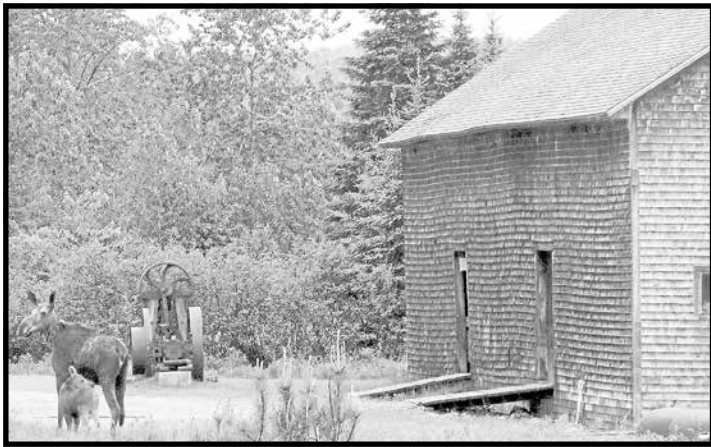
We cannot afford to wait in fight against Zika

By U.S. Sen. Angus King
In Maine, we’ve been battling insect and tick-borne diseases like Lyme for decades. And that experience has taught us the importance of giving communities the tools they need to help protect Maine families. So with the threat of Zika, an insect-borne disease, looming on the horizon, we also need to take immediate steps to prevent its spread.
The Zika virus is a mosquito-borne infectious disease that the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) has linked to serious health conditions, including birth defects such as microcephaly as well as neurological disorders. The CDC recently announced that more than 1,700 cases of Zika have been reported in the U.S. and its territories. But despite this very real threat, our country remains woefully underprepared to prevent the spread of this virus.
This inaction is unacceptable, and threatens the health of families across the country, which is why I’m leading a bipartisan group of my colleagues on a bill to support states and localities in order to meet the Zika fight head on. Our bill, the Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (SMASH) Act, would reauthorize critical public health tools in order to support local and state mosquito surveillance and control efforts. The bill would authorize \$130 million.

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Churchill Dam celebration marks 50th anniversary of Allagash Wilderness Waterway

By Matthew Laroche
In my 40 years of working in the North Maine Woods I have never seen a Lombard Log Hauler actually run or ridden in a bateau. On July 23, 2016 that is going to change! As part of the festivities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway (AWW) we will be hosting a celebration event at Churchill Dam, in the heart of the waterway.
When we started planning the 50th anniversary of the waterway, it became obvious that people wanted to come to Churchill Dam. Churchill Depot once the hub of logging activities on the headwaters of the Allagash is now the hub of recreational activities in the waterway.
On July 23rd, we have an exciting day planned. The featured morning activities will be running Chase Rapids and bateau rides on Heron Lake. Two outfitters will be on site with canoes to rent and provide shuttle service back to the dam from the takeout location at Bissonette Bridge. Waterway staff will be providing tours of the boarding house and History Center throughout the day.
The Maine Forest Service will have a fire truck demonstration, helicopter water dropping demonstration, and bring Smokey Bear.
The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be describing the fishway and fish trap in the dam, and how they work.
Jason Bouchard, from Chandler Lake Camps will provide ongoing fly fishing lessons throughout the day.
Amanda Barker and her husband Bob Sawyer have volunteered to



DAM — A cow moose and her calf near Churchill Dam on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

make bean hole beans, these will be served with hotdogs, coleslaw, potato salad, and biscuits. This delectable fare will be supplemented with the goodies cooked at the open fire baking contest and homemade ice cream.
The day will close with a flag ceremony provided by Boy Scout Troop 184 from Caribou, and music by Larry Hall and the Just Folk Singers of Ashland.
The field next to the ranger station will be open to camping for the event. There are AWW campsites available across the river from the ranger station and water access campsites available at the Jaws, about two miles up the lake from Churchill. See www.mainesportingcamps.com for camps available to rent in the area and www.northmainewoods.org for North Maine Woods campsites near Churchill Dam.

The celebration event at Churchill Dam is open to the public at no cost. The event is sponsored by the following businesses and organizations: Allagash Brewing Company, Irving Woodlands, Clayton Lake Woodlands Holdings, Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation, Landvest, and Friends of Maine State Parks.
The Allagash Wilderness Waterway is managed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s Bureau of Parks and Lands.
For general information on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, go to: www.maine.gov/allagash for an information packet call 207-941-4014; or write to the Bureau of Parks and Lands, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401.
Matthew LaRoche is superintendent of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

Expanding broadband in rural America

High-speed internet is no longer a luxury in today’s digital world — it’s an essential tool that connects people and communities to economic and educational opportunities like never before. And to succeed in the 21st-century economy, Congress needs to invest in the expansion of high-speed internet (otherwise known as broadband) in Maine and throughout rural America.
This week, I was proud to launch the Senate Broadband Caucus with a bipartisan group of my colleagues. This group of senators — which includes Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia), Heidi Heitkamp (D-North Dakota), John Boozman (R-Arkansas), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) — will focus on ways to strengthen broadband infrastructure and deployment across the country in order to help connect our communities to the internet. The

caucus will promote discussions on both sides of the aisle in order to increase connectivity, bridge geographic barriers, and help close the digital divide in rural America.
Broadband can be a great equalizer for our rural communities. Internet access opens new doors to information and opportunity, both for our students looking to learn new skills and our businesses looking to grow.
There is no doubt about the economic benefits: for every \$5 billion invested in broadband infrastructure, 250,000 jobs are created. And on top of that, a recent study found that higher internet speeds correspond with lower unemployment rates, higher median household income, and an increased rate of people getting their bachelor’s degree.
Despite these benefits, we’re not where we should be in terms of broadband connectivity. According to the Federal Commu-

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

IRS impersonation takes troubling turn

For most Americans, tax season ends on April 15. For the con artists operating the pernicious IRS impersonation scam, cheating honest taxpayers is a year-round job.
In this scam, fraudsters telephone victims, impersonate an IRS agent, and demand payment for allegedly unpaid taxes. The callers frequently threaten victims with arrest, foreclosure, or other adverse legal action. Scammers often instruct their victims to pay using a money wire or prepaid debit card.
In the past several weeks, however, the U.S. Treasury Department has learned that IRS impersonation scammers increasingly are demanding payment in the form of iTunes or other gift cards. Once these con artists have the numbers on the back of the activated gift cards, they can either use the cards for purchases or resell the cards to third parties online. A resident of Kennebec County recently lost \$1,000 in iTunes gift cards through a similar scam.
As chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I am focused on stop-

ping fraud and financial exploitation against our seniors, who are the frequent targets of scammers. This problem is immense. America’s seniors lose a staggering \$2.9 billion each year to an ever-growing array of financial exploitation schemes and scams. With the wave of Baby Boomers now a “Silver Tsunami” of retirees, it is no mystery why financial fraud targeting seniors is considered “The Crime of the 21st Century.”
This most recent variation of the IRS impersonation scam demonstrates that these fraudsters are relentless in their desire to rob our nation’s seniors of their hard-earned savings. Thousands of seniors in Maine and across the country have contacted our Committee’s Fraud Hotline (toll-free at 1-855-303-9470) to report that they have received calls and emails that are scams.
In the Kennebec County case, a con artist impersonating a deputy

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

Trains, almost an accident?

Were trains almost an accident? Many members of my family earned their livelihoods from railroads. But when I look at the history of wagons and coaches, autos and trucks, and railroads, it seems to me that trains nearly by accident snuck into a segment of history no other means of transportation was filling.
They had wagons for freight and coaches for passengers, pulled by horses, an ancient power of transportation. Before long, cars and then trucks showed up in our history of getting around.
But why the train? Easy answer. A more speedy way of getting there and getting goods there was needed. The train met that need. It met that need because cars, trucks, and buses weren’t on the market at that moment in our history.
I just finished a book about a small railroad that carried passen-

gers in summer and freight all year from Oakland to Greenville. Made sense. Autos were still in the future, along with larger modes of highway transportation. And because motor vehicles were not yet ready to go, highways weren’t either.
DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE
By Milt Gross
If I’m doing my math right, which is possible, about 60 years poked in before motor vehicles - and roads - were on the scene. Let’s think about trains for a minute. They are heavy, engines and cars alike. They require much steel for their roadways. In Maine, like other places, cars and roads eventually shoved trains aside.

In Pennsylvania, west of Philadelphia and on a path to Chicago, trains run a lot. Both freight and passenger. When I was a kid, we walked over to our local station to watch those western passenger trains stop and then start again with the passengers who had just gotten aboard. Those passengers ride all night before reaching Chicago. Comfortable cars, beds, dining cars, and all that makes a train comfortable.
The tracks run a few miles south of a turnpike and is near a turnpike during their entire path west. Why the trains? Because trains were invented before motor vehicles. I had a choice in traveling between Philadelphia and Chicago, train, auto or bus, or airlines. But what if Henry

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Inside the First Amendment: Out of sight, out of mind

By Gene Policinski
The red, white and blue bunting is down, the flags are furled and the last of the fireworks have been sent aloft. And for far too many of us, that surge of patriotic fervor and effort found around July Fourth goes back into metaphorical storage for another year.
Not that millions of our fellow citizens suddenly turn anti-American on July 5 - far from it. Americans wear their love of country on their collective sleeves all year long, and on license plates, T-shirts and knickknacks galore.
But there is a sudden, dramatic falloff in the depth of attention we give to our nation. Back to work, back to play, back to the daily grind - and largely out of sight, out of

mind are the spectacular, amazing, literally revolutionary messages that these United States have proclaimed since 1776 in the Declaration of Independence, since 1789 in the Constitution and since 1791 in the Bill of Rights: A respect for “inalienable” rights, a commitment to a strong central government restrained by the rule of law, and a profound pledge to honor the basic rights of its citizens.
Each year we celebrate those messages in uniquely American ways: with songs and music on the National Mall, parties and picnics in parks, bright and noisy parades on Main Street and solemn moments in fields of honor nationwide.
And then, our proud annual moments of national appreciation fade

and we return to being citizens who know little and perhaps care less about how our freedoms really work. Too harsh?
Once again, nearly four in 10 of us cannot name a single one of our core First Amendment freedoms. In fact, in the Newseum Institute’s just-released State of the First Amendment survey, only one freedom - speech - could be named by even half of us. I wish I could say that’s the first year since the survey began 20 years ago that such was the case. But it’s been the same every year.
We revert to being a place where, to our joy, some 75 percent of us do

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Are we drifting – individually – as a country?

To the Editor:
On this beautiful July morning in a very precious part of the world, I wonder how many others besides me are concerned about where we are and where we are going. I believe that all would agree that the events, which we are confronted with today, make us pause and consider what is going on and why it is?
It is apparent that the world has changed significantly over the past 15 to 20 years. Our involvement in the Middle East and Afghanistan and various locations in Africa have led to upheaval not only in these areas, but also in our blessed homeland. Are we truly accomplishing anything or are we simply snipping around the edges and avoiding the reality of solving the chaos we have to face, and if not now, when?
As we recently celebrated our birth of freedom and liberty have we taken time to thank our Al-

mighty God for all the blessings that we have received? I hope so, as it is reality that freedom is not free.
It is time for each of us to ask ourselves where we are going and are we significantly involved in efforts to help others in our family and in our community. Ask yourself do you think you have become self-centered and have you just set a goal for yourself of achieving notoriety or gaining significant material possessions, or are you simply drifting along and going with the flow with no real purpose in your life. Neither of these paths is productive, nor will they help you to bring happiness or stability in your life.
How influenced are you by the accepted norms and permissiveness in our society that basically say that anything goes. If it feels good, do it. Is this you, or how recently have you taken time to ask our Creator, if He believes you are on the right

track and are following His will?
I personally believe that a major factor in the confused situations that we face both in our own lives and in the course of our nation is in direct relationship to our lack of commitment to God. It may come as a surprise to many that beautiful Knox County (where I live) is one of the most unchurched areas not only in New England, but in the entire USA.
I encourage all who read this column to evaluate their own lives and decide to make a commitment to follow a change of course and to do things His way and not our own. I say this not from a position of talking down to others, but as a signal to others to change as yours truly learned this lesson the hard way.
This may sound old fashioned to

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Health & Senior Living



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PINNING CEREMONY – A pinning ceremony for recent graduates of a Hibbard Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center certified nursing assistant (CNA) training program was held July 13 at the center in Dover-Foxcroft. From left are PVAEC Director Thelma Reagan, CNA’s Morgan Harmon, Dana Homsted, Jacklyn Neal, Dominique Johnston, Renee Albair, Krista Thurlow and Dana Sherwood and CNA Training Coordinator Suzan Reed. Not pictured, Jennifer Jo Nicholas and Instructor Wendy Pullen, RN.

Dover Cove Farmers’ Market offers Maine Harvest Bucks

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Dover Cove Farmers’ Market is excited to be one of 35 farmers markets to offer Maine Harvest Bucks this season. With the Maine Harvest Bucks program, shoppers using federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive a fruit and vegetable bonus voucher for every SNAP dollar spent at market.

Dover Cove Farmers’ Market signed up for the Maine Harvest Bucks program as part of an effort to combat the fact that Maine ranks 1st in New England for food insecurity. “Our farmers want to feed their neighbors. They want people to eat the food they work so hard to produce. Maine Harvest Bucks are a great incentive to shop at the farmers’ market and get more fruits and vegetables,” said Trisha Smith, a market volunteer.

The federally-funded and state-administered SNAP program provides a national average of \$28 per week to eligible individuals. These benefits can be used for a variety of food

products, as well as vegetable seeds and seedlings and are designed to help relieve food insecurity. Research demonstrates that using SNAP dollars has a positive correlation with childhood development and long-term health as well as the stabilization of local economies. The Maine Harvest Bucks program is also federally funded under the USDA’s Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant.

The Maine Local Foods Access Network received this grant via Wholesome Wave, a national leader in nutrition incentive work. Maine Harvest Bucks helps extend limited SNAP dollars, bringing fresh fruits and vegetables within reach and furthering the positive impact of SNAP.

“Maine Harvest Bucks is a nutrition incentive program,” explains Emilie Knight, SNAP program coordinator for the Maine Federation of Farmers’ Markets (the organization that oversees the program at farmers markets). “The obvious goal is to get more local nourishing food, in particular

fruits and vegetables, to folks who need it by incentivizing more healthful purchases, as opposed to trying to limit less nutritious foods. It is very important to us that this program operates smoothly for farmers and their markets. We are endlessly grateful to the dozens of market and community members who offer their time to make this service available at markets statewide.”

Visitors will find friendly faces at the Dover Cove Farmers’ Market’s information booth. They can explain how the SNAP incentive program works — look for the Maine Harvest Bucks logo on the big yellow sign. Follow DoverCoveFarmersMarket on Facebook or dover_cove on Instagram.

The market is at 1033 South Street (the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce parking area) on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays 2-6 p.m. Visit maineharvestbucks.org to learn about all the locations (farmers markets and more) statewide where these SNAP bonuses are available.

Annual Open Farm Day in Piscataquis County is Sunday

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is hosting the 27th annual Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 24. Open Farm Day is an annual family adventure in which farms throughout all 16 counties open their gates to offer the public an opportunity to learn about Maine’s diverse agricultural community. Many farms will have demonstrations, displays, farm-raised products for sale and animals and crops to experience.

In Piscataquis County, two farms will welcome the public for Open Farm Day. Spruce Mill Farm at 324 Sangerville Line Road in Dover-Foxcroft will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spruce Mill

Farm, owned by Dustin and Natasha Colbry, is a small, sustainable farm with mixed vegetables, meat birds, laying hens and pastured pork. The farm provides the produce and meats for the in-town farm store, CSA and local restaurants. For more information and directions, visit www.sprucemillfarm.com and www.facebook.com/SpruceMillFarm/.

Ripley Farm at 62 Merrills Mills Road in Dover-Foxcroft will be open from 1-4 p.m. Gene and Mary Margaret Ripley would like families to visit and get an inside view of their working organic farm, crops, fields and high tunnel, including a demonstration of the tools and techniques they use to

produce three acres of Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) certified organic vegetables, flowers, herbs and perennial/medicinal plants. Mary Margaret Ripley would like attendees to “bring the kids to say hi to our young pigs and chickens, and take home some of our delicious produce or a gorgeous flower bouquet!” For more information and directions visit www.ripleyorganicfarm.com and <https://www.facebook.com/RipleyFarm/>.

To learn more about Open Farm Day and farms throughout Maine that are participating, visit http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/market_promotion/open_farm_day.shtml/.

Low Vision Group meets Aug. 5

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Dover Low Vision Group will meet at the Thayer Parkway Community Room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 5. Gene Monahan and Jack Beverage will talk about fishing, woodworking and hunting while being blind or having low vision. Beverage will also talk about climbing the Appalachian Trail with his son.

All are welcome to attend, to get support from others and learn about resources. For more information, please contact Nancy 270-2730 or nancy.matulis@yahoo.com.

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Honor Rolls

Local Schools announce honor rolls



Foxcroft Academy Honor Roll

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Foxcroft Academy officials have announced the fourth-quarter honor roll for the 2015-16 school year. The following students were recognized.

Grade 9 — High honors: Brig-id Casey, Nicolas Daneman, Jonathan Feix, Madison Hall, Abigail Henderson, Spencer Ireland, David Mcleish, Gavyn Moreshead, Mariah Poulin, Dustin Simmons, Matthew Spooner, Hannah Sprecher and Hunter Watt. **Honors:** Shania Bates, Makenzie Beaudry, Julia Brasslett, Lauren Cooper, Rebekah Fishburn-Batey, Jenne Haselton, Matthieu Honorowski, Breanna Jazowski, Caleb Ladd, Alexis London, Jacob Marsh, Michaleb Niles, Hannah Poland, Ashley Robinson, Cailin Seavey, Nathaniel Skomars,

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SeDoMoCha School

DOVER-FOXCROFT — SeDoMoCha School officials have announced the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2015-16 school year. Earning top grades were:

GRADE 5 — High Honors: Ivy Batey, Ayda Holyoke, Lauren Martin, Ella Molaghan, Rachel Mullis, Carter Pratt, Anna Raynes, Rylee Speed and Adam Taylor. **Honors:** Justice Batchelder, Olivia Berce, Justin Bessey, Cody Chambers, Cameron Chase, Garret Chase, Adam Conner, Kaitlyn Cookson, Caden Crocker, Taebria Currie, Matthew Dourant, Kendall Dyer, Craig Farmer, Skylar Gibbs, Amanda Greenlaw, Alayna Hawkes, Cadence Herrick, Logan Hinson, Jada Lewis, Kirsten Marshall, Emily McGrew, Emily McLeish, Candra O'Bar, Kholton Perry, Donald Poole, Nathaniel Porter, Aliza Pulkkinen, Brayden Reier, Brayden Rogers, Kiernan Schriver, Eli Shar-row, Cassandra Smith and Hannah Vail.

GRADE 6 — High honors: Aine Casey, Emily Fuller, Jasper Makowski, Jacob Reed, Ruby Rideout and Austin Seavey. **Honors:** Marshall Burt, Grace Carlson, Bodie Clarke, Kamryn Commeau,

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Students earn top grades at Penquis

MILO — Officials at Penquis Valley School have announced the 2015-16 fourth-quarter honor roll. Students on the list include:

GRADE 6 — High honors: Grady Atkinson. **Honors:** Eira Johnson and Alvin Robshaw.

GRADE 7 — Honors: Ainsley Ade, Savannah Boislard, May Horton, Izaak Krause, Zakary Mills and Courtney Rouleau.

GRADE 8 — High honors: Grace McLaughlin. **Honors:** Sydney Fowles and Tegan Johnson.

GRADE 9 — High honors: Katelyn Bolstridge and Camryn Rolfé. **Honors:** Jacob Baker, Jeremy Martin, Leah McKissick, Mackenzi Pelletier, Cymeria Robshaw, Faith Sickler and Faith

Ridge View Community School

DEXTER — Ridge View Community School officials recently named the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2015-16 school year. The following students were recognized.

GRADE 5 — High honors: Emma Alexander, Emily Andrescu, Sydney Dyson, Sydney Fogler, Phillip Folster, Jr., Annika King, William Kusnierz, Annajayne Pitman and Payson Rienhardt. **Honors:** Joseph Bard, Amanda-Jo Blais, Caden Brown, Lauryn Brunner, Rosa Burgos, Ava Campbell, Bryce Connor, Gianni Costonis, Jillian Dill, Zoe Dill, Olivia Gilman, Deago Gould, Jozlynn Haley, Kayden Kimball, Lucreshia Lyman, Hailee McCourt, Alexander Morris, Jillian Poliquin, Alex Race, David Race, Emma Ranquist, Aleah Richards, Kimberly Rideout, Caleb Schobel, Trevor Speed, Zachary Spizuoco, Cadence Tasker, Kelsey Taylor, Emmaline Thereau, Minerva Wigham, Aaron Woodard and Bryleigh Woodbury.

GRADE 6 — High honors: Hanna Morse. **Honors:** Aliviah Anderson, Kiana Bennett, Molly Bennett, Owen Brown, Dakota Burns, Caitlyn Chabot, Patrick Childers, Clyde Day, Avery Gagnon, Peyton Gilman, LaKota Glidden, Caroline

Dexter Regional High School

DEXTER — Officials at Dexter Regional High School recently listed the honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2015-16 school year. Students earning top grades included:

GRADE 9 — Highest honors: Christopher Roderka. **High honors:** Ashley Downing and Shannon O'Roak. **Honors:** Isabella Adam, Emily Albair, Dillion Allen, Elise Beaudry, Samantha Bishop, Ethan Boutillier, Danielle Cummings, Chase Dyer, Christopher Fitzgerald, Yike Gao, MacKenzie Gould, Kaylie Harris, Isaiah Hesseltine, Brandon Higgins, Jordan Hughes, Devan Hunter, Autumn Irwin, Mark Kilmer, David Kirshkalm, Amber

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Greenville Middle & High Schools

GREENVILLE — School officials recently released those students named to the 2015-16 fourth-quarter honor roll at both Greenville High School and Middle School.

GRADE 7 — High honors: Jessica Cobb, Chritian Trujillo and Katherine Worster. **Honors:** Madison Kane and Andrew Pierce.

GRADE 8 — High honors: Noah Bilodeau, Amanda Kline, Morgan Noyes, Halle Pelletier and Thomas Watt. **Honors:** Camden Harmon, Tiegan Murray, Aleya Pelletier and Jessica Po-

merleau.

GRADE 9 — Honors: Dakota Morehouse and Emily Vraux.

GRADE 10 — High honors: Emmanuelle Bilodeau, Sierra Bussell, Nicholas Foley and John Watt. **Honors:** Shelby Cowin, Connor DiAngelo, Hunter Ferretti, Damian Hemond, Anthony Mason and Reilly Pawnell.

GRADE 11 — High honors: Keegan Cannell. **Honors:** Brianna Cobb and Trajdan MacFadyen.

GRADE 12 — High honors: Coty Lee. **Honors:** Brooke Noyes and Kaleb Redimarker.

PCSS lists honor roll

GUILFORD — Piscataquis Community Secondary School Principal John Keane recently announced the fourth-quarter honor roll for the 2015-16 school year. The following were included.

GRADE 7 — High honors: Joel Champlin, Louise Gerickont, Anna Morin and Sarah Richards. **Honors:** Kyle Bagley, Colby Chadwick, Cassie Chambers, Fisher Cobb, Elizabeth Gray, Sabrina Hamele, Joseph Keenan, Hunter Kemp, MacKenzie LaBlanc, Megan Lemieux, Jacob Nadeau, Gabriel Silva, Makayla Talbot and Miranda Turner.

GRADE 8 — High honors: Madelynn Crosby, Ariona Gerry, Caroline Goggin, Macece Pearl and Jemyini True. **Honors:** David Armstrong, Megan Beckwith, Melissa Burdin, Gwenyth Burgess, Chelsea Cookson, Austin ELderkin, Wayne Haley, Shanoah Hill, Emily Hinrichs, Jorja Hunt, Cameron Kendall, Sean Kimball, Taylor Marson, Megan McLaughlin, Zachary Priest, Preston Ricker, Olivia Riitano, Morgan Smith and Mya Young.

GRADE 9 — Honors: Rachel

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Preparation makes for great beginnings, conclusions at Maine Lobster Bowl

By Ernie Clark
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic is loaded with beginnings and conclusions.

The annual all-star football game featuring the state's top high school players from the previous year's senior class is a summertime institution now in its 27th year, and already has raised more than a half-million dollars for the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

To those who participate that's the biggest beginning, the opportunity to help youngsters they don't know begin to recover from injury or illness simply by playing a sport they love.

The game, played Saturday from historic Waterhouse Field in Biddeford after a weeklong training camp at Foxcroft Academy, also represents a personal football beginning or conclusion for each player.

It's the last game affiliated with their high school careers for the approximately 90 players divided into East and West squads, and many will never don their pads again — a definitive but memorable conclusion to their careers.

For others it's the beginning of the next phase of their career, a head start of sorts for preseason practices on the collegiate level that begin next month.

And for some 20 coaches from around the state who donate their time to the effort, it's both a final reflection on the previous season and a jump-start for the coming high school campaign less than a month away.

"It's the kids, it's the coaches, it's the mission of what the Shrine does, really," said East head coach Bob Sinclair of Orono High School, who also held the same position in 1999 when the East scored its first Lobster Bowl victory after nine losses. "It's an awful lot of work to do this, but once you take that first step and get there and start doing it, it goes by really, really fast."

"And what the Shrine does with all the money that's raised and all the exposure they get to help kids in the hospitals, that's where it's at."

So no wonder given all the emotional elements related to the event that each year's game is several months in the making.

Building a game plan

Work on the Lobster Bowl begins shortly after the end of the previous high school football season when coaches from around the state nominate players from their teams to fill the rosters.

"It means a lot," said recent Foxcroft Academy graduate Connor Holmes of his selection. "It's an amazing tradition that's been going on for a long time and it's something most high school football players look forward to once they've reached their prime and gotten to the end of their high school careers."

The honorees then fulfill a fund-raising responsibility in order to assure their participation in the game while the coaching staffs begin to formulate game plans during the dead of winter based on their preliminary rosters.

"We met a few times before we got here," said Sinclair. "We didn't

meet as an offensive staff or a defensive staff. We met all three times with both the offense and defense and looked at our stuff and looked at our personnel and made some decisions about what we would run to put the kids in the best position to be successful."

It's almost the equivalent to fantasy football for the coaching staffs, taking the state's best individual football talent and molding it into successful offensive, defensive and special team units in just 15 practices spread over six days.

Analyzing talent and developing playbooks are two critical parts of the pre-training camp work, and that involves assessing roster-wide trends as well as particular personnel groupings.

"Take the Old Town kids, for example," said Sinclair. "They had a fantastic year last fall [reaching the Class C North championship game]. It was a great job by their coaches and the community came alive and they brought football back there, so we knew we were going to be taking [wide receiver Andre] Miller and [quarterback Jake] Jarvis as a package."

"We wanted to take advantage of what those two kids do and coach them up with [Foxcroft's] Hunter Smith and Anthony Brunelle from Cony (of Augusta). That's what we did when we started, look at those kinds of combinations."

That exercise was repeated at every level on the field, all producing what the coaches believe will be complementary rosters.

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LOBSTER BOWL



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PLAYING FOR A CAUSE — Lobster Bowl East team players practice at Foxcroft Academy on Wednesday in preparation for the Saturday game. The Lobster Bowl, featuring the top seniors from across Maine, benefits Shriners Children's Hospitals.

East prevails over West as teams set record for points in Lobster Bowl

By Will Kramlich
Sun Journal Staff

BIDDEFORD — Defense be damned.

The East scored a team-record 58 points and combined with the West for game-record 110 overall points in the East's 58-52 victory in the 27th Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic at Waterhouse Field on Saturday. The East roster included Bryce Salsbury of Dexter Regional and Foxcroft Academy's Brandon Brock, Connor Holmes and Hunter Smith with Foxcroft head coach Danny White a member of the coaching staff. The Ponies' Kimmy Hanson a part of the East cheering squad.

"That's a first for me and a lot of other guys," said West quarterback Dalton Therrien of Oak Hill High School, who scored two touchdowns. "A hundred-and-ten points in a high school football game is crazy."

The East, which narrowed the West's overall series lead to 18-9, jumped on the scoreboard early — with some help from the West. The opening kickoff went between West returners Cullen McCarty and Lucas Rhoy, who both tried to catch the kick but instead teamed up for a fumble. The East recovered, and barely looked back.

Brunswick's Will Bessey ran in for a score on the third play of the game to put the East up 6-0. The West countered with a 2-yard run from team MVP Zach Doyon, of Marshwood, followed by a 2-point throw from Therrien to Doyon, to make it 8-6.

Bangor's Dane Johnson ran in from 16 yards out for the East on the ensuing drive, and Portland running back Joe Esposito tossed a 2-point score to Old Town's Andre Miller for a 14-8 East lead.

The West had a short drive end with a punt from Leavitt's Levi Craig — which turned out to be the lone punt of the game. The East got the ball back in West territory and needed just six plays for an Esposito touchdown run.

The East got the ball right back thanks to a successful squib kick that bounced off a West up-man. The ensuing drive lasted one play into the second quarter, and Esposito barreled in from a yard out to make it 30-8.

The West regained its scoring touch on the next drive. Using eight runs (including four from Doyon) and one pass, the West cut the deficit to 30-14 with a 1-yard QB keeper by Therrien.

At that point in the game, it was Miller time. The Old Town receiver was targeted four straight times by teammate Jake Jarvis, and caught two of them, including a 13-yard scoring strike.

The West sandwiched a pair of scoring drives (with Craig touchdown passes going to Thornton Academy's Corey Hart and Doyon) around a failed fourth-down pass from the East on a bad punt snap, cutting the lead to 36-30 with 22

seconds left in the half.

That was more than enough time for Miller, who caught a short pass from Madison's Chase Malloy on the East's next play, then ran up the sideline, hurdled a defender, and coasted in for six with 4.4 seconds left for a 44-30 East lead at halftime.

"I'm just kind of a big receiver. Unless if there's a big corner on me, it's kind of a mismatch," said Miller, the East MVP. "They were playing kind of far back in the beginning of the game. So we just kept doing short routes. It worked out."

In a game that feature roughly 150 plays, Miller made the most of getting the ball in his hands eight times on offense. He caught seven passes for 207 yards and four touchdowns, and also added a 6-yard run. "I just wanted to make a play every time I touched the ball because I knew we had a lot of playmakers on our team," Miller said. "I just knew every time that I got the ball I just had to make something happen because I wasn't going to get it much."

Miller almost had another touchdown on the East's first drive of the second half, but Yarmouth's Jack Snyder jumped in front of a Malloy pass intended for Miller at the goal

line, then returned the pick 45 yards. Therrien later ran in from one yard out on fourth down to cut the game to 44-38.

Miller countered with his third scoring catch of the game, and second from Jarvis, from 40 yards out and off a deflection.

"It was still there," Miller said of his chemistry with Jarvis. "You could tell."

York's Cullen McCarty did the scoring honors for the West next, rumbling in from seven yards out. Then after the East opened the fourth quarter with a drive ending in an overthrow from Jarvis to Miller, Doyon scored from one yard out to tie the game 52-52.

"Coming from behind, it was hard, but we did a good job of battling the entire game and never giving up," Therrien said.

"It shows what kind of character they have, they didn't give up," added Stacen Doucette, Oak Hill's coach who led the West coaching staff.

Jarvis and Miller hooked up one last time for a score, ending the quartet of touchdown strikes with a

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EAST TEAM

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TRAINING ROOM — Chris Sementelli squirts saline into a puncture wound on the foot of Lobster Bowl West player Danny Guiliani of South Portland after morning practice on Wednesday at Foxcroft Academy.



Sementelli is the Sports Medicine Manager at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta; this will be his 16th year with the Lobster Bowl.



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FOXCROFT ACADEMY HOSPITALITY — From left, Curtis McLeod, Ethan Sewell-Berry, Isaiah Swan, Garret Ring and Tyler Ripley, all Lobster Bowl team East players, sit down to lunch at Foxcroft Academy on Wednesday following morning practice. The East and West teams spent a week in Dover-Foxcroft leading up to the 2016 game on Saturday in Biddeford.



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HOME FOR A WEEK — A Lobster Bowl football player makes his way to the locker rooms at Foxcroft Academy following practice. The school hosted both the East and West teams in its dorms during the week leading up to the senior all-star game on Saturday in Biddeford.



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READY FOR THE GAME — The Lobster Bowl East defense cheers post-practice at Foxcroft Academy in preparation for the game on July 16 - which the East won 58-52.

Players try to beat the heat with multifaceted strategy

By Ernie Clark
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — One inevitable challenge for Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic participants each year is contending with the heat of summer, and the weeklong training camp under way at Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft in anticipation of the 27th annual benefit game in Biddeford is no exception.

After enjoying mild temperatures on Sunday and a bright, comfortable Monday, the temperature and humidity began to inch up Tuesday as the East and West squads made up of the top players from the state's high school Class of 2016 continued with their double- or triple-session daily practice schedules.

"Today's pretty hot," said recently graduated Bangor High School running back Dane Johnson. "It's not something that's fun to look forward to, but we're just going to continue to work hard."

"It's adversity, but we've just got to push through it to be ready for Saturday."

Many of the players and coaches find the conditions similar to those they experienced at the outset of preseason practices in mid-August throughout their high school careers.

"We've been through it for four years in double sessions," said former Brewer High School linebacker Dylan Severance, "so we just keep ourselves hydrated and try to stay in the shade as much as we can."

Coping with the heat involves a multifaceted strategy that begins in the air-conditioned dormitories on the Foxcroft campus that house the players and coaches.

"We're fortunate enough to have AC in our dorms, so after those hot practices we'll shower up and just hang out there and cool off a bit," said Johnson. "We just have to eat well and stay hydrated to get ready for the heat."

That preparation includes drinks from fountain stations in the cafeteria during meals throughout the day, as well as water and other drinks made available in the dorms.

"By the end of the week we'll have gone through 50 cases of water [24-packs] and 50 cases of Gatorade

[18-packs]," said Danny White, Foxcroft Academy's chief financial officer and head football coach and a veteran member of the Lobster Bowl's East team coaching staff.

"It's a lot, and by [mid-] Monday we had already gone through 100 pounds of ice."

Plenty of water also is available at practice, as well as shade tents that enable the players and coaches to escape the mid-July sun.

"We're going to be careful with our kids," said East head coach Bob Sinclair of Orono High School. "We've got a shade tent to get them in the shade when we can. We give them water breaks, and we tell the kids, 'If you're not in a drill and you feel like you need water, go get it.'"

"We're not going to take any chances."

The players and coaches are supported by a training staff that includes Foxcroft Academy trainer Jackie Tourtelotte, Chris Sementelli and his sports medicine staff from MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta, and J.P. Stowe, who provides athletic training services for Orono High School.

"Safety is the first priority, no question," said Sinclair. "First of all, we don't want to put the kids in a tough situation where many of them haven't had a lot of physical activity until now, and we don't want them to be in a situation where they can't play."

Sinclair and West head coach Stacen Doucette of Oak Hill High School in Wales also can adjust the amount of protective pads their players wear during practices to account for weather conditions.

"We'll take stuff off," said Sinclair. "[Tuesday] afternoon we're going with just uppers. [Tuesday] morning we went with full pads because we felt we had to get that out of the way and it was a little bit cooler then, but we didn't want to put them in full pads later in the day."

"We'd rather take it a little easy on them and go uppers or just helmets. At some point in time [Wednesday] we're going to go just with helmets and review all of our special teams because we need to do that."

"We don't need to be out there banging heads every day," he added. "We just don't need to do that."

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Wednesday, July 20—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators vs. Skowhegan 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 21—LEGION BASEBALL: Zone 1 play-in at Husson (Bangor). **TRACK:** Foxcroft Youth Track at USATF-Maine Group D meet 2 p.m. (Old Town High School).

Friday, July 22—LEGION BASEBALL: Zone 1 tourney at Husson (Bangor).

Saturday, July 23—CANOE RACE: Three Rivers Kiwanis Sebec River Canoe/Kayak Race 10 a.m. (Sebec Village). **LEGION BASEBALL:** Zone 1 tourney at Husson (Bangor). **PISTOL SHOOTING:** Big Pine Gun Club action pistol shooting competition 8:30 a.m. (Rt. 150—Abbot).

Thursday, July 28—TRACK: Foxcroft Youth Track at USATF-Maine Group D meet 2 p.m. (Old Town High School).

Saturday, July 30—ROAD RACE: Friends of Community

Fitness River Festival Kids Half Mile Fun Run 7:30 a.m. and 5K 8 a.m. (Guilford athletic fields). **TRIATHLON:** Moosehead Try-Athlon 9 a.m. (Bartley's Garage Beach—Greenville).

Thursday, Aug. 4—TRACK: Foxcroft Youth Track at Junior Division qualifying meet 10 a.m. (Old Town High School).

Saturday, Aug. 6—GOLF: Grapevine Association golf scramble 9 a.m. Squaw Mt. Village (Greenville Junction). **ROAD RACE:** Pony Pride 5K 8 a.m. (Foxcroft Academy).

Saturday, Aug. 13—LUMBERJACK COMPETITION: Forest Heritage Days Game of Logging 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Greenville school grounds). **ROAD RACE:** Maine Red Hot Dog Festival 5K Bun Run 8 a.m. (Main St.-Dexter). **TRACK:** Foxcroft Youth Track at state championship meet 9 a.m. (Cony High School—Augusta).

Foxcroft Youth Track travels to Brewer

BREWER — The Foxcroft Youth Track team took part in the second USATF-Maine Group D meet of the summer season on July 14 at the Brewer Community School.

Heidi Clawson finished second in the girls age 9-10 800 with a time of 3 minutes, 12.57 seconds. Clawson also came in fourth in the 200 at 37.17 seconds.

Zachary Peirce had four top 20 performances among the boys 9-10 age group. Peirce was seventh in the 1,500 at 7:05.02 and he finished 11th in the 400 with a time of 1:37.10. He also came in 14th in the long jump with a distance of 9 feet, 4.5 inches and Peirce placed 17th in the javelin with a throw of 41-09.

Fitness 5K and kids run kick off River Festival

GUILFORD — Friends of Community Fitness will host its annual 5K race/walk and children’s fun run on the morning of Saturday, July 30 as part of the Piscataquis River Festival.

The kids race starts at 7:30 a.m. at the downtown recreational fields, with registration beginning at 7 a.m. The event is free, and the first 24 youngsters will receive a T-shirt and ribbon. Awards will be presented to first through third place.

The 5K starts at 8 a.m. with registration at 7:30 a.m. This year the course will be reversed with participants running and walking in the opposite direction of past years. Those taking part will be timed with prizes awarded to the top three.

Registration forms are at www.comfitme.com and registration may be also be done on the morning of July 30. For more information, please contact 876-4813 or friendsofitness@myfairpoint.net.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ESTATES LISTED BELOW:

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2016-060 ESTATE OF ETTA M. HUBBARD, late of Greenville, Maine deceased. Patricia H. Brown, P.O. Box 223, Monson, ME 04464 appointed Personal Representative.

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2016-062 ESTATE OF FRANK GEORGE PERKINS, late of Milo, Maine deceased. Kevin P. Perkins, 53 Ocean View Ave., South Portland, ME 04106 appointed Personal Representative.

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2016-071 ESTATE OF LEON R. FARRAR, SR., late of Brownville, Maine deceased. Barbara J. Farrar, 1016 Main Road, Brownville, ME 04414 and Leon R. Farrar, Jr., P.O. Box 732, Brownville, ME 04414 appointed Personal Representatives.

2016-072 ESTATE OF BETSY ELLEN HILL, late of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine deceased. Isaac Wilkins, 638 Airline Rd., Clifton, ME 04428 appointed Personal Representative.

Notice is hereby given by the respective petitioner that she has filed the following proceeding. This matter will be heard at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be on August 9, 2016. The requested action may be made on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-A M.R.S.A. §3-403 and Probate Rule 4.

2016-069 In Re: LAW LEWIS GRAY, minor. Petition of Steven A. Hinkley, legal guardian of said minor, requesting that the name of said child be changed to LAW ARTHUR LEWIS HINKLEY. Steven A. Hinkley, 6 Crows Corner Rd., Greenville, ME 04441.

2016-070 In Re: JESSIE LEE TOMASSO, minor. Petition of Kristine M. Arnold, legal guardian of said minor, requesting that the name of said child be changed to JESSIE LEE ARNOLD. Kristine M. Arnold, P.O. Box 1607, Greenville, ME 04441.

To be published on July 20 & 27, 2016

Dated: July 14, 2016

/s/ Donna M. Peterson, Register

Piscataquis County Probate Court

Sebec Lake mapping project underway

Cloudy skies, cool temperatures and rough water did not deter the Sebec Lake Invasive Plant Patrol from starting the 2016 mapping season this past weekend. “It turns out those cloudy skies are perfect for viewing under the surface”, said Brian Krause, team member who teaches at the Foxcroft Academy. “There’s far less glare and the equipment we use performs well even in rough water.”

The team picked up in Newell Cove, where they initiated the mapping/monitoring effort last summer. After evaluating the 2015 sessions, the team is evolving their methods to better meet the specific conditions of Sebec Lake.

“We tried something a bit different this session, putting the observer in the water, using the trunk scope walking along the shore out to about five feet deep,” said Rudy Davis, project director. “This person is shadowed by a recorder in a boat who makes a record of where vegetation is seen, what type,

density, etc.” Davis explained that this system worked very efficiently. A two person team was able to cover nearly a half mile of shoreline in about one hour. “We’ve observed that Sebec Lake, despite being one of the clearest, cleanest and deepest lakes in Maine, typically sees little or no vegetation beyond six to seven feet of water depth. That makes it quite walkable.” The results of the latest session continue to be excellent. “No invasives found,” Krause said. “Just healthy, native vegetation common to Maine lakes.” Krause teaches in the science department at Foxcroft Academy and he is getting students interested in the environment involved in the project.

The team currently has five more mapping sessions scheduled for this summer. “We have ambitious goals,” Davis said. Anyone interested in joining the effort can contact Davis or Krause via the Sebec Lake Association website at www.sebeclakeassoc.com.



Photo courtesy of Sebec Lake Association

MAPPING SEBEC LAKE – Brian Krause using the trunk scope to identify plant life in Newell Cove on Sebec Lake last week. Krause noted that “ it was easy to maneuver around and visibility of the lake bottom was outstanding!”



Contributed photo

LEAGUE CHAMPS – The Foxcroft team won a close 13-12 contest over Charleston in the 2016 Penquis Little League Championship game on Saturday, July 16. Team members are front, from left, Carter Pratt, Craig Farmer, Skyler Gibbs, Carter Merrill, Brayden Reier and Cody Chambers. Back, coach Joel Pratt, Caden Crocker, Cameron Skomars, Lee Belote, Adam Conner, coach Tim Smith, Anthony Smith, Isaiah Arno, Austin Seavey, coach Toby Arno and Cameron Chase.

Sebec Lake Fourth of July canoe race results

SEBEC-- The annual Sebec Lake canoe race was held mid-morning on the Fourth of July with the following results:

Racing four miles C1 men’s senior 50-plus: first Stephen Metleen 49 minutes, 33 seconds.

Racing eight miles C2 men’s senior 50-plus: first Chip Loring and Rod McLain 1:34.40.

Racing eight miles K1 men’s adult 19-39: first Dale Hartt 1:29.15.

Racing eight miles K1 men’s senior 50-plus: first Dan Baumert 1:50.24.

Racing eight miles K1 women’s adult 19-39: first Alex McClain 1:28.47.

Recreation two miles C2 men’s junior <=18: first Riley Hruby and Eric Strutevant 48:51.

Recreation two miles C2 men’s senior 50-plus: Terry Wescott and JP Latanzi 32:23.

Recreation two miles C3 mixed junior <=18: first Pearl Latanzi, Victoria Latanzi and Peter Latanzi 48:20.

Recreation two miles C3 mixed junior/senior <=18+>18: first Noel Latanzi, Camilla Latanzi and John Latanzi 37:27.

Recreation two miles K1 men’s senior 50-plus: first John Carter 33:43.

Recreation two miles K1 men’s youth <=14: first Russell LaMarre 37:54; second Gunnar Elder 44:11; and third Robert Browning 1:31.05.

Recreation two miles K1 women’s adult 19-39: first Lindsey Zimmerman 42:17.

Recreation two miles K1 women’s senior 50-plus: first Audrey Carter 38:40; and second Sandy

Fessenden 42:16.

Recreation two miles K2 women’s master 40-plus: first Dina Latanzi and Karen Lattanzi 48:27.

Recreation four miles C2 men’s junior/senior <=18+>18: first Bob Miller and Michael Johnson 1:10.45.

Recreation four miles C2 mixed junior/senior <=18+>18: first Jim Lisius and River Lisius 1:09.00.

Recreation four miles K1 men’s adult 19-39: first James Aruby 1:08.32; and second Kevin Jennings 1:13.18.

Recreation four miles K1 women’s senior 50-plus: first Barbara McClain 1:56.08.

Recreation eight miles K1 women’s senior 50-plus: first Roberta McClain 1:56.08.

Lobster Bowl

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hesive units as well as a play-book designed to maximize their potential.

“We all come from our different types of schemes, but football is football and ultimately the fundamentals of football are the foundation of everything,” said Foxcroft football coach Danny White, an assistant coach for this year’s East squad and a Lobster Bowl player representing the Ponies back in 2003.

“There’s no right and wrong way to do this, it’s just different and the terminology is different for the kids. But when you get right down to it, it just becomes football once the ball is snapped and this is a very unique week. I said it as a player and it’s even more unique as a coach because you can live vicariously through the kids. It’s tremendous.”

Behind the scenes

When the players and coaches arrived on this picturesque campus in southern Piscataquis County on a Sunday to start turning their preliminary work — in the players’ cases getting in shape for the double- and triple-session schedules leading up to the game — they were greeted by a host facility that similarly was in training camp mode.

Air-conditioned dormitories, home to approximately 100 international students during the academic year, were prepped for the incoming players, as were separate practice fields behind the school that provide the teams considerable privacy from each other.

“We have the dormitories, the facilities, the management staff and the staff in the dormitories that understands what a residential program is, they’re all very capable and knowledgeable when it comes to having a summer camp of this size because that’s essentially what this is,” White, also the chief financial officer at Foxcroft, said.

“We’re very fortunate to be able to host it here and to be able to operate almost like we run a normal school day.”

Perhaps no one on campus faces more preparatory work than the cafeteria staff charged with feeding the players and coaches four times a day — including an 8 o’clock “snack” each evening.

For the school’s veteran director of food service Rhonda Tyler and her staff, those efforts are similar to a typical school day even though they are feeding only a quarter of the people they do daily from September to June — Foxcroft’s enrollment is approximately 450.

“First of all, they’re great kids,” said Tyler earlier this week. “It’s been a challenge the first couple of days getting the numbers right. They’re eating what we would typically prepare for our three lunch waves during the school day for all the kids.

“We’re pretty much preparing for that many and they’re pretty much eating all of it. They’re big eaters, but they’re out there working hard.”

Rest and repetitions

Training camp is both a physical and mental challenge for the players. While the teams enjoyed a bowl-ing outing on Tuesday and visited nearby Peaks-Kenny State Park on Thursday, the rest of training camp is all about repetitions — and rest.

In particular, players are asked to grasp their responsibilities within the playbook as soon as they can upon receiving it when they arrived Sunday, and for the most part the students are quick learners.

“I think we’ve done great with it, our calls are getting on point and any time we have a question the coaches are right there to help us,” said Dylan Severance, a linebacker representing Brewer High School. “They’ve been extremely helpful throughout this and I think our defense is really starting to get it and get going.”

For the coaches, early mastery of the playbook by the players is crucial to steady progress throughout the week.

“Sunday and Monday and Tuesday are critical days, so we’ve got to be on the same page and that’s why those early meetings are so important,” said White. “We’ve got to get the offense and defense and special teams in, and you’ve got to make sure your offense is getting good looks from your defense and that we’re giving the defense the looks they need to see. We’ve got to be able to find time and structure the practice plans so everybody is getting equal repetitions.

“There’s a consensus of how things flow for the week, and probably by Monday night or Tuesday mid-morning we’d either say we’re all set in this area or we have to circle back because we’re falling behind and the week’s getting away from us.”

While the Lobster Bowl participants represent the state’s most experienced high school football players, there’s also some teaching to be done.

“Some of our kids have never pass-blocked out of a two-point set before because a lot of schools are in that shotgun spread formation, so we’ve had to work with some kids on that and I see improvement every day,” said Sinclair.

“You just have to teach them and keep repping it and they’ll get better. They’re bright kids and good athletes.”

How well they’ve understood those lessons and learned their playbooks was not known for sure until late Saturday afternoon after the East and West battled before upward of 5,000 football fans from around the state.

The West won last year’s game 45-21 and leads the overall series 18-8, but after losing the first nine games and 12 of the first 13, the East has rebounded to win seven of the last 13 matchups and six of the last 10 since 2005.

But while regional bragging rights are big news during training camp and on game day, all the preparation these players and coaches have done reflects an even higher calling.

“We all understand that the focus of this game is for the kids and the Shrine,” said White, “so as coaches you set aside what you do for the good of the team and to make it the best possible experience for the kids while they’re here.

“We certainly want to put them in the best possible position to be successful, but first and foremost it’s about understanding that this is a charitable event for an incredible cause. That’s why we’re here.”

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The Town of Abbot is accepting bids/proposals for its interest in the following properties:

Parcel #1

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6.7 acres with Building

Minimum Bid \$3400.00

Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds Reference-Book 697; Page 61

Parcel #2

2 Juanita Lane, Tax Map 07-Lot 13

5 acres with Buildings

Minimum Bid \$3300.00

Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds Reference Book-441; Page 327

Each bid/proposal must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked “Tax Acquired Property Bid” and Parcel #1 or Parcel #2 on the outside of the envelope, Attention: Selectmen. Separate bids will be required for each parcel. Each bid/proposal must be accompanied with a deposit check made payable to Town of Abbot in the amount of the bid or \$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollars.) Unsuccessful bidders’ checks will be returned uncashed.

All bids/proposals must be delivered to the Town Office located at 113 Main Rd. Abbot, Maine, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26th. The town will make no allowance or provision for delayed mail delivery. Late bids/proposals will not be opened or considered.

Each bid/proposal must be submitted individually on the form provided by the Town of Abbot. All requested information on the form must be provided. The form requires that the bidder state the proposed use of the property and the time frame for completion. Bid forms are available at the Abbot Town Office. This information will be part of the criteria the Board of Selectmen will use for evaluating the proposals and the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to include such details in the purchase and sale agreement for the property.

Bids/Proposals will be reviewed by the Selectmen at Abbot Town Office on Wednesday July 27th at 6:00 P.M. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If a successful bid/proposal is named at this meeting, the deposit check will be deemed non-refundable and shall be applied toward the purchase. The bidder and the Town will then proceed to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the property and the bidder will also be required to execute a Municipal Notice & Acknowledgement form waiving any legal action against the Town of Abbot. No warranties or guaranties can be granted by the municipality to the selected bidder. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to negotiate with another bidder should the sale not be completed within 30 days of the successful bidder being named. The property will be conveyed by a quitclaim deed without covenant.

The tax maps and other public information concerning the property may be reviewed at the Town Office during its normal business hours which are 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Tues. & Fri. 11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. on Thurs.

Respectfully,

Selectmen: Town of Abbot

East team

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46-yarder. The West’s response was a three-and-out, punctuated by a Doyon 2-yard loss on a fake-punt run. A 12-play, all-run drive by the East ran the clock down from six minutes to 17 seconds. Faced with 95 yards to go, the West pulled out some tricks. Craig hit Hart for a hook-and-ladder with Doyon on second down, then the West was given one last chance thanks to a pass interference penalty on the next play. Therrien passed to Doyon, who ran up the left sideline before lateraling to McCarty, who then tossed it to Therrien, who ran out of room, time and options, and the game finally came to an end. “I’ve been a part of a game that was a 42-35 state game, and it was whoever made the first mistake lost,” Doucette said. “We made a couple mistakes, and came out on the wrong side of the (score-board), but there’s no losers here

in this game. Everybody’s smiling. They’re upset they lost, but they know they played well. And they know it’s for a good cause.” Doyon led the West with three touchdowns (two running, one receiving). He ran 18 times for 75 yards and caught six passes for 56 more yards. “He did everything today. All week we knew this kid was a stud,” Therrien said of Doyon. “I’ve played with some great running backs and (Zach and Cullen) are phenomenal. I felt like I was handing the ball right back off to Alex (Mace) and Kyle (Flaherty).” The East had a three-headed monster at running back, with Esposito, Bessey and Messalonskee’s Jack Bernatchez. The East ran for 271 yards to go along with 298 passing yards from Jarvis and Malloy. “We knew we could put points up because we knew we had a lot of playmakers,” Miller said. “We just tried to get everybody the ball in space, let people go to work, have mismatches. It worked out.”

Accident

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Ford, or whoever was really first in the motor vehicle industry, had come along before trains? Answer: probably no trains. I’m not saying trains have no purpose. I have no idea of the equivalent power of an engine compared to an auto, bus, or truck, but - think about this - one engine can pull a long string of passenger or freight cars. No bus or truck can do likewise. One final thought about trains: probably no other means of trans-

portation carries with it the number of fans than does a train. Dolores and I last year drove clear to Boothbay to ride an old coach behind an old steam engine. We’ve also ridden the old coaches from Belfast through Brooks. We won’t forget either adventure. For your railroad adventure, you can drive to one of those places or buy or borrow your copy of “The Old Somerset Railroad”. *Milt Gross can be reached for corrections, harassment, or other purposes at lessstraveledway@roadrunner.com.*

OBITUARIES

Obituary Notices

CROSS, Nelson Armstrong, 87, Maine and Florida, at Fort Pierce, FL, July 7, 2016. Graveside services will be held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter, on July 30, 2016, at 10 a.m. **TURNER, Sarah C. “Chris”**, 79, Monson, at Dover-Foxcroft, July 11, 2016. Graveside services will be private for family. A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

Nelson Armstrong Cross

 Nelson Armstrong “Trapper” Cross, age 87, passed away on July 7, 2016, at Treasure Coast Hospice House in Fort Pierce, FL, after a long illness. He was born in Greenville, ME, to Donald Harvey and Iva Mabel (Wood) Cross. Nelson graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown, PA, in 1946. He served with the Marines on Guam and in China 30 miles from the Great Wall but never saw it. He attended the University of Maine at Brunswick and the Bentley School in Boston on the GI Bill. Early in his work life, he did bookkeeping for Guilford Trust Bank and Fay Scott. He was a real estate partner with A.T. Gellerson flipping houses before that was a thing. He worked at Gellerson’s in Dover-Foxcroft from 1950 until he purchased the business in 1976. He sold the business in 1983 and retired at age 55. He lived in Jensen Beach, FL, and eventually Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. Nelson was in the Hall of Fame of the Indian River Shuffleboard Club. He was a long time pro and head tournament director for the CECD Shuffleboard Club. He was predeceased by

his parents; his sister, Marilynn McGaffin and her husband, Jim; his second wife, Mary; stepson, Forrest “Bushy” Simmons. He is survived by his wife, Judy of Fort Pierce; the mother of his children, Rosalie Leighton, of Guilford; daughter, Joan Forester and her husband, William, of Madera, CA; son, Stephen Cross and his wife, Kara, of North Berwick, ME; stepchildren, Becky (Wayne) Carr, Bonnie (Jerry) Mercado, Gordon Simmons, Kelsey (Robyn) Simmons, David (Sue) Mooers, Rick (Lisa) Mooers, Robert (Leslie) Mooers, Holly (Dave) Fontaine, and Heather (Mike) Dykes; 26 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter, on July 30 at 10 a.m. In lieu of traditional expressions of sympathy, you may make donations to the charity of your choice or Treasure Coast Hospice at 5000 Dunn Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34981.



Sarah C. “Chris” Turner

MONSON – Sarah C. Turner, 79, wife of the late, John L. Turner, died on July 11, 2016, at Mayo Regional Hospital, Dover-Foxcroft. She was born March 17, 1937, in Scotland, the daughter of Donald and Sarah E. (Parkin) Spalding. Chris came to the United States as a British nanny and enjoyed taking care of the many children in her charge. Time never took away Chris’ love for her husband, John, who passed away in 1982. Although she only had two of her own children, she had a large extended family including many who looked at her as a second mother. Chris will always be remembered as a good ear for listening without judgment. She enjoyed reading and being outdoors in the sunshine. She is survived by her two children, Ian Turner and his wife, Sharon, and Beth Campbell; nine grandchildren, Mandy Turner, Lexi Turner-Brogan, Leonard Soto, John Bodhi Turner, Emily Turner, Eli

Campbell, Darcy Campbell, Tristan Turner, and Ava Turner; and her best friend since age five in Scotland, Elspeth Webster. She was predeceased by her brother, Donald Spalding and his wife, Shuna. Graveside services will be private for family. A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. Burial will be in the family lot in Sebec Corner Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 20
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a children’s program with bug and reptile specimens at 10:30 a.m. FMI call 564-3350.
Thursday, July 21
Dexter: The SAD 46 district budget meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the Ridge View Community School cafeteria.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Maine premiere of the veteran-made film “Range 15” will be at the Center Theatre at 7 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.
Greenville: Jane and Ken Brooks perform at the Gazebo Concert Series at 7 p.m. — rain venue is the Center for Moosehead History.
Friday, July 22
Dexter: VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., serves a chicken pot pie supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit The Moving Wall coming to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Center Theatre summer drama camp participants will perform “The Fairy Tale Network” at 6 p.m. at the theatre. FMI call 564-8943.
Saturday, July 23
ABBOT: An action pistol shooting competition starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Pine Gun Club, on Rt. 150, with an additional three-gun match. FMI call 564-0721.
Dexter: The Wayside Theatre’s

annual Variety Show starts at 7 p.m. FMI call 355-5507 or 277-3733.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Foxcroft Academy boys basketball team holds a yard sale from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school parking lot, to go toward the summer basketball program.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Center Theatre hosts a free family birthday party at 2 p.m. for its 10th anniversary, with American Legion Post 29 sponsoring a free screening of “The Lego Movie” at 3 p.m. FMI call 564-8943.
MONSON: A traditional Finn dance takes place at the Finn Hall from 7:30-10 p.m. FMI call 997-3639.
SEBEC: The Three Rivers Kiwanis Foundation’s 10th annual Sebec River Canoe/Kayak Race starts at 10 a.m. by the Reading Room. FMI call 943-2317 or 279-0481.
Sunday, July 24
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Foxcroft Academy boys basketball team holds a yard sale from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school parking lot, to go toward the summer basketball program.
Tuesday, July 26
Dexter: Ray Stafford performs a Wayside Park concert at 6:30 p.m. FMI go to www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events.
SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Historical Society monthly meeting starts at 1 p.m. at the museum.

Wednesday, July 27
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a children’s program in which participants can play soccer and do drills with the Foxcroft Academy soccer team at 10:30 a.m. FMI call 564-3350.
Thursday, July 28
DOVER-FOXCROFT: A free session of the Essentials of College Planning will be offered at PHEC at 1 p.m. To register call 1-800-281-3703 or go to <http://meoc.maine.edu>.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis auction takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds. FMI go to <http://doverfoxcroftkiwanis.org>.
Greenville: Hillbilly Swing perform at the Gazebo Concert Series at 7 p.m. — rain venue is the Center for Moosehead History.
Friday, July 29
Dexter: VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., serves a baked bean/hot dog supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit The Moving Wall coming to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis auction takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds. FMI go to <http://doverfoxcroftkiwanis.org>.
Saturday, July 30
ATKINSON: The dedication of the Capt. Jay Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge, between Atkinson and

Sebec on the Stagecoach Rd., starts at 3 p.m.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: A blacksmith demonstration with John Calderwood and friends — along with wood carver Chris Viera — will be at the Blacksmith Shop Museum, 105 Dawes Rd., from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI call 564-8618.
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis auction takes place from 4-9 p.m. at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds. FMI go to <http://doverfoxcroftkiwanis.org>.
Greenville: The annual Moosehead Try-Athlon, to benefit the CA Dean auxiliary, starts at 9 a.m. at Bartley’s Garage Beach. FMI call 695-5200.
Greenville JCT: Woofstock — Dogs for the Depot takes place from 10 a.m.-noon. FMI go to www.greenvilledepot.org.
GUILFORD: The Bicentennial edition of the Piscataquis River Festival features a day of events, including a 9:30 a.m. parade.
MONSON: The Monson Public Library hosts a book talk with author and former resident Lauri Anderson at 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 31
DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis holds an auction barn sale from 1-4 p.m. at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds. FMI go to <http://doverfoxcroftkiwanis.org>.

Broadband

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nication Commission’s (FCC) 2016 Broadband Progress Report, one in 10 Americans lacks access to broadband. The numbers for rural America are even more troubling, with 39 percent of rural Americans lacking access. The Senate Broadband Caucus will work to improve those numbers and support rural areas. We recognize that high-speed internet is an integral resource and that everyone across the country should have access to it — whether you live in rural Maine or anywhere else. The Caucus also recognizes that Congress doesn’t always have all the answers, and that’s why we will be actively engaging with a broad range of industries and other stakeholders to meet broadband challenges head on. In Maine, we have no shortage of organizations, businesses and

local leaders who are working together to expand broadband in our state. Groups like the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, the Telecommunications Association of Maine, and the Maine Farm Bureau and businesses like Axiom Technologies, Fairpoint, and GWI all recognize the need to harness our collective expertise and tackle this together. With the collaborative work of the private sector and all levels of government, we can expand broadband infrastructure and open new doors ,Aéof opportunity. In doing so, we can set Maine on a path to prosperity. We have a lot of work to do in order to improve broadband availability and connect all of rural America to this critical resource. My hope is that the Senate Broadband Caucus can be a force for good in that effort. Together, we can make a difference for communities in Maine and across the country.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO 14 M.R.S. §6323
By virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated April 7, 2016, entered in the Maine District Court, District Thirteen, Division of Piscataquis at Dover-Foxcroft, Civil Action, Docket No. DOVDC-RE-2015-016, in an action brought by MAINE HIGHLANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, against Michael G. Davis, Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF PAULA M. DAVIS and MICHAEL G. DAVIS, individually, Defendants, and the STATE OF MAINE, MAINE REVENUE SERVICES, Party in Interest, for the foreclosure of Mortgage Deed dated June 16, 2005 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 1660 Page 314, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period having elapsed without redemption, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at the offices of Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, 73 Main Street, Dexter, Maine, on August 25, 2016 at 1:00 P.M., all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed and being situate at 4 Cottage Street in Guilford, Maine together with the 1988 Victorian Mobile Home, 14x80, Serial #13009-IV80144FBK3 Label #TRA114107 situate thereon which is permanently attached to and become part of the real estate. The property shall be sold to the highest bidder at the sale. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will be required to be paid, in cash or by certified check payable to Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days following the sale. Failure to pay the balance due within thirty (30) days following the sale shall be deemed a forfeiture of the successful bidder’s deposit. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. The above property is being sold “as is” and will be conveyed by Release Deed without any warranty as to the condition, size or location of the property or the state of title to the property. The property will be sold subject to utility easements and rights of way of record and utility easements and rights of way that are visible on the face of the earth. The property will be sold subject to real estate taxes assessed by and due and payable to the Town of Guilford. Further information regarding the terms and conditions of the sale of this property may be obtained by contacting the offices of Broderick & Broderick, P.A., at (207) 794-6557. Dated: July 15, 2016 /s/ Richard H. Broderick, Jr., Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

LaBree named to UNE dean’s list

BIDDEFORD — Jacob LaBree of Dover-Foxcroft received dean’s list honors at the University of New England for the spring semester.

LEGAL STATE OF MAINE
By virtue of and in execution of an Order on Motion for Summary Judgment entered in the Piscataquis County District Court, on February 28, 2016 in Civil Action, Docket No. RE-16-1 brought by Howard S. Brower against Corey T. Hill and Melissa C. Hill for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded in the Piscataquis Registry of Deeds in Book 1967 at Page 47, the statutory ninety (90) day period of redemption having expired, notice is given that there will be sold at a public sale at 10:00 a.m. on September 1, 2016 at the Law Office of David Levesque, 242 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine, the premises described in the mortgage and being a certain lot of land only, described as Lot #3 on Gales Road in Abbot, Piscataquis County, Maine.
TERMS OF SALE:
The property will be sold to the highest bidder at the sale, who shall pay a deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in cash, certified check or funds acceptable to the mortgagee at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Howard S. Brower with the aforesaid five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as a non-refundable and non-interest bearing deposit thereon providing for a closing within thirty (30) days of the date of the public sale, at which time the balance of the bid price will be due and payable in cash or certified funds payable to Howard S. Brower, which will then deliver a duly executed quitclaim deed. The sale shall be made subject to: (a) any condition, which a title search would reveal, (b) any unpaid taxes or assessments due to the Municipality of Abbot, and (c) any facts which an accurate survey of the premises might show. The property shall be sold “as is” and “where is” without any warranties whatsoever expressed, implied or otherwise. Other terms will be announced at the sale. Dated: June 29, 2016 /s/David Levesque, Esq., Bar No. 8640, Attorney for Howard S. Brower, Law Office of David Levesque, P.A., 242 Main Street, P.O. Box 425, Damariscotta, Maine 04543, 207-563-7416.

IRS

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sheriff called the victim and told her she would be arrested if she did not immediately pay \$1,000 in iTunes gift cards for taxes she allegedly owed. The victim was told to buy the cards at a local store and to call back with the gift card numbers. The victim did as she was told, but when the impersonator demanded even more money, she realized she had been scammed and called the police. By that time, it was too late. An investigator learned that the money had been transferred from the gift cards 25 minutes after they were activated. It is important for taxpayers of all ages to know that the IRS and Maine Revenue Services do not conduct business in this way. If either agency believes back taxes are owed, the taxpayer is notified in writing and there is a process for clarification, appeals, and for negotiating payment plans if taxes truly are owed. Threats of immediate arrest and demands for payment over the phone — whether by credit, debit, or gift card — are telltale signs of a scam. Last year, the Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline, which is staffed by experienced fraud investigators, received calls from more than 1,100 seniors across the country. The number-one complaint in 2015 was the IRS imposter scam. It is estimated that this scam has cost innocent victims more than \$41 million, averaging more than \$5,700 per victim. The Aging Committee’s effort to fight senior fraud is bearing real results. In May, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration arrested five individuals in connec-

tion with the IRS imposter scam. Federal authorities believe these suspects scammed almost \$2 million from more than 1,500 victims. The arrests stemmed from a call to the Committee’s Fraud Hotline. The caller reported that her husband had recently been contacted by an individual claiming to be from the IRS and demanding immediate payment of alleged back taxes. The Fraud Hotline investigator who received the report was able to trace the \$2,000 the victim wired via MoneyGram to Minnesota and reported this information to the Treasury Inspector General. The Inspector General’s subsequent investigation led to the arrest of the five suspects. These actions should put criminals on notice that we will relentlessly pursue those who seek to rob seniors of their hard-earned savings. The Aging Committee’s year-long campaign to combat the IRS impersonation scam has had encouraging successes. When we began our investigation, it was estimated that an IRS imposter reeled in one victim for every 60 threatening calls. Now, thanks to increased public awareness, it takes a con artist more than 400 calls to trick someone into falling for this scam. Still, far too many victims are losing their hard-earned money and, often, their retirement savings, to these criminals. The iTunes variation on the IRS impersonation scam underscores the point that, while law enforcement, consumer protection and aging agencies, and financial institutions have vital roles to play, alert citizens are our first and best line of defense. Like scams, being aware and informed is never out of season.

Amendment

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not think the First Amendment goes too far in the rights it guarantees - religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. But that also means that this year, 21 percent said we do have too much freedom (Some 4 percent couldn’t even muster an opinion.) For another 364 days, we likely will again be a place where some distort how freedoms work, for political gain or social dispute. Not long after this year’s State of the First Amendment (SOFA) survey was posted, a self-proclaimed Facebook “expert” explained how Congress was restrained from tramping on free speech rights - except, of course, for those damned flag burners who ought to be put in jail if not put to death. A fact for your next Fourth: Flag burning (and other attempts at flag desecration) as political protest has been protected by law for a quarter century. We may not like it - and most of us don’t, regardless of political views or religious or regional differences - but we protect it as part and price of protecting free expression. As the Republican and Democratic national conventions approach, host cities prepare by staking out free speech zones, throwing up barriers and barbed wire, and gathering up insurance coverage to insulate themselves from the financial penalties of mass arrests of protesters who have every right to protest, but not to disrupt the proceedings in Cleveland and Philadelphia. We protect political speech above all others, so that the most robust and vigorous exchange of views about public policy and government conduct can take place. But even as the passions and rhetoric run hot around presidential politics,

freedom of expression does not empower anyone to silence other speakers as a means of dominating the “marketplace of ideas.” And, we return after the Fourth to a nation more religiously diverse than ever before - and as a result, a nation as challenged as ever before to live up to the First Amendment’s guarantee of no official favor or disfavor of any faith. In a time when terror comes wrapped in misplaced religious claims, we can carry forward Independence Day sentiments by rejecting the emotional or politically expedient calls to lower - or abandon - that gold standard of religious liberty. How else to live year-round in the spirit of the Fourth? Support free expression for our younger citizens. While this year’s SOFA survey showed strong support for adults and college students to speak freely, pushing back against those who would “protect” others from hearing that which might offend, just 35 percent support such rights for high school students. But how do we expect the next generation of national leaders to have a strong sense and native understanding of freedom if we deny it at the very time we are concluding the educational effort to provide a solid base for lifelong learning? If we were to transform Charles Dickens’s “A Christmas Carol” into a First Amendment mid-summer tale, let us all leave behind the July Fourth “fall off” of old and resolve to keep the spirit and understanding of free expression and religious liberty in our hearts year-round. No “humbug!” to that, I would hope. Gene Policinski is chief operating officer of the Newseum Institute and senior vice president of the Institute’s First Amendment Center. He can be reached at gpolicinski@newseum.org.

Holy Family Parish launches capital campaign to construct new church

GREENVILLE — Holy Family Parish in Greenville has launched “Beginning a New Century of Faith” capital campaign, with a goal of constructing a new church, parish hall and offices and renovating the current rectory.

“We’ve been talking about it for probably eight or 10 years that the building has been deteriorating, and we’ve been putting Band-Aids on it, trying to keep it, but it’s gotten to the point that it’s better to invest in a new building,” said Elizabeth Foote, a member of the parish’s development committee. “We have a lot of older parishioners. We’re an aging community, and they can’t come to the Mass because of the stairs.”

“It would be a lot to repair it,” said Steve Bilodeau, chairman of the parish’s building committee. “We’re thinking in excess of a million dollars, but then, you’re still left with a century-old church that is difficult to get in, and that isn’t designed for the community.”

For that reason, in addition to being energy efficient and containing enhancements like radiant heat in the floor, the new building will be one floor with no steps.

“I think because of how it’s going to be on one floor, we will have new members,” said Cecile Shields, who serves on the parish’s building and development committees. “I think that definitely will make a difference for us absolutely.”

The building, which will be constructed at the current church site on 145 Pritham Avenue., will contain a new parish hall and offices. Across a newly paved parking lot, the current rectory will undergo a variety of interior and exterior renovations and the installation of an attached garage.

During the planning process, project organizers solicited input from many parishioners and discovered that replicating the look and feel of the current church was important to them.

“I think that parishioners are all going to be pleased that it’s going

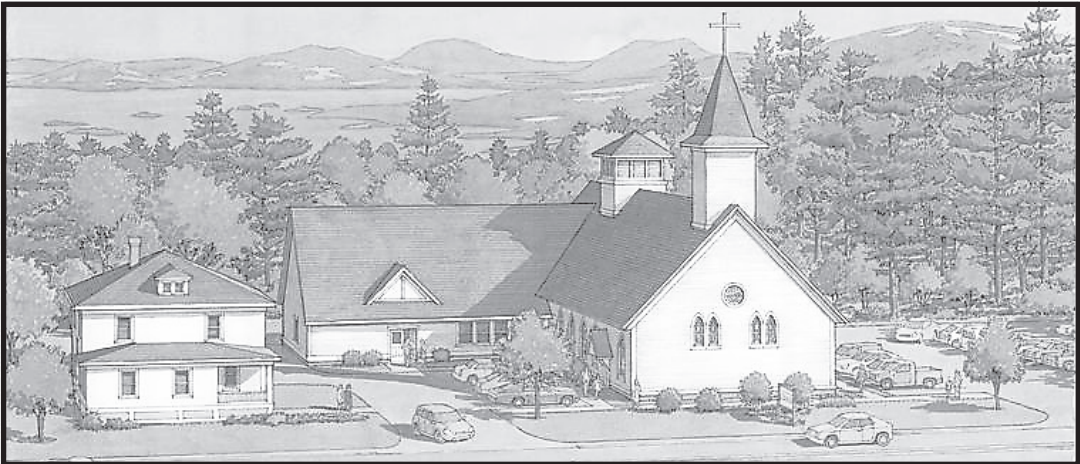


Photo courtesy of Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW CHURCH FACILITY – Holy Family Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland has launched a “Beginning a New Century of Faith” capital campaign to build a new church, parish hall and offices and to renovate the current rectory in Greenville. The new building will be constructed at 145 Pritham Avenue, the site of the parish’s current church. Many elements of the old church will be incorporated in the new structure, such as the stained glass windows, confessionals and woodworking, tabernacle and baptismal font, among others. The \$1.7 million project would be completed in 2018, although the goal is for the church itself to be ready for Christmas services in December 2017, the 100th anniversary of the parish.

to have a lot of character, and it’s going to have a lot of history that it will carry forward with it,” said Foote.

The new building will preserve the parish’s history and tradition while offering new amenities. All 18 nave and sanctuary stained glass windows will be removed, restored, and reinstalled into the new church in the same locations. The original confessionals and woodworking, tabernacle, and baptismal font will be incorporated. A beautiful spire will have the current cross memorial reinstalled at its top.

The Holy Family statue will be placed on the façade of a covered entrance. The church bell will be installed in the belfry over the entrance. The windows, bell, and spire will have the ability to be lit at night. The narthex, or the gathering area between the entrance and the church, will be warmly lit and appointed to be welcoming.

Inside the new church, 20 white oak pews, which once stood in the Good Shepherd Sisters’ convent in Old Orchard Beach, were gifted to the parish by Good Shepherd Parish in Saco. They will be installed over new carpeting with increased spacing between the pews.

The parish hall will have the capacity to seat more than 150 people and will include a new kitchen.

“We believe that the parish hall will be the nicest room of its kind in town,” said Bilodeau. “We look forward to the community using it.”

The initial project timetable calls for the demolition of the current church in May 2017. The construction of the new church, sanctuary, and nave would be completed by December 2017. In 2018, the new parish offices and parish hall would be constructed inside the new church building, and improvements would be made to the rectory.

In total, cost projections are near-

ly \$1.7 million, but fundraising is already underway: a construction loan will be provided by the Diocesan Savings & Loan; Catholic Extension, a national fundraising organization which supports and strengthens dioceses across the country, will provide an additional grant; and individual donors already have contributed more than \$675,000.

Keeping the project on schedule would allow the new church to be opened by Christmas 2017, which is the 100th anniversary of the parish.

If individuals or businesses would like to contribute toward “Beginning a New Century of Faith” through the construction of the new church, contact the parish at 695-2262 or the Diocese of Portland’s Office of Development at 321-7835. Donations may be made in memory of a relative or friend, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary.

Free birthday party and movie at the Center Theatre

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Center Theatre will be opening its doors at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 for a free 10th birthday party as part of the 10th anniversary celebration. There will be cake and ice cream in the lobby and games for the kids. Attendees will get a sneak preview of one of the performances in the theatre’s summer encore show, followed at 3 p.m. by a free showing of “The Lego Movie” sponsored by the American Legion.

“We wanted to give something back to the kids and families that have supported us over these 10 years,” said Patrick Myers, the Center Theatre’s executive director, “With the help of the American Legion we were able to offer a free showing of a great kid’s movie along with some other fun birthday party activities.”

The birthday party is the first of a series of events celebrating the 10th anniversary. The next event is a gala being held on Thursday, Aug. 4. The gala will start at 6 p.m. with dinner at the Mill Event Center, followed by a dessert buf-

fet at the theatre provided by the famous bakers of the East Sangerville Grange, and the evening will conclude with a preview of the first act of the Theatre’s summer encore performance.

The encore performance will be held the first two weekends in August and will bring together some favorite songs and scenes from the past 10 years of Center Theatre productions. Tickets for the gala and encore show are available at www.centertheatre.org, by calling the theatre at 564-8943 or by dropping by 20 East Main Street between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The theatre has also set up an anniversary gift registry for those who want to get the theatre a gift to celebrate the milestone. The online registry can be found by going to MyRegistry.com and searching for Center Theatre or visiting www.centertheatre.org.

“The registry is a way for people to choose what they’re donating to the theatre and buy something that the theatre really needs,” Myers said.

Zika

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lion for mosquito control, and provide the first-ever comprehensive survey of the resources we have to fight mosquito-borne diseases.

I introduced the SMASH Act with Senators Bill Nelson (D-Florida) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.) last month, and it’s quickly gaining steam. The bipartisan list of cosponsors has grown, and we recently received support from the Infectious Diseases Society of America – a group that represents more than 10,000 infectious diseases experts and physicians across the country. The broad support for our bill on both sides of the aisle proves that this is an issue that transcends partisanship.

But despite this agreement, Congress has been unable to come together to break through the logjam and pass a comprehensive funding bill to address the Zika threat. Both the House and Senate have passed appropriations bills that would do just that, but unfortunately, we’re stuck in limbo over how to tackle the differences in those bills and send the President something he can sign into law.

This is a shame, and hopefully it’s a roadblock that we can overcome together.

If there’s good news in the fight against Zika, it’s that Maine recently received some funding to combat the spread of the virus. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will receive \$176,049 in federal funding, and according to the CDC, Maine can use this funding to identify and investigate possible outbreaks of the virus, coordinate a comprehensive response, identify and connect families affected by Zika to community services, and purchase supplies for Zika Prevention Kits. This certainly isn’t a cure-all, but it’s a step in the right direction.

Zika presents a serious threat to the health and safety of American communities, and it’s time for Congress to get serious about funding efforts to prevent the virus from spreading. I hope that means we can move forward the SMASH Act and give state and local officials the resources they need to support mosquito control efforts. By doing so, we can help protect families in Maine and across the country.

Country

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you, but I encourage you to utilize the Bible daily; it is a road map for life. In addition, I encourage you to pray daily for guidance for your life and for those around you, not only family or friends, but particularly for others and most certainly for our country. This needs to be done faithfully.

In looking ahead to the next 10 to 20 years, I am fearful of where are our country is headed. It is a truism that any road will get you there, but when you get there, it probably will not be where you want to be.

Please accept these words from me, as they are intended to be expressed in humility. It is inevitable that our beloved country is near a fateful time of

Smith named to dean’s list

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Kaleb Sterling Smith of Dover-Foxcroft was named to the dean’s list at Norwich University for the spring 2016 semester.

Stevens named to dean’s list

TROY, N.Y. — Alexander Stevens of Dover-Foxcroft has been named to the dean’s list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the spring semester. Stevens is a graduate of Foxcroft Academy.

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SAD #46
PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING

All residents of SAD #46 are invited to attend a SAD #46 Public Budget Meeting to be held at Ridge View Community School, 175 Fern Road, Dexter, Maine, on **Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.** for the purpose of voting on each Article in the proposed SAD #46 2016-2017 school budget.

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SAD #46
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All citizens of Maine School Administrative District No. 46 are invited to participate in the Budget Validation Referendum Vote to be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at:

Dexter.....	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.Dexter Town Hall
Exeter.....	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.Exeter Town Office
Garland.....	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.Garland Town Office
Ripley.....	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.Courser Memorial School

All legally registered voters in Dexter, Exeter, Garland and Ripley can vote on the school budget for 2016-2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE
DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
CDS Two Rivers

To all children/families of CDS Two Rivers whose services were terminated prior to June 30, 2009:

CDS Two Rivers may have early intervention and/or special education records in its possession for those children and will destroy such records **after September 1, 2016**. If you would like to have these records rather than having them destroyed, please contact **CDS Two Rivers, 250 State Street, Brewer, ME 04412, (207) 947-8493** prior to September 1, 2016, to make arrangements for obtaining the records. Proper identification will be required.



DOVER-FOXCROFT KIWANIS

ANNUAL AUCTION

July 28-July 31, 2016

Thursday and Friday 6 pm – 9 pm
Saturday 4 pm – 9 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

“Antiques Night-Plus” Thursday, July 28th
“Featured Items” Night Friday, July 29th
Corporate Sponsor’s Night Saturday, July 30th
The Barn Sale Sunday, July 31st (cash & carry)



Bid on Moosehead and Haywood Wakefield -two well-known fine furniture names being auctioned off (limited quantities)– along with vintage model trains, Governor Winthrop Desk, three Maine Lobster Dinners courtesy of Will’s SNS, 2 Red Sox Tickets courtesy of Zone Radio, Mountain View custom items and so much more...

NEW this year will be the addition of THE BARN SALE on Sunday, July 31st from 1p.m.-4p.m. This will be an “Everything Goes” Cash & Carry Sale and an opportunity for the public to tour the Auction Barn and make offers on anything remaining.

Maple Baked Bean Supper on Saturday complete with maple beans, cole slaw, hot dogs, rolls, and ice cream bars.

50/50 raffle running each night

The Kiwanis raffle tickets are ready now – with the prizes drawn on Saturday night, July 30th ...this year prizes include three Cash Prizes of (1st) \$500.00, (2nd and 3rd) \$100.00 each. You can contact any Kiwanis member to purchase your possible winning tickets! Tickets will also be available the three nights of the Auction, July 28-July 30th

If you have items to donate, call Joe Guyotte at 343-2267 or Bob Moore at 717-3337. Additionally, Kiwanis members will be at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds each Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:30p.m. to accept drop-off items.

AUCTION BLOCK – BARGAIN BARN – BOOK BARN- FOOD TRAILERS

A red and yellow fire truck is shown with its rear cargo bed raised. A large green tactical vest with various patches is prominently displayed in the bed. Other gear, including a blue air tank and a red fire extinguisher, is also visible. A purple and white flag with the word 'WARRIOR' is attached to the truck. Two people are visible on the truck: one in a white shirt and red tie, and another in a black shirt and tan cap. The background shows a light-colored building with blue trim.

Walk

Tim Robinson concluded the ceremony by saying that several team members will be bringing their phones to update the hike progress on Facebook — which can be found under “Wilderness Walk for Warriors.”

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