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A preview of the events set for this weekend



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Friends of Community Fitness' annual 5K



## Guilford celebrates its 200th birthday

**By Stuart Hedstrom**  
*Staff Writer*

GUILFORD — The 12th edition of the Piscataquis River Festival on July 30 served as a birthday celebration for the town of Guilford which is the midst of its Bicentennial. After a 200-year themed parade concluded by the downtown athletic fields and the unveiling of the newly-named Dave Gaw Diamond, a Bicentennial ceremony took place on the festival stage.

“Welcome everybody to the Bicentennial celebration for the town of Guilford, the 200th anniversary,” Town Manager Tom Goulette, a native of the com-

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## Crash claims life of teen

**By Ryan McLaughlin**  
*BDN Staff*

MIL0 — A teenager died Sunday and two others were injured in a single-vehicle crash on Lakeview Road, according to the town’s police chief.

The crash occurred around 1 p.m., when a vehicle carrying the three teens left the road and struck a tree, according to Milo Police Chief Damien Pickel.

The deceased teen, a 17-year-old boy, was riding in the back seat at the time of the crash, and he was pronounced dead at the scene, Pickel said. The other two were taken to Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft for minor injuries and later

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## July 26 school budget reference results

SAD 4		
To approve a 2016-17 school budget totaling \$6,877,684		
Town	Yes	No
Abbot	29	45
Cambridge	8	56
Guilford	45	67
Parkman	23	63
Sangerville	51	41
Wellington	12	15
Total:	168	287
SAD 46		
To approve a 2016-17 school budget totaling \$13,742,710		
Town	Yes	No
Dexter	76	35
Exeter	22	0
Garland	22	6
Ripley	17	8
Total:	137	49

## Police name victims of fatal crash

PARKMAN — The Piscataquis County Sheriff’s Office has identified the two people who died in a single-vehicle crash early Saturday morning.

Russ Silva and Pamela Burns died around 1 a.m. Saturday, when the pickup in which they were traveling missed a corner on North Dexter Road, struck a boulder and flipped, according to a post on the Facebook page for the Piscataquis County Sheriff’s Office.

A third person was thrown from the truck but survived, according

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**HONORING A HOMETOWN HERO** — The bridge spanning the Piscataquis River between Atkinson and Sebec will now be known as the Capt. John “Jay” Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge, named in honor of the Atkinson resident who was killed in action on Memorial Day 2012 when the Apache Helicopter he was piloting was shot down by enemy fire. The bridge was dedicated during a ceremony on July 30 and sitting in front were Brainard’s uncle and aunt/godparents Donald “Whitey” and Nancy White and Brainard’s daughter Aaliyah Bubar, holding a memorial wreath for her father.

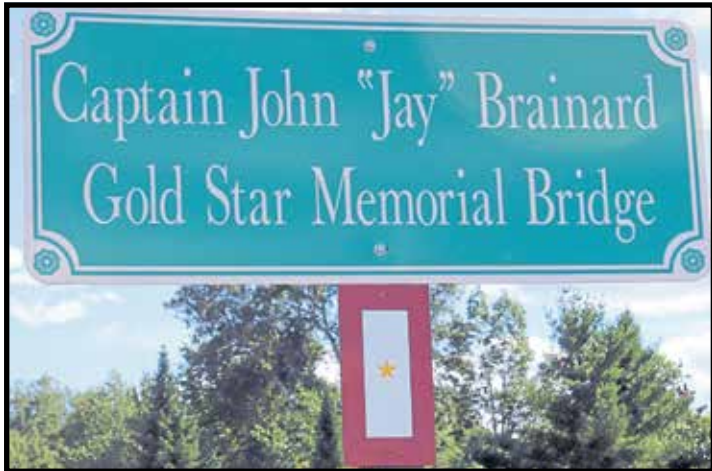
## Bridge memorializes fallen soldier

*Gold Star span between Atkinson and Sebec honors Capt. Brainard who served in Afghanistan*

**By Stuart Hedstrom**  
*Staff Writer*

Those traveling over the Piscataquis River on the Stagecoach Road between Atkinson and Sebec will be now be reminded of the life of U.S. Army Cpt. John “Jay” Brainard, an Atkinson resident and Apache helicopter pilot who was killed in action in Afghanistan on Memorial Day 2012. The bridge, a span Brainard crossed countless times, is now known as the Capt. John “Jay” Brainard Memorial Bridge, and the structure was formally dedicated on the afternoon of July 30.

With hundreds gathered on the bridge and looking toward the Sebec side of the river, Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) began the presentation by saying, “I have to tell you I feel very humbled and honored to be here today.” Davis, who sponsored a bill in the Legislature to name the bridge in Brainard’s honor, said the more he has



learned about the captain’s life, the more impressed he became.

Davis said Brainard is honored by having the bridge dedicated in his name and “he brought the honor to us by giving his all to us.”

Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft) said he had the pleasure of spending time with Brainard’s maternal aunt and uncle and godparents Nancy

and Donald “Whitey” White. Higgins said he was speaking on Saturday as both a representative and as a trustee of Foxcroft Academy, where Brainard graduated from in 2004.

Higgins said Foxcroft Academy offers its students a combination of academic, athletic

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## A special dedication for a dedicated coach

GUILFORD — The relationship between player and coach at its best is a lifelong bond between teammates with a shared passion forged through long hours of pursuing excellence together.

If that excellence is reflected statistically, it doesn’t hurt, but the endurance of such a relationship usually stems from the heart and sweat poured into a mutual goal.

So it was no surprise Saturday morning when many former Piscataquis Community High School baseball players from the mid-1960s through the late-1980s gathered to witness the naming of the field on which they learned the

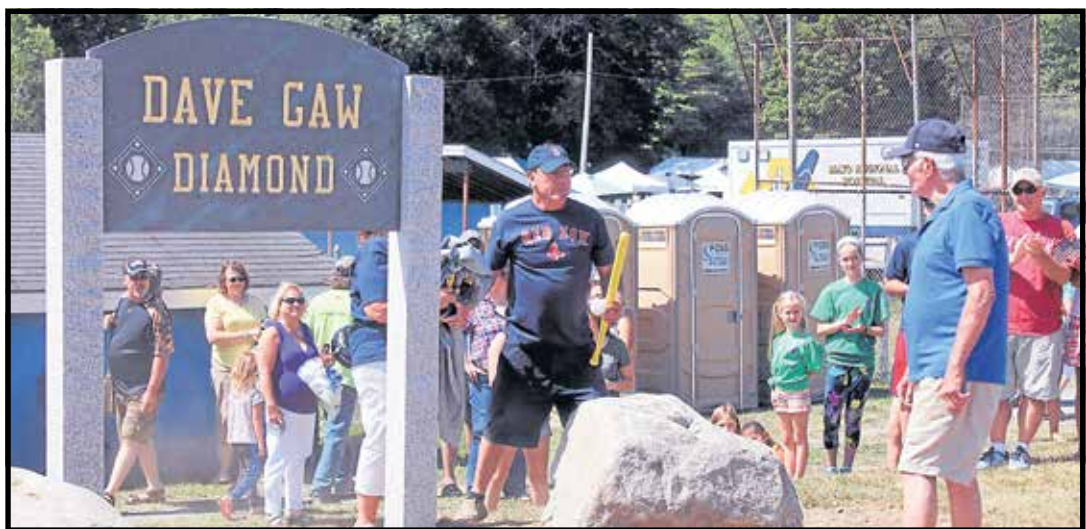
sport as Dave Gaw Diamond during a ceremony held in conjunction with the town’s annual Piscataquis River Festival.

PCHS baseball alumni came from around the state and as far away as Virginia to join with family, friends, community members and local politicians to honor Gaw, whose teams compiled a 309-119 record during 23 years as the Pirates’ head coach from 1965 through 1987.

“Many lessons have been learned on this field - winning, losing, honest competition, how to never quit and how to keep on trying,” said Guilford town manager Tom Goulette.

“(Gaw) did have a scowl, a gritted-teeth growl, and a heart for his players,” he added. “He earned the admiration of everyone who ever played for and learned from him.”

A sign recognizing Gaw already had been erected at the field but had been kept under cover in recent weeks, and his friends and family



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**DAVE GAW DIAMOND** — Field namesake Dave Gaw takes a look at the sign for the newly-named Dave Gaw Diamond in Guilford, unveiled during a surprise ceremony as part of the Bicentennial Piscataquis River Festival on July 30. Gaw coached the baseball team at Piscataquis Community School for over two decades, compiling a record of 309-119 with no losing seasons and leading the Pirates to several Penquis League championships. The effort to name the baseball field in Gaw’s honor was led by Andy Lovell, standing to the right of the sign, a former player of Gaw’s.

did a good job keeping the secret.

“I’d seen it up there for a month,” said Gaw, who had come to the ball field Saturday to watch his grandkids take part in the town’s bicentennial parade. “I really didn’t know what it was. I had an inkling, I will say that, but I found out when they pulled the (cover) off.”

“Obviously I’m overwhelmed, happy, surprised.”

The sign was finally unveiled by

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## Next SAD 4 district budget meeting scheduled for Aug. 29

*Referendum would be Sept. 8*

**By Stuart Hedstrom**  
*Staff Writer*

GUILFORD — A day after the second proposed 2016-17 SAD 4 budget was voted down - a \$6,877,684 total or more than \$255,500 less than the amount of the first budget was defeated at the polls 287-168 across the six district communities - the school board met on July 27 to start the process of preparing a third draft to bring forward to the public.

Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick said she and Finance Director Cindy Pullyard met earlier in the day to set up a schedule for the continuing budget process. “The date you have to have to have the budget at the towns by is Sept. 9,” Kirkpatrick said.

In order to meet this deadline, the budget referendum is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8 in Abbot, Cambridge, Guil-

ford, Parkman, Sangerville and Wellington. Kirkpatrick said the district budget meeting, when residents vote on the articles making up the spending plan total for the referendum, would be on Monday, Aug. 29, starting at 6 p.m. with an information session at Piscataquis Community Elementary School.

“The board meeting to approve the budget going to the district meeting will be on Thursday, Aug. 18,” the superintendent said. Kirkpatrick said the school board’s budget committee would be meeting earlier that week, Monday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. with the full table of directors gathering for the regular August meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m.

“We need information,

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## Hospital exploring partnership with EMHS

**By Nick McCrea**  
*BDN Staff*

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Mayo Regional Hospital is in the midst of partnership discussions with one of the state’s largest health care organizations.

At its July meeting, Mayo’s trustees voted to sign a letter of intent to “explore collaborative opportunities” with Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, according to James Godley, Mayo’s vice president of human resources.

“The decision to more closely align with EMHS came in large part as a result of several collaborative programs that are already in place between Mayo Regional and EMMC/EMHS, and the strong clinical benefit these have provided to our region,” Godley added.

EMHS has similar “strategic partnerships” with Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort

Kent and Down East Community Hospital in Machias, according to EMHS Chief Communications Officer Suzanne Spruce. Those agreements took effect in May.

“Essentially, strategic network participants purchase select EMHS services to help improve the cost and quality of the care they provide locally,” Spruce said. “Services might include such things as education and training, peer review and supply chain.”

Hospitals that form these partnerships retain their independence but aren’t precluded from joining EMHS in the future if conditions are right, Spruce added. EMHS has nine member hospitals and more than 30 member nursing homes, home health groups, transportation

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# Churches come together to help the community

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The community life committee of St. Thomas Catholic Church has been busy supporting its parish, Our Lady of the Snows. Committee members also realize the words of Jesus, “To love one another and help our neighbors.”

With Fr. Emile Dube’s support, the community life committee organized a parish yard-sale with the churches of St. Anne’s in Dexter, St. Francis and St. Paul in Milo and St. Thomas Aquinas in Dover-Foxcroft. Committee members Rheba Michaud, Jane Conroy, Nancy Abrams and Lynn Lubas organized the yard sale with many members being very helpful. The goals were to support the youth ministry and local food cupboards. Funds raised will be given to food cupboards in Dexter, Guilford and Milo with \$500 presented to the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard on July 26.

The community life com-

mittee supports the Monday evening free community meals program, which are hosted by various organizations at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church. The committee plans and serves the meal on the fourth Monday of the month. Conroy and Michaud are on the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard board and they know there is a real need to feed the hungry (poverty runs high) and have a place for people to come to together and be good neighbors.

Members of the community life committee are pleased that St. Thomas Catholic Church and the Congregational Church are working together to help the community. The Congregational Church enables the committee and others to use the facility for the meals. Rev. Chad Poland of the Congregational Church wrote a grant and received money for the meal program.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**HELPING FEED THE COMMUNITY** — A yard sale held last month by the community life committee of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Dover-Foxcroft raised funds for four area food cupboards, including \$500 which was presented to the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard (which is housed at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church). From left are Rheba Michaud, a member of the community life committee and food cupboard board member; food cupboard President Rev. Chad Poland of the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational ; Fr. Emile Dube of St. Thomas Catholic Church; and Jane Conroy, of the community life committee and food cupboard secretary.

# Webber Ace Hardware recognized as a top performing retail location

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Webber Ace Hardware achieved the designation as a “Pinnacle Performance Retailing” store for its outstanding performance. Developed as part of Ace’s long-term retail growth strategy, Pinnacle Performance Retailing is focused on Ace’s customers and helping to ensure that Ace stores deliver on its brand promise day in and day out.

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“For a store to achieve Pinnacle Performance Retailing is an outstanding ac-

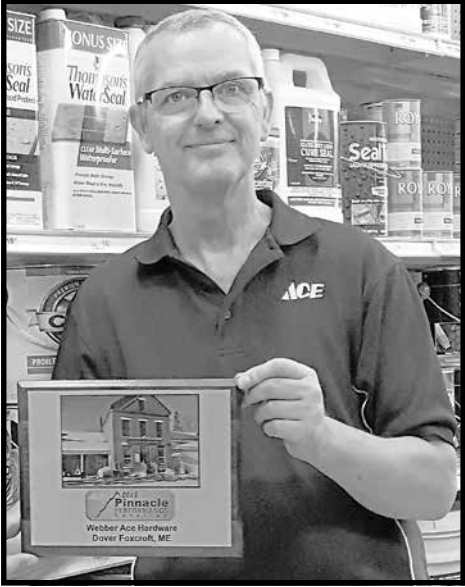


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**PINNACLE PERFORMANCE RETAILING** — Webber Ace Hardware owner Mark Robinson holds the Dover-Foxcroft store’s plaque for attaining the Pinnacle Performance Retailing designation from the Ace Hardware Corporation.

complishment,” said Dan Miller, vice president, retail operations and new business, Ace Hardware Corporation. “We’re pleased to recognize Webber Ace Hardware and its associates for their outstanding achievements, and proud to say they’re a part of the Ace family.”

“The team at Webber Ace Hardware is incredibly pleased to have earned

the status as a Pinnacle Performance Retailing store,” said Mark Robinson, owner of Webber Ace Hardware. “What this means for our customers is that we are more committed than ever to providing our loyal shoppers with the best possible retail experience; from customer service to product offerings and more, we’re taking ‘Ace helpful’ to a new level.”

# SAD 4

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why did it go up, why did it go down?” Kirkpatrick said, mentioning the previous two district budget meetings featured a half dozen amendments proposed for the multi-million dollar article concerning regular education. She said the sessions featured three different groups in the audience, those wanting to reduce the budgeted amount for regular education, those wanting to increase the item to preserve some proposed position and program cuts and attendees who favored the the total as written.

Kirkpatrick said district officials would like to meet with the selectboards from the half dozen SAD 4 communities, with these sessions slated for the first few days of August. “We started working on a survey as well to go out,” she said.

Pullyard said she is designing the survey to be multiple choice, to be filled out electronically or mailed back - with the latter option for those wanting to add comments. The survey would be distributed in early August, and is available on the SAD 4 homepage at [www.sad4.org](http://www.sad4.org).

# Three Rivers Hamfest on Saturday

MILO — The Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club’s Three Rivers Hamfest will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Three Rivers Kiwanis Building, 24 Gerrish Road in the Eastern Piscataquis Business Park, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Hamfest will include amateur radio license exams at 9 a.m. — with walk-ins welcome, breakfast, radio fox hunt at 11 a.m., lunch, live music from noon to 2 p.m. by Friends Four as well as Gary Knowles, the grand prize drawing at noon and raffle drawings throughout the day. The Har-

rigan Learning Center and Museum, located next door to the Three Rivers Kiwanis Building, will also be open on Aug. 6.

Scheduled to be at the Hamfest is the Maine Forest Service, Maine Warden Service, National Weather Service Skywarn, Milo and Brownville police and fire departments. Three Rivers Ambulance and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (the day is an American Radio Relay League affiliated event).

For more information, please visit the Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club Facebook page.

# August events at the Thompson Free Library

**By Kim Brawn**  
*Thompson Free Library*

DOVER-FOXCROFT — August means back to school is just around the corner so make sure to take advantage of the special programs at the Thompson Free Library before schedules get too hectic.

Our summer kids’ programs end on a whimsical note with “Fairy Gardens” on Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. After the program (from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) anyone under 18 can get a free bag lunch and those over 18 can buy one. The final Summer Lunch Program takes place Thursday, Aug. 4 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 11 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. the Brown Bag Lunch Series continues with local herbalist Linda Tisdale. She will talk about “Using Plant Medicines” for first aid, common ailments and more serious health challenges. Feel free to bring a lunch or snack and your questions.

Get ready for some friendly competition as Family Lawn Game Night returns Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. Play croquet, badminton, bocce ball and other perennial favorites and make delicious s’mores by the fire.

If you’re a caregiver, you can find out more about the Piscataquis Thriving in Place Collaborative (facilitated by the Charlotte White Center, working with many other social service agencies) on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. Their mission is to improve regional services and supports that help adults with chronic health conditions stay safe and well at home.

On the third Thursday of each month community volunteer Joan Shapleigh will be at the library to answer questions and “point people in the right direction” if she doesn’t have the answers. “We want to help caregivers feel more comfortable

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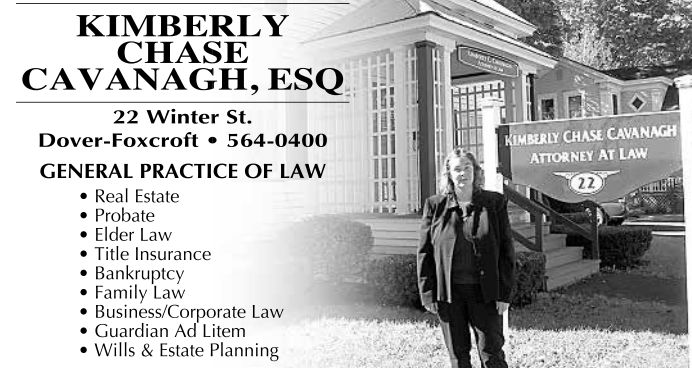
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# USM dean’s list

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## EMHS

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groups and other organizations. Godley said the partnership will improve Mayo’s programs and help control the cost of health care in the region. He said more information would be shared as officials from EMHS and Mayo discuss the details of the plan. “We are confident that the resources and expertise of EMHS will assist Mayo in retaining access to local services, and will improve the health of our population in Piscataquis, Penobscot and Somerset Counties,” Godley said. “As these discussions progress, we will do our very best to be as transparent with information as possible and keep our employees, patients and communities apprised of the progress.”

## Victims

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to the sheriff’s office. That person was evacuated from the scene by a LifeFlight of Maine helicopter to an area hospital. The sheriff’s office did not identify the survivor. “Don’t take this thing we call living for granted; love those around you and pour yourself

into their lives,” the sheriff’s office said in the statement on its Facebook page. “It’s how your life touches others that will matter when the weary cop knocks on their door.” Speed and alcohol were likely factors in the crash, an emergency dispatcher with Piscataquis County said Sunday morning. The crash remains under investigation.

## Crash

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discharged. Pickel said all three were wearing seat belts, and police were looking at speed

as a potential factor in the crash. A Maine State Police reconstruction team assisted Milo police. The crash remains under investigation.

# Maine Conservation Voters Action Fund endorses Reps. Higgins and Stearns

AUGUSTA — Maine Conservation Voters Action Fund (MCVAF) recently announced its endorsement of Reps. Norman Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft) and Paul Stearns (R-Guilford), incumbent candidates for House Districts in Piscataquis County. District 120, represented by Higgins, contains Atkinson, Brownville, Dover-Foxcroft, Medford, Milo, Lake View and Ormeville Township. District 119, represented by Stearns, includes Abbot, Beaver Cove, Bowerbank, Greenville, Guil-

ford, Monson, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Willimantic, Blanchard Township, Northeast and Northwest Piscataquis. “Rep. Higgins demonstrated significant leadership as a freshman member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee in crafting solar legislation and fostering bipartisan support for it,” notes Beth Ahearn, MCVAF political director. Both Higgins and Stearns supported the Land for Maine’s Future program and effective management of Maine’s public lands. They also

voted against weak mining rules that could have harmed water quality. These representatives have a record of being conservation proponents.” “At Maine Conservation Voters Action Fund, we work to elect conservationists who will protect our natural resources once they are in office,” Ahearn said. “Who we elect matters — particularly at the state level, where we have the opportunity to advance policies that support our outdoor heritage and protect our air, water and public health.”

## Library

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and get the support they need,” Shapleigh explained. Various information resources will also be available. On Thursday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. Maine author Matthew Cost will speak about one of Brunswick and Brewer’s greatest heroes

Joshua Chamberlain, a college professor and Union Army volunteer who helped turn the tide of the Civil War at Gettysburg. Cost wrote a historical novel based on the real life exploits of Chamberlain, “Joshua Chamberlain and the Civil War: At Every Hazard”. The Charlotte White Center

will display artwork at the library for the month of August. Be sure to come by and check out their wonderful creativity. For more information on any programs mentioned, please contact the Thompson Free Library (186 East Main Street) 564- 3350 or df@thompson.lib.me.us. You can also follow us on Facebook.

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# Trust is eroding in SAD 4

To the Editor; Life-long lessons are hard to forget. When I was 9 years old, I joined the Prairie View Rockets 4-H Club and had to learn our club pledge, which we recited at each monthly meeting. It was instilled in us early, and came to be a daily way of life for us young farm kids. Today as I face struggles at work, I close my eyes and it comes back to me, word for word, “I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living, for my club, my community and my country.” I try to live the lessons from this pledge, to do my best for others, and when I do, everyone wins. But, these days in my office at SAD 4, I am questioning my clearer thinking, and wondering how numb I am becoming, giving loyalty to a budget and school district that cuts my position by 20 percent. I have not yet been able to change the service level; we have just begun round three of this year’s budget process. My health is already on the rocks with surgery scheduled for late August to get a new right knee. But yet, still, here I am, fighting to educate the general public and hoping the majority will win out and our district will vote in a budget that will provide the public education to our children, which is our responsibility as tax paying citizens of this community and country. Some of the personal values I treasure are hard, honest work, responsible behavior and trust, with and between all people. I have been told the trust levels are very weak, perhaps totally gone within our school district. When we lose trust within our communities, I am truly sad, and even more afraid of the trend spreading throughout our country and our world. One way to gain back what has been lost at SAD 4, is to become more educated about how the school budget process works, and the role staff and students and local taxpayers play. Remember the pledge of clear thinking and larger service? Can you claim you are truly giving more of yourself to others and your community? What have you given up in the school bud-

get to ensure our students’ education gets funded? I see staff being paid a full salary, but only working half-time or less. Handshake agreements, with old supervisors, undocumented, how smart is that in this age of lawyers and court claims? Why would you assume the new administration should let it continue? And other past behaviors which should have never been allowed, are being stopped and discontinued. Folks are being told “no more” and they don’t like it. (Taxpayers, we have been listening.) Complaining you have more to do every year, and deserve a salary increase is understandable, to a point. Why does one group deserve a pay increase more than another group? All the staff have been hit with increased health costs, security scams, and bigger workloads. Why would you expect the teachers to take on more responsibility without more pay? But oh, hey wait, that is what you are forcing everyone else to do. And everyone else gets paid a lot less than the teachers receive for only 182 days of work. There are no real increases in students or classroom sizes, enrollment is declining, more and more every year. Don’t get me started on long days, and extra hours. I average 12 hours of work every 260 days in my schedule. (Cut to 208 days in this budget.) My annual salary for a full year of work is much less than the average teacher. Is that fair? Is that equitable? Why do I keep doing it? Yes, I am totally numb. The word compromise has come up in many conversations lately, at board meetings, at the national political conventions, on the nightly news and radio shows. My favorite line, “when we refuse to compromise, progress fails” sums up the message I want to share today. Everyone needs to take a hard look at themselves, and wonder what can I give, rather than what can I get? Today I pledge my head and hands to serving SAD 4. When I see everyone else working towards a compromise for our school budget, trust me, my heart will be loyal again. Cindy W. Pullyard Sangerville

# A hero among heroes

The Maine Conservative Voice By Andy Torbett

Hometown hero is term we often hear used to describe persons noteworthy of our admiration. In the tumultuous times we live in, I have come to believe that our little towns here in Maine are filled with hometown heroes. From the moms and dads who embrace, with no thought of recognition or reward, the challenges of raising a family, to the farmers and loggers carving out their gritty sustenance from the land, which does not always willingly yield its abundance to the labor their hands, and the everyday neighbors dedicated to maintaining the peaceful atmosphere in their towns, here in Maine heroes are in every kitchen, every farm field, and behind every wave of a hand as neighbors pass by. Still, from time to time, someone stands out from even those whose steady existence is the bedrock of a nation and causes these many heroes to pause, take notice and homage to the one. Such a time has come for the heroes who reside in the little town of Atkinson. We pause for one of the greatest among us. A young man

named Jay Brainard. He grew up in this little town, playing in the fields and woods that intertwine between the Piscataquis River and Alder Stream. Like any other boy he enjoyed fishing and being outdoors but in time began to nurture a dream to fly helicopters. Jay Brainard would fulfill that dream. He would also determine to take that skill and serve his country, eventually earning the rank of Captain. Capt. Brainard knew that his passion to fly was coupled to a vow to give his utmost for his nation if necessary. That vow was called upon in the desert sands of the Middle East, far away from the peaceful green shores of the Piscataquis River, Alder Stream, and Atkinson, Maine. So in a little town filled with hardworking heroes going about their everyday work of supporting the foundation of the fundamental life of a society, it is time for them to pause and honor one who is the greatest among them. A soldier who defended them with all he could give. Atkinson mourns the loss of its son but also is proud to have him stand above us. I am one who lives in this little town of Atkinson. Many days on



BDN photo by John Clarke Russ **HOMETOWN HERO** – Benjamin Hawthorne holds a picture of his stepbrother, Capt. John “Jay” Brainard III, shortly after his brother’s remains were returned home to Newport, 2012. Capt. Brainard, an Army pilot, was killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan on Memorial Day. my ride to work, I drive by an honor roll that lists the greatest of our heroes from wars past. Capt. Brainard has joined their esteemed company and we will name the bridge that spans the Piscataquis River after him. I am glad to have had the chance to raise my children in this town. A quiet honest town where people work from dawn ‘til dusk. In a town full of heroes, I’m proud live in Atkinson on the banks of the Piscataquis River where you can cross that river on the Capt. Jay Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge. Andy Torbett of Atkinson writes a regular column entitled The Maine Conservative Voice. He can be reached at meconservativevoice@gmail.com.

# State makes wrong choice for services for the blind

To the Editor; Years ago, I received rehabilitation service from the Iris Network, a statewide agency serving blind and visually impaired people over age 14. The staff was exceptional, and the skills I learned were life changing. I know where to go when I need questions answered. The Iris Network is appealing the recent decision by Maine’s Department of Labor Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired to award a five-year contract for community-based blindness rehabilitation services for adults and youth over the age of 14 to Catholic Charities Maine. I do not understand how Catholic Charities Maine can be awarded this contract when they have no accredited staff to do this work. The Iris Network has nationally certified vision rehabilitation therapists to teach transition-age youth, working-age adults and senior citi-

zens how to be independent. Many newly blind are over the age of 70. These skills can assist them to stay in their homes and thrive in place. I would prefer increased funding be used for direct service, not administrative costs. The Iris Network’s bid was about \$225,000 per year less than the Catholic Charities Maine’s bid of \$1.3 million. Catholic Charities Maine’s annual budget for compensation of direct service professionals was \$30,000 more than The Iris Network, which would increase administrative costs by about \$195,000 per year. My hope is that this conditional contract awarded to Catholic Charities Maine will be reversed because it is essential to avoid serious harm to the public interest in high-quality and cost-effective community-based blindness rehabilitation services. Nancy Matulis Dover-Foxcroft

# Protect the loons

To the Editor; When is man going to stop interfering with nature? Maine has the largest lakes, and they provide a quieter nesting place for the loons, with more safety and less human interference such as pollution, boating, than they will find in the much more highly populated area of southern Massachusetts. Why can’t nature be trusted to know what is best for it? Patricia Watt Greenville

# Attention destroyer veterans

To the Editor; Is your ship having a reunion? If you’d like to learn about it contact us and we’ll let you know. There are more than 475 ship reunions registered with Tin Can Sailors, The National Association of Destroyer Veterans, PO Box 100, Somerset MA 02725. Or call us at 1-877-TINCANS (877-846-2267); email us at tcs@destroyers.org; or visit our website at www.destroyers.org Dave Duhancik U.S. Navy veteran Fall River, MA

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**BICENTENNIAL BABY** – Guilford Bicentennial baby Otto Arthur MacPheters, the son of Heather Butler and Travis MacPheters, served as grand marshal for the 12th annual Piscataquis River Festival on July 30. The Bicentennial edition of the festival featured a day of events, including a parade through town.



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**CLASS OF 1966** – Guilford residents graduating in 1966 received their diplomas during the town’s Sesquicentennial, and their 50th reunion coincides with the Bicentennial celebration.



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**BIG CAKE FOR A BIG BIRTHDAY** – The Guilford Memorial Library float in the Piscataquis River Festival parade.



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**HERRING DESCENDANTS** – The fifth through ninth generation descendants of Guilford founder Robert Herring took part in the Piscataquis River Festival parade on Saturday morning.



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**TWO CENTURIES FOR GUILFORD** – Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford) reads a Legislative Sentiment from himself and Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville), left, for Guilford’s Bicentennial during the community’s annual Piscataquis River Festival on July 30. Looking on is Town Manager Tom Goulette, second from right, and U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin.



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**LOWE’S BRIDGE** – The Dustin Lander & Son Carpentry float featured a replica of Lowe’s Bridge.

## Birthday

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munity, said. Goulette praised the “spirit of being from Guilford,” in which residents work hard and care for each other.

“This town only lives on through pride, the roots we put down and respect for each other,” Goulette said.

Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) said, “I really have deep roots to Guilford, my two children live here, my four grand-

children live here and my great-grandchild lives here.” Davis and Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford) then presented Goulette with a Legislative Sentiment for the Guilford Bicentennial.

Stearns - who several years ago retired as superintendent of SAD 4 - said Guilford is his adopted hometown, moving to the area to start his career in education. “To me it’s the epitome of hard work and common sense,”

Stearns said.

U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine) said the state has nearly 500 small towns “and most of them are in our terrific 2nd District and there is no better terrific small town than Guilford.” Poliquin praised the community’s tradition of hard work and manufacturing.

“Congratulations on this 200-year milestone and thank you for the opportunity to be here,” Congressman Poliquin said.

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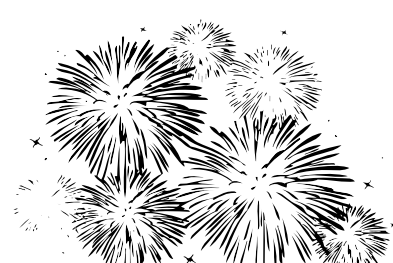


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# Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



## Homecoming returns this weekend

DOVER-FOXCROFT — This weekend the annual Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown Homecoming and Foxcroft Academy's 2016 Alumni Weekend together will feature a number of events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The festivities start on Friday, Aug. 5 with the Piscataquis Observer and WZLO Radio's Homecoming BBQ from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Media Central on East Main Street with free hot dogs, beverages and desserts. On the grill will be former Zone Radio sports director and new Foxcroft Academy Communications and Marketing Director Toby Nelson. Friday evening Foxcroft Academy hosts an East Lawn tent party from 7-9 p.m. The party will feature music by the Doughty Hill Band. A day of events on Saturday, Aug. 6 begins with the 20th annual Pony Pride 5K at 8 a.m. (with registration beforehand). This year the Alumni Weekend road race features a new course starting and concluding on the

Foxcroft Academy campus. Foxcroft Academy has a number of athletic events planned for Saturday. A tennis tourney starts at 8 a.m. at the Burns-Johnson Tennis Complex, with cash prizes going to the men's and women's winners. A Homecoming/Alumni Weekend Golf Scramble at the Foxcroft Golf Club features 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. starts. The school will host alumni boys and girls basketball games at 9 a.m., boys and girls alumni soccer games at 10 a.m., an alumni field hockey game at 11 a.m. — with long-time Pony field hockey head coach Gene Philpot in attendance and an alumni slow-pitch softball game at noon. Tea is served under the big tent on the East Lawn at 9:30 a.m., for Foxcroft Academy classes celebrating 50-plus years since graduation. A Family Fun Day takes place at Foxcroft Academy

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**FAST PONY STAMPEDE** — A field of 87 entrants begins last year's Pony Pride 5K in Dover-Foxcroft, a race held as part of Foxcroft Academy's Alumni Weekend. The 2016 and 20th annual edition of the Pony Pride 5K will feature a new course, starting and concluding on the campus of Foxcroft Academy. The race begins at 8 a.m. with registration starting at 7 a.m. at the school's track building.

## Annual Pony Pride 5K features new course

DOVER-FOXCROFT — In conjunction with Foxcroft Academy's Alumni Weekend and the Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown Homecoming, the 20th annual Pony Pride will be open to all and run at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. This year's event will feature a new course starting and ending on the campus of Foxcroft Academy. Registration for the Pony Pride 5K starts at 7 a.m. at the Foxcroft Academy track building on West Main Street with rates available for those who pre-register, sign up the day of the race or who enter as families. T-shirts go to the first 80 to register. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female runners, top Foxcroft Academy male and female alumni and

top male and female Foxcroft Academy faculty finishers as well as to age group winners. More information and registration forms are available at [www.foxcroftacademy.org](http://www.foxcroftacademy.org).

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**FOUR-TIME WINNER** — Graham Pearsall, a 2009 graduate of Foxcroft Academy, won last year's Pony Pride 5K. Pearsall earned first-place honors for the fourth row in a row and he became the first runner to win the event four times.



## PRYMCA Pony Trot 1K

DOVER-FOXCROFT Children from the ages of 3-10 can take part in the Piscataquis Regional YMCA's annual Pony Trot 1K on Saturday, Aug. 6 as part of the Foxcroft Academy Alumni Weekend and Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown Homecoming festivities. The free race starts at 10 a.m. at the Foxcroft Academy track. Medals will be awarded to the top three runners in both the 6 and under and 7-10 age groups. Registration can be done in advance at the PRYMCA or on the morning of Aug. 6 at the track. For more information, please call 564-7111 or go to [www.prymca.org](http://www.prymca.org).



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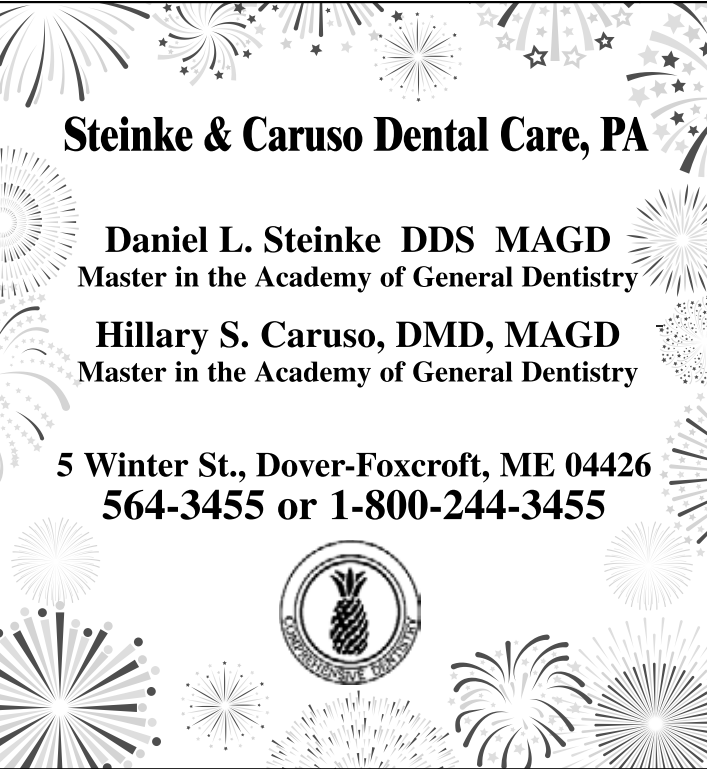
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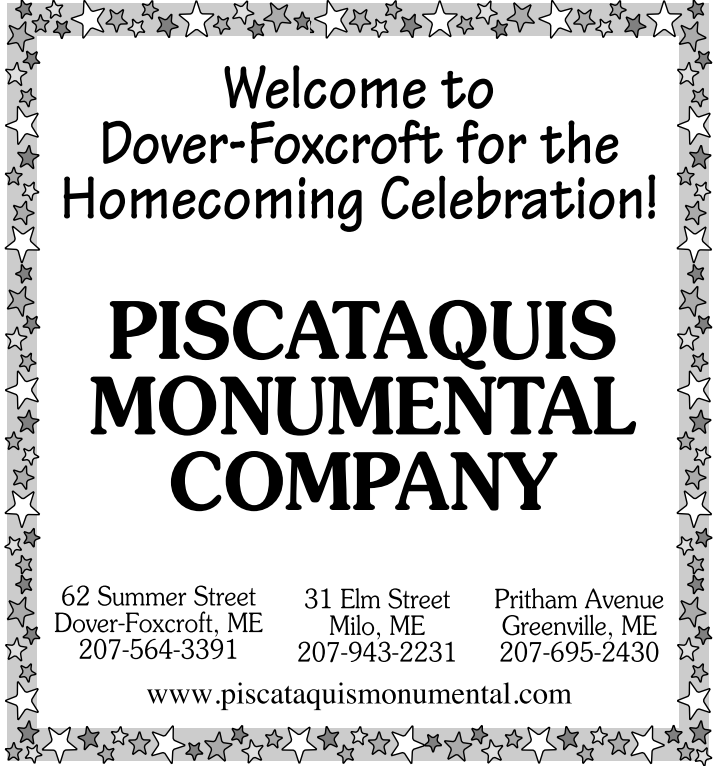
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# Center Theatre

# 10th Anniversary Gala



## Center Theatre holds anniversary celebrations

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The first weekend in August in 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the Center Theatre’s grand opening and the theatre invites the community to attend several events over the weekend.

“Our 10th anniversary is a huge milestone,” said Patrick Myers, the theatre’s executive director, “We are hoping that the people who have supported us over the past 10 years will join us at an event in the coming weeks.”

On Thursday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. the theatre is holding a 10th Anniversary Gala. The event begins at the Mill Event Center, with a catered dinner from Foxcroft Catering Company, live entertainment, the opportunity to contribute to a time capsule that will be on display in the theatre lobby and much more. Dinner will be followed by a stroll to the Center Theatre for a delicious dessert buffet provided by the renowned bakers of the East Sangerville Grange, and a VIP preview of the first half of the Center Theatre Encore show. Tickets to the Anniversary Gala are \$40 each or \$75 per couple.

The summer Encore show has its opening night on Friday, Aug. 5 and promises to be a wonderful trip down memory lane. “The theatre has put on so many great live shows over the past 10 years it would be impossible to please everyone, but we’ve put together a full show of songs and scenes from past shows that will please both young and old,” Myers said. Myers also stated that several local directors including Bobby Keniston, Mitchell Chasse and David Murry are putting together productions for the event.

The Encore show runs at 7 p.m. on Aug. 5 and 12 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 6, 7, 13 and 14. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$8 for members and seniors; \$5 for children 10 and under.

For those who are in the gift-giving mood, the theatre has also established an anniversary gift registry. “We

## History of the Atkinson/Sebec bridge

**By Shirley Wright**

The Atkinson/Sebec bridge plays a part in local history beginning just before 1800. Early settlers to this region had to pass through by crossing rivers and lakes or using them to travel. By 1800 there were enough people and there was enough need to put a bridge over the river.

Early bridges in uncharted territory like ours were built roughly, in a way that would allow a horse and buggy to cross at favorable times of the year. The first bridge was probably made of fresh-cut trees and banded together and posted on the bottom to allow passage. These bridges were not always stable and at some point in the early 1800s, this bridge was swept away by a flood.

After the first bridge was washed away those living in the area, and there were quite a few, decided to erect a covered bridge in 1859. This bridge was 200 feet long and 15 feet wide. Covered bridges were used first to be more stable and second to cover the wood on the actual bridge from the weather. Covered bridges were harder to maintain and after many years were also subject to decay.

By 1931 the covered bridge was replaced by the more modern-style bridge that is on this site now. Over the years, the bridge has been upgraded and was last widened in 2014. Today’s bridge is a nice one yet is still subject to flooding in the fall and spring if water levels are higher than usual. Those in this area know what it’s like to be without a bridge as the area has flooded more than once in recent history. The land here is low, and with the river winding right through, it is a prime place for a flood.

The area around the bridge, on the Sebec side, was known as Sebec Station. The first reported settler of Sebec, Ezekiel Chase, located his house on the Piscataquis River on this side of town. A settlement built around him, and the Chase family became a prominent family at Sebec Station.

In 1869 the railroad extended from Derby, through Sebec Station, and went on to Greenville. A train station and post office were set up near the crossing. Because of this the station became a central area for Sebec, as the mail was delivered twice daily along with goods and commodities. Mail was run from the station by stagecoach to other parts of the town.

The first store opened in the area around 1820 and was run by Nathaniel Bradbury, who was also the first postmaster in Sebec. By 1840 Abijah Chase opened a store that became known as Chase’s Corner Store near the bridge. Reportedly this store had everything a person could want. It was a large store for the time, set up to serve a

busy area with the trains going through.

This store was still running in 1912 when Stacy Lanpher delivered his speech at the 100th birthday of Sebec celebration. In his speech he makes note of A.J. Chase, who was then running the store and calls him the oldest, most respected citizen in Sebec. Chase became a Maine legislator and senator as well. The area also housed A.M. Robinson’s law offices from 1844-54.

In the early 1900s the station was still booming. There were two large potato houses, large farms, sawmills, the large store, a school (a little further down the road), the railroad station and post office. In 1904, telephone poles and wires were run through Atkinson and into the station and other parts of Sebec.

## Church lobster roll and barbecue sale

DOVER-FOXCROFT — In celebration of the Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown Homecoming weekend, the United Methodist Church of Dover-Foxcroft will hold a lobster roll and barbecue sale on Saturday, Aug. 6 starting at 10 a.m. with the church’s fam-

ously delicious lobster rolls, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and a bake sale on the front lawn of the church at 156 East Main Street. For more information, please call 564-8055 or email [doverfoxcroftume@gmail.com](mailto:doverfoxcroftume@gmail.com).

## First Friday movie and discussion set for Aug. 5

DEXTER — The August First Friday movie and discussion sponsored by DDATT and the Abbott Memorial Library will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 5 in the library meeting room. The session will cover how other countries deal with all the difficult problems that confront those who try to resurrect community and more local self-reliance. The planned movie will be a feature film. For further details, call 277-4221 or 924-3836.

## Duplicate bridge results

GUILFORD — The Mid-Maine Duplicate Bridge Club played on July 25 with the following results: first place, Priscilla Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft and Gertrude Wiley of Dexter; second, Ron Lyford of Hartland and Harry Bridge of St. Albans; and tied for third, Austin Dean of Guilford and Joyce Cross of Dover-Foxcroft and Jennifer and Glen Rogers of Bowerbank.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Guilford Memorial Library. For more information, call 564-7781.

## Homecoming

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dancing on the sand with a DJ spinning tunes and beach games. The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club run its concession stand, selling the usual fare of hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, drinks and more. There will also be glow trinkets on sale.

Rowell’s Garage will again be offering free shuttle buses to and from the beach, picking up at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds and the courthouse parking lots at 8 and 8:30 p.m. and delivering attendees back into town post-show.

Foxcroft Academy’s Alumni Weekend concludes on Sunday, Aug. 7 with breakfast from 8-10 a.m. in the Pride Student Center. An alumni ice hockey game will be at the Alfond Arena on the campus of the University of Maine at 11 a.m. in Orono.

## Homecoming

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free activities include a children’s Pony Trot on the track sponsored by the Piscataquis Regional YMCA, inflatables, face painting, balloon animals, photo booth and more.

The Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society Observer Building Museum will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors to Foxcroft Academy can take a tour of campus at 10:30 a.m., meeting at the East Lawn tent. In the evening, 5:30 to 7:45 p.m., the school hosts a reception and alumni banquet in the gymnasium.

Festivities also move to the Sebec Lake public beach in the evening, leading to fireworks shot off by Central Maine Pyrotechnics at dusk, usually around 9:15 p.m. The bash at the beach includes

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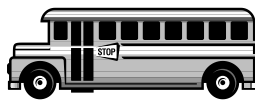
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### Fitness 5K results



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**FIT TO RUN A 5K** — Over 30 entrants took part in Friends of Community Fitness' 11th annual Fitness 5K on July 30 as part of Guilford's Piscataquis River Festival. This year's race featured a reverse course, with runners traveling against traffic to Hudson Avenue, into Sangerville and back to the downtown athletic fields via the Guilford Memorial River Walk.

GUILFORD — Friends of Community Fitness held its 11th annual Fitness 5K, as part of the Piscataquis River Festival, on the morning of July 30 with the following results (this year entrants ran the course in the opposite direction against traffic): 1. Dawson Smith age 15, 21 minutes, 41 seconds; 2. Brendan Sullivan 39, 21:54; 3. Brendan Labarre 23:09; 4. Brenda White 48, 23:30; 5. Joe Neal 12, 23:54; 6. John Lemieux 71, 24:09; 7. Matt Robinson 13, 24:19; 8. Morgan Pratley 28, 25:10; 9. Peter Martell 55, 26:08; 10. Trisha Moulton 47, 26:11; 11. Allison Smith 26, 26:38; 12. Jen Goulette 37, 27:41; 13. Stu Cawley 55, 27:53; 14. Jody Annis 46, 28:01; 15. Lindsay Hartell 36, 28:13; 16. Melanie Shehan 29:39; 17. Dave Samuelian 69, 29:50; 18. Wendy McKenney 51, 29:59; 19. Cara Harmon 26, 30:07; 20. Tedianne Galuski 29, 30:10; 21. Sarah Quirk 38, 31:22; 22. Myles Lemieux 75, 32:17; 23. Brad Deane 63, 32:23; 24. Kristy Pratley 60, 34:00; 25. Kristen French 42, 35:04; 26. Charity Neal 42, 35:16; 27. Destiny Gourley 25, 36:52; 28. Jamie McGinley 35, 40:56; 29. Ned Neal 80, 48:35; 30. Steve Waterman 49, 50:35; 31. Betsy McNaughton 51, 50:35; and 32. Sue Byerly 50, 50:35.

First-place youth male: Neal; second: Robinson.

First-place high school male: Smith; second: Labarre

First-place women's 20-29:

Pratley; second: Smith; and third: Harmon.

First-place men's 30-39: Sullivan.

First-place women's 30-39: Goulette; second: Hartwell; and third: Shehan.

First-place men's 40-49: Waterman.

First-place women's 40-49: White; second: Moulton; and third: Annis.

First-place men's 50-59: Martell; and second: Cawley.

First-place women's 50-59: McKenney; second: McNaughton; and third: Byerly.

First-place men's 60-79: J. Lemieux; second: Samuelian; and third: M. Lemieux.

First-place men's 80-plus:

Neal.

Previous Fitness 5K winners (year, men's winner and time and women's winner and time): 2006 Jerod Hayes 20:32; 2008 Dean Hartley 21:45 and Sarah Curtis 22:53; 2009 Joe Gallant 21:02 and Jill Taylor 23:41; 2010 Jason Abbott-Dallamora 18:19 and Trisha Moulton 24:21; 2011 Abbott-Dallamora and Mike Coffey 19:15 and Rebecca Gaw 22:52; 2012 Abbott-Dallamora 18:27 and Katherine Arch 21:06; 2013 David Doore 18:14 and Katherine Arch and Mary Arch 21:01; 2014 Doore 18:53 and Moulton 25:43; and 2015 Zach Doore 21:15 and Amalia Harrington 23:11.



First place, Dawson Smith



Second place, Brendan Sullivan



Girl's winner, Samantha Goodwin



Third place, Brendan Labarre



Women's winner, Brenda White



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**DOWN AND BACK** — The younger runners headed down and then came back the same way along the athletic fields fence during Friends of Community Fitness' Kids Fun Run to kick off the 2016 Piscataquis River Festival at 7:30 a.m. on July 30.



Boy's winner, Jim Neal

### Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund awards \$20,000 grant to trail club

A \$20,000 grant from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF) awarded to the Maine Appalachian Trail Club (MATC) is helping fund critically-needed trail improvements along a popular stretch of the Appalachian Trail. Members of MATC's Maine Trail Crew are working at two exceptionally wild, remote high elevation trail-sections on either side of White Cap Mountain in the 100-Mile Wilderness.

Using MOHF grant money to fund the work in part, the crew built more than 25 stone steps on the Western Ridge of White Cap Mountain in July, and at the second project site near White Cap's Logan Brook area cleared accumulated gravel from 30 water bars. They are now halfway through building 40 steps at a much higher elevation along the mountainside where the terrain is littered with rock and

roots. "As the Appalachian Trail continues to grow in popularity, vigilant trail maintenance is critical to ensure both hiker safety and the conservation of Maine's natural attractions," remarked MATC President Lester Kenway. "We are grateful to The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund for enabling us to achieve great progress every trail season."

The Appalachian Trail continues to experience a rise in hiking traffic, influenced in recent times by the popularity of Bill Bryon's "A Walk in the Woods." This influx is placing great strain on the already aging infrastructure by accelerating trail erosion, littering and wood waste. MATC seeks funding for critical trail projects through organizations such as MOHF to maintain and manage 267 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Maine.

### American Legion all-stars

**DOVER-FOXCROFT** — Four members of the Rowell's Navigators American Legion baseball team received post-season recognition for their performances this past season. Brayden Miller was selected for the Zone 1 Second Team as a utility player.

Earning honorable mention recognition were Navigators Brooks Law, Chandler Rockwell and Tanner Strout.

### FA Youth Track travels to Old Town

**OLD TOWN** — The Foxcroft Youth Track team took part in the fourth USATF-Maine Group D meet of the summer season on July 28 at Old Town High School. The following boys team members placed in the top 20:

Age 9-10 100: 14. Landon Smith 17.82 seconds.

8 and under long jump: 12. Nolan Guthrie 6 feet, 4 inches.

9-10 long jump: 12. Zachary Peirce 8-08.50; 16. Landon Smith 7-11.50.

11-12 long jump: 14. Jackson Smith 8-01.

### Pirate parent/coach meeting

GUILFORD — The annual parent/coach meeting for PCHS and PCMS sports teams will be Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. in the PCSS gym. There will be information on individual teams, impact (concussion) testing, eligibility, new coaches and the many changes within the system that will affect parents and their athletes. The meeting is expected to last for an hour.



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**SLATE MAN TRIATHLETES** — Participants in last month's Monson Summer Fest Slate Man Mini Triathlon were, from left, Cliff, Chloe and Suzanne Olson, Jeff Killam, Sue Killam, Gretchen Peters, Tom Cronkite and Aaron Suomi. The individual winners were Peters and Cronkite. Team and overall winner was Team Suomi, Killam and Killam.

### Three Rivers Kiwanis Sebec River Canoe/Kayak Race results

The Three Rivers Kiwanis held its annual Sebec River Canoe/Kayak Race on Saturday, July 23 with paddlers starting near the Reading Room in Sebec Village and ending at Veterans Park in Milo.

Lori and Barry Dana, in a MaCKRO Class IV recreational canoe, were the first to finish in a time of one hour, 18 minutes. Next were Laurie and Michael Sproul in a MaCKRO Class III racing canoe at one hour and 21 minutes, and in third place was Dan Baumert in a MaCKRO Class I racing kayak at one hour and 22 minutes.

The racers enjoyed donuts and coffee donated by Dunkin' Donuts of Milo before the race and sandwiches donated by Subway in Dover-Foxcroft after the race. Three Rivers Kiwanis provided the beverages, fruit salad and dessert. Each racer was given a T-shirt with all the race sponsors listed on



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**JUST ABOUT THERE** — Laurie and Michael Sproul near the finish line by Veterans Park in Milo during the Three Rivers Kiwanis Sebec River Canoe/Kayak Race on July 23. The two had the second best time of the day, one hour and 21 minutes, traveling from Sebec Village to Milo.

the back. The Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club and the Milo Fire Department were on hand to help out in case of emergencies. Kiwanis officials said it was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time.

### SPORTS ON TAP

schedule subject to change

**Thursday, Aug. 4** — **TRACK:** Foxcroft Youth Track at Junior Division qualifying meet 10 a.m. (Old Town High School). **Saturday, Aug. 6** — **BASKETBALL:** Foxcroft Academy alumni boys and girls games 9 a.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Foxcroft Academy alumni game 11 a.m. **GOLF:** Foxcroft Academy Alumni Weekend scramble 8 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Foxcroft Golf Club); Grapevine Association scramble 9 a.m. Squaw Mt. Village (Greenville Junction). **ROAD RACE:** Pony Pride 5K 8 a.m. (Foxcroft Academy); PRYMCA Kids Pony Trot 1K 10 a.m. (Foxcroft Academy track). **SOCCER:** Foxcroft Academy alumni boys and girls games 10 a.m. **SOFTBALL:** Foxcroft Acad-

emy alumni slow-pitch game noon. **TENNIS:** Foxcroft Academy Alumni Weekend tournament 8 a.m. **Sunday, Aug. 7** — **ICE HOCKEY:** Foxcroft Academy alumni game 11 a.m. (Alfond Arena-Orono). **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). **Monday, Aug. 15** — **CROSS COUNTRY/FIELD HOCKEY/FOOTBALL/GOLF/SOCCER:** Fall high

school practices begin. **Saturday, Aug. 20** — **PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter and PCHS at Central Play Day (Corinth) 9 a.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER:** PCHS at Orono Play Day TBA. **Monday, Aug. 22** — **PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter at Cape Elizabeth Play Day noon. **PRESEASON FOOTBALL:** Dexter at Orono 5 p.m.; Foxcroft at Oceanside (Rockland) 5 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 24** — **PRESEASON BOYS SOCCER:** Dexter at Mt. View (Thorndike) 5:30 p.m.; PCHS at Schenck (East Millinocket) 5 p.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter at Mt. View (Thorndike) 4 p.m.; PCHS at Schenck (East Millinocket) 3 p.m.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Wednesday, Aug. 3**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Thompson Free Library hosts a children's fairy garden program at 10:30 a.m. FMI call 564-3350.

**Thursday, Aug. 4**  
**DEXTER:** The Dexter Fire Department's annual auction takes place today, tomorrow and Aug. 6, starting each evening at 6 p.m. in the Factory One parking lot.

**MILO:** The Milo Garden Club's Summer Fair will be held at Milo Elementary from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., with a luncheon, silent auction and raffle.

**ROCKWOOD:** The Rockwood Community Church's annual bazaar will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Community Center.

**Friday, Aug. 5**  
**DEXTER:** DDATT and the Abbott Memorial Library present a First Friday movie and discussion at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. FMI call 277-4221 or 924-3836.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover Low Vision Group meets at the Thayer Parkway Community Room from 10-11:30 a.m. FMI contact 270-

2730 or nancy.matulis@yahoo.com.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The annual hot dog cookout is served at Media Central on East Main St. at 11 a.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 6**  
**BROWNVILLE:** The Brownville Community Church, 84 Church St., Old Home Weekend auction and quilt show start at 9 a.m. A baked bean supper will be served from 5-6:30 p.m.

**DEXTER:** The Mass Vigil Society's Gulf Wars memorial will be at VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., today and tomorrow.

**DEXTER:** The Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis Cruise-In takes place from 4:30-8 p.m. in the municipal parking lot.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Foxcroft Academy's 20th annual Pony Pride 5K, with a new course this year, starts at 8 a.m. at Foxcroft Academy.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The PRYMCA Kids Pony Trot 1K, for ages 3-10, starts at 10 a.m. at the Foxcroft Academy track. FMI call 564-7111.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The United Methodist Church of Dover-Foxcroft's lobster roll

and BBQ sale starts at 10 a.m. on the church lawn. FMI call 564-8055.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown Homecoming festivities include fireworks over Sebec Lake, with the Kiwanis concession stand opening at 4 p.m. by the beach.

**GREENVILLE JCT:** The Grapevine Association's 40th annual golf scramble at Squaw Mt. Village begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, to benefit association scholarships. FMI contact 695-3837 or kcccarter@gmail.com.

**GREENVILLE JCT:** The Peoples' United Methodist Church auction starts at 9:30 a.m. FMI call 695-2523.

**MILO:** The Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club's Three Riverfest Hamfest takes place at the Kiwanis Building from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI contact k1pq@parc.org.

**MONSON:** A traditional Finn dance takes place at the Finn Hall from 7:30-10 p.m. FMI call 997-3639.

**PARKMAN:** The Parkman Grange serves its fifth annual Minnie Welts Bridge Memorial

Scholarship Supper from 4:30-6:30 p.m. FMI call 277-3942.

**Monday, Aug. 8**  
**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover & Foxcroft Water District trustees' monthly meeting

starts at 5 p.m. at the district office — 48 Morton Ave. Suite B.

**SEBEC:** The annual town meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Harland A. Ladd Municipal Building.

**Tuesday, Aug. 9**  
**DEXTER:** Wilf Clark and The Misty Mountaineers perform a Wayside Park concert at 6 p.m. FMI go to [www.dexter-maine.org/upcoming-events](http://www.dexter-maine.org/upcoming-events).

## Custom-made awards will be presented at Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis Cruise-In on Aug. 6

**DEXTER** — The Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis' second annual Cruise-In, on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 4:30-8 p.m. in the municipal parking lot, features a competition for 12 favorite cars, which represents about 10 percent of the cars present. Car owners are given the opportunity to vote for their favorite vehicle other than their own and the top nine car owners get to pick their "Cool Ride" award in order. Additionally, there are three "Choice" awards, kids' choice, Kiwanis choice and DJ's choice.

In recognition of antique and classic car owners the Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis believes that any awards earned at the Cruise-Ins must be as unique. The trophies are hand-made primarily from small car parts and hand tools and/or specially designed to fit the occasion. The awards are the Kiwanis' way of acknowledging how special these cars are and giving thanks to the owners for participating. Kiwanis also recognizes the risks associated with weather and various road hazards when the classic cars leave the security of their garages and brave miles of open road to attend a car show. Presenting awards in this way also accents the family-oriented atmosphere of this



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**COVETED AWARDS** — Some custom-made awards will be presented at the second annual Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis Cruise-In, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 4:30-8 p.m. in the municipal parking lot downtown.

Kiwanis event.

The awards include a refurbished 1948-52 Chevrolet hood ornament, a 1967 Camaro Z-28, a 1967 piston unique to that model car (DJ's Choice), a 1948 Mercury water pump that is now a "planter" cleaned

and clear-coated, a second 1951 Ford water pump "planter" that will even hold water for real plants and another red 1967 Camaro pops a "wheelie" beneath a vintage fuel pump. Most of the Cruise-In honors are firmly planted on hand-finished ash.

## Gaw

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Andy and Terry Lovell, owners of the Guilford Hardware store located just across Route 15 from the field.

It was Andy Lovell's idea to honor Gaw, particularly after he bought the store a decade ago and began to look out every day at the field where he was a batboy for the former coach during his grammar-school days and then played for the Pirates as a freshman at PCHS in 1973 and as a senior in 1976.

"I always had a special bond with him," said Lovell. "My dad died at a young age and (Gaw) kind of was my 'dad' to a certain degree. In an athletic sense he mentored me, and this was something I really felt strong about."

Lovell also was motivated by similar honors bestowed upon other former coaches in the area.

"Ever since I bought the store I've wanted to do this," said Lovell. "With owning the hardware store I do a lot of deliveries and I'd go to Dexter and see Ted Clark Field or to Greenville and see Loren Ritchie Field. The straw that broke the camel's back was after Ed Guiski passed away a couple of years ago I went to a basketball preliminary playoff game in Dexter this winter and when they announced the players they said, 'Welcome to Guiski Gymnasium.'"

"I said, 'OK, we're going to try to make this happen in Guilford, too.'"

Lovell sent a letter to each selectman and followed that up with personal visits to explain his mission, and at the next selectmen's meeting the vote was unanimous to re-name the town-owned field along the bank of the Piscataquis River.

Gaw, now 75, played baseball, basketball and football at Boothbay Region High School before moving on to the University of Maine where he played baseball under coach Jack Butterfield and was a team captain as a senior in 1963.

"I played first base and some in the outfield," he said, "and I pitched for one inning."

After graduating from UMaine, Gaw came to Guilford for the most logical of reasons.

"I got a job here," he said. Gaw had no long-term plan to stay in the area as a physical education teacher and coach, but he quickly grew fond of the area and its people and he and his wife Freda have never left.

"When I first came up here I coached JV basketball and baseball," he said. "I coached the JVs for at least two years and I coached varsity (basketball) for six years, and then I became (athletic director) after I gave up the basketball job."

But it was on the baseball diamond now bearing his name where Gaw and his teams were the talk of the town.

"In my era, basketball was nothing compared to baseball here," said Lovell. "Everybody played baseball during the summer, all summer. We didn't play basketball until the fall of the year."

PCHS was a perennial contender for Penquis League honors during Gaw's tenure, winning several titles thanks in part to an aggressive coaching philosophy that stressed such fundamentals as base stealing and the hit-and-run.

"And doing your best," said Gaw. "If you do that things have a way of working out."

Gaw also had the chance to coach

his sons, Brian - the current PCHS athletic director - and Allen.

"I was lucky, they were both pretty good and they worked hard, and that made it a lot easier," he said. "There was never any doubt in my mind that I was playing them when I should have been playing them."

Gaw's compassion for his players transcended familial lines, whether it was buying lunch after a road game for a player who couldn't afford it or supporting them in other ways.

"If he could do something to help a kid, he would," said Lovell. "There was one guy who came to me this morning and told me as a kid he didn't have the money to buy a glove so he used an opposite-hand glove. He'd catch the ball and then take the glove off and throw and then put the glove back on."

"He told me that in his freshman year coach Gaw went to a store and bought him two gloves and gave them to him. What's that tell you?"

Gaw also was active with the local youth baseball program and instrumental in bringing an American Legion baseball team to Piscataquis County.

"He's a winner," said Lovell. "He'd pick you up when you fell, he'd pat you on the back when you were successful. He was a great coach, absolutely a great coach."

Gaw retired from education in 1993, and his primary baseball interests now are the New York Yankees - an allegiance that reportedly began after he lost a 25-cent bet some 40 years ago - and oldest grandson Brady, an 8-year-old making his way through the Farm League ranks.

"He's a pretty good hitter," said Gaw.

## Piscataquis Public Health Coalition offers free healthy food shopping tour

**DOVER-FOXCROFT** — Piscataquis Public Health Coalition is offering a free "Cooking Matters at the Store" shopping tour event at Will's Shop 'n Save on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Educators will coordinate information tables with samples, recipes, and activities throughout the store. Event participants who visit each station and complete a short survey will receive a \$10 gift card. This event is free and open to the public.

Tour participants will gain a variety of practical skills including buying fruits and vegetables on a budget, comparing unit prices to find bargains, reading and comparing food labels, identifying whole grains and sticking to a budget.

Cooking Matters at the Store shopping tours offer new tips and tools to purchase healthy foods on a budget. The tours are a lot of fun and very hands-on. At the end, participants will receive a free \$10 Hannaford gift card to purchase a healthy meal,

a reusable grocery bag and recipe booklet with simple tips on buying healthy, low-cost foods.

For more information, please contact Krystle Bean at 564-4159 or [kparkman@mayohospital.com](mailto:kparkman@mayohospital.com).

Piscataquis Public Health Coalition Nutrition Education classes are made possible through Maine SNAP-Ed. Maine SNAP-Ed is a USDA funded grant, administered

by Maine DHHS, implemented statewide by University of New England through contracts with the Healthy Maine Partnership.

Cooking Matters at the Store is a curriculum of Cooking Matters, a program of Share Our Strength and the Good Shepherd Food Bank in partnership with Healthy Community Coalition. Cooking Matters is sponsored locally by Hannaford.

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The Board of Visitors of the Mountain View Youth Development Center/Charleston Correctional Facility will hold a **public meeting** on **Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.** in the **M.V.Y.D.C. Administration Conference Room, 1182 Dover Road, Charleston, Maine.**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION MEETING**

The Constable and Municipal Officers of the **Town of Atkinson** have called an election meeting to **vote on the proposed deorganization procedure for the Town of Atkinson.**

**Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2016**  
**Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Place: Atkinson Town Office**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Obituary Notices

**BURNS, Pamela L.**, 27, Parkman, July 30, 2016. A graveside memorial service will be conducted 10 a.m., Friday, August 5, 2016, at Pingree Center Cemetery in Parkman. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

**SILVA, Russell Gabriel**, 36, Parkman, July 30, 2016. A graveside memorial service will be conducted 10 a.m., Friday, August 5, at Pingree Center Cemetery, Parkman. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

### Pamela L. Burns

PARKMAN – Pamela L. Burns, 27, left us unexpectedly July 30, 2016, in a car accident in Parkman, along with her partner in life, Russell Silva. She was born June 6, 1989, in Dover-Foxcroft. Pamela graduated from PCHS, Class of 2008. She was proud to be employed at Erda in Dexter, as production manager. She truly enjoyed her job and working with her special friend, Jackie Libby. Pam had many friends and was the type of person who would brighten up a room just by walking into it and smiling. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, hiking, kayaking, and sharing all of these with Russ, Royce, and Russ's children, Gabe and Sarah.

She is survived by the love of her life, her son, Royce. She leaves her parents, Trina and Alvin Gray of Parkman, and Daniel and Sandy Burns; two sisters, Amber Moody and her husband, Charlie of

Willimantic, and Amanda Gray and her boyfriend, Adam Meservey of Parkman; a brother, Mark Burns of Salem, OR; two nephews, Blaze and Dalton Moody; and a niece, Aspen Gray. She will be remembered by two special aunts and uncles, Starre and Danny White of Parkman, and Kathy and Bruce White of Sebec; as well as Russell's family and her own extended family.

A graveside memorial service for both Pamela and Russell will be conducted 10 a.m., Friday, August 5, 2016, at Pingree Center Cemetery in Parkman. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions for the benefit of her son, Royce, may be sent to Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 697, 23 Hudson Ave., Guilford, 04443.

Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

### Russell Gabriel Silva

PARKMAN – Russell Gabriel Silva, 36, passed away unexpectedly July 30, 2016, in a car accident along with his girlfriend, Pamela Burns Bridge. He was born July 30, 1980, in Dover-Foxcroft, the son of Russell and Peggy (Bridge) Silva. He had most recently been employed by Herrick Excavation and enjoyed his co-workers and his work as a mechanic.

Russell will always be remembered by all who knew him and loved him for his laugh and for always being ready to lend a helping hand.

In his spare time, he could be found hunting, fishing, and hiking with his family. His passions were guns and hot sauce.

Russell is survived by his children, Gabriel and Sarah

Silva; Pam's son, Royce Bridge; his parents, Russell and Peggy Silva; his sister, Bobby-Lyn Silva and her fiancé, Bravis Cullicutt and their children, Quentin and Heston. He will be remembered by his extended family and many friends.

A graveside memorial service for Russell and Pamela will be conducted 10 a.m., Friday, August 5, 2016, at Pingree Center Cemetery, Parkman. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions for the benefit of his children may be sent to Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 697, 23 Hudson Ave., Guilford 04443.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 12, 2016 in the action entitled Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT2 v. Alan Vryhof et al., by the Maine District Court, Division of Dover-Foxcroft, Docket No.: DOVDC-RE-15-18, wherein the Court adjudged the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Alan Vryhof and Alec Preble to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation dated May 14, 2007 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 1838, Page 211, should the period of redemption have expired without redemption of the property by the mortgagor(s), a public sale of the property described in the mortgage will be conducted on September 7, 2016 commencing at 10:30 a.m. at Office of Shechtman Halperin Savage LLP, 190 U.S. Route One, 2nd Floor-Rear, Falmouth, Maine.

The property is located at 11 Alice And Lorin Drive, Guilford, Piscataquis County, Maine, reference as described in said mortgage.

The sale will be by public auction. All bidders for the property will be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 in cash, certified or bank check at the time of the public sale made payable to Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP, which deposit is non-refundable as to the highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the public sale. In the event a representative of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT2 is not present at the time and place stated in this notice, no sale shall be deemed to have occurred and all rights to reschedule a subsequent sale are reserved.

Additional terms will be announced at the public sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT2, by its attorneys, Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP James M. Garnet, Esq. 1080 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 (401) 272-1400

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The property is located at 31 Deerview Lane, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

The sale will be by public auction. All bidders for the property will be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 in cash, certified or bank check at the time of the public sale made payable to Shapiro & Morley, LLC, which deposit is non-refundable as to the highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the public sale. In the event a representative of the mortgagee is not present at the time and place stated in this notice, no sale shall be deemed to have occurred and all rights to reschedule a subsequent sale are reserved. Additional terms will be announced at the public sale.

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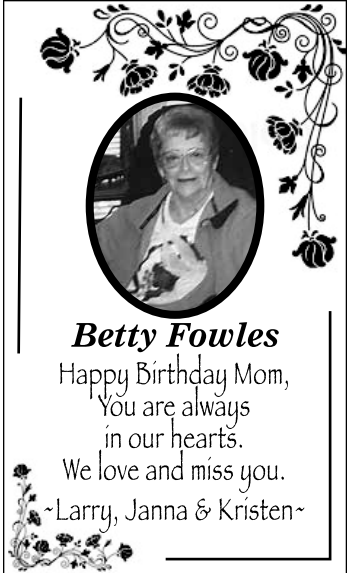
Subway Sandwich Shops in Maine are building up to Veteran's Day in a big way. Through October, sandwich artists will ask customers to donate \$1 when ordering their sandwiches. Last year, Subway raised more than \$50,000 in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to support Easter Seals Military and Veterans programs.

"At Subway our franchisees are passionate about giving back to our communities, especially to those who sacrifice so much to keep all of us safe," Loren Goodridge, Subway franchisee and Maine development agent, said. "Last year we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our customers in Maine for Easter Seals. We hope to expand that support for post-Sept. 11 vets this year."

Easter Seals Military and Veterans services provides critical and timely financial assistance when no other resource is available to veterans, service members and their families. The program also works to ensure dignity, health and overall well-being for veterans.

All the money raised will remain in Maine to benefit the Easter Seals Military and Veterans Services programming, with 90 percent going directly to programs. "This assistance couldn't come at a more critical time," Director of Military and Veterans Services at Easter Seals Maine Jeremy Kendall said. "Recently we've seen our need nearly double and we never want to have to turn a veteran away. Because of the generosity of Subway and its customers, this program will be able to provide essential services for our local veterans, whether they are 25 or 85."

A check will be presented in honor of Veteran's Day this fall.



#### 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



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**CAPT. JOHN "JAY" BRAINARD GOLD STAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE** – Capt. Jay Brainard traveled over the bridge over the Piscataquis River connecting his hometown of Atkinson to Sebec countless times during his lifetime. The structure is now named in his honor, formally dedicated during a ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

## Brainard

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and extracurricular challenges. "Jay took full advantage of those opportunities," Higgins said. He said Brainard was an honor student, member of the 2003 Class C state championship football team, swam on the Pony swim team, played trumpet in the Honors Jazz Band and more.

"We have a saying at Foxcroft Academy, 'It's not who you are today, but who you will be tomorrow,'" Higgins said. "Today we are reminded of the price of freedom and we at Foxcroft Academy are proud to call you one of us."

"Thank you for joining us here today to honor our hometown hero Capt. Jay Brainard," Donald White said. "My wife Nancy would now like to share some of Jay's story."

"Our beloved nephew and godson Capt. Jay Brainard was born in Waterville, Maine on Sept. 1, 1985 to his parents Susan Banks Phelps and John Brainard," White said. She said Brainard spent his early years in Newport and "he was surrounded by a loving extended family."

Brainard attended St. Agnes Parochial School in Pittsfield through grade 5 and at the age of 10 he moved to Atkinson. "He loved the rugged off the grid lifestyle that he lived here," White said. "Jay enjoyed snowshoeing, snowmobiling, hunting, canoeing, biking, gardening, bicycling and all outdoor activities."

After graduating with honors from Foxcroft Academy, White said Brainard attended the University of Maine and earned a degree - magna cum laude - in political science. "As a proud Black Bear ROTC cadet, Jay excelled and received the Cadet of the Year Award his junior and senior years," White said. "He was president of the Scabbard and Blade Society and was awarded the prestigious Joshua Chamberlain Award for Excellence. Jay graduated at the top 10 percent of the ROTC cadets nationally and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in June of 2008."

"After graduation Jay married his best friend Emily Southwick of Standish, Maine. Emily remained by Jay's side throughout his military career." White said Brainard was later selected to train as an Apache helicopter pilot, earned the promotion of 1st Lt. and then the rank of captain while at his first duty station in Illesheim, Germany.

"Jay and his wife Emily truly enjoyed living in Germany where they made many close friends and earned a reputation for serving their fellow soldiers and their families," White said.

Brainard served as attack platoon leader for Bravo Company, 3-159th ARB, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, and in March 2012 he was selected as brigade adjutant. "Capt. Brainard was deployed to Camp Marmal Afghanistan in April of 2012 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom," White said.

"On Memorial Day May 28, 2012 Capt. Jay Brainard and his fellow pilot CWS Jon Pratt



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**HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPT. BRAINARD** – U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine) and Nancy White embrace after the congressman presented her with an American flag during Saturday's dedication of the Capt. John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge. Looking on is Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville), left who sponsored the bill to name the bridge between Atkinson and Sebec in Brainard's honor, and Rep. Norm Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft).

were killed in action after their AH G4D Apache helicopter was shot down by enemy fire," she said.

For his service Brainard received the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Medal, National Defense Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Badge.

"We feel it's so very fitting that this bridge spanning the Piscataquis River here in Jay's beloved hometown of Atkinson be named in his honor," Donald White said. "Jay loved living here in Atkinson and he traveled over the bridge many times in his life. He rode the school bus over the bridge to (middle school in Milo) every day. He pedaled the bike over the bridge and down the river to visit friends. He snowmobiled across to access trails, drove his truck across, fished, canoeed, hunted and picked fiddleheads along the shore."

"He loved the quiet serenity of his beloved hometown and cherished coming home to Atkinson whenever he was on leave."

State Trooper John York served as a University of Maine ROTC cadet with Brainard and he told the audience, "I can hardly remember a time when Jay wasn't grinning ear to ear."

"The best word I can think to describe Jay is glue," York said, as Brainard was always working behind the scenes and helped keep what was a small ROTC class together. "Jay was a leader who joined an organization and made it better than

when he started."

Retired U.S. Army Col. Jay Vorhees served as Brainard's commanding officer with the 3-159th ARB, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade. He told Brainard's uncle and aunt, "Your dedication to ensure Jay's memory will never die is an inspiration to all of us."

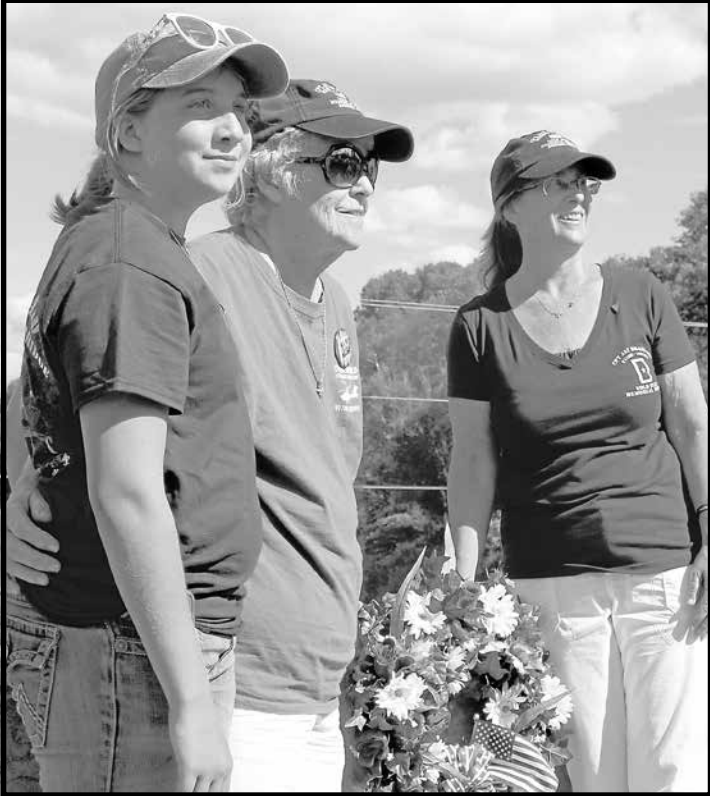
"Just seeing this event gives me great pride," Vorhees said, saying the memories he has of Brainard will never fade away. Vorhees said Brainard always gave him great comfort when he would call out "Capt. Brainard" to the next room and then immediately heard, "On my way sir."

"Every time you come across this bridge in years to come say a thanks for the freedom you enjoy thanks to Jay who sacrificed all of his tomorrows for our todays," Vorhees said.

U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine) said all life is special but "it is especially painful when a small town like Atkinson and Sebec loses one of its heroes."

"When we all get together we honor and appreciate the men and women who are serving," Poliquin said. He said Brainard is not forgotten and "when our kids are riding across this bridge they will be riding on the shoulders of Jay Brainard and every other man and woman who has fought to keep us free."

The dedication ceremony concluded with a 21-gun salute by the American Legion Post 77 rifle team and a wreath laying by Nancy White, Brainard's daughter Aaliyah Bubar and his grandmother Louise "Meme" Bresnahan.



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**WREATH FROM HIS FAMILY** – From left, Capt. Jay Brainard's daughter Aaliyah Bubar, grandmother Louise "Meme" Bresnahan and aunt/godmother Nancy White lay a wreath on the Capt. John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge at the conclusion of the dedication ceremony on July 30.







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This evening of entertainment will begin at 5 p.m. with shore-side drinks and activities including line dancing instruction, a Chinese auction and the opportunity to purchase new logo merchandise. A full country buffet dinner will be served

onboard the SS Katahdin, dockside. At 7 p.m. the boat will depart for two hours of cruising and dancing to the sounds of the Country Western Tyler Healy Band.

Throughout the cruise, attendees will have fun bidding on silent auction items and attempting to outbid friends for the live auction items. One of the best outcomes of the evening will be discovering more about future plans for the region. Plan to join your friends and neighbors for this delightful event.

For tickets please contact the Moosehead Marine Museum in person, by phone at 695-2716 or visit [https://www.katahdincruises.com/event/country-western-cruise/2016-08-20\\_600pm/](https://www.katahdincruises.com/event/country-western-cruise/2016-08-20_600pm/) to reserve tickets. Tickets are limited.

## Meals for Me

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Wednesday, Aug. 10 — Baked white fish, Florentine stuffing, broccoli, wheat roll and dessert.

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