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Motorcycle club honors fellow veterans

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

MILO — Since formally opening nearly a half decade ago, the Milo Veteran's Memorial at Evergreen Cemetery has honored all who have served in the five branches of the nation's armed forces as well as serving as a location for visitors to reflect on military service.

On Aug. 7 the newly-formed local Chapter No. 2 of the the United States Military Veterans Motorcycle Club (USMVMC) rode to the memorial to present overseer Ron Knowles with a $500 donation for the next planned addition to the site as well as a plaque recognizing Knowles for all he has done.

"This a project that we started in 2007 and I was looking for a way to spend the money we were raising at the country western jamborees," Knowles said before the motorcycle procession arrived. He said an idea to put the funds toward a memorial to honor all veterans was developed, and the concept evolved to have the site be located at Evergreen Cemetery on Park Street to incorporate the previously existing monuments for World War I and World War II.

Knowles said nearly 400 pavers honor individual veterans, many of whom lived in or are residents of the area, who have served over the last century. Knowles — a Marine veteran of the Korean War — said the Milo Veteran's Memorial includes a Field of Honor with individual granite monuments for the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy as well as pavers engraved with the names of those who gave their lives for their country.

"It's just an ongoing project, what we are doing now is the bronze plaques," Knowles said. "I have one for each branch of the military. These bronze plaques are two feet in diameter, I'm going to mount each one of those on granite and I'm going to place them in different places."

Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – Ron Knowles, right, is presented with a framed certificate on Aug. 7 from the Dover-Foxcroft-based United State Military Veterans Motorcycle Club Chapter No. 2 President "Ripper" for all he has done over the last decade to first establish and then oversee the Milo Veteran's Memorial located at Evergreen Cemetery. The club also presented Knowles with a $500 donation for the next site addition, a bronze plaque for the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy to each be mounted on granite and placed around the memorial.

"They are going to be directional, so on a bright sunny day like today the sun will rise on this one to the east and it's going to set on all of them but not take away from the Field of Honor."

Motorcyclists from the USMVMC chapter No. 2, which is based in Dover-Foxcroft, and several organization state officers drove onto the dirt cemetery travelway and parked by the Veteran's Memorial to greet Knowles.

"We did a charter party to raise some funds and we decided to donate these to the memorial," Chapter President "Ripper" — club members go by their nicknames which are on their leather vests along with the club information and branch of the military they served in — said. "It came up to $500."

Also taking part in the Aug. 7 ride was State President "Billy", Vice President "Butch", "Buzzard", "Drifter", "Hats", "Mohawk", "Northman", "Smokey" and "Viper."

"It was a big donation, much appreciated," Knowles said.

Ripper said the club is comprised of honorably discharged veterans. "Our club is kind of like group therapy for us, we all lean on each other," he said. "This helps us get together, helps us heal our wounds. A lot of us are combat veterans."

The USMVMC provides members a sense of brotherhood and pride for having served and the opportunity to give back to other veterans and their families. Ripper said on Sept. 17 they will be taking part in the Sgt. Blair Emery Scholarship Ride starting in Lee, which is sponsored by the Wabanaki Warriors Motorcycle Club (https://www.facebook.com/Wabanakiwarriors).

"That's a ride we like to go on every year, it helps out a Gold Star family," Ripper said.

Knowles said he will often see Ripper at the Milo Veteran's Memorial. "This is exactly what this monument is all about," Knowles said.

Ripper said he comes to the site to think about his own military service. "It gives you a moment of solitude to collect your thoughts so you can go back about your day," he said. "Hands down this is one of the best memorials I have seen and I just happen to live here."

To thank Knowles for all he has done, the USMVMC Chapter No. 2 presented him with a framed certificate.

"This is a true honor and I can't do enough for the veterans," Knowles said as Ripper handed him the framed item.

Knowles, 80, said he has been looking to conclude his involvement in the Milo Veteran's Memorial, waiting for a someone who has served in the military to take over the

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Students return to classroom soon

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — With students at the SeDoMoCha School starting classes on Tuesday, Aug. 30, the RSU 68 boards of directors met on Aug. 2 where they learned of the preparations being made for the new academic year.

"Summer school's going awesome, the kids are great," Foxcroft Academy Head of School Arnold Shorey said, as he mentioned these pupils have demonstrated outstanding behavior and attendance and have worked hard.

"We are looking forward to continuing this, these nine students have a heads up on the school year," Shorey said. He also thanked SeDoMoCha Principal Julie Kimball for spearheading the program.

District and Foxcroft Academy officials worked to develop a multiple-week, day-long program for students who may have been in need of assistance for their freshman year at

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District pondering school project options

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

MILO — Last month Superintendent Michael Wright informed the school board about a pair of funding opportunities for improvements — part of a larger construction plan — at the Penquis Valley School campus. He said SAD 41 has been approved for a $2.1 million quality zone academy bond (QZAB) as part of the construction plan, which would come with a 0 percent interest rate (leading to a savings of between $700,000 and $800,000) and 25-year timeline to pay back the principal. The project includes about $2.15 million worth of renovations, including window and door replacements and upgrades to the heating system.

The district could also apply for monies from the state through its School Revolving Renovation Fund program. School units 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, potentially having up to 70 percent of the costs forgiven.

During an Aug. 3 meeting, Wright said he would need some direction on the two funding possibilities by letting the Department of Education know SAD 41's intentions on the QZAB money and needing to apply to the School Revolving Renovation Fund by the Sept. 30 deadline.

"I'm trying to do what can help us based on those timeframes," Wright said. "Trying to navigate which one we go for or how to navigate both is something we are going to have to think about."

In June the school board 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 facilities needs in the district with pre-kindergarten through grade 12 all housed at the Penquis Valley campus.

Board Chair Arthur Herbest asked for direction on proceeding and after some discussions he and Wright were asked to set up a meeting on the project and its costs between the school board and the selectmen from the SAD 41 communities of Atkinson, Brownville, LaGrange and Milo.

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UT voters evenly split on Atkinson deorganization

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Unorganized territory (UT) residents responding to an advisory referendum on the Atkinson deorganization procedure were nearly split 50/50 when asked if they favored the proposal. Thirty four of the returned ballots opposed the procedure, while 33 favored the deorganization — one other ballot was miscast.

"Yesterday was the deadline for receiving absentee ballots so I spent yesterday afternoon counting them," Interim County Manager Tom Lizotte said during an Aug. 2 meeting of the Piscataquis County Commissioners. Lizotte said ballots received prior to a pair of public hearings for UT residents, with one in Greenville and the second taking place the following evening in Milo, tended to favor deorganization whereas post-hearing ballots had a majority of responders opposed.

"There was a very striking difference before and after," he said. Lizotte said should Atkinson deorganize then many of its municipal services would fall under the auspices of the county, and as a result the taxes for all UT residents would increase.

The results from the advisory referendum will be now be forwarded to the state. "That will be another data point for the Legislature when they consider whether Atkinson should deorganize or not," Lizotte said. "This is probably good news for Atkinson," he added about the split referendum results.

On the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 16 Atkinson residents will vote on whether to go forward with deorganization, as well as make a decision on whether to start the withdrawal process from SAD 41. Under the plan, Atkinson students would attend RSU 68/Foxcroft Academy.

An affirmative decision on Aug. 16 would send the deorganization procedure to the Legislature, and this body could take a vote on the plan in 2017 — with public hearings beforehand in Augusta. Should the Legislature approve the deorganization procedure then the plan would come back to Atkinson citizens for another vote on the November 2018 gubernatorial ballot. The procedure would need to be passed by a two-thirds majority of citizens for the municipality to deorganize.

"That's when they have their full vote," Lizotte said. He said July 1, 2019 would be the date Atkinson becomes part of the UT and the county budget preparations leading up to the 2019-20 fiscal year would reflect the change.

"We sent out 656 ballots and 162 were returned here because the post office was unable to deliver them," Lizotte said. "494 were actually delivered and we got 68 back. That's a return of a little under 14 percent."

In other business, the commissioners approved the hire of Debra Hamlin for an emergency management agency (EMA)/probate clerk position split four days and one day between the respective departments.

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Guilford native is World Cup leader

LaPointe stands atop international para-cycling point standings

By Ernie Clark
BDN Staff

Jay LaPointe's earliest sporting interests tended toward individual pursuits, as evidenced by the BMX bike he rode around his native Guilford as a youngster.

Now 43, the 1991 Piscataquis Community High School graduate has experienced some life-changing tragedy — a spinal cord injury he suffered on June 10, 2004, while training on his motocross bike left him diagnosed as a C 5-6 incomplete quadriplegic.

"Today the left side of my body works much better than my right," he said this week from his home in Las Vegas, Nevada. "I was righthanded before and now I'm lefthanded."

While that injury diminished his physical abilities LaPointe's competitive side never wavered, and today he stands as the International Cycling Union's World Cup T1 para-cycling points leader.

LaPointe rides what he calls a trike, a three-wheeled upright tricycle with a normal bicycle frame but two rear wheels so riders like himself with balance issues can pedal.

"It's basically a regular bike on the front end with a bigger rear axle," said LaPointe, who purchased his most recent custom-made trike and frame earlier this year for approximately $12,000.

"They're not cheap," he added.

LaPointe competes on the national and World Cup para-cycling scene in the T1 division for the more disabled trike riders.

He won both the time trial and road course races at the UCI World Cup stop in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, in May, then finished eighth during a second stop in Spain to retain the points lead in a 2016 schedule limited by next month's Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

LaPointe didn't fully pursue a Paralympic berth this year, in part because he's still developing as a para-cyclist after fully committing to the sport 3½ years ago and because the T1 riders in many ways must compete with T2 (less disabled) riders for Paralympic qualification.

"They're a lot faster," he said. "The thing with trike riders in the Paralympics is they throw us all into the same arena. In the time trial they have what they call 'factoring' — we call it handicapping the handicapped — and a T1 rider has to finish in a certain percentage of the T2 men.

"For the road race it's all head to head, and I've yet to see a T1 trike rider beat a T2. That's a pipe dream if anybody thinks that's going to happen because if you're fast enough to beat a T2 then you're a T2."

LaPointe might have considered it a pipe dream that he would ever be competitive on any sort of bike after that day 12 years ago in Colorado — where he moved after high school — when he was practicing for a looming pro motocross career but landed on his neck after riding the bike over a jump.

"I had instant paralysis from the neck down," said LaPointe, the son of retired Maine State Trooper Gerald LaPointe. "The neurosurgeon told me I had a 3 percent chance to ever walk or feed myself again."

LaPointe said it was three months before he could move any of his limbs and a year before he could stand independently.

Gradual improvement continued for the next few years with less and less reliance on a wheelchair as his walking improved. With that improvement came more and more interest in returning to a biking regimen of some sort.

"Therapy is always ongoing, I pretty much have to do it to stay functional every day," said LaPointe. "The more institutionalized, structured therapy lasted for about seven years but I just got fed up with punching the clock, so to say, and wanted something else to do.

"I really wanted to get out and stretch my legs and get the wind in my face again."

The initial steps of LaPointe's road back to racing began in his mind as much as it did in his arms and legs.

"When I first started the act of pedaling a recumbent bike or any type of bicycle or trike, I would actually pedal in my sleep at night," he said. "It was almost neuro-muscular training because even though I was off the bike my body was now thinking it needed to keep doing it and I was starting to re-educate my nervous system on how to pedal the bike.

"There were six or eight months of that before I finally stopped doing it in the middle of the night."

LaPointe's work on a recumbent bike (which places the rider in a laid-back, reclining position for ergonomic purposes) soon led him to pursue other biking options.

"I read online at one point about a guy in California who is now a friend who had an upright trike," he said. "Once I figured out how to get one, that started the whole competitive process again."

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PARA-CYCLIST – Jay LaPointe, a 1991 graduate of Piscataquis Community High School now living in Las Vegas, is competing on the national and World Cup para-cycling scene in the T1 division (for the more disabled trike riders). Today he stands as the International Cycling Union's World Cup T1 para-cycling points leader. LaPointe suffered a spinal cord injury in 2004, while training on his motocross bike, that left him diagnosed as a C5-C6 incomplete quadriplegic.

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Penquis Valley grad receives scholarship from Maine Savings

MILO — Continuing its tradition of support for local students, Maine Savings proudly awarded $500 scholarships to nine college-bound Maine seniors. One recipient is Lydia Balestra, of Penquis Valley High School, who will be attending the University of Maine to study Education/English.

Balestra

"We are proud of the outstanding academic success these young men and women have achieved," said John Reed, president and CEO of Maine Savings. "As a community-focused financial institution, it is our privilege to support them in their pursuit of higher education and we wish them all the very best in this exciting next chapter of their lives."

Community sing-alongs at Sebec Lake

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Lee McKusick and wife Barbara will be back at Sebec Lake this month, and McKusick will lead two community sing-alongs on Aug. 17 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. -- just as he did over six decades ago. Wednesday night sings around a bonfire at the beach became a summer tradition in those days when McKusick was a college student and headed the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis summer swim program at the municipal beach.

McKusick re-started the sings three years ago, this time located on the Smith Family property near the site of the old White Boat House and the former Tea Room. To get to the sings, simply park in the public lot at the town boat launch at Greeley's Landing (not far from the big green roller rink.) From there, follow the sign and take the short path along the shore to Paul Smith's bonfire. Bring a folding chair and flashlight. For more information, call Mary at 564-2994 or email mga@tdstelme.net.

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Veteran takes an Honor Flight to nation's capital

WASHINGTON, D.C. — World War II veteran LeRoy L. Knowlton of Dexter and member of American Legion Post 119 of Guilford spent July 22-24 in Washington, D.C. with Honor Flight Maine. The program takes veterans of the era to the World War II Memorial and other sites free of charge.

During the visit Knowlton and others also went to Arlington Cemetery, Fort Meade, Md. and Fort McHenry in Baltimore. At Fort Meade the 27 World War II veterans helped raise the large daytime flag.

Knowlton was accompanied by his son Brian Knowlton (U.S. Army retired) also of Dexter and Post Commander of Post 119. Upon return to Portland they were met with a water cannon salute on the taxiway and then a large reception in the terminal where they were met by military members, veterans organizations, the Shrine Honor Guard, Scouts and other groups.

The next Honor Flight Maine trip will be Oct. 28-30. For more information contact 370-7211 or go to www.honorflightmaine.org.

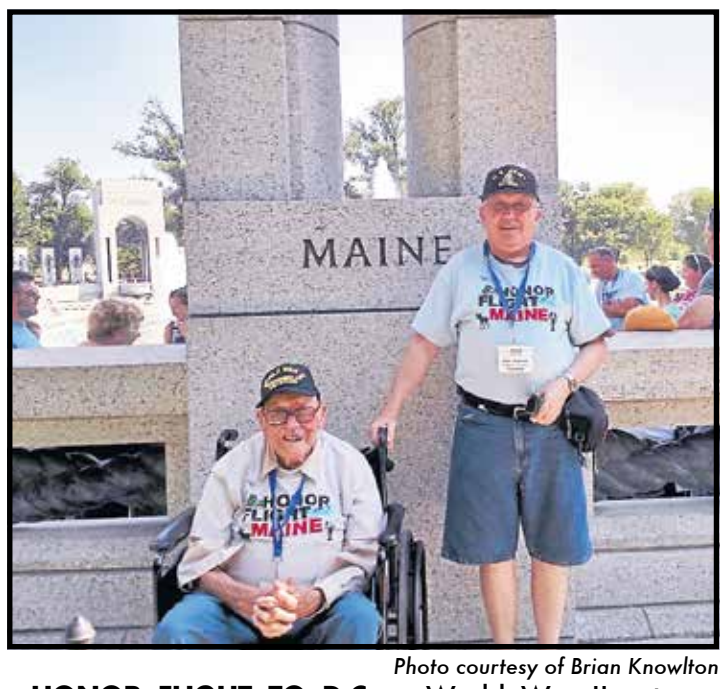

Photo courtesy of Brian Knowlton

HONOR FLIGHT TO D.C. – World War II veteran LeRoy L. Knowlton of Dexter, who was accompanied by his son Brian Knowlton, traveled to Washington, D.C. last month as part of Honor Flight Maine. Knowlton and his son are pictured at the World War II Memorial.

County Republicans meet Friday evening

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The next Piscataquis County Republicans meeting will be held on Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Republican headquarters on North Street across from Will's Shop 'n Save. Party officials will be discussing the 2016 fair season and what they will be doing to get signs out.

All Republicans are welcome to attend. For more information please call Trisha at 717-7619.

Center Theatre to host Piscataquis Chamber Business after Hours Mixer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Piscataquis business community is cordially invited to a Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer at the Center Theatre in Dover-Foxcroft on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Center Theatre is hosting the event to thank local businesses for their continual, faithful support as it celebrates 10 years of presenting affordable entertainment, arts and education.

A cash bar, snacks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Pastimes Pub and Foxcroft Catering Company. Desserts and "Really. Great. Coffee" will be provided by the Center Coffee House. Attendees can also expect some great door prizes, as well as a special performance from the Center Theatre Encore Show.

A Business After Hours "Mixer" is a casual and fun networking event open to members of the Piscataquis Chamber, other local business owners and residents. There is no fee to attend.

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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
102 North Stagecoach Road
Atkinson, Maine 04426

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"We are thinking of a September meeting," Wright said.

In other business, the board approved the nomination of Anita Black as Penquis Valley High School/ Middle School assistant principal. Black, a native of Belfast, previously had been teaching at the Blue Hill Consolidated School.

Black

"As many of you know Penquis has taken another morale hit," Principal Jeremy Bousquet said. He said student Dustin Larry, 17, died in an automobile accident the Sunday before the meeting, and two other students were injured in the crash. Bousquet said the crisis team and staff were available at the school the following day and the rest of the week .

Bousquet said Larry's family is planning a benefit spaghetti dinner for Sunday, Aug. 14 from 2-6 p.m. at the school. Admission will be donation, to help with funeral expenses "and they are also looking to do a scholarship in his name," Bousquet said, saying information on the meal is posted on the Penquis Valley Facebook page.

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ANNIVERSARY COINS – Collectible coins being given out by Dr. Kevin Chasse as part of the anniversary celebrations for Dover-Foxcroft Chiropractic Center and the Center Theatre.

DF Chiropractic Center and Center Theatre share anniversary

DOVER-FOXCROFT — 2016 is a big year for two downtown businesses. Dover-Foxcroft Chiropractic Center is celebrating its 25th year in business and the Center Theatre is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Dr. Kevin Chasse, founder of Dover-Foxcroft Chiropractic Center, wanted to celebrate both events while at the same time raising money for the Center Theatre.

"I've always been a supporter of the Theatre and wanted to help them for their 10th anniversary," Dr. Chasse said. He started a raffle that will be running until Sept. 23. For $5, entrants receive a chance to win one of several fabulous prizes, all valued at over $50. They also receive a collectible coin celebrating both businesses' anniversaries. Chasse hopes to raise $2,000 for the Center Theatre through the raffle.

Patrick Myers, executive director of the Center Theatre, is excited by the raffle. "When Dr. Chasse told me about the idea I thought it was a wonderful way to support our anniversary and to draw attention to the great work Kevin does. He's been providing high-quality chiropractic care downtown for 25 years and has been a great neighbor ever since the Theatre re-opened."

The raffle drawing will be held Sept. 23 at an open house at Dover-Foxcroft Chiropractic Center. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Dover-Foxcroft Chiropractic Center during regular business hours and will be on sale during the Center Theatre's summer Encore show. The show celebrates 10 years of performances at the Center Theatre with a selection of favorite songs and scenes. The Encore show will be in its final weekend on Friday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th at 2 p.m.

The Center Theatre is a nonprofit performing arts center dedicated to making the arts a part of life in the Maine Highlands. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the theater reopening its doors to produce affordable entertainment, arts and education. For more information on the Center Theatre go to www.centertheatre.org or call 564-8943.

Dover-Foxcroft Chiropractic Center has been in Dover-Foxcroft for since 1991 with a mission of providing the highest quality chiropractic care for patients in a comfortable and relaxed setting. The office is located at 48 East Main Street and can be reached at 564-2211 or at www.dfchiropracticcenter.com and www.chassechiropractic.com.

Mason honored for over 70 years of service

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DECADES OF MASONIC SERVICE – Walter Elden Crossman Jr., front, was recently presented with four Masonic Stars to go along with his 50-year service medal, having served 72 years with the Masonic Body. Pictured with Crossman are, from left, Fraternal Brothers John Roberts and Fred Owens, Senior Warden of Columbia Doric Lodge Steve Mason, Brother Gordon Crossman, DDGM Herb Libby and Master of Columbia Doric Lodge Worshipful Bo Howard.

GREENVILLE — On July 26 DDGM Herb Libby and Worshipful Bo Howard presented Walter Elden Crossman Jr. with his four Masonic Stars to go along with his 50-year service medal, denoting 70 years of service. Crossman actually has 72 years of service with the Masonic Body.

He was born on April 12, 1922 in Greenville Junction. He married Sylvia Helen Inman on June 21, 1941. Crossman served in the U.S. Navy (Seabees) in the Pacific during World War II. His last military battle was Okinawa, Japan. He worked in the shipyard in South Portland prior to entering the U.S. Navy in 1943.

Crossman has been employed as a mechanic for Great Northern Paper Company at the Greenville Junction shop, a deputy sheriff for Piscataquis County, a restaurant manager, garage owner and a bus driver for Hasey's. He has spent most of his life in Greenville Junction. Crossman enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He has two daughters, Muriel and Sarah, and a son, Carlton.

On Feb. 8, 1944 Crossman was initiated into Masonry. He passed Feb. 22 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 11, 1944 in Columbia Lodge #200 of Greenville. He was master of his lodge in 1972 and 1973.

At the July 26 presentation Crossman was blessed with 20 relatives and friends. Relatives include his daughters and son, brother Gordon and his wife Barbara, nephews and niece Tim, Jim, Dennis, Matt, Lori and her husband Joe and daughter Amanda.

Masonic friends present were DDGM Libby, Master of Columbia Doric Lodge Howard, Senior Warden of the Lodge, Worshipful Steve Mason and Fraternal Brothers John Roberts and Fred Owens.

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John and I

I'm reading a 510-page book about John Muir, which around page 155 made me realize he and I had a fair amount in common.

John wandered around the U.S. from the Midwest to Florida to some islands, to New York, to Panama, and finally to California. In California, he came across mountains and valley with no "ordinary," my quotations, folk such as he had known earlier. These were primarily agricultural workers, but he had found a land with which he fell in love.

DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE

By Milt Gross

The hills, valleys, and mountains of California. The book cover shows him standing by himself, admiring a stream and a cliff. These were his discoveries. He was in his mid-20s but continued his love of nature until he was elderly.

My love affair with land began when I was about 10. I say "about" because I can't recall for sure, as I was only about 10. We came to Maine by Pullman train, got off in Augusta (try that nowadays), and ended on my Great Aunt Amy's farm out in Belgrade where I fell in love with the quiet, the fields, the woods, the old barn, and a distant view of hills and valleys off to the northeast.

Muir made California his home. I eventually made Maine mine. I'm reading about his early experiences there. Mine were both as a kid and as a young adult. And as a slightly older adult, where I am stuck now, being slightly older and somewhat more frail due to this and that.

I also fell in love with Maine's mountains, starting with Katahdin to which I drove our family in my great aunt's 50-something Plymouth. I've been there a number of times since, climbed Maine's highest mountain, called "Greatest Mountain," a half-dozen times.

I've also claimed a good number of Maine's other mountains, having been a member of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club since about 1980, some 15 years after my move to the Pine Tree State.

But as a kid, I fell in love with the farms, an old country church with a hand-pumped organ with Maineiacs dressed in their Sunday best black suits, hauling hay with a neighbor, drinking his cows' fresh milk, traveling to most parts of the state, and living in several.

I fell in love with those first bumpy paved roads with rocks sticking through the pavement, the woods roads that took me into strange, quiet country, and Maine's people.

I remember, during World War II, my mother talking to a truck driver who had stopped along a Maine road. I've talked to a fair number of Maineiacs since, most whom I found pleasant or helpful.

I wonder whatever happened to those other kids I saw - and still others I taught - after they grew up. I sometimes wonder if that's one of them I see in the supermarket, which is new since I first came here. I'll bet some of those kids are taller than I am.

I see some of the politicians I knew when I was a news reporter. They've gotten a bit more gray in their hair but I still recognize them. One of them is a leader in Maine's legislative bunch. He looks a bit older now, but not much. Back when I was a Republican, a Democrat state senator and I used to visit folks who needed help. We worked together then.

But most of all I recognize places I've been besides Katahdin, Camden's Mount Battie where I slipped and tried to break my neck once on a short trail in the woods and where a school kid I supposedly

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Capt. Jay Brainard: a true son of Maine

By Col. Jay Voorhees

The greatest honor of my professional life will always be that I was given the responsibility and I was entrusted with the awesome responsibility to lead and command our nation's greatest treasure - it's sons and daughters. And in that capacity, I was honored to meet great young Americans from every background, ethnicity, creed, color, religion and who hailed from every corner of our great nation from big cities to small towns.

And, of course, I had the honor to lead and serve alongside great patriots from the great state of Maine and none more exemplified the remarkable spirit of your great state than Cpt. Jay Brainard - a true son of Maine.

As a bit of background, I was Jay's commanding officer in the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade stationed in Ansbach, Germany and I was with Jay and CW5 John Pratt flying the helicopter in front of them on May 28th, 2012, in Wardak Province Afghanistan, a long ways from this beautiful setting today … when they gave the ultimate sacrifice to our great nation. That was no doubt a tough day for all of us. Our brigade, his army family, his immediate family, his friends, this community and the multitude of people that Jay touched and influence over his years. However life is about how you move forward from difficult situations, collectively, and seeing this great event today gives me such pride and shows me that Jay Brainard's enduring legacy. The overwhelming pride we all have in knowing him or serving with him will never fade away and it will live in all of us and it will live in generations to come because of this dedication today. That is really awesome!

I met Jay on the eve of a major deployment of our brigade to Afghanistan. Jay had just completed his time as an Apache platoon leader and in this capacity he had excelled, leading his soldiers and flying the most complex helicopter in the world. Jay had performed magnificently in his platoon leader capacity and was ready for another challenging job to continue his professional development. Coincidentally, I needed a very high speed, energetic young captain to come to the brigade staff to serve as my adjutant for our upcoming deployment. When I had the chance to interview Jay for this position, the choice was obvious. Jay walked in, stood in front of my desk, snapped a salute and said he was prepared to serve in any capacity that could help our team as we prepared for deployment. Needless to say, I was impressed!

Now for those here that don't know what a brigade adjutant does - well, basically Jay was there to keep me straight. Jay had to keep me on schedule, manage my calendar, make sure the staff was informed, ensure while we were away from the headquarters, that we could always communicate and be accessible 24/7 for any time-sensitive requirements I needed to attend to.

As we deployed to Afghanistan, our brigade was spread out in over 32 different sites in Afghanistan, Europe and Kuwait and we had much going on in all locations. Jay was always at my side, always there to keep me informed of events in all locations and he was a critical part of our command team. We had very long days but I always took comfort in knowing during those days, Jay was never more than a - "Cpt. Brainard" and from the next room over I would always hear "yes sir, on my way" - away from my side.

Now as Jay was the ultimate professional and his dedication to his duties was impeccable, I have to tell you I don't ever remember seeing Jay not smiling. This was his first deployment and although he missed Emily, his young wife, and he missed this Maine countryside and his family here, Jay was in his element. I could tell his excitement of being on his first deployment and his excitement rubbed off on all of us. Jay was doing exactly what he wanted to be doing - serving his country, contributing to something bigger than himself, being a member of a great team and also doing what he had trained for and worked so hard for - flying his Apache in a combat environment, out front, leading the way. Jay would not have wanted to be anywhere else at that time.

Now as an aside, all here know that Jay was an Apache helicopter pilot, for context that is the gold standard for Army aviators. You have to be among the very best in your flight class, do well in all aspects of your flight training, be respected among your peers and if you are able to maintain those high standards throughout flight school, a very small percentage of Army aviators are sent to the Apache helicopter transition to become attack pilots. iIt just goes to show that if you work hard you can accomplish your dreams. That is the American dream and Jay lived the American dream.

I mean think about it, a small town kid from Maine, a country boy growing up hunting, fishing, canoeing, snowmobiling and enjoying every minute of it, attending Foxcroft Academy, playing football, being on the swim team, playing trumpet in the jazz band, enjoying the great outdoors and eventually going to college at the University of Maine and then entering the Army and becoming an Army aviator.

Jay was a godson, a husband, a friend, a patriotic, dedicated American, humble, driven, a warrior, a soldier, a son of Maine and someone all knew they could trust. A shining example for all to emulate and in a world of chaos, we should all look to Jay as the standard of what is right about his generation and all generations for that matter. That is living the American dream in my book.

Jay set lofty goals and went for his dreams. The theme of Jay's dreams were "go big or go home." No doubt that you went big my brother and we are all better for it.

In my new career I am involved with leadership training for the doctors, clinicians and administrators at the hospital I work at in Orlando, Florida as part of our leadership course, we take our class to Gettysburg every summer and study leadership lessons from that great battle that turned the tide of the Civil War. And as part of that study we go to place called Little Round Top. I am sure many of you here today are familiar with it, it's a hill on the battlefield where the 20th Maine, augmented with soldiers from the 2nd Maine, found themselves defending the far left flank of the Union line on the 2nd of July, 1863 where if they were unable to do that, the Civil War could have turned out much different. They were the last line of defense on that far end of the Union line and failure was not an option! And for the record, the sons of Maine did not fail.

Every time I go too Little Round Top, I think of how those young sons of Maine, led by Col. Joshua Chamberlain, defended that ground as ordered "at every hazard." Every time I go to Little Round Top I think about how the courage of those young sons of Maine changed the course of American history. Every time i go to Little Round Top, I think of loyalty, respect, honor, courage, dedication to duty, selflessness, teamwork, the soldier ethos of

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DF needs a cornerstone Charter for the future

To the Editor;

Seems hard to believe a decade has passed since a handful of Dover citizens, both elected and appointed, joined together to review and revise the town Charter. And here we are, 10 years later with a newly minted Charter Commission tasked with responsibilities, if fulfilled, could have a profound affect on the entire community and every citizen residing in it.

This Charter Commission through its deliberations and decisions has the opportunity to enhance life in Dover, to help foster greater transparency in its government and imbue every citizen with the singular spirit of a unified community. A unified community operating in the interests of all citizens, not just a kind of home-rule oligarchy inuring to only a few.

In its purest sense, democratic ideals can best be achieved through this Charter Commission only when each of its members sets aside their individual interests and personal agendas, devoid of partisan political leanings and free of the already established persuasions levied by a seemingly elite few. The community is best served only when all public officials reject their personal enrichment in the interest of truly and honestly serving in the public interest.

The July 2016 edition of THE VERDICT, published by Judicial Watch, contained this statement which could well apply to the new Charter Commission. "Public officials have a duty to act in the best interest of the people who elect them. When they make decisions based on personal interest they are defrauding the public."

Unlike the Charter Commission of 10 years ago it will be interesting to see if this Commission actually responds not just to public concerns but to a challenging future, and incorporates citizen thoughts and ideas into a proposed final Charter draft. For starters, how about entertaining the following:

a) Establish term limits for Selectmen and committee members.

b) Establish a citizen-elected Budget Committee, which, by its very nature would be devoid of selectmen-imposed bias.

c) Establish a new list of clearly defined Ethical Standards for all public officials so as to eliminate even the perception of conflict of interest issues, and improper use and/or abuse of public office for personal gain.

d) Establish a quarterly program of random drug testing of every town employee. Include a penalty schedule sufficiently severe as to deter all employees from procuring and/or using illicit and nonprescription medications.

With this new Charter Commission comes an incredible opportunity to create a renaissance for Dover-Foxcroft. It can only happen if and when the citizens are permitted to present their ideas to the Commission and the Commission is willing to not just listen but to implement the thinking of all the residents. Citizen

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The critical response we need

Senate acts to combat growing heroin, opioid abuse epidemic

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

In a 24-hour period in June, six people overdosed on opioids in Sanford, one of whom died as a result. In Monmouth, three people overdosed on heroin in one week. And in April, two people died from overdoses in just two days in Biddeford.

These tragic cases are a snapshot of our nation's heroin and opioid abuse epidemic, which has devastated countless families and communities across the country. Maine has been hard hit by this unprecedented addiction crisis, with a record 272 overdose deaths in 2015, the vast majority of which were caused by heroin, fentanyl, or prescription opioids. In addition, a recent survey found that 60 percent of Mainers know someone who has either used heroin or abused prescribed opioid pain relievers within the past five years.

The U.S. Senate recently took significant action to address this crisis by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, or CARA, by an overwhelming vote of 92-2. This bipartisan legislation, which I co-sponsored, will mount an evidence-based response to this devastating epidemic through a multifaceted approach that expands prevention, law enforcement, treatment, and recovery efforts in our communities nationwide.

CARA also contains two provisions I co-authored that will help protect infants and seniors from the heroin and opioid abuse crisis. These two populations are often not associated with this epidemic, but are being increasingly affected. In Maine, approximately 1,000 babies were born addicted to or affected by drugs in 2015, which accounts for 1 in 12 births.

In addition, earlier this year, I chaired a hearing that examined the medical use of prescription opioids for pain relief and policies that may contribute to our nation's vast supply of prescription opioids. The provisions I co-wrote include the Infant Plan of Safe Care Act, which will require states to ensure that a plan is developed for drug-dependent infants before they leave the hospital, and the Safe Treatments and Opportunities to Prevent Pain (STOP Pain) Act, which directs the National Institutes of Health to increase research into alternatives to opioid therapy for pain management.

Alarmingly, only 10 percent of the 23 million Americans struggling with addiction receive any treatment. Research and considerable clinical experience have demonstrated that buprenorphine can be an effective treatment for some individuals with opioid addiction. Unfortunately, prior to the passage of CARA, only doctors could seek

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Maine agriculture continues to expand

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

Farmers' markets have a long and proud history in New England that dates back to colonial times. And with the exciting growth we've seen in Maine agriculture recently, that tradition of farmers bringing their goods to market has bloomed into an important part of our economy.

Agriculture has always been a defining part of Maine's identity, but as our local food movement expands and more and more people are looking for goods grown and produced close to home, it has been laying down strong roots and becoming a significant economic driver. Farmers' markets provide an important outlet for Maine farmers to connect with consumers, build their business, and ultimately help grow the local economy in their communities.

This month, we have a perfect opportunity to celebrate the positive impact of Maine farmers' markets from Fort Kent to Kittery. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has declared August 7-13 as "National Farmers Market Week," giving us a chance to reflect on how far our network of community farmers' markets has come over the years, and where it is heading in the future.

Thanks in part to the work done by the Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets, a group that works across the state to connect our farmers with their communities, we have seen a real boom in the number of markets here in Maine. In the early 1990s when the Federation first got going, we had about 30 farmers' markets. Now, the number is somewhere closer to 150 when you include both summer and winter farmers' markets.

That's right — winter farmers' markets. While we often associate farming with the summer months, Maine has about 35 winter farmers' markets that offer a variety of goods even during our coldest months. Products like local meats and cheeses can be sold year round, and next-generation greenhouse technology is helping to extend the growing season for many crops her in our state. So even though we are celebrating our farmers' markets during August, this is really a year-round affair.

No matter the season, Maine agriculture and our farmers' markets our known for their diversity. While other parts of the country are home to larger farms that often focus on one type of crop, Maine is known for our smaller, family-owned farms that produce a variety of crops and products.

That diversity was on full display over the past few days while I toured various family farms and producers in Aroostook County. Of course, the County is famous for its hardworking potato growers who have helped to make the potato an iconic symbol of Maine agriculture, and I couldn't visit the area without spending time on a potato farm. But I also toured an organic dairy farm, the largest producer of broccoli and cauliflower in the Northeast, other diversified family farms, and even a relatively new malt house that is providing Maine-grown malts and grains to our local craft beer makers.

Family-owned and operated farms across the state, like the ones I toured in Aroostook, are playing a major role in the positive trends we're seeing in Maine agriculture today. Many of these farms have been in the family for generations, and through their great variety of products and participation in local farmers' markets, they are helping to drive the growth and excitement

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2016 Maine Red Hot Dog Festival

Inaugural Maine Red Hot Dog Festival will be this weekend

DEXTER — The first annual Maine Red Hot Dog Festival, featuring a day of events on Saturday, Aug. 13, has become very popular on social media.

"People from all over the state of Maine as well as out of state have liked, shared and commented on the upcoming festival. Well over 1,000 have already shown interest in attending," stated organizing committee Chairman Frank Spizuoco. "In the beginning, the Dexter Revitalization Committee was not in favor of planning such a large event until Maine Highlands FCU came on board as a partner. This partnership has brought the event to a whole new level."

The Aug. 13 event sponsored by the committee and Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union stars with the Dexter Regional High School field hockey team serving a pancake breakfast at the American Legion Hall from 6-10 a.m.

Millside Fitness sponsors a 5K Bun Run at 8 a.m. The race will start next to Bangor Savings Bank on Main Street and go around town and end on Main Street. The first 50 to register (which can be done at https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Dexter/BunRun5k) will receive a race T-shirt.

Main Street opens at 9 a.m. with food, crafts and other vendors, as well as children's games sponsored by Rand Hill Farms, a heavy equipment petting zoo, a not-so-silent auction sponsored by Dexter ACE Hardware running until 3 p.m., jail and bail and music by Con Rio Brass live on stage as well as the start of Reddog Music DJ Service.

At 10 a.m. the Maine Highland Federal Credit Union-sponsored giant inflatable obstacle course opens, as does the 35-foot climbing wall and bungee jump. Also opening to the public will be the Red Hot Dog District — WA Bean is donating 200 pounds of red snappers with more on stand-by — and the Factory One beer tent. Non-Profit performs on the stage at 10:30 a.m.

A hot dog eating contest — sponsored by Bud's Shop 'n Save — starts at noon, and at 11:30 a.m. the contestants will be announced on stage. The competition is open to 10 entrants — aged 16 and up — drawn by lottery from those who have registered by 11:30.

The contest objective is to eat 15 hot dogs and buns, with water as the only beverage, within five minutes — condiments will be provided if desired. The winner will be determined by the first contestant to final all 15 of their hot dogs with buns or whoever eats the most in five minutes.

At 1 p.m. children ages 5-16 — in three different divisions — can put their eating skills to the test in the Bud's Shop 'n Save pie eating contest. The contest is open to the first 10 contestants who register in each age group, and the top three in ages 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16 to finish their pies without using their hands will win prizes.

The Sunday Project performs on stage at 2 p.m., and also at this time will be the start of Wes Booth Magic.

The Wayside Grange cook-off winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. At the same time will be the beginning of the Dexter Fire Department's rubber duck race.

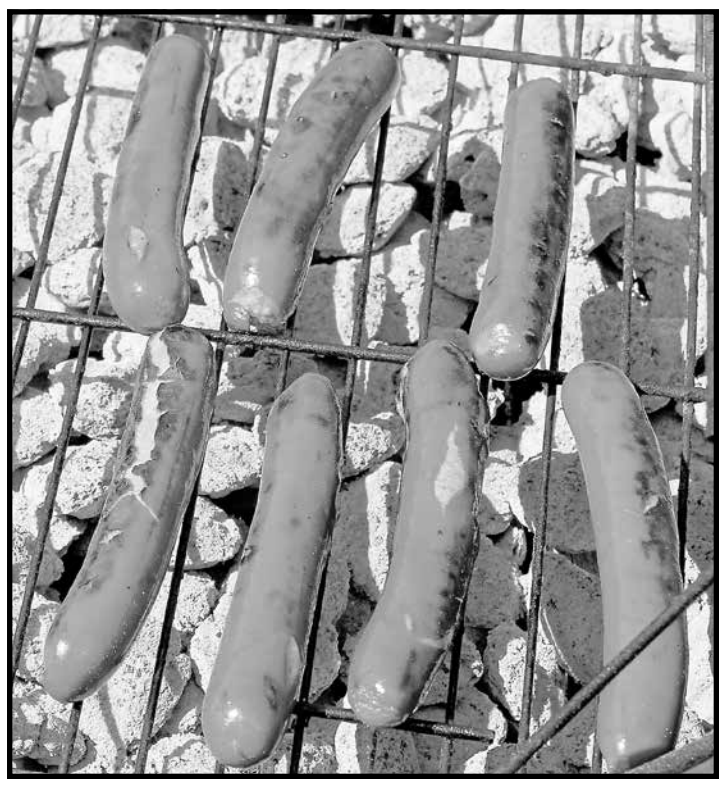
The Mallett Brothers Band takes to the stage at 5 p.m.

Parking for the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival will be available at Factory One and Fayscott, per donation to benefit Dexter Regional High School Project Graduation, with shuttles running back and forth.

"It certainly takes a village to put on a festival," Diane Parola of Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union. "We have a lot of great sponsors on board who are helping to make this a really fun event."

There is a kick-off Dexter Parks & Rec Department "Friday Night Under the Lights Softball Game" at Bud Ellms Field on the evening of Friday, Aug. 12, and a Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis Red Hot Dog Golf Classic scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 14 at Dexter Muni.

Go to www.redhotdog.org or https://www.facebook.com/maineredhotdogfestival/ or call 557-9642 for more information.



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HOT DIGGITY DOGS – The inaugural Maine Red Hot Dog Festival will feature a day of events in Dexter on Saturday, Aug. 13, including a Maine-based hot dog eating contest at high noon and children's pie eating contest to follow.

Grange encourages all chefs to test their skills

DEXTER — the Wayside Grange is organizing a free cook-off contest on Saturday, Aug. 13 for the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival. Enter any one of three categories for prizes and bragging rights.

The cook-off categories are any dish using red hot dogs as the main ingredient; homemade baked beans;and any dessert pie using mainly a Maine-grown ingredient such as blueberries, apples, strawberries, etc.

Registration is at the cook-off tent behind the Dexter Bangor Savings Bank between 1 and 2:30 p.m. The winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. from the main stage behind the bank.

Please submit entries in a one-quart, non-returnable container. For allergy purposes, a list of ingredients must be provided. Recipes are not necessary.

Entries will be judged on aroma, consistency, taste and aftertaste. Prizes are awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners.

Judging the contest are Chief Meteorologist Todd Simcox of WABI,, former Dexter town manager Steve Whitesel and Wayside Granger musician and plumber Joe Kennedy. The judges' decisions are final and this event is held whatever Simcox's forecast is.

The Wayside Grange is proud to be a sponsor of the Maine Red Hot Dog Festival, a Dexter Revitalization Committee fundraiser. The committee seeks to showcase all that Dexter has to offer and to simply have fun in town.

For more information on the cook-off, please call Grange Master Dave Pearson at 924-5035. For more on the festival, go to www. redhotdog.org. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Cruise-In moved to later in the month

DEXTER — Due to a stormy weather forecast for Aug. 6, the second annual Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis Cruise-In has been rescheduled for the last weekend of the month. The event will now be on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 4:30-8 p.m. in the municipal parking lot; the program remains the same. The new rain date will be Sunday, Aug. 28.

Dexter Shoe roundtable Aug. 11

DEXTER — The Dexter Historical Society is hosting a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Abbott Museum, 12 Church Street. The discussion topic is the Dexter Shoe Company and several former employees will be there to discuss their years at Dexter Shoe with stories and memories.

Anyone associated with the company is encouraged to attend and take part in the discussion.

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John Charter

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taught produced a feed of frogs for us once. (Once was enough.) A fair number of western Maine mountains have put up with my sneakers and boots over the years. Some of her fields are still familiar to me, as we drive around.

Oh yes, what I started to say was that John Muir found his "heaven" in California.

I found mine in Maine.

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input as encouraged and implemented by this Commission will help develop a lasting document that is both new and refreshing. A new Charter, reflective of citizen interests can become enthusiastically embraced by all the people and will help generate real pride in our hometown.

It's time to drop the old "boilerplate" image of some dusty archival remnant and to establish a charter that becomes the cornerstone that helps lead us into the next decade — one that promises a new vibrancy in the spirit of the people and offers the possibility of sustained growth for our town.

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25th annual Maine Forest Heritage Days

GREENVILLE — The 25th annual Maine Forest Heritage Days is set to take place Aug. 12-14. The weekend includes a bus tour through Maine's working forest, a craft fair, carriage rides, chainsaw carving, a murder mystery cruise aboard the Katahdin and a woodsman demonstration featuring chopping and ax throwing.

"When we are talking about the forest industry in Maine, we're talking about our state's most historic industry," said Angela Arno, executive director of the Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. "There is a lot of history behind our forest industry and Maine woods and it's all very interesting stuff. But in addition to that, there is a lot of fun that can be had with it. This event has brought the historical elements together with fun activities for 25 years, and we're looking forward to doing it again."

Observer file photo/Stuart Hedstrom

CAREFUL CUTTING – John Grignon puts his skills to the test by not cutting out the side of a block of wood – which would easily pop the balloons – in the precision bore event as part of last year's regional Game of Logging competition at the Greenville school grounds during the Forest Heritage Days celebration. Grignon ended the day in second place out of five lumberjacks. The 2016 Game of Logging will be on Saturday as part of the 25th annual Forest Heritage Days.

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8:30AM to 2:30PM — WORKING FOREST BUS TOUR
Travel through Maine's magnificent woods with educational stops, demonstrations and lunch at Casey's Camps. Tour includes a ferry ride to view harvesting on Sugar Island. $25 per person. Call 207-280-5033 to register.

9AM — MOOSEHEAD TRAILS, BLUE RIDGE HIKE & BIKE TRAIL WORK DAY
Get your boots dirty helping construct one of the region's newest trails! Learn about mountain bike trail construction, improve trail surfaces and more. Contact Erica@fsmaine.org for more information.

1:30PM to 2:30PM — BLUE RIDGE TRAIL SNEAK PEEK WALK
Enjoy a one-hour sneak peek walk centered around Rum Pond with a presentation of the larger trail vision and interaction with the trail crew. Contact rex.turner@maine.gov to RSVP.

3PM — COLBY WOODSMEN DEMONSTRATION
Watch old-time logging skills like chopping and ax throwing.

5PM — WOODSMEN SUPPER
Enjoy a meal fit for a lumberjack at the Greenville Masonic Hall.

7PM — SUMNER MCKANE, "IN THE BLOOD"
Join us for a presentation of Sumner McKane's documentary, "In The Blood" illustrating the life, skills and character of turn-of-the-century Maine lumbermen. The documentary will be presented at the Center for Moosehead History (6 Lakeview Street).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

9AM — BIG MOOSE MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER DEDICATION
Opening ceremony of the restored Big Squaw Fire Tower at the Moosehead Lake Visitor Center (480 Moosehead Lake Road). Light refreshments will be served.

10AM to 2:30PM — GAME OF LOGGING COMPETITION
Cheer on your favorite logger as they compete in events like sawing, speed cutting and precision felling.

10AM to 3PM — CRAFT FAIR
Browse handmade, local products like jewelry, decorations, art and more. Browse and discuss land use issues at area organization booths.

10AM to 3PM — FREE HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES

NOON — CHAINSAW CARVING EXHIBITION
Chainsaw Wood Carver Mike Thurlow will showcase his artistic chainsaw carving skills.

1:30PM — SMOKEY BEAR
Bring the kids out to meet Smokey Bear as he promotes fire safety.

6PM to 9PM — KATAHDIN MURDER MYSTERY CRUISE
What will happen is anyone's guess in this fun Murder Mystery Party hosted by the Center Theatre and the Slightly Off-Center Players. Boarding is at 6pm. Cruise from 7–9pm. Fine hors d'oeuvres will be served. Feel free to bring your own wine to complement the cheese selections $50 per person. This will be a sellout cruise so visit www.katahdincruises.com for a complete description and to order your tickets online today!

ALL DAY — FOOD, FORESTRY, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE EXHIBITS, CHILDREN'S AREA AND MORE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7AM to 10AM — WOODSMEN'S BREAKFAST
Enjoy a breakfast of eggs, home fries, French toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon and beans at the American Legion Hall on Pritham Ave. $9 per person.

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FA's Alumni Weekend Pony Pride 5K features new course for 20th anniversary

Recent graduate Nelson wins in 17:20

Photo courtesy of Foxcroft Academy

TOP RUNNER/ALUMNUS – 2016 Foxcroft Academy graduate Cooper Nelson won the Pony Pride 5K on Saturday. Nelson was first of 70 at 17:20.

DOVER-FOXCROFT — For the 20th running of the Pony Pride 5K, the race course was moved to start and end on the campus of Foxcroft Academy. A field of 70 took part in the Aug. 6 event, held as part of the school's Alumni Weekend which coincides with the annual Dover-Foxcroft Shiretown Homecoming.

Christening the new Pony 5K route with the top time was 2016 FA graduate Cooper Nelson. Nelson, who plans to run at the University of Maine, covered the 3.1 miles in a time of 17 minutes, 20.40 seconds. Nelson edged runner-up Perry LeBreton by just under three seconds along the last 200-plus meters run on the Foxcroft Academy track.

Diane Keenan was the top women's runner, placing sixth overall at 20:21.40. Keenan also won the women's title in the 2013 Pony Pride 5K.

The full results are as follows: 1. Cooper Nelson 17:20.40; 2. Perry LeBreton 17:23.30; 3. Shawn Keenan 19:13.30; 4. Gabriel Piquette 20:10.30; 5. Dawson Smith 20:20.30; 6. Diane Keenan 20:21.40; 7. Jason Rowe 20:59.90; 8. Stuart Hedstrom 21:09; 9. Tim Wyman and Mac Wyman 22:17.50;

11. Joe Neal 22:18; 12. Mark Libby 22:27.60; 13. Justin Hogan 22:33.70; 14. Tim King 22:38.80; 15. Rob Orton 23:14.40; 16. John Lemieux 23:24; 17. Dean Hartley 23:27.60; 18. Matt Tibbetts 24:31.20; 19. Linda Cianchette 24:37; 20. Mike Philbrook 24:54.90;

21. Jim Ellis 25:08.90; 22. Christopher Almy 25:12.10; 23. Zander Clark 25:27.40; 24. Jenna Clukey 25:36.50; 25. Bob Hogan 25:42.30; 26. Raul Siren 25:57.20; 27. Rob Clark 26:27; 28. John Nathans 26:36.60; 29. Bob Biacmore 26:52.50; 30. Jody Annis 26:54.50;

31. Eben Wyman 27:16.20; 32. Kate Lawrence 27:20.80; 33. Dee Wyman 28:32.40; 34. Lee Pearsall 28:45.20; 35. Lydia Zepeda 28:47.50; 36. Dave Samuelian 28:52; 37. Jordan Thomas 28:55.70; 38. Angus Mailhot 29:14.70; 39. Brian Mailhot 29:15.40; 40. David Stanhope 29:33.80;

41. Erica Peterson 29:46.30; 42. Darcie Sands 29:55.30; 43. Melissa Philbrook 30:07.70; 44. Heather Mailhot 30:09.30; 45. Thomas Philbrook 30:12.70; 46. Myles Lemieux 30:12.90; 47. Lincoln Robinson 30:48.50; 48. Julie Weatherbee 30:54; 49. Able Bloodgood 31:04.80; 50. Judy Snow 31:21.80;

51. Dorothy Ferrigo 31:39.70; 52. Donna Peterson 31:56.50; 53. Dana Bisbee 31:57.30; 54. Robyn Crabtree 32:07.80; 55. Tom Crabtree 32:08.10; 56. Mandy Snowden 32:27; 57. Mike Cook 33:40.30; 58. Hillary Caruso 35:58.10 (Dr. Caruso ran with backpack containing a stone for Capt. John "Jay Brainard as part of the Summit Project. Apache helicopter pilot Capt. Brainard is a Foxcroft Academy alumnus who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012); 59. Sara Herter 36:20.90; 60. Brynn Clark 37:07.40;

61. Krista Raymond 37:07.90; 62. Sadie Clement 37:51.10; 63. Louise Clement 38:03.80; 64. Nancy Rotkowitz 38:05.90; 65. Janice Rockwell 51:34.40; 66. Tyler Raymond 55:58.80; 67. Eilie Weatherbee 56:52.20; 68. Anne Gooch 59:05.10; 69. Cynthia Morrison 59:06; and 70. Callam Weatherbee 59:07.30.

Age group winners (women's and men's) 10 and under: Brynn Clark and Angus Mailhot.

11-14: Dorothy Ferrigo and Joe Neal.

15-19: Jenna Clukey and Gabriel Piquette.

20-29: Lydia Zepeda.

30-39: Linda Cinanchette and Shawn Keenan.

40-49: Jody Annis (also the top Foxcroft Academy women's alumni runner) and Perry LeBreton.

50-59: Lee Pearsall and Mac Wyman.

60-69: Judy Snow and Jim Ellis.

70-plus: Janice Rockwell and John Lemieux.

All-time Pony Pride winners (year, men's winner and time, women's winner and time): 1997 Tim Wakeland 16:20 Jana Crocker 21:26; 1998 John Chase 17:05 Sunshine Weinrich 20:30; 1999 Justin Bates 17:06 Amanda Thompson 22:14; 2000 Wakeland 17:00 Dana Frasz 20:39; 2001 Dave Nelson 16:16 Frasz 20:31; 2002 Mike Chilly 17:21 Katherine Carroll 21:35; 2003 Bates 16:24 Cassie Hintz 18:40; 2004 Wakeland 16:24 Hintz 17:15; 2005 Eric Rudolph 17:02 Hintz 17:13; 2006 Greg Hammett 16:50 Hintz 18:07 (due to bridge construction on Essex Street course was 3.19 miles); 2007 Hammett 16:16 Elizabeth Brunton 19:11; 2008 Rudolph 16:17 Brunton 19:36; 2009; 2009 Rudolph 16:25 Katie Herbine 19:37; 2010 Shawn Keenan 17:20 Brunton 18:24; 2011 Jerod Hayes 16:55 Hintz 19:22; 2012 Graham Pearsall 16:42 Meghan Keane 21:53; 2013 Pearsall 17:11 Diane Keenan 20:13; 2014 Pearsall 16:47 Heather Mailhot 24:31; 2015 Pearsall 16:41 Jenny Clawson 23:41; 2016 Cooper Nelson 17:20 Keenan 20:21 (new course).

Photo courtesy of Foxcroft Academy

READY TO RUN – Seventy runners took part in the 20th annual Pony Pride 5K on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 6 during the school's Alumni Weekend. This year the race featured a new course, starting in front of the main school building and concluding on the track finish line. Cooper Nelson, a 2016 graduate, turned in the fastest time on the new Pony Pride 5K route at 17 minutes 20 seconds.

FA announces 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame class

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Foxcroft Academy is pleased to announce the 2016 inductees into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Started in 2011, the Athletic Hall of Fame has grown to 38 former Foxcroft Academy student-athletes, coaches and contributors.

This year six new members will be inducted: Karen Blodgett Baker, Class of 1968; David Ingraham, Class of 1975; J.D. Merrill, Class of 1986; Tracy London Cushman, Class of 1992; Jennifer Michaud Finch, Class of 1994; and Vanessa Lougee, Class of 2010.

The 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will take place as part of Homecoming Week festivities on Friday, Sept.30. More details as well as full bios on this year's class will be available in the coming weeks.

Road race news

CAPE ELIZABETH — Five residents of the region took part in the 19th annual Beach to Beacon 10K on Aug. 6. Gayle Peirce, 56, of Exeter, covered the course in 58 minutes, 31 seconds to finish 3,195th out of a field of 6,332.

The other four were Melody Ray, 34, of Ripley, 3,991th at 1:02.20; Amy Webber, 47, of Dexter, 4,332nd at 1:04.06; Suzannah Sinclair, 37, of Greenville, 4,513th at 1:05.19; and Pam Nourse, 54, of Abbot, 6,086th at 1:26.08.

Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

PRYMCA PONY TROT – Six runners in the 7-10 age division get ready to run a pair of laps around the Foxcroft Academy track during the Piscataquis Regional YMCA's annual Pony Trot on Aug. 6. PRYMCA Program & Aquatics Director Chris Wesley told the pony trotters to take their mark, get set and then "Go!"

Miles making an impact on and off the field

COLCHESTER, Vt. — As a junior during the 2015 season Monica Miles, a resident of Dover-Foxcroft and 2013 graduate of Foxcroft Academy, had a breakout season for the St. Michael's College field hockey team. Miles started all 18 games on defense for the Purple Knights, but she has been making a big impact off the field for even longer.

Miles

During the 2014-15 school year Miles helped her team become affiliated with Donate Life Vermont, which works in organ and tissue donation, a topic in which she became interested after her cousin's organs were donated upon his death in 2012. Thanks to her, the St. Michael's field hockey team has raised awareness about organ donation among the campus community the past two years through a week-long drive where the squad members look to inform people but also add names to the organ donation registry.

This summer Miles is working in the Harvard Medical School Summer Research Program in Kidney Medicine, doing research in Dr. Sanja Sever's lab at Mass General Hospital in Boston. Her research initially focused on chemotherapy-induced kidney damage but has since shifted to kidney damage caused by chronic kidney disease. As she says, "It definitely ties in with my interest in organ donation and transplantation as it is much better to try and treat the kidney successfully and prevent the need for dialysis or a transplant in the first place."

To cap her summer, Miles will present her research at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. during the KUH Summer Undergraduate Research Conference. Miles, who has already been offered a job as a lab manager in Dr. Sever's lab for the 2017-18 academic year, plans to apply to medical school this coming spring for the 2018-19.

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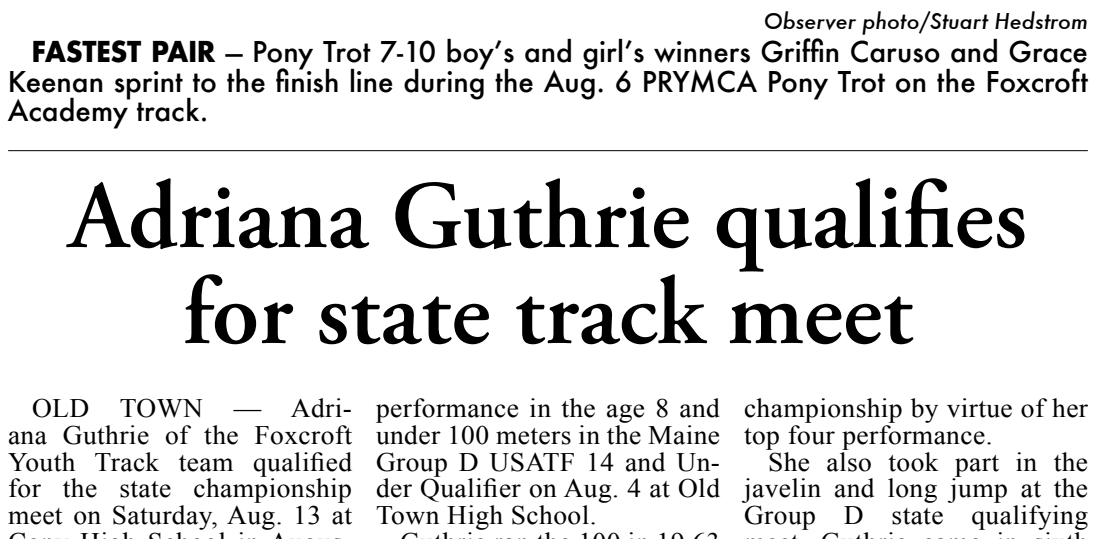
LAP AROUND THE TRACK – Pony Trot 7-10 boy's and girl's winners Griffin Caruso and Grace Keenan sprint to the finish line during the Aug. 6 PRYMCA Pony Trot on the Foxcroft Academy track.



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FASTEST PAIR – Pony Trot 7-10 boy's and girl's winners Griffin Caruso and Grace Keenan sprint to the finish line during the Aug. 6 PRYMCA Pony Trot on the Foxcroft Academy track.

SPORTS ON TAP

schedule subject to change

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.

Thursday, Aug. 25—PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY: Dexter vs. Mt. View 5 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26—PRESEASON FOOTBALL: Foxcroft vs. Orono 7 p.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER**: Dexter and Penquis at Hampden Academy Play Day 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27—PRESEASON BOYS SOCCER: Dexter at Hampden Academy Play Day 8 a.m.; PCHS at Carrabec (North Anson) Play Day TBA. **PRESEASON FOOTBALL**: Dexter vs. Madison/Carrabec 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 30—PRESEASON BOYS SOCCER: Dexter vs. Penobscot 5:30 p.m.; Penquis at Schenck (East Millinocket) 4 p.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER**: Dexter vs. Penobscot 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. Schenck 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 31—FIELD HOCKEY: Dexter vs. Central 4 p.m.; PCHS at Hermon 4 p.m. **PRESEASON BOYS SOCCER**: PCHS vs. Mattanawcook 5:15 p.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER**: PCHS vs. Mattanawcook 3:30 p.m.

Adriana Guthrie qualifies for state track meet

OLD TOWN — Adriana Guthrie of the Foxcroft Youth Track team qualified for the state championship meet on Saturday, Aug. 13 at Cony High School in Augusta — last year's event featured over 800 athletes age 15 and under taking part — with her performance in the age 8 and under 100 meters in the Maine Group D USATF 14 and Under Qualifier on Aug. 4 at Old Town High School.

Guthrie ran the 100 in 19.63 seconds to place fourth in her division, out of 16 entrants, and earn a trip to the state championship by virtue of her top four performance.

She also took part in the javelin and long jump at the Group D state qualifying meet. Guthrie came in sixth in both field events, jumping a distance of 7 feet, 7 inches and heaving the javelin 21-04.

Meals for Me

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

Thursday, Aug. 11 — Pulled pork, mashed sweet potatoes, corn, wheat roll and dessert.

Friday, Aug. 12 — Garden vegetable cheese ravioli, broccoli, wheat roll and dessert.

Monday, Aug. 15 — Chicken and scalloped potatoes with peppers, onions and turkey bacon, wheat roll and dessert.

Tuesday, Aug. 16 — Sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll and dessert.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 — Beef goulash with elbow macaroni, seasoned tomato sauce, sliced zucchini, wheat roll and dessert.

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

Sen. Davis helps constituents reclaim nearly $175,000

With the assistance of Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) the citizens of Senate District 4 recouped nearly $175,000 worth of property from the state of Maine.

Davis

"It is only right to help Mainers regain property that is theirs," Sen. Davis said. "Over the course of people's lives, there are many times they may be unaware of property or assets that are rightfully theirs. I was pleased to be able to help so many local citizens recover their property, and hope that what was recovered is helpful to them and their families."

Unclaimed property consists of money or other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located for a specific amount of time. Unclaimed property includes, but is not limited to: checking and saving accounts, certificates of deposit, over payments, gift certificate, unpaid wages, stocks and contents of safety deposit boxes.

Mainers can still search to see if they or family members have unclaimed property. Those interested in inquiring if they are on the Unclaimed Property List can go to https://www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property/online/, or contact the Treasurer's Office at 624-7470.

Free NAMI Basics classes to be offered for parents

By Beth Ranagan
NAMI Piscataquis County President

Caring for a child with a diagnosed or emerging emotional or behavioral disorder can be challenging at best, especially without a strong support system, knowledge about available treatments, and self-care techniques. As a speech-pathologist working with families and children, I witnessed the significant difficulties that parents, foster parents, and grandparents encounter raising children with mental health disorders. As a support group leader for NAMI Piscataquis County, I observe regularly the need, not only for support, but for education and advocacy training for caregivers experiencing their own personal pain and anguish as they try to help their children.

Realizing that knowledge is power, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) developed NAMI Basics, a course for parents and primary caregivers of children up to 18 with mental health challenges. These free classes begin on Sept. 8 and run for six consecutive Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Guilford Memorial Library.

Some of the brain disorders addressed in NAMI Basics are attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, depressive disorders, bipolar disorder, disruptive mood dysregulation disorder, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, substance abuse disorders and anxiety associated with autism spectrum disorder. Other mental health disorders that children and adolescents may experience are post-traumatic stress disorder, separation anxiety, borderline personality disorder, anorexia, bulimia, reactive attachment disorder and Tourette's syndrome.

Parents and other primary caregivers of children with mental health disorders face their own overwhelming difficulties of social stigma, challenging family dynamics, navigating the mental health and educational systems, and crises inherent in the disorders. Classes are designed to help parents with their own well being through understanding and support.

Ranagan

Classes cover the biology of mental health disorders, getting an accurate diagnosis, treatment options, communication skills, tips for handling difficult behavior, crisis preparation and response, the mental health system services, the juvenile justice system, the school system services and advocacy. Class activities will include role play, lecture, storytelling and support within the class community. This course is packed with in-depth information to help parents understand and cope with frustrations and trauma when there are mental health challenges in the family.

I am delighted to announce that Roy Ulrickson, III, LMSW of Dexter will be teaching NAMI Basics with me. Ulrickson is particularly well-suited to teach NAMI Basics because his older son has a mental health diagnosis. It has been his personal and professional mission to educate and advocate for families with special needs children and has educated and supported children in preschool and public school settings for the last decade. Ulrickson, coordinator of Project Aware at NAMI Maine, promotes, coordinates, and conducts Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings in Piscataquis County and other areas of the state.

NAMI Basics is one of NAMI's signature education programs that is peer-directed and based on the trauma model of education, which fosters healing, consciousness-raising, and empowerment. Class instructors are trained at NAMI Maine in Augusta.

NAMI Piscataquis County, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and NAMI Maine, has served individuals from Piscataquis, western Penobscot, and portions of Somerset counties. through its support group and periodic educational classes, which are usually held evenings at Mayo Regional Hospital. The affiliate is thankful for the daytime space offered to it by Heidi Dow, librarian, at the Guilford Memorial Library so that this course can be brought to the tri-county area.

If you would like to register for this course or get more information, please call 924-7903.

Bike

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That required Lapointe to literally re-learn how to ride a bike, or in this case a trike.

"They are the most cumbersome things to ride," said LaPointe, who owns a titanium trike and a stainless steel trike, each weighing about 27 pounds. "They go great in a straight line but anything past that it's like pedaling a big, fat school bus. You can't lean it so you have to steer it, and they're very tippy, like the three-wheelers of the '80s. So take everything you know about cycling, throw it out the window and start over."

By 2013 LaPointe hired a coach and was committed to competing as a para-cyclist, first locally in Colorado.

"I was really surprised when I found out how fast those guys could go," he said. "I know I've got some problems with me, but I watched a guy who could barely walk but you stick him on a bike and he's just lightning."

A year later, LaPointe was a first-time national champion in the T1 men's time trial competition held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It's the first of four U.S. championships LaPointe has won over the last three seasons.

He won in both the time trial and road race divisions in 2015, then earned his third straight national T1 time-trial title earlier this year at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

LaPointe's most recent national title came after he moved from Colorado to Las Vegas, where he can now work out on his trike year-round.

"There's a ton of training involved," he said. "Cycling is very cumulative so the less time you take off from cycling and training and racing, the better off you'll be. With any type of spinal cord injury or disability like that we tend to see muscle atrophy starting a little quicker. We're already a little behind the eight-ball when it comes to muscles, so when we start to develop some strength it also tends to go away a little faster.

"Moving to Las Vegas I was able to train during the winter and it made such an impact on my racing that I think I'm going to keep doing it for at least another four years before retiring."

LaPointe plans to compete in several more races stateside this fall, then continue with a mix of World Cup and national-level competition as he prepares to make a more serious bid for the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan.

"I'll give it another shot for sure, that will be almost seven years of training so by then the legs will hopefully have enough strength to do it," he said.

"I just have to be stronger. I need to pedal more and then it just takes time. You just pedal and pedal and pedal, and when you're tired of pedaling you pedal some more."

Historical society meeting Aug. 10

ABBOT — The Abbot Historical Society will be meeting Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum — located next to the Civil War monument. For questions contact the Bennetts at 876-3073.

School

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the secondary school — to avoid a possible grade 8 retention. Foxcroft Academy provided transportation for instruction at the school's campus. The $17,000-plus costs were split between Foxcroft Academy and RSU 68.

Shorey said a campaign has begun to raise $25,000 for a swimming scoreboard at the Piscataquis Regional YMCA, where the Pony swim teams compete and practice. "The scoreboard has not operated for over 15 years, it's time," Shorey said, as stop watches are needed for swim meets.

He said the Foxcroft swim team has over 40 members — boys and girls — making it one of the school's larger athletic offerings. The school will reach out to past pool Ponies in the fund-raising efforts aimed to have a scoreboard in operation for the 2016-17 season.

SeDoMoCha Middle School Eagle fall athletes will have their coaches in place when practices start next month. The school board approved the appointment of David Murray as the boys soccer coach, Alexis Coleman for girls soccer, Tom Sands to lead the football team with Seth Sands as the assistant and Amy Fagan-Cannon will be the cross country coach. The field hockey position is still to be filled.

The school board meeting was the first for new superintendent Stacy Shorey. Board Chair Rick Johnston began the session by saying he wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Shorey. "We are very happy to have her as our superintendent," he said.

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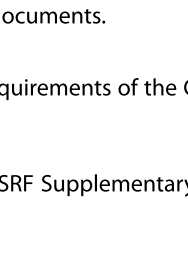
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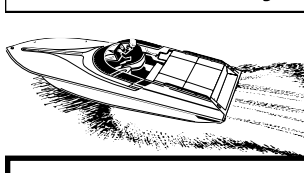
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Sealed BIDS for the construction of the **Wastewater Treatment and Pumping Stations Upgrade Project** will be received by the **Town of Brownville** at the **Town Office in Brownville, Maine** until **2:00 P.M. on August 30, 2016.** Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud **at that time and place.** The work under this contract is generally described as **Wastewater treatment and pumping station facility upgrades.**

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
-Associated General Contractors of Maine, 188 Whitten Rd., Augusta, ME 04332
-Construction Summary of Maine, 734 Chestnut St., Manchester, NH 03104
-Dirigo Engineering, 2 Dirigo Drive, Fairfield, ME 04937
The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be available starting August 8, 2016. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of **Dirigo Engineering located at 2 Dirigo Drive, Fairfield, Maine 04937**, upon payment of **$100.00** for each set plus an additional **$10.00** for postage and handling.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the Total Bid Price as outlined in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within **60** days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

A pre-bid conference will **not** be held.

SRF Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program
The contractor must comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) SRF special requirements contained in the CWSRF Supplementary Conditions. Failure of the successful bidder to complete the pre-award requirements of this program may result in finding that the bidder is non-responsible and therefore not entitled to award of this contract.

Davis-Bacon Requirements
The contractor must comply with Davis-Bacon (DB) and Davis-Bacon Related Acts (DBRA) as stated in the CWSRF Supplementary Conditions. All laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor and subcontractors on this project shall not be paid less than the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination published in the bidding documents. Any laborers and mechanics not listed in the wage determination shall be paid at least as much as the lowest wage rate for other similar trade classifications already contained in the wage determination published in the bidding documents.

American Iron and Steel
The Contractor shall comply with the Use of American Iron and Steel requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 on this project.

Federal Requirements
The contractor must comply with all Federal Requirements per the CWSRF Supplementary Conditions, including submittal of pre-award certification regarding Lobbying.

Disclaimer
Any Contract awarded under this Advertisement for Bids is expected to be funded in part by the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development, and the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) program. This Contract contains USDA-Rural Development and DEP requirements. Neither the USDA-RD nor DEP nor any of their departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Contract. Award of any Contract will be contingent upon final financial agreements between the Owner and USDA-RD and DEP. The project scope may be adjusted to match available funding.

August 3, 2016
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2 Dirigo Drive
Fairfield, ME 04937

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 10

ABBOT: The Abbot Historical Society meets at the museum at 6 p.m. FMI call 876-3073.

GUILFORD: The Guilford Memorial Library hosts a book talk and signing with Roger Guay and Kate Flora at 6 p.m. FMI call 876-4547.

Thursday, Aug. 11

CORINTH: The Widows and Widowers Group meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Countryside Restaurant. FMI call 924-5351.

DEXTER: The Dexter Historical Society, 12 Church St., hosts a round-table discussion on the Dexter Shoe Company from 6-7 p.m.

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a Brown Bag Lunch Series on "Using Plant Medicines" from 12:30-1:30 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: A free session of the Essentials of College Planning will be offered at 1 p.m. at PHEC. FMI call 1-800-281-3703 or go to http://meoc.maine.edu.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Piscataqus Public Health Council offers the free "Cooking Matters at the Store" shopping tour from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Will's Shop 'n Save. FMI contact 564-4159 or kparkman@mayohospital.com.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Center Theatre hosts a Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer from 5-7 p.m. FMI call 564-7533.

GREENVILLE: The Shaw Public Library hosts a book talk with former Game Warden Roger Guay at 6 p.m. at the Center for Moosehead History.

GUILFORD: The annual PCHS and PCMS parent/coach meeting takes place at 6 p.m. in the gym.

Friday, Aug. 12

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: Piscataquis County Republicans meet at 7 p.m. at party headquarters on North St. FMI call 717-7619.

GARLAND: The Garland Grange serves a turkey public supper from 5-7 p.m. FMI call 924-6954.

GARLAND: A Contra dance will be held at the Garland Grange from 7-10 p.m. FMI call 924-3925 or 277-3961.

GREENVILLE: The annual Forest Heritage Days starts with events throughout the day. FMI go to www.forestheritagedays.org.

Saturday, Aug. 13

DEXTER: The Dexter Regional High School field hockey boosters will serve a breakfast from 6-10 a.m. at the American Legion Hall.

DEXTER: The inaugural Maine Red Hot Dog Festival features events throughout the day. FMI go to http://www.redhotdog.org.

GREENVILLE: The annual Forest Heritage Days features events throughout the day, including the Game of Logging from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on the school grounds. FMI go to www.forestheritagedays.org.

HARMONY: The Siesta Sanctuary — which provides a home for displaced parrots, holds a 10th anniversary open house from noon-5 p.m. today and tomorrow. FMI go to http://www.siestasanctuary.org.

MILO: American Legion Post 41 serves a baked bean supper from 4:30-6 p.m., with takeout and home delivery available.

Sunday, Aug. 14

MILO: A benefit spaghetti dinner for the family of a Penquis Valley student who died in an automobile accident will be served at the school from 2-6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

ATKINSON: A special town meeting on the deorganization procedure starts at 6 p.m. at the town hall.

DEXTER: The GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club meets at the town hall at 1:30 p.m., with a tour of the Abbott Museum to follow.

DEXTER: The Foxcroft Academy Alumni Band performs a Wayside Park concert at 6 p.m. FMI go to www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a Family Lawn Game Night at 6 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

Photo courtesy of PCSWCD

LAKESMART – The PCSWCD and the Friends of Wilson Pond Area will host a workshop on the LakeSmart program Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenville Town Office. LakeSmart is geared toward preserving the natural beauty of lakes for future generations.

LakeSmart workshop Aug. 17

GREENVILLE — The Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWCD) and the Friends of Wilson Pond Area will be hosting Maggie Shannon from the Maine Lakes Society to present a free workshop on the LakeSmart program on Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the town office. LakeSmart, the flagship program of the Maine Lakes Society, is one of the most effective lake protection programs available today.

LakeSmart is an award winning program available to all residential and commercial pond or lakefront property owners and is designed to efficiently and inexpensively address soil erosion issues that occur on these private properties by using natural landscaping strategies. Soil erosion is the main culprit causing lake-damaging algae blooms, habitat impairment and species die-off. The algae blooms in particular drastically reduce a lake or ponds recreational value and have been shown to decrease property value as well.

Waterfront property owners who want to play an active role in decreasing runoff into their favorite lake or pond can utilize the LakeSmart program and get suggestions for inexpensive, do-it-yourself ways that can reduce or eliminate soil erosion. LakeSmart landscaping provides a healthy alternative that mimics nature's rich mosaic of plants, shrubs, winding paths, and shady trees — so it looks great, enhances privacy, and works hard to protect property values, wildlife habitat, water quality, recreational opportunities and the vitality of local economies.

Additionally, the program offers a great opportunity for those interested in protecting these lakes in a larger capacity, by training them to become LakeSmart inspectors. Inspectors use program guidelines to help friends and neighbors around their lake or pond to become LakeSmart as well. Information on the program and how to become an inspector will be offered on Aug. 17. There is no cost to attend the LakeSmart training or to get involved with the program.

There will be in-class and field portions of the workshop. To register with the PCSWCD by call 564-2321 ext. 3 or email info@piscataquisswcd.org.

Voters

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"I received 33 applications," Piscataquis County EMA Director Tom Capraro — who was joined at the meeting by Probate Register Donna Peterson — said. He said with a hiring committee, "We narrowed it down to six people to be interviewed. We unanimously chose Debra Hamlin from Milo."

Capraro said Hamlin had worked at the Verso Paper mill in Bucksport as an administrative assistant for over 20 years.

"The top six that we interviewed were all qualified, as Tom said she jumped right out at us," Peterson said. "we think she will be a great fit."

The position has been vacant since the end of June. Capraro said Hamlin should be able to start right away.

"Aug. 15 is the date for the first draft of budgets to come in," Lizotte said as the various department heads will submit their proposals for 2017. He said the first draft of the larger county spending plan will follow soon thereafter.

A nine-person budget advisory committee will start meeting in October. The committee positions are divided among the three commissioners' districts and county officials will be checking to see if members are willing to serve again this year.

Lizotte reported that the paving of approximately 0.9 miles of roads in Barnard, Ebeemee and Orneville was completed the week before. "So that whole side of the county's been done," he said.

A larger paving project is scheduled for the next two years in Elliotsville with work in the Moosehead Lake region to follow as part of the long-term road plan. "The X-factor in that plan is the deorganization of Atkinson," Lizotte said.

When asked, he said the town currently maintains about five miles of paved roads. The state is in charge of the other asphalt travelways, such as the Stagecoach Road.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that there being no assets to probate in the estate of Wilfred K. Burke, deceased of Milo, Maine, all claims against his estate will be disallowed if not filed with the surviving widow, Athalie B. Burke, at 23 Hovey Road, Milo, Maine 04463, within six months from the date hereof.

July 27, 2016

Athalie B. Burke,
surviving widow
Glenn E. Burke and
Susan A. Burke,
heirs at law

Brainard

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"never letting the man or women to their left or right down." Every time I go to Little Round Top, I think of Jay Brainard and i know that as a fellow son of Maine he stands shoulder to shoulder with those 20th and 2nd Maine soldiers today and among all of those who have stood up and said "send me I will go" to defend our great nation. Jay stands among those who heard the distant sound of the guns and didn't run in the other direction, but ran towards the sounds of the guns. Jay has taken his esteemed spot among all of the heros of our nation who have made all of lives better.

I think Theodore Roosevelt said it best. "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcoming but who does actually strive to do the deeds who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls, who neither know victory nor defeat."

Jay, you had the courage to enter the arena when many other couldn't or wouldn't and this bridge dedication will serve as a constant reminder that there are heroes among us, heroes like you who were actually in the arena and you will never be forgotten. And I would ask all who drive across this bridge today and in the years to come to just say a simple thanks for Jay Brainard's life lived, the example he set and the freedoms you enjoy because of great Americans like Jay who sacrificed all of his tomorrows for all of our todays and always honor his legacy.

John 15, verse 13 says: "there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." As soldiers, we all understand this and Jay demonstrated no greater love on May 28th, 2012 for all of us.

May God bless this bridge, the memory of Jay Brainard, this great community, the great state of Maine, and our beloved United States of America!

Colonel Jay Voohees is the (retired) commander of the 12 Combat Aviation Brigade.

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that has propelled our local food network to become one of the best in the country.

Markets across the state will be joining to celebrate National Farmers Market Week in the coming days. I encourage everyone to get out there to explore your local farmers' market, join in the celebration with friends and neighbors, and support the local economy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PURSUANT TO 14 M.R.S. §6323

By virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 5, 2016, entered in the Maine District Court, District Thirteen, Division of Piscataquis at Dover-Foxcroft, Civil Action, Docket No. DOVDC-RE-2015-015, in an action brought by JAY MCLAUGHLIN, Plaintiff, against JENNIE L. SALDAMARCO a/k/a JENNIFER KORZENIOWSKI a/k/a JENNIFER L. DAVIS and LINCOLN P. DAVIS, Defendants, for the foreclosure of Mortgage Deed dated November 17, 2011 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 2138 Page 226, 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 Broderick & Broderick, 6 Taylor Street, Lincoln, Maine on September 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed and being situate at 7 Slate Trail in Monson, Maine.

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 Jay McLaughlin 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 Monson.

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: August 5, 2016

/s/ Richard H. Broderick, Jr., Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff

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
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Obituaries

Obituary Notices

RAYMOND, Glen, 73, August 6, 2016. Funeral services are private for family and close friends.

SMITH, Miriam L., 91, Dover-Foxcroft, August 7, 2016. A memorial service will be conducted at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church on August 22, 2016, at 11 a.m. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

Notices

TURNER – A Celebration of Life for **Sarah "Chris" Turner** of Monson who passed away July 11, 2016, will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, August 13, 2016, at her home, 75 Water St., Monson. Arrangements are under the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

Miriam L. Smith

DOVER-FOXCROFT – Miriam L. Smith went home to be with her Lord on August 7, 2016. She was born in Brockton, MA, on April 7, 1925, the daughter of Herbert and Elsie Shilcock Flowers.

Miriam, known to many as "Mim", graduated from Stetson High School in Randolph, MA, in 1943 and worked for a time at Brockton Edison before subsequently moving with her family to Dover-Foxcroft where they took up residence on the family dairy farm on the Greeley's Landing Road. She worked for the George Howard Agency and as an operator for New England Telephone before marrying her husband, the late Myles E. Smith of Sangerville , on February 16, 1946. After their marriage, the couple lived in Sangerville before moving to Dover-Foxcroft in 1950.

Mim was active in the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church and the local Garden Club. She was a lifetime member of the Miriam Chapter of Eastern Star.

She dedicated her life to her marriage and family. She worked hard to make a beautiful and loving home in which to raise her children. Mim enjoyed collecting antiques and tending her flower gardens. Her faith sustained her in times of deep sorrow and she always faced life with courage, practicality and a marvelous sense of humor. She was the center of her family and an inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband of 55 years. She was also predeceased by her son, Dennis R. Smith of Sangerville; and her brother, Herbert G. Flowers of Harrisville, RI.

She is survived by a son, Douglas M. Smith and wife, Cartha; a daughter, Virginia E. Gass and her husband, Neil; a daughter-in-law, Beth P. Smith; grandchildren, Ronald E. Reed Jr. Joshua E. Reed, Deron P. Smith, Amy R. Smith, Erin L. Smith, Benjamin N. Smith, Kaitlin S. Grochon; and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews, and a special sister-in-law, Ruth Flowers of Harrisville, RI.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church on August 22, 2016, at 11 a.m. with a luncheon reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mim's memory to CHCS Home Health and Hospice at 1093 West Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 or to the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, PO Box 62, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

Glen Raymond

Glen Raymond was born February 9, 1943, and passed away August 6, 2016.

He is survived by four sons: Scott Patterson, Chris and Michael Raymond, and Jamey Badger; two daughters, Cathy Fox and Tracy Raymond. He is also survived by three brothers: Dennis, John and Guy Raymond; and one sister, Julie Drake.

Funeral services are private for family and close friends.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered November 13, 2013, as modified by order dated July 25, 2016 in the action entitled **Ditech Financial LLC v. Christopher P. Stewart and Albertje A. Stewart, et al.**, by the Piscataquis Judicial Center, Docket No. DOVDC-RE-12-17, wherein the Court adjudged the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Christopher J. Stewart and Albertje A. Stewart to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated November 17, 2006 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 1797, Page 115, the period of redemption having expired, a public sale of the property described in the mortgage will be conducted on **Thursday, September 15, 2016, commencing at 12:45 p.m., at the Law Office of Shapiro & Morley, LLC, 707 Sable Oaks Dr., Suite 250, South Portland, Maine 04106**.

The property is located at 140 Riverside Street, Milo, 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.

Shapiro & Morley, LLC, 707 Sable Oaks Dr., Suite 250, South Portland, Maine 04106, (207) 775-6223.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 11, 2016 in the action entitled **Green Tree Servicing, LLC v. Marianne T. Cox**, by the Piscataquis Judicial Center, Docket No. DOVDC-RE-14-21, wherein the Court adjudged the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Marianne T. Cox to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC, f/k/a Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns dated February 2, 2007 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 1816, Page 53, the period of redemption having expired, a public sale of the property described in the mortgage will be conducted on **Thursday, September 1, 2016, commencing at 12:15 PM, at the Law Office of Shapiro & Morley, LLC, 707 Sable Oaks Dr., Suite 250, South Portland, Maine 04106**.

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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Photo courtesy of Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union

PIE EATING CONTEST WINNERS – Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union sponsored a youth pie eating contest as part of the annual Piscataquis River Festival on July 30 in Guilford. The winners are as follows: ages 5-8 first place, Anthony Sibert; second, Audrey Fresina; and third, Josh Neal. Ages 9-12: first, Frank Krupp; second, Samuel Bridges; and third, Lincoln Stone. Ages 13-16: first, Tyler Libby; second, Matt Robinson; and third, Joe Neal. From left are, Josh Neal, Fresina, Sibert, Robinson, Stone, Bridges, Krupp, Joe Neal, and Libby.

Critical

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authorization to prescribe buprenorphine for medication assisted treatment, and the number of patients they could treat each year was capped, creating a barrier for many patients.

CARA will improve access to this treatment by allowing nurse practitioners and physician assistants to seek approval to dispense buprenorphine until October 2021. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are playing increasingly important roles in the delivery of health care, particularly in rural and underserved areas in Maine, and can also play an important role helping individuals to manage and recover from opioid addiction. I strongly backed this provision allowing these health care professionals to provide medication assisted treatment, and I had previously

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Motorcycle

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handling and maintenance of the site. "It really takes a veteran to understand," he said. "I know we are free today because of these veterans."

Ripper said the USMVMC Chapter No. 2 "will be taking over and helping him out." He said club members will learn from Knowles to continue his work to honor all who have served.

Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

VETERANS HELPING HONOR FELLOW VETERANS – The newly-formed local United State Military Veterans Motorcycle Club Chapter No. 2 donated $500 raised through a charter party to the Milo Veteran's Memorial. Club members and organization state officers rode to the memorial at Evergreen Cemetery on Aug. 7 to present the contribution to memorial overseer Ron Knowles. Knowles was also presented with a framed certificate for his volunteer efforts to honor all of the nation's veterans.

Friends don't let friends drunk drive

FA honors 2016 Alumni Award winners

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Foxcroft Academy held its 116th alumni banquet on Aug. 6. In addition to dinner and conversation, the annual trustee award winners were honored.

The Tillson D. Thomas Award is given to a former faculty or staff member who, in the opinion of his/her former students, served the students of Foxcroft Academy with the highest degree of professionalism. Thomas served as headmaster from 1947-72 and his name is synonymous with order, rules and professionalism.

This year the recipient of the Tillson D. Thomas Award is former English teacher Tom Lyford. Lyford is a 1964 graduate of Foxcroft Academy and after college graduation and a few stints at other schools in Maine, he returned home to Foxcroft Academy.

Lyford taught English for the next 23 years and was involved in everything in the department from creative writing, poetry, computer programming and many dramatic and musical productions. After his retirement in 2002, he has continued with his love for the English language and has become an accomplished writer and poet. Lyford was in attendance with his wife of 50 years Phyllis - a 1966 graduate.

The Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award is given to an alumnus of Foxcroft Academy who has distinguished him/herself in their particular vocational field. Dr. Lowell was an 1881 graduate who went on to earn the degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Law and Doctor of Jurisprudence.

This year's award recipient is Dean Smith, valedictorian of the Class of 1986. Smith was a standout not just in the classroom, but as a student-athlete. After graduation Smith would attend the University of Maine, majoring in electrical engineering while starring on the men's basketball team. He was awarded the Walter Byers Award, symbolic of the top scholar-athlete in the country. Upon graduation, UMaine named its student-athlete award after Smith, presented to the top ranking graduating male and female scholar-athlete.

Smith has carved out a highly successful career in business world. His current company, Orono Spectral Solutions, works with the Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security and other commercial applications.

He was a member of the first class of the Foxcroft Academy Athletic Hall of Fame and is also a member of the Foxcroft Academy Academic Hall of Fame. Smith will be honored later this summer as he is inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame.

Brownville Junction High School Alumni announces scholarship winners

BROWNVILLE — The Brownville Junction High School Alumni Association offers scholarships each year to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of members of the association. This year the organization awarded nine $1,500 scholarships.

Two Margaret Law Scholarships were presented. One to Mackenzie Worcester of Washburn, who attends Husson University majoring in physical therapy and one to Holly Wadman of Ellsworth, who will be attending the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine to achieve a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree.

Scholarships were awarded to Joshua Martin and Alyssa Murano, both of LaGrange. They will be attending Husson University this fall working toward a degrees in occupational therapy. The scholarships are in memory of Allen B. Lente and Honorene Richardson.

Blake Morrison of Ebeemee Township received the Brownville Junction High School Scholarship. Morrison will attend the University of Maine this fall majoring in journalism.

Brandon Bryer of Scarborough who attends Morehead State University in Kentucky received the Eleanor Rosebush Scholarship.

The Don Stiles Scholarship was presented to Monique DePlanche of Vista, Calif. The Henry & Annie Graves Scholarship was given to Gretchen Petrie of Portsmouth, R.I. The Greta Connors Scholarship was awarded to Patrick Buzza of Auburn.

The scholarship program is open to all direct descendants of Brownville Junction High School alumni who are association members. More information about the organization and applications for the scholarships can be found at http://www.trcmaine.org/bjhs.

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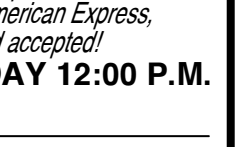

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MILO HISTORICAL SOCIETY ART SHOW – Suzette East of Brownville earned second-place honors at the Milo Historical Society's annual art show on July 16. Paul Larrabee was the first-place winner and the third-place artwork belonged to Blaine Gordon of Enfield.

Feel Good Piscataquis! Expo Aug. 18

MILO — The Piscataquis Thriving in Place (TiP) and the Healthy Community Project are co-sponsoring a Feel Good Piscataquis! Expo featuring vendors and interactive exhibits on healthy living. This event will be Thursday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Three Rivers Kiwanis building.

The TIP Collaborative is funded by the Maine Health Access Foundation and is focused on ways to support healthy living for all ages and assist individuals with chronic health conditions to thrive in their own homes, avoiding hospitalization. The Piscataquis Regional YMCA, Charlotte White Center Pine Tree Hospice, Community Health and Counseling Services, Maine Highlands Senior Center and Penquis as well as Milo-area businesses and organizations will be participating in the expo.

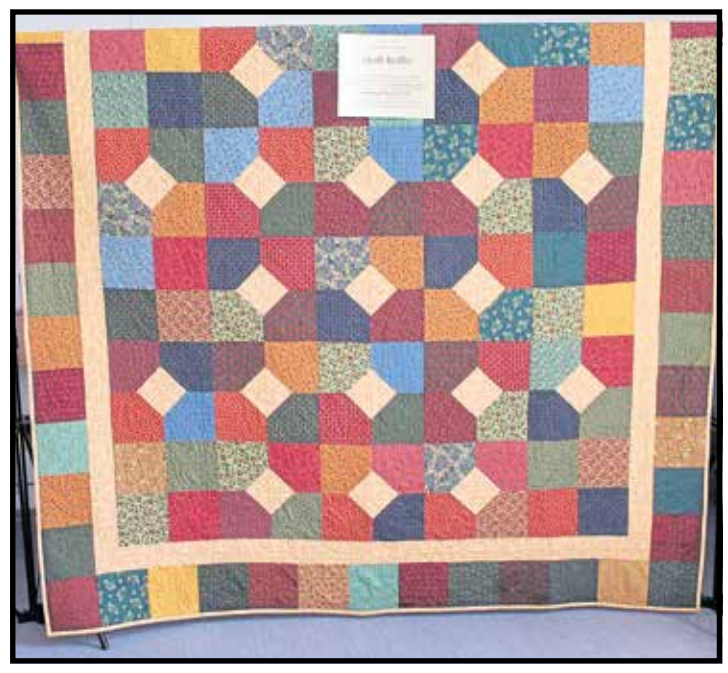
Local businesses and public services will provide information and demonstration about exercise, nutrition, medical and wellness services in Milo and greater Piscataquis County. There will be also be a photo booth and giveaways.

The event is free to attend and open to the public. If transportation is required, call Lynx Transportation at 1-866-853-5969 or 973-3695 by Aug. 15 and request pick-up for the Piscataquis Expo - funding for transportation is available if necessary.

Book talk with retired game warden

GUILFORD — The Guilford Memorial Library will be hosting a book talk/signing event with Roger Guay and Kate Flora on their new book "A Good Man with a Dog: A Game Warden's 25 Years in the Maine Woods". The event is on Wednesday, Aug. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call 876-4547.



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BENEFIT QUILT RAFFLE – The quilt group of the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church is conducting a raffle for the pictured quilt, with proceeds benefitting the church fuel assistance program and the free community dinners served – by different area organizations – on Monday evenings. The drawing will be held on Dec. 3 during the annual Women's Fellowship Kris Kingle Koffee. For tickets and more information, please call the church office at 564-2872.

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called on the Department of Health and Human Services to consider this change.

As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have successfully advocated for increased funding to help address the opioid epidemic. In June, the Appropriations Committee approved legislation that included $261 million for the Department of Health and Human Services' opioid abuse initiatives, a 93 percent increase. This May, the Committee unanimously approved a separate appropriations bill, which included an additional $132 million to combat the heroin and opioid abuse crisis.

CARA has garnered significant support from medical professionals, those in recovery, law enforcement professionals, and other experts in the field. More than 200 national drug groups, noting that 129 Americans die each day as a result of drug overdose, have endorsed CARA, calling it "the critical response we need."

CARA is a meaningful step forward in our efforts to combat this crisis and ensure that those struggling with addiction have access to effective, often lifesaving treatments. Earlier this year, I spoke on the Senate floor to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of CARA. During my remarks, I related the story of Garrett Brown, a young man from Augusta whose life was tragically cut short by a heroin overdose. The *Bangor Daily News,* which vividly chronicled his life, described how Garrett's spiral into addiction ultimately resulted in his death.

By better equipping our dedicated health care professionals and increasing access to addiction care for patients, it is my hope that CARA will prevent individuals like Garrett from falling victim to this epidemic of addiction.

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