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## Council holds mill rate at \$18.60

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DEXTER — The mill rate will remain the same for the 2016-17 tax year as the town council approved a rate not to exceed \$18.6 mills, for every \$1,000 in assessed property, during an Aug. 11 meeting.

The \$18.60 mill rate will enable Dexter to raise the required \$4,386,211 through taxation to support municipal operations as well as fund the community's contribution to the SAD 46 budget and payment to Penobscot County. The near \$4.4 million figure was approved last month, and represents an increase of a little more than \$43,300 (1 percent) from the previous year.

The council had three options for the 2017 mill rate, at \$18.60, \$18.50 and \$18.25. Councilor Marica Delaware suggested the councilors opt for the lowest of the three. "To have an even marginal decrease would be a gift to all Dexter taxpayers," she said, adding this rate would also acknowledge the SAD 46 school board's efforts to reduce the educational spending plan from the year before.

Councilor Sharon Grant wondered if having a lower mill rate could put the town at risk of falling a bit behind financially.

"I would be intent to keep it

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## HOT DOG CONTEST

Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**STUFFING YOURSELF IS ENCOURAGED** — Eight entrants tried to scarf down as many hot dogs as possible during an eating contest on Aug. 13 as part of the inaugural Maine Red Hot Festival in Dexter. Competitors had five minutes to eat as many hot dogs with buns, and optional condiments, as a crowd gathered around a table in the municipal parking lot. Both the lot and Main Street were closed as pedestrians could walk and check out the vendors and events throughout the day. The festival was sponsored by the Dexter Revitalization Committee and Maine Highlands Federal Credit with many other businesses and organizations also involved.

Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**TOP DOG** — Dakota Bouley of Dover-Foxcroft earned first-place honors during the hot dog eating contest at Saturday's first annual Maine Red Hot Dog Festival in Dexter. Bouley consumed 7.5 hot dogs in five minutes, the most of eight competitors.

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## Charter commission goes to work

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — At the June annual town meeting residents approved both the establishment of a citizen commission for the purpose of revising the municipal charter as well as electing candidates to fill six of the commission seats and serve, along with the appointed positions, through June 30, 2007.

The charter commission held its organizational meeting last month and on Aug. 10 — within the required 30-day timeframe — a public hearing took place during the commission's monthly meeting as the group begins work on the document.

The last charter commission was established in 2006, which at the time revisited a charter from 1937. After a number of months a Dover-Foxcroft municipal charter - which is available at [www.doverfoxcroft.org](http://www.doverfoxcroft.org) - was adopted in June 2007. Per the guidelines, the charter is to be reviewed every 10 years.

Resident Paul Matulis began the Aug. 10 hearing by congratulating the last charter commission. "I think they were presented with a lot of contradictory choices and they had a lot to figure out," he said.

The municipal charter put in place a multiple-part town meeting process. Warrant articles are brought forward to a town meeting in late April - whether this will be the last Saturday or

fourth Saturday of the month moving forward is an item being evaluated by the charter commission - for an affirmation of language in all warrant articles by a hand vote (or secret ballot if requested and then OKed). Affirmed articles are then printed onto a ballot to be decided via a referendum in the voting booth the second Tuesday of June - as well as by absentee ballot.

Matulis wondered if the two votes on the warrant were redundant, as the April meeting may have a low amount of public participation and if an item is voted down in June then town officials may only be able to speculate on the reasons why. "It was a compromise measure, I think you should look at it again," he said.

"I for one would be sorry to see town meeting go," Sue Mackey Andrews, who also served on the charter commission of a decade ago, said. "It's always a nice time to see people and talk about community."

Commission Chair Chris Maas said having a discussion on the issues in April, hearing from both those who agree and disagree, has the potential to make citizens better informed.

David Perkins, who also served on the 2006-07 commission, said the stipulation the charter be reviewed again in 10

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## Safety first: no excuse for passing stopped school bus

Rowell's equipping fleet with license plate cameras to record violations, protect children

By Stuart Hedstrom  
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — In several weeks RSU 68 and Foxcroft Academy students as well as pupils around the region and beyond will be heading back to school. With classes in session after the summer break, the distinct bright yellow buses will be on the road transporting children to and from school and other drivers will need to be aware so everyone can get to their destinations safely.

"We need to share the road safely," Rowell's Garage - which contracts with RSU 68 for Dover-Foxcroft, Monson and Sebec - Transportation Director Jenny Chase said. "Drive-bys have been increasing in numbers recently and there has been an increase in disregard."

Other vehicles are required by law to be stopped for school buses when the red lights are flashing. Driving by a stopped school bus

with flashing red lights is illegal, even in parking lots and on school grounds, with students getting off and on and crossing the road.

"If you see the yellow lights be prepared to stop because the red lights will be coming on," Chase said. She said children are taught to look for the bus driver's signal before crossing the road but sometimes the youngsters may hurry and run across without looking or end up going back onto the road to pick up a dropped item.

"If you stop around a bus please be vigilant for children," Chase said.

West Main and East Main Street in Dover-Foxcroft feature a number of cluster stops where students come from and head in many directions getting on and off the bus. "River View is one of the largest ones and it's also one of the worst places for drive-bys," Chase said.

"It's very difficult to get that number," she said about the li-

cense plates of vehicles passing a stopped bus. New model buses are coming with cameras that are able to capture the identifying information of violators, and Chase said this feature will be on the newest addition to the Rowell's Garage fleet.

She said first-time offenders for driving by a school bus with its red lights on face a \$250 fine for a Class E crime which with court costs comes to \$311. A second offense within three years features another \$311 fine and plus a 30-day license suspension.

Chase said she is often asked why school buses do not have seat belts for students. She said the vehicles are built for safety - and are designed differently than a car - with a steel frame and iron parts and high passenger seats.

"For seat belts, after 29 years

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## Wrestling Hall of Fame induction is all in the family

By Ernie Clark  
BDN Staff

CHARLESTON — Josh Pelletier wasn't born when both his father and uncle starred on the wrestling mat.

But individual success stories in the physically demanding endeavor rooted in a shared passion for the sport have landed all three in the same place — the Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance Hall of Fame.

Josh Pelletier, now 28, was inducted during ceremonies at the Hyde School in Bath on Saturday night, joining his father Maynard (inducted in 2013) and uncle Romey (2000).

The younger Pelletier's induction may have been the unlikely of the trio, only because injuries nearly prevented him from realizing his premier collegiate accomplishment in the sport, competing for an individual national championship as well as being part of a title-winning team at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Maynard Pelletier was a high school state champion from Fort Kent who in 1984 became the first University of Maine wrestler to qualify for the NCAA championships. Romey Pelletier was an alternate on the 1984 U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman team.

Josh Pelletier was one of the most successful wrestlers in Maine high school history, capturing three individual state championships while a student at Foxcroft Academy and winning the New England 275-pound title as a senior in 2006.

Pelletier earned a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship to attend Liberty University, where he battled back from a knee injury suffered during his sophomore year to work his way into the Flames' wrestling line-

up full time in 2010. He compiled a 15-8 record and placed second in the NCAA Division I East Regional, one win short of the nationals.

He returned to the regional qualifying meet seeded first in his weight class in 2011 but hurt his knee while warming up for his first match, beginning an injury-filled three years that also saw him leave school short of graduation.

As he continued to recover from knee and back injuries, Pelletier inched his way back into the sport as an assistant coach at Foxcroft Academy during the 2012-13 season, helping coach Luis Ayala's Ponies win a third straight Class C state championship.

A year later, he was helping coach the University of Maine club wrestling team, which concluded its season at the 2014 National Collegiate Wrestling Association championships at Allen, Texas.

While there he reconnected with Julian Castro, his former coach at Liberty, which had dropped NCAA Division I wrestling and joined the NCWA in 2012 to comply with Title IX standards.

That meeting eventually led to Pelletier returning to Liberty in pursuit of his bachelor's degree in criminal justice as well as for one last chance to wrestle collegiately.

It was a stunningly successful comeback for Pelletier after more than three years off the mat — he went 33-6 and advanced to the NCWA heavyweight championship match.

He also helped Liberty win the 2015 NCWA team championship.

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## Theatre using grant to expand services

DOVER-FOXCROFT — USDA Rural Development State Director Virginia Manuel has announced that four Maine organizations in northern Maine have been selected to receive grants — together totaling nearly \$213,000 — that will benefit people living in rural communities in a variety of ways. These grants support USDA Rural Development's designated Great Region, which is comprised of Aroostook, Piscataquis and Washington counties.

Among the grant recipients is the Center Theatre, which has been selected to receive a \$33,100 Community Facility Grant. Rural

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Photo courtesy of Rowell's Garage

**TO AND FROM SCHOOL** — Transporting students in RSU 68 and Foxcroft Academy during the upcoming school year will be bus drivers with Rowell's Garage (for Dover-Foxcroft, Monson and Sebec) and Weymouth's, Inc. (for Charleston). Front, from left, are Mike Chargin, Chris Reardon, Mary Bromiley, Linda Landry, Dan Cumming, Donna Loving and Ed Conroy. Back, Lester Narowski, Malcolm Weymouth, Tal Lyford, Jenny Chase, Mike Morrison, Randy Bent, Ron Richardson and Donnie Tate.

## Five hurt in LaGrange van crash

By Dawn Gagnon  
BDN Staff

LAGRANGE — Five people from the Dover-Foxcroft area were taken to a Bangor hospital Saturday afternoon for treatment of injuries they suffered when the van they were riding in went off the roadway and landed in a pond, according to the Maine State Police.

The crash happened about 12:45 p.m., when Guy Maloon, 28, nodded off while at the wheel of his 1997 Ford van on Route 155, Trooper Ben Campbell said Sunday afternoon. Campbell said the vehicle crossed the centerline, broke

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Crash

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through a guardrail and likely rolled over before coming to a rest.

Maloon and passenger Travis Dustin, 37, and three children between the ages 1 and 15 were taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center, Campbell said. He said Maloon suffered a broken pelvis in the crash but everyone else has been treated and released.

Campbell described the crash scene as chaotic, with five ambulances brought in to take the injured to the hospital. Emergency rescue personnel had to wade through roughly hip-deep water get to the vehicle.

County committee awards grants

ELLSWORTH — The Piscataquis County Committee of the Maine Community Foundation recently awarded \$55,634 in grants to nine nonprofits, including the Piscataquis Regional YMCA to expand its child care program to Greenville.

Other grant recipients are the Greenville school department to support its downhill skiing education program, and the Abbot-based JD Foundation to support a local retreat for grieving women following the suicide of a

family member.

The Piscataquis County Fund is a permanent endowment that supports projects that strengthen communities in the county. Applications to the fund are reviewed by a committee of local leaders. The application and guidelines can be found at www.maineccf.org. The fund is built through donations from the community. For more information please contact Laura Reed, foundation officer, at 564-3236 orlreed@mainecf.org.

PCSWCD names Ripley Farm 2016 Cooperator of the Year

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Over the past several years exciting things have been happening in the region to build sustainable agriculture opportunities for farmers, and for the local community to enjoy the benefits of delicious, nutritious local foods. Ripley Farm has played a large role in bringing fresh, quality, local produce to this region since they sprouted up off the Merrills Mills Road in 2009.

On Friday, Sept. 9 the farm will be honored as the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District's (PCSWCD) 2016 Outstanding Cooperators of the Year, an annual award to celebrate a Piscataquis County landowner's sustainable conservation practices.

Gene and Mary Margaret Ripley started their farm after searching for land that had excellent soil and a good solid home so they could build their lives together sharing their love for farming, their passion for growing and cooking all kinds of fresh vegetables, and their excitement to connect with and serve their local community. After several years of hard work, Ripley Farm is well known for picture-perfect produce and a very popular Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm share program in rural Piscataquis County.

When the Ripleys started their CSA in 2011 they had 16 members. Today they have over 130 summer CSA members receiving over 30 types of vegetables and 35 winter CSA members receiving over 20 types of vegetables. These

CSA members are primarily from the Dover-Foxcroft, Greenville and Bangor regions. The Ripley Farm CSA program has many additional perks not found in other CSA's in Maine. They offer a variety of beautiful pick your own flowers and culinary herbs, a weekly newsletter with updates on all of the great work that is happening on the farm and recipes to be used with each member's weekly generous supply of fresh produce. On Ripley Farm's website www.ripleyorganicfarm.com visitors will find an online cookbook with over 200 recipes, additional information about the vegetables they supply in their CSAs and all of the past newsletters archived.

Gene Ripley grew up in Washington County and worked on an organic farm in high school that grew perennials and ornamentals. He also worked at a nursery owned by friends of his family. While attending Bates College, he learned first-hand about community farming cooperative business models to sustain rural communities on farms in Thailand and New Zealand, and also interned for a summer at College of the Atlantic's Beech Hill Farm. He also worked as a timber frame builder which gave him some of the needed skills to build barns, outbuildings and storage areas for Ripley Farm.

Mary Margaret Ripley grew up in Austin, Texas and moved to Maine to attend Bates. While there she worked on a dairy farm outside of Lewiston. Ripley always wanted to work on a farm with animals and vegetables. After Gene and Mary Margaret Ripley joined forces, they interned for two years at Fisher Farm in Winterport and later served as MOFGA Journey Persons while starting Ripley Farm.

The two sustainably manage Ripley Farm's five acres of MOFGA-certified organic vegetables, situated on a 38

acre tract of land that is surrounded by fields, woods and distant hills to the north. Ripley Farm places a special emphasis on growing, delivering, and eating the best quality vegetables. The Ripleys run their organic vegetable farm with one goal in mind: growing the best vegetables for their local customers and CSA members. Everything they sell is 100 percent organic and 100 percent grown by them. The organic label certifies that they use natural soil building practices to raise superior quality produce for their customers.

In 2015 Carmen Allen joined their team as their first ever assistant Farmer, and in 2016 Sara Moody joined the team of this growing farm. Together with the Ripleys they cultivate over 50 kinds of vegetables, flowers, perennials and herbs, which are sold primarily through Ripley Farm's CSA's and wholesale accounts.

The Ripleys will lead a dynamic tour of their farm, highlighting their innovative organic farming practices and tools, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 9. After the tour, the PCSWCD will be offering a delicious picnic luncheon featuring local, seasonal foods, some of which are grown at Ripley Farm. Immediately following lunch, there will be an award ceremony led by the PCSWCD board of supervisors and staff to honor Ripley Farm and all of the incredible work being done in Piscataquis County to sustainably produce food, while protecting natural resources.

Registration for the tour and luncheon is required by Sept. 2. A registration fee supports PCSWCD educational programs. For more information and to register, please contact the PCSWCD by calling 564-2321, extension 3, stopping by the office in the USDA Service Center at 42 Engdahl Drive or emailing info@piscataquisswcd.org.

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the same, it's not an increase," Councilor Ron Apel said, as Mark Robichaud said he agreed with Apel's comment. Apel mentioned the town is about to undertake a large paving project and there are other streets that will need work.

The \$18.60 mill rate was passed by a 4-1 vote, with Delaware in opposition.

Town Manager Shelley Watson said the budget process was difficult, more so than in past years, but she said the community is making upgrades to infrastructure and not taking monies out of the general fund.

The council also set Oct. 14 as the due date for property taxes. Outstanding balances paid after Oct. 14 will be assessed with an interest rate of 7 percent — a rate set by the state. Eligible property owners will be able to participate in the tax club, as the councilors

approved this program and its monthly payment plan for another year.

In other business, the council discussed the residency requirement for town committees after a Sangerville resident expressed interest in serving on the planning board. The Sangerville citizen has been the only individual to come forward thus far, and the council decided not to appoint the individual.

Delaware and Grant wondered if an ordinance could be drafted specifying Dexter residency requirements for the planning board and board of appeals. "These are policy-making committees, the planning board and board of appeals can affect your pocketbook," Delaware said, as opposed to other committees that do not make such decisions.

Watson said state statute does not specify planning board residency requirements. She said a proposed ordinance

establishing such guidelines could be brought forward for a public hearing at the September council meeting.

In her report, Watson said the summer camp for youth in Dexter and other SAD 46 communities - funded through a grant from the William and Joan Alfond Foundation on Lake Wassookeag - concluded on July 29.

"The summer camp was a huge success and we are going to have a meeting of all involved for how to improve from this year," Watson said. "We want to thank the Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union for providing T-shirts for everybody," she added, saying Toot's Deli gave water bottles to all camp participants.

The town manager thanked camp director/recreation director Mike Martin, camp counselors Krystyna Farrar, Abbey Jordan and Kilee Lewis and lifeguards/counselors Dustin Belanger and Jason Millette.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25  
Farm Oxen Weigh-in 9:00 AM  
Open Flower Judging 10:00 AM  
Fire Dept. Museum Open 12:00 Noon  
Exhibition Halls Open 12:00 Noon  
Animal Land 12:00 Noon  
Farm Oxen Twitch, Scoot & Pull 12:00 Noon  
Midway Rides Open 2:00 PM  
Frisbee Toss behind the Ice Cream Parlor 3:00 PM  
Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor 4:00 PM  
Bingo 4:00 PM  
Foxcroft Academy Band 5-7 PM  
Face Painting on the gazebo 5:00 PM  
Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office 5:30 PM  
Milking Parlor Demo 6:00 PM  
Figure 8 Race at the Mechanical Track 6:00 PM  
50/50 Raffle During Figure 8 Race 6:00 PM  
on the stage 6:30 PM  
He-Man Contest 7:30 PM  
Tyler Healey on the stage 8-10 PM  
Fireworks 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26  
Farm horse weigh-in 9:00 AM  
Open Sheep Show 10:00 AM  
Youth Dairy Show 11:00 AM  
Fire Dept. Museum 12:00 Noon-8 PM  
Farmers Horse Events 12:00 Noon  
Exhibition Halls Open 12:00 Noon  
Animal Land 12:00 Noon  
Bingo 12:00 Noon  
Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill 12:30 PM  
Midway opens 2:00 PM  
Mad Scientist 2:00 PM  
Relay Race behind the Ice Cream Parlor 3:00 PM  
Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill 3:30 PM  
Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor 4:30 PM  
Face Painting on the gazebo 5:00 PM  
Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office 5:30 PM  
Milking Demo in the Milking Parlor 6:00 PM  
Tuff Truck at the Mechanical Track 6:00 PM  
50/50 Raffle during Tuff Truck 6:00 PM  
Mad Scientist 6:00 PM  
Scarab (Journey tribute band) on stage 8-10 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27  
Horse pulling weigh-in 6:00 AM  
Piscataquis Valley Jumper Show 8:30AM  
Farm Tractor Pulls at the Mechanical Track 9:00 AM  
50/50 Raffle during Farm Tractor Pulls 9:00 AM  
Antique Auto Display 10AM-2 PM  
Exhibition Halls Open 10:00 AM  
Fire Dept. Museum 10 AM-8 PM  
Horse Pulling 10:00 AM  
Animal Land Opens 10:00 AM

Youth Beef Cattle Show 10:00 AM  
Miss Maple Pageant on the stage 10:00 AM  
Cookie Decorating on the hill 10AM-Noon  
Horseshoe Tournament behind the dining hall 10:00 AM  
Midway Rides Open 11:00 AM  
Face Painting on the gazebo 11:00 AM  
Skillet Throw-Sign up at the Fair Office 11:30 AM  
Bingo 12:00 Noon  
Mad Scientist 12:00 Noon  
Pedal Tractor Pulls at the Milking Parlor 1:00 PM  
Frog Jumping Contest 1:00 PM  
Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill 2:00 PM  
Animal Costume Parade 3:00 PM  
Mad Scientist 3:00 PM  
Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office 4:00 PM  
Cookie Stacking Contest on the hill 4:30 PM  
Milking Demo in the Milking Parlor 6:00 PM  
Truck Pulls at the Mechanical Track 6:00 PM  
50/50 Raffle during Truck Pulls 6:00 PM  
Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill 6:00PM  
Wrist Wrestling (Sign up at 5:30PM by the Police Building) 6:00 PM  
Sharon Hood Dixon Road Band on stage 7-10 PM

Sunday, August 28  
Horse pulling weigh-in 6:00 AM  
Game Horse Show 9:00 AM  
Garden Tractor Pulls at the Mechanical Track 9:00 AM  
Horse Pulling 9:30 AM  
Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill 9:30 AM  
Doodlebug Draw at the Mechanical Track 10:00 AM  
Exhibition Halls Open 10:00 AM  
Fire Dept. Museum 10:00 AM  
Sign up for the Pig Scramble at the Fair Office 10-Noon  
Animal Land 10:00 AM  
Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor 10:00 AM  
Horseshoe Tournament behind the dining hall 10:00 AM  
Youth Dairy Goat Show 10:30 AM  
Pie Judging 10:30 AM  
Midway Rides Opens 11:00 AM  
Face Painting on the gazebo 11:00 AM  
Bubblegum Blowing Contest on the hill 11:30 AM  
Chicken BBQ at the Dining Hall 11:30 AM  
Bingo 12:00 Noon  
Pro-Modified Demo Derby 12:00 Noon  
Pig Scramble at Pulling Area 1:00 PM  
Pedal Tractor Pull-Off at the Milking Parlor 2:00 PM  
Demolition Derby 3:00 PM  
50/50 Raffle during the Demolition Derby 3:00 PM  
Power Wheel's Demo Derby (during the intermission of the Demo Derby) 3:00 PM  
Dan Grady's Marionette 3:00 PM  
Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office 4:00 PM  
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# Greenville businesses receive funds to improve offerings to visitors

Businesses across the Maine woods have taken advantage of a matching grant program from the Maine Woods Tourism Training Initiative to help secure expert assistance to improve their business. Grants and technical assistance have been awarded to 26 companies so far, providing more than \$16,000 in funding for innovation — with funds still available to assist additional tourism businesses.

Among the grant technical assistance recipients are the Greenville-based Allagash Canoe Trips and Leisure Life, the Moosehead Area Chamber of Commerce, the Pinnacle Pursuit and Pittston Farms of Rockwood.

The \$500 to \$1,000 grants help tourism businesses hire consultants

on topics such as social media marketing, customer service, customer relations management, business management and more. Businesses in rural Maine Woods communities have used the grants awarded to date to take on projects for which they needed outside help.

“The grant was a big help to us and we probably wouldn’t have done a new website at this time without the financial help, said Polly Mahoney of Mahosuc Guide Service, a tourism provider in Newry. Other businesses have reported that the small grants offer enough assistance to take on projects that otherwise would have been out of their budget.

“We know that many small business owners are generalists, learning

as they go,” said Mike Wilson, senior program director for the Northern Forest Center which administers the program. “These small grants help businesses take advantage of specialized outside expertise to address immediate business needs.”

Grant funding is still available to help other tourism businesses improve operations. Projects are evaluated case-by-base and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until Nov. 1. Grants will match the businesses’ investment by as much as one-to-one toward the cost of the consultant and be distributed on a reimbursement basis. For more information, contact Georgia Underwood of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council at georgia.underwood@pcedc.org or 540-0269.

# PRYMCA will open licensed Child Care Center in Greenville

GREENVILLE — The Piscataquis Regional YMCA and C.A. Dean Hospital announced that the PRYMCA’s new fully-licensed Greenville Child Care Center will be open for business beginning in early September. The center will be located at 127 Moosehead Lake Road.

“We are excited to bring this valuable service to the Moosehead Lake Region,” said Rod Willey, PRYMCA executive director. “Last year we became aware of a critical need for child care in the Greenville area. We worked with C.A. Dean and others in the community to create a wonderful facility that would fill that need.”

The PRYMCA has a long history of providing top quality child-care in Dover-Foxcroft where it offers pre-school, pre-K, after-school, school vacation camp and summer camp programs. While not all those programs will be available immediately in Greenville, Willey says that the PRYMCA hopes to increase programming at the new Child Care Center over time. “We plan to start in September by tailoring our offerings to the community’s current demand, and growing from there as we discover what Greenville families need,” he said.

As a mission based organization, the PRYMCA is committed to ensuring that no one is turned away because on an inability to pay. “We focus on youth development, healthy living and so-

cial responsibility,” Willey said, “and this means that we have a very strong scholarship program. If someone cannot afford to pay the full rate for childcare, we will work with them on a case by case basis to help them bridge the gap.”

According to Willey, C.A. Dean Hospital has been instrumental in bringing the PRYMCA to Greenville. “They have supported us tremendously throughout the process, and have been amazing to work with,” he said. “We would not be able to do this without their full support.”

Bre Graffam, senior executive assistant at C.A. Dean Hospital and chair of the daycare planning committee said the board of directors has unanimously endorsed the PRYMCA’s new child care center. “We see it as a huge asset to the Greenville community,” she said. “The lack of available child care has made it difficult for not only our staff but so many others in the community. During the daycare planning committee work, the idea to partner and work collaboratively with the PRYMCA made perfect

sense.”

Graffam also mentioned how appropriate it was that C.A. Dean should partner with the Y given the hospital’s history. “In 1911 CA Dean provided healthcare services from an existing YMCA building that was located in the Greenville Junction,” she said. “So we’re thrilled to be part of the effort to bring the Y back to the Moosehead Lake region 105 years later.”

The PRYMCA is planning to open the doors of the new Child Care Center next month, and will have an open house for the public soon thereafter. They are asking that anyone able to donate quality children’s furniture, books and toys call the PRYMCA in Dover-Foxcroft at 564-7111 ext. 13, to arrange a drop-off or pick-up time. Those interested in pre-enrollment can call and will be directed to staff who will add children’s names to the waiting list.

The PRYMCA is dedicated to promoting healthy spirit, mind and body for all through programs and services grounded in the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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# Bed and breakfast plans open house

## Inn is holding essay contest

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Freedom House Bed & Breakfast will hold an open house Aug. 20-21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to give the public an opportunity to tour the esteemed property which is at the height of a highly publicized essay contest.Dennis and Chris Aplanalp, the current owners of the 1880s farmhouse and cottage, created the essay contest, offering dreamers a chance of a lifetime to win the property and business by submitting an essay explaining why they should own the B&B. An entry fee of \$150 is submitted with each 200 word-or-less essay. Dennis and Chris Aplanalp believe that running this contest versus simply putting the B&B on the market is a unique way to share their dream with someone else that might not otherwise have the financial means to make it a reality.The two are originally from the West Coast and have owned and operated the Freedom House for nearly 13 years. During this time, they have renovated, upgraded, landscaped and loved the property and have grown the business, having es-

tablished a strong following of guests and attracting new guests every season.At this point, Chris and Dennis Aplanalp are wanting to spend more quality time with their children and grandchildren and have decided to retire. A successful essay contest would mean that they brought in enough in entry fees to transfer ownership of the property and business to the writer of the most convincing, well written essay. They would walk away knowing they have left a home into which they have poured their heart and soul to someone who will treasure it as they have, as the winner walks away with the keys to his or her future.Dennis and Chris Aplanalp look forward to the two-day open house to show the property and answer any questions about the home or the business. No RSVP is necessary.Please follow the Freedom House Bed & Breakfast on Facebook for more information. Find out more about the property and see photos at <http://winbedandbreakfast.com/prize-property>. For questions/quotes or more information please emailPR@winbedandbreakfast.com.

# Charter

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years was included to evaluate topics such as the town meeting process.

Nancy Matulis wondered if the charter commission would be looking into the idea of a town council form of government.

Mackey Andrews said a town council, instead of a board of selectmen, was considered by the last charter commission. “We did look at a town council form of government, quite a bit,” she said. “We had multiple meetings at least where we talked that through.”

Another topic asked to be considered by the commission is what can be voted on at a special town meeting and items needing to be decided via referendum, with the two methods having different timeframes.

The charter commission opted to table discussion on town meeting, annual and special sessions, with these items to be looked at more during a future meeting.

The commission scheduled its next session of Wednesday, Sept. 14 as the municipal charter review continues. Revisions to the document will be brought forward to the public as residents would vote on an updated charter.

# Grant

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development funds will be used for equipment to provide the theatre with an opportunity to increase capacity by utilizing the stage and event space available at Central Hall. This will allow the theatre to host dances and provide dinner theater activities that cannot be held at the existing facility. Central Hall will also be a dedicated rehearsal space.

“We’re very excited to receive this funding,” Center Theatre Executive Director Patrick Myers said. “It will support our work with the Maine Highlands Senior Center to finish work on the second floor of Central Hall. This grant will help us purchase curtains, lighting and sound equipment so that it can once again be an asset and gathering

place for the community.”

USDA Rural Development State Director Virginia Manuel said, “Each of the USDA Rural Development grants announced today play a vital role in the community they serve. From providing economic development opportunities that will assist the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians in utilizing valuable Tribal resources, to supporting

performing art, agricultural history and vital health and wellness equipment for children, these grants make an important impact on the quality of life for northern Maine citizens.”

The other grant recipients are the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in Presque Isle, Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum, in Littleton and SAD 27 in Fort Kent.

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### TOWN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT

In accordance with MRSA 23, Chapter 2953, the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 22, 2016, at 6:30 PM at the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building Meeting Room located at 48 Morton Ave. during its regular meeting to hear public comment on the following roads or portions thereof proposed to be discontinued to winter maintenance for a specified length of time not to exceed 10 years:

1. Chandler Road to its end, north from Orchard Road, a distance of 1.0 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
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3. Portion of Gray Hill Road, also known as Gray Valley Road, from a point at which the road turns at right angles toward Guilford, west to a portion of Chandler Road discontinued in 1942, a distance of .3 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
4. Foxcroft Center Road to its end, north from Bolton Road, 308 Foxcroft Center Road (tax map 14, lot 48), a distance of .2 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
5. Portion of Lee Cemetery Road to its end, south from 20 Lee Cemetery Road (tax map 11, lot 98), a distance of .14 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
6. Portion of Hewett Road, also known as Hassette Road, Buck Road, or Burgoine Road, south from 241 Hewett Road (tax map 15, lot 19) to 84 Hewett Road (tax map 12, lot 25), a distance of .9 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
7. Portion of East Dover Road also known as John Hall Swamp Road, south from 784 East Dover Road (tax map 9, lot 9) driveway to the Bangor Road (State Route 15), a distance of 1.5 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
8. Fletcher Road to its end, north from the Guilford Road (State Route 15) to the Dover-Foxcroft Water Treatment Plant, a distance of .3 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).
9. Klimavicz Road to its end, beginning approximately 700' east from 58 Klimavicz Road (tax map 14, lot 81), a distance of .45 miles more or less for a specified length of time (not to exceed 10 years).





## A bit of veteran's history

By Richard L. Graves Sr.  
*PDC/Adjutant/Historian*

Richard D. Melanson of Brownville, a member of Bernard Jones American Legion Post 92 shares some of his military experience having enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 during the Vietnam War-era.

Basic training was at Fort Dix in New Jersey, then on to Gordon Signal School in Georgia for training in helicopter radio and communications with advanced Huey instrument repair at Fort Benning, Georgia. Melanson then volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was assigned to the 279th Signal Corp with a detachment to the 48th Assault Helicopter Co. After a 30-day leave he was flown into Vietnam and joined the detachment at Ninh Hoa District in South Central Coast of Vietnam in October 1967.

On Oct. 29 the military complex was received six mortars from the enemy and they landed where the Korean detachment was located causing casualties to nine and one fatality. Melanson was not aware of the mortar

results other than knowing that they landed somewhere in the complex.

Nov. 6, 1967 Typhoon Freda came ashore, the aircraft had been moved inland but the personnel remained in what they called tent city. The typhoon took a toll on the tent city, equipment and personal gear. Ninh Hoa is right on the coast at the intersections of Rte. 1 and Rte. 21.

Jan. 1 the Tet Offensive took place throughout the country. The 48 th Helicopter Co. was on alert and Melanson was part of a reactionary force, however they did not receive any attacks.

There were little call for Melanson's instrument skills so he volunteered for flight duty filling in as a Huey door gunner in the 48 th Snoopy Platoon. They flew equipment, supplies and personnel to and from remote sites and outposts. Flight duty increased his pay while increasing the risk, however he came out of Vietnam in October 1968 without injury and was discharged from active duty with three years total service.

## Social Security needs adjustments to guarantee long-term benefits

To the Editor;

Social Security's 81st birthday is a great time to reflect on how successful it has been in providing retirement income to older Americans. At the time of its passage in 1935, almost half of older Americans lived in poverty. While first simply a retirement program, today, Social Security offers survivors' benefits, benefits to a retiree's spouse, and disability benefits.

Social Security is the foundation of economic security for millions of Americans and their families. Here in Maine, one third of Mainers 65-plus who are on Social Security rely on their benefit for 100 percent of their income. Without Social Security, over 80,000 older Mainers would fall into poverty.

Your parents, your grandparents, and one day you, too, will benefit from Social Security.

Whether you're giving comfort and support to an aging parent or you're in the twilight of your 20s or 30s, Social Security is relevant. If you are working, you are paying into it. If you are on a fixed income, but still hoping to retire and be able to pay all your bills, you can count on Social Security to help. In fact, hundreds of thousands of Mainers, and millions of Americans, count on it each and every day. But we need Congress to update the program for the 21st Century without delay.

The bottom line is that the Social Security Trust Funds will continue to pay out 100 percent of expected benefits to retirees until 2034. After 2034, with no changes to the system, beneficiaries will only receive 75 percent

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**SOCIAL SECURITY**

## America needs a third party

To the Editor;

Bernie Sanders' success showed how frustrated Americans - especially the young, engaged voters - are with rising inequality, stagnation of wages, unregulated financial markets, monopolistic corporations, unwavering support of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, oppression of the press and drone warfare. Sanders says we should restore progressive taxation, offer a higher minimum wage, free health care and higher education. We need to add the best practices of socialism to our capitalistic system to improve it.

Jill Stein, the Green Party

candidate for president, agrees with Sanders. Many of us who are disenchanted with the two corporate-controlled parties will vote for Stein, even though Democrats insist we should fear Donald Trump and vote for Hillary Clinton.

I recently watched the movie "Selma," which depicts Martin Luther King Jr.'s push for voting rights. Though deeply disturbed after witnessing the brutal treatment of the people he led in the marches from Selma to Montgomery, King courageously continued on his path forward to provoke change, even when President Lyndon Johnson told him to hold back.

He offered hope for those who dreamed of a better world.

Trump claims we should fear the immigrants and Islamists. Clinton claims we should fear Trump and vote for her. If our congressional leaders are truly concerned about their constituents, they will install rank-choice voting.

If enough citizens become engaged with the Green Party, we can create a movement intended to initiate positive change for Americans. We must finally stop allowing ourselves to be motivated by fear. America needs a third party.

Linda Bennett  
Charleston

## Trump right about Somali refugees

To the Editor;

The BDN should be mindful or should have known there is a Somali terrorist threat from some members of this immigrant group in this country. In April 2015, five Minnesota teenagers and one 20-year-old of Somali descent in Minneapolis were accused of "conspiracy

to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization."

They planned to reach Syria, and they were charged with conspiring to support Islamic State. So Donald Trump, as wrong-headed as he is most of the time, is correct when he says radical Islamic terrorists wishing to do harm to the U.S. can be recruited

from this group. Whitewashing an entire group to bash Trump is wrongheaded, too.

It is one thing to daily bash Trump as not fit for president, but another matter to ignore known threats to all Americans in an editorial.

Bob Roxbrough  
Greenville

## Sharing in the historical 'happy dance'

Networking is one of the joys of doing genealogy. Sharing your passion with someone whose eyes don't glaze over when you speak of brick walls or new resources is a special joy and consider yourself fortunate if you have someone who will trek along with you to cemeteries or libraries or just listen.

The true joy of genealogy is letting someone know you've discovered something after a long search, someone who can share the "happy dance" genealogists do when they finally locate the missing link in a pedigree chart or uncover another clue.

If you don't have such a per-

son in your life, networking contacts can be forged at workshops, conferences, and through local genealogical groups. In Aroostook there's The County, in Piscataquis there is Wassebec. Both offer low-cost memberships, free programs and workshops, a wonderful opportunity to meet with experienced genealogists who'll listen and share tips, and even a chance to acquire a mentor if you're new to the hobby.

Watch for their meeting dates and programs in this newspaper and attend a meeting and start making genealogical friends. Even if they're not researching your particular family line they can offer information on sources and methods you may not know about.

You can also build a network online through submitted trees and posted queries. Someone may have family documents, photos, or other materials they'll share and I know of people who have met unknown cousins overseas through online re-

sources. While not all information online is correct your newly found cousin may offer valuable clues to assist you in your own search.

Most genealogists are happy to share their knowledge with others researching the same family. I have run into a few who aren't. Some clutch their research to their chest tightly and say "it's mine" but most of us will help out a fellow researcher any way we can.

The exception may occur if a genealogist is working on a book or an article with a new find they want to keep to themselves for the moment. Should they trust you enough to share their find with you, be sure you don't immediately break their trust and post it to the Internet.

Most humans are social animals and genealogists are no exception so I do recommend building a network of genealogical friends and reaching out to

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**DANCE**

## A critical need for hospice volunteers

By Yvonne Davis

*Pine Tree Hospice Volunteer*

In this article I want to address the current need for hospice volunteers in our community and share some thoughts about being a hospice volunteer. I would also like to strongly encourage the reader to consider becoming a Pine Tree Hospice volunteer.

Pine Tree Hospice has a critical need for volunteers right now. As you read this, you may be thinking, "I could never do that!" As a hospice volunteer, let me encourage you to re-think that. Hospice volunteers are just ordinary people who are willing to journey along with those who are facing the challenges of illness and end of life.

Just as there are many types of hospice clients, we need many kinds of hospice volunteers. Sometimes that means doing dishes or doing laundry. Some-

times that means being a good listener. Oftentimes that means sharing laughter and tears with a family facing one of the most difficult of times.

As a hospice volunteer I have driven someone to a doctor's appointment and chatted with them at home for a few minutes. I have read to an individual with

*Senior Matters*

dementia who resided in a nursing facility. I have been honored to support a family through final days of their loved one, listening, praying, and sharing memories. I have provided respite for a family caregiver.

It is also important to note that there have been times that I have turned down the opportunity to have a hospice client because of time constraints or personal preference. Hospice volunteers

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**VOLUNTEERS**

## Embrace solar for our economy and a cleaner environment

By Rep. Deane Rykerson

When it comes to solar, the future is here. There's so much opportunity for Maine, but we're missing out because of opposition from Gov. Paul LePage and his die-hard allies. We're missing out on jobs, on energy savings for families and businesses and on a cleaner environment.

In 1963, my solar energy project won first place in my eighth-grade science fair. Then there was no economical way then to convert the free and abundant power of sunlight into electricity. Solar cells were for satellites or experiments. Their availability for everyday people and businesses seemed far away.

For Maine's sake, Gov. LePage has got to understand that it's now 2016, not 1963 anymore. Solar technology has advanced and prices are way down. Maine should be installing more solar and creating jobs. But without a comprehensive policy, we're not going to be able to seize the opportunities or even catch up to

the rest of the country, not even with neighbors like New Hampshire and Vermont.

This year, the governor and enough of his House Republican friends killed the bipartisan solar plan that was crafted through the hard work of a broad stakeholders group and the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, on which I serve. It was an impressive measure that won the support of Maine's solar industry, electric utilities, environmentalists, municipal leaders and the state public advocate. I would like to point out that the mission of the public advocate, who is a LePage appointee, is to look out for the interests of all Maine ratepayers.

But instead of embracing this plan to finally bring Maine's policies into the 21st century, the governor vetoed it. With the help of House Republican leadership, he succeeded in getting

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## Big marijuana, big mistake

By Scott Gagnon

A typical summer Maine afternoon. The sun is out and so are you, walking down Main Street with your kids. Maybe you're taking them to the park or town library. It's a walk you've done a hundred times before.

But today something is different. You walk past a new, unfamiliar store. Your kids stop. "Mommy, Daddy, look at these! Can we get some?"

They point to displays of gummy bears, lollipops, and sodas in the window — seemingly harmless enough. But these aren't normal candies and sweets. Instead these are potent marijuana candies, and this is your town's new pot shop. And now you spend the rest of the way to the park trying to explain to a confused 5-year-old that some candies are no longer safe to eat, even though they look just like the treats they love.

Unfortunately, this scenario is not make-believe. On count-

less streets in Colorado, Washington, and Oregon - where marijuana has already been legalized - this very scene plays out daily. And if Big Marijuana gets its way here in November, Maine will be added to that list.

The modern marijuana industry isn't about Woodstock weed. It's about pushing the strongest, most kid-friendly products possible out to market. Marijuana edibles and potent pot concentrates can be over 90 percent pure - the marijuana equivalent of selling pure grain alcohol. Financed by big, faceless international lobbying organizations and out-of-state corporate interests, it's Big Tobacco with an intoxicating twist.

This November Mainers should vote "No" on Question 1, which would legalize pot gummy bears, lollipops, sodas, and other dangerous products throughout Maine and bring

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# Health & Senior Living



**SINGING ALONG BY THE BONFIRE** — The public is invited to follow the lighted sign to the Smith's bonfire for a Lee McKusick "Sing" on Wednesday, Aug. 17 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. Park in the g lot at the boat ramp at Greeley's Landing, Sebec Lake in Dover-Foxcroft. Bring your best gal/guy, family and friends, a folding chair, a flashlight and your singing voice.

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## Actors needed for 'Falling Monologues'

DOVER-FOXCROFT — As part of Fall Prevention Awareness Week in September, Dr. Lesley Fernow with the Thriving in Place collaboration is looking for people in the community interested in helping get the message out. She has a script for a series of monologues titled the "Falling Monologues" that she is hoping to perform the week of Sept. 19.

"Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths, unintentional injuries and hospital admissions for trauma," Dr. Fernow said. "Falls can take a serious toll on older adults' quality of life and independence."

Dr. Fernow is working with the Center Theatre to produce the monologues to raise awareness of the issue of fall

prevention. "We hope to raise awareness among older adults and their families and caregivers, elder care professionals and the general public about the seriousness of falls and ways to reduce fall risk," she said.

Anyone interested in helping with the monologues is asked to please contact the Center Theatre at 564-8943. The Piscataquis Thriving in Place (TiP) Collaboration's mission is to improve regional services and supports that help adults with chronic health conditions avoid unnecessary hospitalization and other forms of institutional care. The TiP Collaborative is funded by the Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF) and facilitated by the Charlotte White Center.



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**COMMUNITY SERVICE TRIBUTE** — Ruth Nason is presented with a Spirit of America Foundation Tribute by Sebec Selectman Sandy Fessenden during the town's annual meeting on Aug. 8. The tribute is given to in recognition of commendable community service.

## Nights of Service open house Aug. 28

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A death in the family affects every member from the oldest to the youngest. A child's grief may be expressed in ways that are different from an adult's. Nights of Service is Pine Tree Hospice's bereavement program for children, teens and their families who are experiencing grief. It provides a safe place to share experiences of grief with others who are also in the process of working through their grief and loss.

For many bereaved children and adults walking into a support group can be scary, especially if they do not know what to expect. Pine Tree Hospice is holding an open house on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 2-4 p.m. at the Pine Tree Hospice office at 883 West Main Street. Dropping by will provide families with an opportunity to learn about the program format, get questions answered and explore some activities used in the groups. Attendees will even have the opportunity to speak to former participants to hear their feedback on the program.

For more information, contact Pine Tree Hospice by calling 564-4346 or emailing [wecare@pinetreehospice.org](mailto:wecare@pinetreehospice.org).

## Meals for Me

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

Thursday, Aug. 18 — Shepherd's pie, broccoli, wheat roll and dessert.

Friday, Aug. 19 — Pasta primavera, green beans, wheat roll and dessert.

Monday, Aug. 22 — Chicken Florentine, orange scented rice, long beans and baby carrots, wheat roll and dessert.

Tuesday, Aug. 23 — Turkey and rice with cheese sauce, corn and black beans, wheat roll and dessert.

Wednesday, Aug. 24 — Chicken with red wine and herb sauce, lyonnaise potatoes, 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.

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## JD Foundation to host weekend retreat for women affected by suicide

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The JD Foundation focuses on suicide prevention and healing care through various programs. The newest organization program "A Journey Through Grief" is a Sept. 16-18 weekend retreat for women who have lost a loved one to suicide.

This program became possible due to a grant received through the Piscataquis County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. The grant funds will offset the cost to attend for those participants who meet certain income guidelines.

The Friday through Sunday retreat will include shared accommodations at the Freedom House Bed & Breakfast, meals, and the option to participate in

Reiki, Polaridy, Reflexology, massage, artistic creative play, a guided nature walk and more.

When a loved one is lost to suicide, those left behind may deal with more complicated feelings that may not necessarily occur with other types of loss, such as shame or guilt. This retreat will help participants by providing natural approaches and shared experiences. It will help form bonds for those that feel alone in their grief by meeting others who truly understand the pain and sadness they are experiencing.

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For those interested in determining income eligibility, applications can be found at [www.piscataquischamber.com/documents/](http://www.piscataquischamber.com/documents/). The retreat brochure/registration form and other assessment forms are also available at this link.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Morin at 876-2295 or [thejdfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:thejdfoundation@yahoo.com).

## Duplicate bridge results

GUILFORD — The Mid-Maine Duplicate Bridge Club played on Aug. 8 with the following results: first place, Norma White of Guilford and Glen Rogers of Bowerbank; second, Austin Dean of Guilford and Joyce Cross of Dover-Foxcroft; and third, Ron Lyford of Hartland and Harry Bridge of St. Albans.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Guilford Memorial Library. For more information, call 564-7781.

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## Bus routes for SAD 4

**Bus 3: Driver Lorna Lander** — **Abbot:** Moosehorns Road at 6:35 - Howard Siding Road at 6:42 - Piper Pond Road at 6:46 - West Road at 7:05 - Monument Road at 7:17 - Lower Davidson Road at 7:25 - Back Abbot Road at 7:28 - High Street at 7:33 - High School at 7:36 - Elementary School at 7:40.

**Bus 5: Driver Marie Hamlett** — **Sangerville:** Silver's Mills/Townhouse Road at 6:15 - Brockway Mills Road at 6:20 - Dexter/Sangerville Town Line at 6:33 - South Sangerville Grange Road at 6:37 - French's Mills Road at 6:41 - Goff Road at 6:52 - Dairy Lane Road at 7:03 - Route 23 north at 7:15 - Jackman Corner Road at 7:18 - Grant Road at 7:25 - High School at 7:38 - Elementary School at 7:40.

**Bus 8: Driver Judy MacLaughlin** — **Sangerville:** Flanders Hill Road at 6:38 - Gray Road at 6:40 - East Sangerville Road at 6:46 - Line Road at 6:48 - Dover side of Burrough's Road at 6:59 - Doughty Hill Road at 7:07 - Main Street south at 7:12 - Mill Street at 7:18 - Church Street at 7:20 - School Street at 7:22 - McPheters Road at 7:24 - Pleasant Street at 7:28 - Oak Street at 7:31 - High School at 7:35 - Elementary School at 7:40.

**Bus 11: Driver Judy Brackett** — **Cambridge:** Pease Road at 6:28 - Leavitt Road at 6:32 - Andrew Ham Road at 6:35 - Chandler Hill Road at 6:38 - Ham Hill Road at 6:42 - North Road at 6:47 - Lander Road at 6:52 - Mantor School House Road at 6:59 - Crow Hill Road at 7:09 - Pease Bridge Road at 7:19 - Gales Road at 7:27 - Rt. 15 South at 7:31 - High School at 7:36 - Elementary School at

7:40.

**Bus 12: Driver Chuck Hamlett** — **Parkman/Cambridge:** Wellington Road at 6:26 - Reed Road at 6:33 - Ripley Road at 6:53 - Erda Building at 6:57 - Goose Flats Road at 6:59 - Dexter Road at 7:04 - Bailey Road at 7:08 - Bridge Road at 7:15 - North Dexter Road at 7:23 - Harlow Pond Road at 7:27 - South Main Street at 7:32 - High School at 7:36 - Elementary School at 7:40.

**Bus 13: Driver Charity Thomas** — **North Guilford/Willimantic:** Sebec Lake Road at 6:40 - Wilson Stream Road at 6:47 - Elliottsville Road at 6:55 - Herring Tract Road at 7:00 - Bates Road at 7:05 - Blaine Avenue at 7:15 - Guilford Center Road at 7:20 - Butter Street at 7:27 — Glass Hill Road at 7:30 - Applebee Hill Road at 7:35 - Blaine Ave. at 7:40 - High School at 7:42 - Elementary School at 7:45.

**Bus 15: Driver Beth Rowell** — **Guilford:** Wharff Road West at 6:47 - Sebec Shores North Road at 6:53 - Wharff Road east at 7:03 - Sebec Shores Road south at 7:09 - Water Street east at 7:12 - River Street at 7:34 - School Street at 7:25 - Pine Street at 7:28 - Cottage Street at 7:30 - Summer Street at 7:31 - Center Street at 7:33 - High School at 7:36 - Elementary School at 7:40.

**Bus 17: Driver Shelly Bennett** — **Wellington/Harmony:** Smith Hill Road at 6:30 - Huff's Corner Road at 6:40 - Harmony Road at 6:50 - Harmony School at 7:00 - Rt. 150 north at 7:05 - Harmony/Cambridge town line at 7:08 - Cambridge/Parkman town line at 7:15 - Parkman four corners at 7:25 - High School at 7:40 - Elementary School at 7:45.

## Bus routes for RSU 68/FA

**Bus No. 5 Linda Landry**  
AM: Barnard, Bowerbank Road, Sebec Village, Sebec Village Road, Milo Road from Sebec 4 Corners to Dover, Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Foxcroft Academy, Milo Road to Sebec 4 Corners, Sebec Village Road, Sebec Village, Bowerbank Road, Barnard.

**Bus 15 Lester Narowski**  
AM: Oliver Hill Road, Garland Line Road, French Mills Road, Bear Hill Road, Board Eddy Road, assigned stops on the Dexter Road, Lawrence Street, Court Street, Fire Station, Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Foxcroft Academy, Fire Station, Court Street, Lawrence Street, Dexter Road, Board Eddy Road, Bear Hill Road, French Mills Road, Garland Line Road, Oliver Hill Road.

**Bus 35 Randy Bent**  
Am: Bear Hill Road, Norton Hill Road, Route 15, Bryant Road, East Main Street, Webber Hardware, Hobby House, Foxcroft Academy, Riverview Apts., SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Riverview Apts., Foxcroft Academy, Hobby House, Webber Hardware, East Main Street, Bear Hill Road, Norton Hill Road, Route 15, Bryant Road.

**Bus 41 Ron Richardson**  
AM: Dexter Road, Shaw Road, Sangerville Line Road, Dexter Road to town, Pine Street, Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Foxcroft Academy, Pine Street, Dexter Road, Shaw Road, Sangerville Line Road.

**Bus 42 Chris Reardon**  
AM: Parson's Landing Road, North Road, Downs Road, Hughes Road, Milo Road to Sebec 4 Corners, Stagecoach Road,

River Road, Essex Street, Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Foxcroft Academy, Essex Street, across Landfill Road, Parson's Landing Road, North Road, Downs Road, Hughes Road, Milo Road to Sebec 4 Corners, Stagecoach Road, River Road.

**Bus 43 Mike Chargin**  
AM: Park Street, Anderson Road, Orchard Road, Dawes Road, Holmes Road, Greeley's Landing, Bolton Road, Steadman's Landing Road, Summer Street, Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Foxcroft Academy, Summer St., Foxcroft Center Road, Steadman's Landing Road, Bolton Road, Greeley's Landing Road, Holmes Road, Dawes Road, Anderson Road, Orchard Road, Park Street.

**Bus 44 Mary Bromiley**  
AM: Harmony.  
PM: Harmony.

**Bus 45 Monson: Dan Cumming**  
AM: Blanchard, Elliottsville Road, Willimantic Road, Steward Road, North Guilford Road, Monson Community Center, Route 15, Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Foxcroft Academy, Route 15, Blanchard Road, Elliottsville Road, Monson Community Center, Willimantic Road, Steward Road, North Guilford Road.

**Bus 46 Ed Conroy**  
AM: Bangor Road to Bryant Road, Range Road, Doore Road, East Dover Road, Vaughn Street, Central Avenue, Winter Street (K-8 only), Foxcroft Academy, SeDoMoCha.  
PM: SeDoMoCha, Central Avenue, Winter Street, Foxcroft Academy, Vaughn Street, East Dover Road, Doore Road, Range Road, Bangor Road to Bryant Road.

## Bus routes for SAD 46

**EXETER**  
**BUS #6 Steve Currie:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. at the Exeter Store. Proceeds down the Exeter Road to the East Corinth line, back to the Downing Road, Holts Mills Road, Fernald Road, Peabody Road, Crane Road, Mills Road, Between The Mills Road and Eaton Road as far as the Lougee Road, Garland-Exeter Road from the Exeter Store to the Parkman Road.

**BUS #12 Holly Nicholas:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. on the Avenue Road. Proceeds to the Butters Road, Avenue Road extension, down the Avenue Road to the Corinth line, back to the Call Road and the Fogler Road, Exeter Road from the town office to the Exeter store.

**BUS #7 Vance McNaughton:** Begins at approximately 6:35 a.m. on the Stetson Road at the intersection of Tibbetts and Chamberlain Meeting House Roads. Proceeds down Stetson Road to the Stetson line, Greenbush Road, Tibbetts Road, Brown Road, Landry Road.

**BUS #10 Ted Dube:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. on the Cider Hill Road, to the Exeter Road (State Road), Mattison Road, Chamberlain Meeting House Road, Stetson Road from Tibbetts Road intersection as far as the Exeter town office, then to the Valley Avenue Road.

**GARLAND**  
**BUS #14 Clarence Arno:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. on the Greeley Road. To the Oliver Hill Road as far as Goodwin Road, Center Road, Lower Notch Road, Campbell Road, Day Road, Route 94 from the Garland Store to the Greeley Road.

**BUS #2 Ed Langlais:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. on the Exeter Road (Garland end). To the Jones Road, Millett Road, Holts Mills Road, Corinth Road from the Corinth line back to the Garland Store. Dexter Road from the Greeley Road to the Pullen Road in Dexter.

**BUS #10 Ted Dube:** Begins at approximately 7:15 a.m. on Valley Avenue Road (Exeter end) as far as Old Schoolhouse Road.

**BUS #6 Steve Currie:** Begins at approximately 7:15 a.m. on Parkman Road (Garland end).

**RIPLEY**  
**BUS #1 Dan Davis:** Begins at approximately 6:30 a.m. on Main Street, to Water Street, to North Road to Page Hill, Out Harmony Road (Stream Road) to the town line, back Route 154 to Chadbourne Road, Seavey Road, Tripp Road, Flush Hill Road, Elms Road, Gifford Road, Upper Ripley Road.

**DEXTER**  
**BUS #3 Jeff Truman:** Begins at approximately 7 a.m. on the Crawford Road. To Railroad Avenue, the Old Newport Road, across the Line Road, Route 7 from the P and L Store to Free Street intersection, Mechanic Street. NOTE: K-12 a.m. on Mechanic, K-8 p.m. on Mechanic Street.

**BUS #8 Buzz Harding:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. on the Dover Line Road, back to Oliver Hill Road, Silvers Mills Road and Route 7 from Oliver Hill Road to Acadia Street.

**BUS #4 Cheryl Upperman:** Begins at approximately 6:35 a.m. on Crockett Road, to Bugbee Road, No. 10 Road, to North Dexter Road, Arno Road, Trembley Road, Goff Road, Eaton Road, Cambridge Road, Shore Road, along Route 23 to Float

Bridge.

**BUS #11 Donna Loving:** Begins at approximately 6:40 a.m. on the Charleston Road, Kaeton Pond Road.

**BUS #12 Holly Nicholas:** Begins at approximately 7:15 a.m. on the Upper Garland Road on the Garland end, past Wing Road.

**DEXTER IN-TOWN STOPS**  
**AM PICK UP (APPROX.) 7:20/7:45 PM DROP (APPROX.) 2:50/3:10**  
**BUS #4 Cheryl Upperman** Stops:  
E — Grove Street (ambulance garage)  
C — Pleasant Street (skating rink)  
D — Pleasant Street (town hall)  
N — Lower Main Street (Chaia Apts.)  
N-1 — Lower Main Street (credit union)  
S — Orchard Street and Mill Street K-8/a.m. only  
L — Water Street trailer park K-8/a.m. only  
Spring St. K-8 (p.m. only)  
**BUS #2 Ed Langlais** Stops: Z — Main Street & Bryant Road  
**BUS #8 Buzz Harding** Stops:  
B — Ridgewood trailer park 9-12(a.m./p.m.)  
B: Ridgewood trailer park K-8 (p.m. only)  
T — Church Street (fire hall)  
Spring Street K-8 only (am)  
**BUS #1 Dan Davis** Stops:  
H — Zions Hill (Mosseys)  
F — Zions Hill and School Street  
**BUS #3 Jeff Truman** Stops:  
K — Cedar Street (VFW hall) K-8 only  
I — St. Francis Street (lower end) K-8 only  
V — Railroad Avenue (Dexter Christian church)  
J — McFarland Street (trailer park)  
**BUS #12 Holly Nicholas** Stops:  
A — Elm Street and Beech Street  
A-1 — Upper Park Street  
R — Park Street and Prospect Street  
**BUS #11 Donna Loving** Stops:  
Ridgewood trailer park K-8 (am only)  
Q — Free Street (100 acre daycare) K-8 only  
P — Free Street (ACP apts.) K-8 only  
X — Free Street and Winter Street K-8 only  
M — Lincoln Street (old Dexter shoe) 9-12 only  
O — Free Street and Center Street K-8 only  
Y — Free Street and Summer Street K-8 only  
W — Pine Street 9-12 only  
G — Lincoln Street and Gould Avenue 9-12 only  
**BUS #5 Mike Keyte — Harmony Bus** Stops:  
U — Highland Avenue  
W — Pine Street K-8 only  
G — Lincoln Street and Gould Ave. K-8 only  
S — Orchard Street and Mill Street K-8/p.m. only  
L — Water Street trailer park K-8/p.m. only  
**BUS #10 Ted Dube** Stops: Spring Street 9-12 only  
**BUS #6 Steve Currie** Stops: All of Free Street 9-12 only

## Safety

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of driving a bus, I am emphatically against seat belts," Chase said. "If they they are in their seats right they are going to be safe."

Students take part in evacuation drills with their drivers but only in a few potential types of emergencies - such as a fire or flood - will the riders be exiting the vehicle. "There is no way to get all of the kids out of their seat belts in under two minutes," Chase said about the delay caused by seat belts when time is critical. She added that in an evacuation, drivers are taught to check under each seat to make sure no one is hiding.

Chase said that she has been asked why students do not have seat belts when the driver is buckled in, "the driver doesn't have padding all around them."

"Buses are built for compartmentalization, built for safety and we continually go through trainings," Chase said, adding that the Maine Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT) has a number of great safety programs.

She said there are approximately 450,000 school buses on the road across the country, transporting 25 million students over 4 billion miles annually. Chase said 80 percent of Maine's K-12 pupils ride the bus - compared to a national percentage of 50. These 140,000 students ride on 3,000

buses over 30 million miles a year.

"There are very few accidents with this many miles because Maine does put in an effort into training drivers," she said highlighting MAPT again.

Chase said in 2008-08 - statistics take a few years to be collected and presented - to and from school there were 448 fatalities nationally involving teen drivers with siblings. The fatality number of students with adult drivers totaled 169 and there were 131 fatalities among those walking to school and 46 among those biking to school. Chase said the number of fatalities with school buses totaled 18, with the majority of these stemming from drive-bys.

While safety is always the top priority, Chase said all the Rowell's Garage drivers aim to be considerate to other vehicles on the road. When they are able to do so, the drivers will pull the bus over to the shoulder to let traffic go by on the main roads. Chase said not all districts have their drivers pull over as "there isn't a law, it's totally out of courtesy."

Students also need to adhere to safety and riding regulations, doing so by signing a contract along with their parents/guardians. "They know the safety regulations and the consequences," Chase said, adding that even the Foxcroft Academy boarding students and those who drive themselves sign the agreement in order

to ride the bus for sports and other extracurricular program transportation.

Parents are asked to be courteous and not call the school with adjustments to their children's drop-off destination near the end of the afternoon - with the exception of emergencies. "Calls late in the day for bus changes can be confusing for everyone," Chase said, saying parents may be unaware of how busy the office can be during the last hour before students head home.

"Emergencies are one thing but otherwise not after 2 p.m.," she said.

Chase said should a change be needed, parents are asked to provide specifics such as a name, address and phone number for where the student is going. "Not just a note to go to Nana's," she said. Chase added that those with any questions pertaining to drop-offs or anything else with busing can call her at 564-3434 ext. 212.

She said a bus will be on display for the SeDoMoCha Elementary kindergarten orientation on Thursday, Aug. 25 from 3:30-4:30 p.m., enabling students and parents to go inside the vehicle for a look prior to the first day of school.

Rowell's Garage is always seeking more bus drivers, including those who can work as substitutes and/or for field trips and extracurricular programs.

## School bus safety tips

Did you know ... It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing, even in parking lots and on school grounds. The fine is \$311 and may include loss of license for a specific time.

Seats in the school bus are designed to protect your students during a crash, but only when they are facing forward.

More students are killed outside the school bus than while riding inside the vehicle.

There is a 10-foot danger zone around the entire bus.

School bus rules apply even on sports and field trips.

Rules on a bus are designed to maintain discipline and safety. Distracting the driver can be very dangerous to students on the bus as well as other motorists.

Tips for students riding the school bus safely: Obey the bus driver. Remain in your seat while bus is moving.

Be ready for the bus.

Never run to or from the bus.

Wait for the driver's signal to cross the road.


If you drop something near the bus, leave it and tell an adult.

Do not distract the bus driver.

Keep your head and hands inside the bus at all times.

Please see Page 7, TIPS

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# Social Security

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of what they are owed. While 2034 may seem a long way off, the Social Security trustees report signals a need for steps to be taken now to strengthen the program for the future.

We need our elected leaders and candidates for office to act. Where do the presidential candidates stand on Social Security? It is time for both candidates to lead on Social Security, and give us real answers about how they'll keep it strong for us and for future generations. While we can find information about their current plans at [www.2016takeastand.org](http://www.2016takeastand.org), we deserve to know much more about how their plan will affect our families, what it will cost, and how they will effectively implement it.

This is why AARP launched

our Take A Stand campaign: To bring attention and focus to Social Security and to the overall financial security of older Americans around the country. AARP has even pulled policy ideas together from both sides of the aisle to represent multiple perspectives. Up for consideration are 12 different proposals that could strengthen the program long-term.

Too many Mainers depend on Social Security to get by and we cannot continue to ignore the fact that the program needs to be updated for the 21st Century. Please join me in Taking a Stand at [2016TakeAStand.org](http://2016TakeAStand.org). Strengthening Social Security now and for the future has never been more important.

**Japhet Els, outreach director  
AARP Maine**

# Dance

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your cousins, however distant, who will become part of your own network. At the same time be sure you're there to help others who are just starting out. Over the years I've received so much help from so many wonderful genealogists. And, there is a very special cousin to whom I owe a great debt for his support and willingness to share.

Remember, we all have much to share and there's help we can give to others whether they are taking their first genealogical steps or have journeyed for years along the pathway. So, build your networks, establish some genea-

logical friendships, and meet new cousins. Don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it and be willing to help others when you can. And celebrate the joy of genealogy! Happy researching.

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# Volunteers

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have the freedom to choose how and when they provide service.

A volunteer hospice is a non-profit organization that provides non-medical support such as social, emotional, spiritual, and practical needs to anyone with a progressive life-limiting illness. Volunteer hospices do not have nurses, CNA's, or Home Health Aides to provide medical or personal care. Rather, these services are provided by the medical hospices in our area.

Volunteer hospices and medical hospices are able to work together. It is not an either/or choice. A person can decide to have the services of one or the other or both or neither.

Pine Tree Hospice is one of just 49 volunteer hospices left in America. Because we have an aging population here in central Maine, we are seeing a significant increase in utilization of our services. The number of families we serve has doubled in the past three years, but unfortunately, the number of volunteers has not. This has made it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of the 39 towns we serve.

Now would be a good time to consider helping your friends and neighbors as we carry out our byline of "We can't add days to your life but we can add life to your days."

Being a hospice volunteer is one of the most enriching experiences I have had. It is more about living than dying. I have learned so much from my clients and their families. I have gained a bigger perspective of life. I used to think, "I could never do that!" But I can, and maybe you can, too!

The need for Pine Tree Hospice direct care volunteers who are willing to provide companionship, to serve clients and their families in a variety of ways, and to be a caring presence in their lives has never been greater. Consider participating in our next volunteer training, which begins September 8th .

Please call 564-4346 or email [wecare@pinetreehospice.org](mailto:wecare@pinetreehospice.org) for more information and to register.

*Readers are invited to offer feedback about this column and to suggest topics for future articles. You may do so by contacting Lesley Fernow at (207) 992-6822 and [lmfernnow@rcn.com](mailto:lmfernnow@rcn.com).*

# UMF dean's list

FARMINGTON — Five students from the region were named to the spring dean's list at the University of Maine-Farmington. The honorees are Darci Perkins of Dexter, Hailey Wellington of Dover-Foxcroft, Adam Malinauskas of Garland, Ashley Cross of Guilford and Alison Turtlott of LaGrange.

# UMFK dean's list

FORT KENT — Four students from the region were named to the spring full-time dean's list at the University of Maine-Fort Kent. The honorees are Greenville residents Olivia Bouchard and Corey Henderson, and Guilford residents Jazzmine Cobb and Catherine Williams.

# Hot

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Maine since 1965, I still don't have any. I think that happens when you live in Maine.

I go down to our town dock or the town park every so often and just enjoy being there in the quiet. Did you read that? Quiet, quiet in summer at our park and dock. While all those crazies are racing up the highway toward Bar Harbor.

What does Bar Harbor have that we don't? I won't go into that except to say they have the crowds of people who race past our little village ... and Bar Harbor ends up with their money.

We have Maine — all year.

And we don't have to rush to get here. Being here comes with the territory.

I still have a good bit of trail walking I'd like to do this summer and visit some state parks to which I haven't been for years.

I was looking at a map - on the computer - the other day of one of those parks.

Boy has that park changed over the years. Or it's been too many years since I've been there. As soon as the weather cools some, we might get back to that park.

And hope we don't get lost there.

In the meantime, we're still here. The tourists are still rushing past. The birds are still singing. The moose are still mooing.

And we don't have to leave Maine.

We can sit by the highway and watch those tourists rush past.

And be glad we don't have to leave Maine.

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# SPORTS



# The Piscataquis Observer

Serving the interests of Piscataquis County



Photo courtesy of Drew Daubenspeck

**LOST AND NOW FOUND** — Moosehead Trails volunteers Rex Turner and Jared Coyne enjoy a restored bench on Number 4 Mountain. Vandals had pulled up and tossed the bench into the woods, and Moosehead Trails have put the bench back in place.

# Moosehead Trails restores bench on Number 4 Mountain

On July 16 seven dedicated individuals from Moosehead Trails, a trail stewardship group for the Moosehead Lake region, spent the day improving the path up Number 4 Mountain. Volunteers cleaned water-bars, trimmed back brush and branches and enhanced a view of Big Spencer Mountain at a vista about halfway up the 1.8-mile trail.

The group also successfully rescued and restored a bench near the mountain summit. The bench,

which was installed in 2015, had been pulled up by vandals and tossed into the woods. Early in the summer Moosehead Trails received reports from hikers that the seat was missing. Happily, the bench was located off-trail, not far from the summit, and volunteers were able to haul it out of the trees and reinstall it for hikers to relax on and enjoy the views.

Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers who made the Number

4 Mountain work trip possible. From planning the details of the day to lopping and clearing brush, a great amount of effort goes into every trail stewardship event.

Moosehead Trails provides opportunities to hike, learn about trail maintenance and construction, and serve local communities. For more information, please contact Erica Kaufmann at [erica@fsmaine.org](mailto:erica@fsmaine.org), or find Moosehead Trails on Facebook.

# Bun Run 5K results

DEXTER — A five kilometer Bun Run kicked off the day during the inaugural Maine Red Hot Dog Festival on Aug. 13.

Taylor Washburn, age 31, cut the mustard by winning the 3.1-mile race through the streets of Dexter in a time of 16 minutes, 30 minutes to place first out of a field of 62. The race results (name, age and time) are as follows:

1. Washburn 31 16:30; 2. Matt Daly 33 20:01; 3. Gabriel Piquette 18 20:22; 4. Brett Kusnierz 13 22:39; 5. Parker Ponte 14 23:44; 6. Will Kusnierz 11 24:22; 7. David Murray 39 25:02; 8. Danielle Vafiades — top women's finisher — 33 25:07; 9. Mark Chambers 56 25:20; 10. Tom Cronkite 55 25:30;

11. Kevin Keene 50 25:31; 12. Heather Gudroe 38 25:32; 13. Luke Vignneault 37 25:36; 14. Linda Cianchette 36 25:57; 15. Sarah Picard 39 26:31; 16. Bryce Connor 11 26:45; 17. Brandon Cummings 32 26:58; 18. Stephen Cooper 28 26:59; 19. Bob Clark 65 27:01; 20. Tracy Glidden 50 27:30;

21. Robbie Dorman 13 27:41; 22. Ora Rudloff-Eastman 12 27:43; 23. Peter Devine 67 27:47; 24. Dan Kusnierz 49 27:59; 25. Julie Moulton 36 28:12;

26. Dawn Wintle 40 29:01; 27. Kathryn Brouchu 22 29:05; 28. Dave Samuelian 69 29:09; 29. Wyatt Picard 34 29:10; 30. Carl Sampson 62 29:25;

31. Marty Mullen 49 29:32; 32. Paul Mckechnie Jr. 42 31:14; 33. Anne Dailey 35 31:16; 34. Colin Speed 13 31:46; 35. Jessica Battilana 37 31:55; 36. Rebekah Cox 26 32:01; 37. Erin Boulter 22 32:05; 38. Beatrice Russell 47 32:10; 39. Rachel Linkkila 33 32:12; 40. Seth Robbins 12 33:12;

41. Jacob Campbell 13 33:13; 42. Diana Bean 45 33:47; 43. Jennifer Potvin 45 35:52; 44. Gordon Woodin 46 35:53; 45. Jonah Bean 10 37:30; 46. Faith Kelly 39 37:50; 47. Kendra Hanscom 31 38:45; 48. John Kortecamp 69 38:53; 49. Jordan Cadorette 26 39:18; 50. Matthew Doughty 34 39:18;

51. Mark Simoneau 55 39:18; 52. John Bean 50 39:36; 53. Tina Chadbourne 36 40:38; 54. Ashley Scott 31 42:07; 55. Kayla Stevens 25 44:02; 56. Jennifer Miller 37 46:47; 57. Kayden Miller 9 46:47; 58. Max Miller 8 46:47; 59. Rita McSaffrey 57 47:12; 60. Rejeanne Simoneau 57 1:00.48;

61. Marissa Simoneau 25 1:01.14; and 62. Rosanne Botto 60 1:01.44.



Josh Pelletier

# Wrestling

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"As far as coming back and being an All-American and wrestling on the national stage and as a team winning the national championship, I don't think there will be a memory like that," said Pelletier on Sunday.

"I'll never forget that I was able to come back and stand on the podium at a national event."

And while Act 2 of his wrestling career landed Pelletier in national-level competition, fond recollections similarly abound from Act 1 — when he compiled a 110-11 career mark at Foxcroft and earned considerable individual acclaim while also helping the Ponies win Class C state team championships in 2004 and 2005.

"The first part of my career with high school and the first part of college are obviously some of the best memories I'll ever have, especially just being around my friends and coaches," he said. "There's just nothing like the friendships you make in the locker room with those guys you go through all those practices with every day."

Pelletier now lives and works in Jacksonville, Florida, and continues to remain involved with the sport as head wrestling coach at Ludus Martial Arts.

He provides training and instruction and wrestling to approximately 30 professional and amateur mixed martial arts fighters who train at that gym.

"Honestly, I get by far the most joy from coaching and seeing someone who tells me they want to win, whether it's a wrestling state championship or an MMA fight, and we develop a plan and I see them reach their goal," Pelletier said. "When I see them work their butts off and follow through, I don't think there's any feeling like it."

"For me it's way better to see the fruits of that labor and the next generation being able to benefit from what I've learned in the past."

# SPORTS ON TAP

schedule subject to change

**Saturday, Aug. 20—PRESEASON BOYS SOCCER:** Foxcroft Play Day 9 a.m. **PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter and PCHS at Central Play Day (Corinth) 9 a.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER:** Foxcroft and PCHS at Orono Play Day 10 a.m.

**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.

**Tuesday, Aug. 23—PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY:** Foxcroft at MCI (Pittsfield) 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 24—PRESEASON BOYS SOCCER:** Dexter at Mt. View (Thordike) 5:30 p.m.; Foxcroft at Nokomis (Newport) 4 p.m.; PCHS at Schenck (East Millinocket) 5 p.m.

**PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter at Mt. View (Thordike) 4 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. Nokomis 4 p.m.; PCHS at Schenck (East Millinocket) 3 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 25—PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter vs. Mt. View 5 p.m.; Foxcroft at Nokomis (Newport) 4 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 26—GOLF:** Dexter and Greenville at Penobscot (Holland) with Bucksport 4 p.m. **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 and Foxcroft at Hampden Academy Play Day 8 a.m.; PCHS at Carrabec (North Anson) Play Day TBA. **PRESEASON FIELD HOCKEY:** Foxcroft at

Mt. Blue (Farmington) Round Robin 10 a.m. **PRESEASON FOOTBALL:** Dexter vs. Madison/Carrabec 1 p.m. **PRESEASON GIRLS SOCCER:** Foxcroft at Oceanside (Thomaston) Play Day TBA.

**Monday, Aug. 29—GOLF:** Foxcroft vs. Ellsworth and MDI 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 30—GOLF:** Dexter and Bucksport at Old Town 4 p.m. Greenville vs. Foxcroft 4 p.m. **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.; Foxcroft at John Baptist (UMaine—Orono) 6 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.

**Thursday, Sept. 1—GOLF:** Foxcroft vs. Dexter and Old Town 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 2—BOYS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. PCHS 4 p.m.; Greenville at Central (Corinth) 5 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Foxcroft vs. Dexter 4 p.m.; PCHS at John Baptist (UMaine—Orono) 6 p.m. **FOOTBALL:** Foxcroft at MDI 7 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Greenville at Central (Corinth) 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 3—BOYS SOCCER:** Foxcroft at Presque Isle 3 p.m. **CROSS COUNTRY:** Foxcroft at Ellsworth Invitational 11 a.m. **FOOTBALL:** Dexter vs. Houlton 1 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. PCHS 10 a.m.; Foxcroft at Presque Isle 11 a.m.



BIRTHS

Among the recent births recorded at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft were:

**CONNORS** — A daughter, Ellison Louise Connors, born on July 29, 2016, to Lindsey Sue (Rideout) and Justin Daniel Connors of Sebec. Maternal grandparents are Amy Winship of Greenbush and Toby Rideout of Atkinson. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Cara Connors of Sebec. Great-grandparents are Patricia Connors of Sebec, Sara Dyer of Dover-Foxcroft, Robert and Jenny Rideout of Atkinson, Susan Marsh of Limestone and Stephanie Winship of Glenburn.

**GRAY** — A daughter, Hazel Paige Gray, born on July 12, 2016, to Morgyn McArthur and Joshua Gray of Milo. Maternal grandparents are Lisa Demers of Milo, Keith McArthur of East Corinth and Heidi Dupuis of East Corinth. Paternal grandparents are Tracy and Charles Gray of Lagrange.

Great-grandparents are Nancy Boyce of Milo, Charles Gray of Brownville, Ruth MacArthur of East Corinth, James and Brenda Karpowicz of Milo and Barbara Patchell of Lagrange.

**MALO** — A son, Aiden Mathew Malo, born on July 4, 2016, to Victoria Greene and Ryan Malo of Greenville; joining big brother Rylan. Maternal grandparents are Janice Greene and Phil Greene of Bradford, R.I. Paternal grandmother is Darlene DeSouto of Guilford. Great-grandparents are Alan and Denise DeSouto of Abbot and Janet and William Guzman of Camarillo, California.

**SHOREY** — A son, Tyson Lloyd Shorey, born on July 14, 2016, to Jessica Redmond and Dustin Shorey of Dover-Foxcroft; joining siblings Dominic, Kloe and Robert. Maternal grandparents are Nanette and Tracy Redmond of Dover-Foxcroft. Paternal

grandparents are Ron Shorey and Sigrid Wainwright of Guilford and Rick and Shari McCannell of Passadumkeag. Great-grandparents are Wayne and Mary-Lou Redmond of Dover-Foxcroft, Lloyd Finne-more of Bangor and Ken and Barbara Thompson of Berryville, Arkansas.

**SODEN** — A son, Liam Alexander Soden, born on July 30, 2016, to Denise Marie Tirrell of Dover-Foxcroft and Jesse Soden of Sangerville. Maternal grandparents are Denise Louise Tirrell and James T. Tirrell III of Dover-Foxcroft. Paternal grandparents are Cathie Soden of Parkman, Rick Blockler of Dover-Foxcroft and Gregg Soden of Florida.

**THOMPSON** — A daughter, Sarah Leigh Thompson, born on July 26, 2016, to Mikaela Drovin and Zach Thompson of Charleston; joining half-brother Levi James Perry. Maternal grandparents are Rachel Tilley of Dexter and Rocky Tilley of Dover. Paternal grandparents are Roderick Thompson and Beth Thompson of Milo. Great-grandparents are Douglas Murphy of Corinna and Mary O'Connell of Massachusetts.

**WHITAKER** — A son, Kai Alexander Whitaker, born on July 22, 2016, to Mikella Tilley and Casey Edwin Whitaker of Dexter; joining sibling Lexi. Maternal grandparents are Rose Tilley and David Tilley of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Jeri-Lynn Chambers of Dixmont and Mark Whitaker of Freedom. Great-grandparents are Brenda and Lyman Fanjoy of Pittsfield and Linda Bowden of Cannan.

Foxcroft Academy dedicates room in honor of Michelle Emily Buck

**DOVER-FOXCROFT** — Life is precious. For a family living after an untimely death, life has a hard time returning to normalcy. Dr. Alfred S. Buck is living proof.

On Dec. 17, 2015 in Virginia, Dr. Buck's 19-year-old granddaughter Michelle was struck in a crosswalk by a vehicle and died as a result of the accident. Buck was a sophomore at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA. Growing up, she was a strong student who loved to travel and loved being in the outdoors.

In wanting to honor her life of Dr. Buck and his family have

decided that her legacy must live on. A legacy based on the love of learning and doing. A legacy that can help other people and with that, help them to live life again.

On Aug. 5, as part of Foxcroft Academy's Alumni Week-end, the board of trustees cut the ribbon to dedicate a new classroom in the Fittig Wing to the memory of Michelle Emily Buck.

"We believe in the love of learning, just like Michelle did," said Arnold Shorey, head of school. "Even though Michelle did not graduate from Foxcroft,

her family's legacy to FA is as strong as any graduates we have had. FA would be proud of any of our students who would follow Michelle's dedication to and the love of learning."

The Buck name is synonymous with Foxcroft Academy as the Buck house (named after Dr. Buck's Aunt Anna) in Dover-Foxcroft was the head of school's residence for many years. It is still owned and maintained by Foxcroft Academy.

"Loved by all who knew her. She blessed us with her intellect, artistry, and goodness," the Buck family said..

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Recurring Events Mondays

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

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

**GUILFORD:** The Guilford UMC offers Old Testament Bible study from 10-11 a.m. FMI call 876-3372.

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

**MILO:** Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club at the town hall at 7 p.m. every fourth Monday. For more info. call 943-2849.

### Tuesdays

**DEXTER:** American Legion Post 53, on Church St., is open for veterans to gather from noon-3 p.m.

**DEXTER:** The HJ Crosby Community Band of Dexter practices at 6 p.m. at the Ridge View Community School. For more info. call 207-924-6235 or go to [www.cuthbert-foundation.org](http://www.cuthbert-foundation.org).

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

**DEXTER:** Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at 7 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 130 Spring St.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Thompson Free Library Knitting Group 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call 564-3350 for more info.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Spruce Run/Womancare drop-in support group, 1 to 2:30 p.m., 8 Mechanic St. For more info. call 564-8166.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Weight Watchers meets at the United Methodist Church at 38 East Main St. from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Pine Tree Hospice offers an adult bereavement support group on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. FMI contact 564-4346 or [wecare@pinetreehospice.org](mailto:wecare@pinetreehospice.org).

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The NAMI Family and Friends Support Group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Borestone Room at Mayo Regional Hos-

pital. For more info. call Beth at 924-7903.

**GUILFORD:** An intermediate/advanced quilters group meets on the first and third Tuesday each month at the Guilford UMC from 9 -11:30 a.m. FMI call 876-3372.

**GUILFORD:** Narcotics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St.

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

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

**SANGERVILLE:** AA Women's Discovery 12 Group at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Church Street, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**SANGERVILLE:** The Sangerville Historical Society's museum is open from 1-3 p.m.

**SANGERVILLE:** The Sangerville Historical Society meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall community room.

### Wednesdays

**DEXTER:** Kids Bible Club, for grades K-5, meets at the New Hope Baptist Church from 5-7:30 p.m. FMI call 924-7419.

**DEXTER:** The New Hope Baptist Church hosts a prayer meeting at 6 p.m. FMI call 924-7419.

**DEXTER:** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 5:30-7 p.m. For more info, call Stephanie Bridges at 278-2307 or Mary Tuttle at 924-3881.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** A free community Quigong class is offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Center Theatre.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Congregational church.. For more info. call 564-7276.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church will hold a "Pay It Forward" clothing pickup of children's and maternity clothing and other items from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second and third Wednesdays of the month.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The

Anchor Holds Church of God, 57 High St., holds Bible study at 6 p.m.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Pine Tree Hospice holds Nights of Service for children and adults from 7-8 p.m. For more info. call 564-4346.

**GREENVILLE:** Spruce Run/Womancare offers domestic violence services, legal referrals and support the second and last Wednesday of the month at the outreach office at C.A. Dean Hospital from noon-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more info. call 564-8166.

**GUILFORD:** The Pantry of Hope Food Cupboard at the Guilford United Methodist Church, 3 School St., is open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursday. FMI call 876-3373.

**MILO:** American Legion Post 41 is open from 7:30 a.m.-noon for veterans and members to meet.

**SANGERVILLE:** The ongoing food cupboard at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sangerville and Dover-Foxcroft is open the first Wednesday and third Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 876-4926.

### Thursdays

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

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** DHHS will be at Penquis, 50 North St., from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. the first Thursday of the month to assist with applications and benefit programs.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m., Thompson Free Library.

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

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** Bingo at the American Legion, 112 Park Street. \$400 jackpot. Kitchen opens at 5 p.m., games start at 5:45 p.m. Must be 16 and older to play. Smoke free. 564-8550.

**GUILFORD:** Community Fitness, 31 High St., offers a free potluck brunchon the first Thursday of the month at 11:15 a.m., often with guest speakers. For more info. call 876-4813.

**GUILFORD:** "Covenant: Creating Living & Trust" Bible study Thursdays 10 a.m. at Guilford UMC and "Paul's Letter to the Phillipians" Bible study at 1 p.m. FMI call 876-3372.

**GUILFORD:** Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at 7 p.m.

**HARMONY:** Cribbage starts at 6 p.m. at the Harmony Community Center, to benefit building repairs, with signups at 5:30 p.m. and a draw for partners.

**MONSON:** The Lakeshore House has an open mic night from 6-9 p.m. For more info. call 997-7069.

### Fridays

**DEXTER:** Spruce Run/Womancare offers outreach hours from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at upstairs at the Morrison Building on Main St. For more info. call 564-8166.

**DEXTER:** A ladies Bible study on the Fruit of the Spirit meets at 10 a.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church. FMI call 924-7419.

**DEXTER:** The Abbott Memorial Library will hold storytime for preschoolers at 3:30 p.m. For more info. call 924-7292.

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

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

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

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

**HARMONY:** The Harmony Community Center hosts a Friday Nite Jam from 6-9 p.m., to benefit building repairs.

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

**MONSON:** The Monson & Appalachian Trail Information Center, on the main road, invites the public from 1-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to learn about life and culture of the wilderness for hikers, visitors, and those who call the Monson area home.

### Saturdays

**DEXTER:** The Dexter Community Food Closet distribution takes place from 8-9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month. FMI contact 924-7419 or [church@newhopechurch.org](mailto:church@newhopechurch.org).

**GUILFORD:** Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at 7 p.m.

### Sundays

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

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

### Wednesday, Aug. 17

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** A community sing-along with Lee McKusick starts at 7:30 p.m. at Sebec Lake. FMI call 564-2994.

**GREENVILLE:** A free LakeSmart workshop takes place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the town office. FMI call 564-2321 ext. 3.

### Thursday, Aug. 18

**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 program on the Piscataquis Thriving in Place Collaborative at 1 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

**MILO:** A Feel Good Piscataquis! Expo takes place at the Three Rivers Kiwanis building from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 19

**DEXTER:** VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., serves a spaghetti and meatball supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit The Moving Wall coming to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.

### Saturday, Aug. 20

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** A blacksmith demonstration by Pat Roy, along with wood carver Chris Viera, will be at the Blacksmith Shop Museum on the Dawes Rd. from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FMI call 564-8618.

**GUILFORD:** A Guilford Bicentennial Cruise-In will be from 4-8 p.m. at the downtown athletic fields. The Kiwanis Aktion Club of Mid-Maine will screen "Herbie the Love Bug" as a drive-in movie at 8:30 p.m. FMI contact 217-0962 or [butterwood198@gmail.com](mailto:butterwood198@gmail.com).

**GUILFORD:** The Guilford UMC serves a salad supper from 5-6:30 p.m.

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

**RIPLY:** The Ripley UMC — 12 West Ripley Rd. — Ladies Aid yard sale will be from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with a cookout

for lunch.

**SEBEC:** The Sebec Village Associates hold a breakfast and silent auction from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Reading Room. FMI call 564-3232.

### Tuesday, Aug. 23

**DEXTER:** The Sebasticook Valley Band performs a Wayside Park concert at 6 p.m. FMI go to [www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events](http://www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events).

### Wednesday, Aug. 24

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** A community sing-along with Lee McKusick starts at 7:30 p.m. at Sebec Lake. FMI call 564-2994.

### Thursday, Aug. 25

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** The 129th Piscataquis Valley Fair starts today and runs through Aug. 28. FMI go to [www.piscataquisvalleyfair.com](http://www.piscataquisvalleyfair.com).

**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:** Maine author Matthew Cost will speak on Joshua Chamberlain at 6 p.m. at the Thompson Free Library. FMI call 564-3350.

### Friday, Aug. 26

**DEXTER:** VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., serves a baked bean and hot dog supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit The Moving Wall coming to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.

### Saturday, Aug. 27

**DEXTER:** The rescheduled Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis' Cruise-In will be from 4:30-8 pm. In the municipal parking lot (rain date is Aug. 28).

**DEXTER:** Ken and Jane Brooks and Joe and Nel Kennedy perform at 7 p.m. at the Wayside Grange/Theatre. FMI call 277-3733 or 924-5711.

### Sunday, Aug. 28

**DOVER-FOXCROFT:** A Pine Tree Hospice Nights of Service open house will be from 2-4 p.m. FMI call 564-4346.

**GUILFORD:** The Guilford UMC holds a backpack blessing as part of the 10 a.m. worship service. FMI call 876-3372.

### Monday, Aug. 29

**GUILFORD:** The SAD 4 district budget meeting starts at 6 p.m. at PCES.

### Tuesday, Aug. 30

**DEXTER:** Gary Knowles performs a Wayside Park concert at 6 p.m. FMI go to [www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events](http://www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events).



Photo courtesy of Care & Comfort

**JD FOUNDATION DONATION** – Employees of the Dover-Foxcroft Care & Comfort location donated \$635 raised through the Jeans Fund to the JD Foundation, with the contribution to support educational programs focused on suicide prevention.

## Care & Comfort donates to the JD Foundation

**DOVER-FOXCROFT** — Care & Comfort and the staff of the Dover-Foxcroft branch recently presented the JD Foundation a gift to support educational programs focused on suicide prevention. On average one person in Maine dies from suicide every 39 hours. This is a startling statistic, one which must be acknowledged and discussed.

"Suicide is the end result of one not being able to cope with the pain they feel. Eighty percent of those who die by suicide have depression. With that being said, most people with depression do not die by suicide," remarked Cheryl Morin, foundation's founder and president while speaking to a gathering of Care & Comfort employees. "Suicide must not be swept under the rug. We must open our minds, and our hearts and realize that depression - a mental illness - is just that, an illness! All illnesses must be treated and treated properly."

The JD Foundation hosts

workshops, designed for adults and/or youth, during which participants learn about warning signs, risk factors and available resources. Providing support for veterans and their families dealing with PTSD, offering community guidance in dealing with the aftermath of suicide and many more outreach programs are also provided.

"We applaud Cheryl for founding the JD Foundation after the loss of her son to suicide," said Mike Stair, Care & Comfort's COO. "As providers of behavioral healthcare services, we recognize suicide has become an epidemic in our state. Our Dover employees chose to support and partner with the foundation as they have seen Cheryl and her team work tirelessly to eliminate the stigma attached to suicide. It is time for us to stop whispering and start openly discussing how to recognize the warning signs and work toward prevention."

This gift was made possible through the Jeans Fund,

an ongoing collaborative fund-raising effort between Care & Comfort and its employees. Every Friday is Jean Day, and staff may leave their usual work attire at home and wear jeans for a donation. The company then matches every dollar raised, and the employees of each branch select their local beneficiary semi-annually.

"I am honored that Care & Comfort saw the JD Foundation worthy of honoring us with a check for \$635 as well as acknowledging our organization for our efforts and dedication. Making a difference is the goal we come to work with every day," remarked Morin. "Education is imperative — if someone you know if feeling suicidal you may save a life. We must stop thinking 'it won't happen in my family!' It can happen in any family, in any walk of life."

For more information about the JD Foundation call 876-2295 or visit [www.thejdfoundation.org](http://www.thejdfoundation.org).

## Solar

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enough House Republicans to sustain the veto.

They threw away over 600 new jobs and put our 300 existing homegrown solar jobs at risk. They threw away between \$58 million and \$110 million in savings for ratepayers. They threw away energy savings for Maine families and businesses, including farms.

The governor keeps talking about energy policies that simply aren't real solutions.

There's hydropower from Quebec for one. The thing he leaves out is that Quebec is never going to sell us power at the subsidized Canadian rate. It's in their law. And you can't get that power from there to here without building new transmission lines. Vermont has learned that Canadian hydro is not a money saver. They're buying power from Quebec and they have consistently higher electric rates than Maine.

Meanwhile, a report by the Maine Public Utilities Commission last year found that the value of solar generation in Maine is more than two-and-half times the retail rate of electricity - and that's not even including the jobs created.

Solar generation is free after the initial investment. It saves us from paying for transmission power loss or building new dirty generation and power lines. It reduces pollutants and the health costs associated with them.

And we keep our money in the state.

As a frugal Yankee, I don't want to pay overseas conglomerates to burn oil and gas for my electricity when I can make it freely and cleanly on my garage roof, all while supporting Maine workers.

On these hot summer days, I think about all the money I'm saving. This is when the grid has the most demand and electricity is the most expensive. During times of peak demand, it can be more than five times the usual price.

When is solar the cheapest and most effective? On hot summer days like these. It isn't just

the folks with solar panels on their roofs that benefit. It's saving money for everyone using electrical power as the excess of that cheap, efficiently produced power flows to the grid.

It's time to embrace solar and all it can do for Maine. It is the way forward.

*Rep. Deane Rykerson, D-Kittery, is a second-term lawmaker who serves on the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.*

### 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.

## USE THE CLASSIFIEDS TO BUY, SELL AND TRADE...

**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





**UNDER THE JUDGES' WATCH** — Members of the Dexter Fire Department served as judges during the Maine Red Hot Festival hot dog eating contest on Saturday. The inaugural festival was sponsored by the Dexter Revitalization Committee and Maine Highlands Federal Credit with many other businesses and organizations also involved.

Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom



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**MAINE RED HOT DOG FESTIVAL** — The municipal parking lot in downtown Dexter was set up for the first annual Maine Red Hot Dog Festival on Saturday, Aug. 13.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

**RED SNAPPERS** — Maine red hot dogs were served up by the thousands in Dexter over the weekend for the inaugural festival celebrating the item.

[www.observer-me.com](http://www.observer-me.com)

## Filmmaker/composer McKane returns to Center Theatre

DOVER-FOXCROFT — “Northeast by Eastern” will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Center Theatre. Created by filmmaker and composer Sumner McKane, “Northeast by Eastern” combines Eastern Illustrating and Publishing Company’s comprehensive collection of early 20th century photographs of rural New England and up-

state New York with archival film footage, interviews, oral histories, and a musical soundtrack featuring period music, as well as an original score by McKane performed live during the event.

The stories and images in this film and live presentation illustrate an era unlike any other in American history. Interviews and oral histories not only detail the history

of the Eastern Illustrating and Publishing Company, and the postcard craze of the early 1900s, but also unfold tales from a quieter, simpler, yet stirring and enterprising time period. The audience gets to hear first-hand accounts of smuggling during prohibition, of river drivers brawling for fun, of growing up without worry and without constant adult supervision, and

of slop buckets spilling on tourists’ pies, all woven together against a backdrop of archived films and Eastern Illustrating’s exceptional work.

“I’m excited to have a new show by Sumner coming to the Center Theatre,” says Patrick Myers, executive director. “Being here on the edge of the great north woods, I think many of us feel a connection to those that worked the woods in years gone by. We’ve had great response to Sumner’s previous works ‘In the Blood’, and ‘The Maine Frontier’ and personally, I’m really looking forward to seeing his newest work.”

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

### Katahdin Valley Health Center Welcomes Our New PODIATRIST Dr. David Thao



KVHC welcomes Dr. David Thao as the newest member of our patient care team. Dr. Thao was born in Thailand, and raised in Minnesota. A veteran of the US Navy, he received his Bachelor’s degree from Minnesota State University and completed his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Thao is relocating to Maine from Enterprise, Alabama with his wife and two children. Dr. Thao shares KVHC’s passion for providing access to affordable, high quality health care services to those in need. He is looking forward to the natural beauty of Maine, and sharing in KVHC’s vision.

*KVHC is pleased to provide podiatry services to all members of the communities that we serve. Dr. Thao will begin seeing patients at KVHC clinics in September. For more information or to schedule your appointment, call KVHC today!*

1-866-366-5842 [www.kvhc.org](http://www.kvhc.org)

### PENQUIS COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. PISCATAQUIS COUNTY STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES NEEDED

The Board of Directors of Penquis C.A.P., Inc. is seeking candidates interested in serving on the Piscataquis Steering Committee as representatives of low-income residents living in Piscataquis County. There are two open seats on the Steering Committee. The term of service is three years.

Candidates interested in serving on the Steering Committee are required to be elected to the Committee. In order to be on the ballot for consideration, interested candidates must get at least 25 signatures of low-income persons residing in Piscataquis County supporting the nomination. If you are at least 18 years of age, reside in Piscataquis County, and are interested in the issues facing low-income people, please contact Priscilla Dorman [pdorman@penquis.org](mailto:pdorman@penquis.org) or (207) 973-3515, 262 Harlow Street, Bangor, Maine 04401, for further information.

#### 2016 CHEVROLET SILVERADO DBL CAB 4X4 LT

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TILT  
CRUISE  
HD TOW



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#### 2013 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT 4X4 LT

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TILT  
CRUISE  
TOW PKG



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