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Jury finds father, daughter guilty in drug operation

By Judy Harrison
BDN Staff

BANGOR — Roger Belanger, 58, of Corinna and his daughter, Kelli Mujo, 40, of Wellington and Central Falls, Rhode Island, were found guilty Friday in U.S. District Court of running a drug distribution ring for a dozen years in the Dexter area.

A jury of eight women and four men deliberated for 2½ hours before finding the duo guilty on all counts. The trial began Monday, Aug. 15 before U.S. District Judge Jon Levy.

Belanger and Mujo each was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute at least 5 kilograms, or 11 pounds, of cocaine and an unspecified amount of oxycodone and with using or maintaining a drug-involved place between Jan. 1, 2002, and Nov. 22, 2014.

Jurors also decided Belanger should forfeit \$6,783 seized by police on Nov. 21, 2014.

Neither father nor daughter reacted when the verdict was read.

Levy ordered that Belanger and Mujo be held without bail pending sentencing. The defendants had been free on bail with restrictive conditions that included electronic monitoring and home detention. A sentencing date has not been set.

Belanger and Mujo face between 10 years and life in prison on the drug conspiracy charge and a fine of up to \$10,000.

On the charge of using or maintaining a drug-involved place, they face up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$500,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joel Casey, who prosecuted the case, said after the verdict that his office was pleased with the outcome.

“The jury obviously listened carefully to all the evidence and returned a just verdict,” he said. “The success of this case was due, in large part, to the agents who worked on it for so long.”

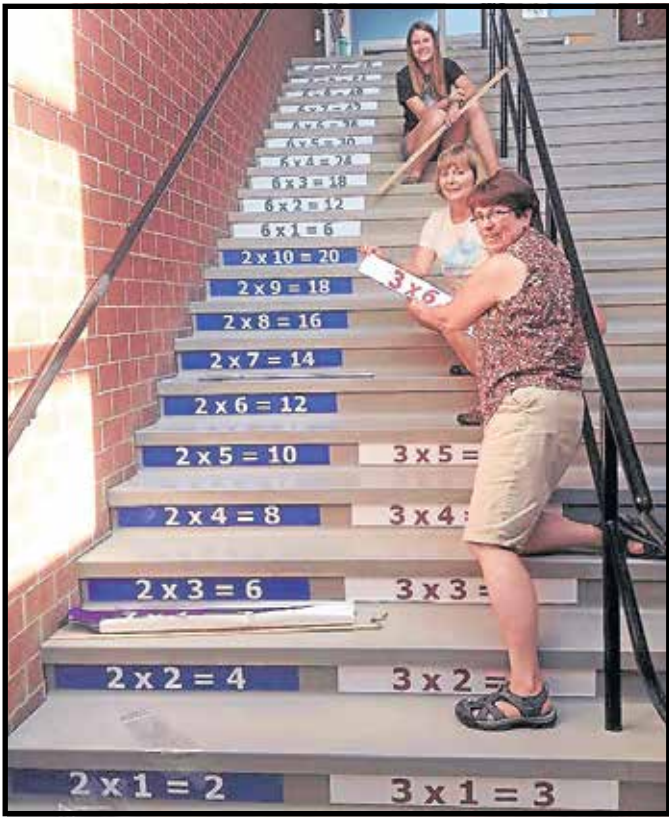
The defense attorneys, Jon Haddow of Bangor and Stephen Smith of Augusta, said the jury’s decision will be appealed to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

“The government’s case was built on the testimony of informants,” said Smith, who represented Mujo. “Everyone had every incentive to implicate my client.”

Haddow, Belanger’s attorney, said his client is concerned about the impact a long sentence

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Making math skills stick



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MATH STEPS — Students at Piscataquis Community Elementary School in Guilford will have a new way to practice math facts when they return to class Aug. 30. Teachers Brenda Post, Lindy Gokas and Grace McGeehan spent one of their last vacation mornings installing bumper stickers with multiplication equations on the lobby stairs. In addition to seeing and saying the facts on their way up to classrooms, students can create games to play with the stair facts to get both physical and mental exercise.

Courty delays Burton trial

Accused murderer led police on Maine's longest manhunt

By Judy Harrison
BDN Staff

BANGOR — The murder trial of Robert Burton, the Abbot man who led police on the longest manhunt in state history, has been delayed because he fired his court-appointed attorney.

Burton, 39, has pleaded not guilty to murder in the shooting death of former girlfriend Stephanie Ginn Gebo, a 37-year-old single mother of two. Ginn Gebo’s body was discovered in her Parkman home by her 13-year-old daughter on June 5, 2015.

After Burton’s backpack was found outside the window of the first-floor bedroom where Ginn Gebo had been shot, police began searching for Burton. He eluded them for 68 days. He turned himself in at Piscataquis County Jail on Aug. 11, 2015.

Jury selection in his murder trial was scheduled to begin last Monday, Aug. 15 at the Penobscot Judicial Center in Bangor.

Burton’s attorney, Jeffrey Toothaker of Ellsworth, said Wednesday that Burton last week filed a motion seeking a new attorney.

Superior Court Justice Robert Mullen granted the motion. Bangor attorney Hunter Tzovaras confirmed Wednesday that he has agreed to represent Burton but



Photo by Linda Coan O'Kresik

PLEA — Robert Burton (right), who is accused of killing his girlfriend and then hiding in the woods for 68 days, enters not-guilty pleas on charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and murder on Monday in Piscataquis County Superior Court in Dover-Foxcroft. Burton’s attorney, Jeffery Toothaker, looks on.

has not been formally appointed. Toothaker, who was expected to

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TREE LESSON — Rochelle Titcomb teaches Piscataquis Community Elementary School sixth-graders about native trees at the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District’s Demonstration Forest in Williamsburg.

PCSWCD honors Titcomb for environmental emphasis

Outstanding Conservation Educator instills healthy respect for environment in students

GUILFORD — It’s a big job, teaching today’s youth about the environment. In Piscataquis County, several organizations and educators are dedicated to teaching students about nature, their natural surroundings and the deep-rooted value of natural resources in the area.

Each year, the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District’s (PCSWCD) Board nominates an educator from our county to receive the Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year Award, and this year they have chosen to honor Rochelle Titcomb of Piscataquis Community Elementary School (PCES).

Titcomb is a sixth-grade teacher

at PCES and has spent 30 years of her 33-year teaching career there. She was born and raised in the Guilford area, and from a young age she developed a love and appreciation for the outdoors. Over her career, Titcomb has made an effort to connect her students to the local ecology by integrating natural resource conservation education into her curriculum. By doing so, she has been able to teach them to have a healthy respect for their environment.

“I hope to teach my students to be good stewards of our land and water resources. We all have to do our part to keep our natural world protected for future generations,” explained Titcomb during an interview with

PCSWCD’s educational coordinator, Kacey Weber.

Since 2003, Titcomb and the team of sixth-grade teachers at PCES have been working closely with the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District to expose students to hands-on natural resource conservation curricula.

Each year, Rochelle coordinates with district staff to bring her students to the PCSWCD’s Demonstration Forest in Williamsburg for a day of hands-on, experiential learning. During this event, students travel through the forest to four sta-

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One tiny town scored this ‘gem’ of a natural history museum

By Meg Haskell
BDN Staff

Like many rural communities in Maine, the Piscataquis County town of Milo, with a population of about 2,400, is struggling a bit these days. Its 19th and 20th century heydays as a prosperous mill town and railroad center are a memory, lost to changing trends in manufacturing, energy and transportation. A 2008 fire leveled many of the historic buildings and shut down businesses on Main Street. Few new enterprises have braved the region’s shaky economic times.

But while its future is uncertain, Milo boasts a new portal to the distant, global past. Retired telecommunications engineer Tom Harrigan, 84, and his wife, Nancy, 72, longtime summer residents in the area who in 2009 settled in Milo, have opened a new museum of paleontology, geology and archeology, filling it with thousands of specimens collected during a lifetime of travel throughout the world.

The project, developed in partnership with and now under the ownership of the Three Rivers Milo-Brownville Kiwanis Foundation, has tapped the talents of local craftsmen, artists and others.

“This is my collection from my home,” Tom Harrigan said during a

recent tour of the museum. “It was all under the beds, in drawers, in the closets. People ask me, ‘How could you have had all that stuff in your house?’ But I did.”

A gem of a museum

Step through the doors of the 2,400-square-foot Harrigan Learning Center and Museum at the northern edge of town and be transported back to the Cambrian age, the very start of the fossil record on Earth. Specimens in this large, surprising collection range from fossilized 550-million-year-old trilobites to a 20th century, hand-carved shield from the jungles of New Guinea. A mind-blowing array of fossilized dinosaur bones, shark teeth, mastodon teeth, walrus tusks, turtle shells, deer antlers, plant specimens and much, much more are chronologically arranged in glass-topped wooden cases, accompanied by maps, graphs and carefully typed informational labels explaining where each was collected and the time period it represents.

Around the corner in an adjoining space, the collection changes from fossil to mineral specimens. These include football-sized geodes, broken open to display their sparkling,

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Photo by Linda Coan O'Kresik/BDN

MUSEUM — Tom Harrigan, 84, and his wife, Nancy, 72, have opened a new museum of paleontology, geology and archaeology, called the Harrigan Learning Center and Museum in Milo that is filled with thousands of specimens collected from his travels around the world.

Howland hires Milo officer as manager

By Nick Sambides Jr.
BDN Staff

HOWLAND — Police work and town management might seem light-years apart, but to David Wilson, one naturally progresses to the other.

That’s why Wilson is eager to begin work as Howland’s latest town manager, succeeding another cop-turned-manager, former Lincoln police Chief William Lawrence.

“You can stay in law enforcement your entire career, especially in a larger department. But in a rural department, where there is less opportunity [for diversified experience], you can look toward town management as the next step up,” Wilson said. “To me, it is taking every experience and every bit of training that I’ve had to that next level.”

Howland’s Board of Selectmen voted 5-0 on July 11 to hire Wilson, an investigator with the Milo Police Department, at \$52,000 annually. Wilson, 48, was the best of a thin crop of candidates, according to new board Chairman Tom Hunter.

The board interviewed four finalists out of 13 candidates supplied by the law firm of Eaton-Peabody of Bangor before selecting Wilson. Three of the four had prior town management experience, but Wilson’s professionalism and knowledge of the area counted in his favor, Hunter said.

Wilson’s family had a camp for decades in Enfield and Wilson knows the area well, Hunter said. He also understands the town’s need to continue economic development programs begun under former Milo Town Manager Jane Jones in May 2009.

Those efforts include the nearly completed revitalization of the former Howland tannery site off Route 2 and the installation of a fish bypass adjacent to it, the replacement



Wilson

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The ‘best fair around’ opens Thursday

Piscataquis Valley Fair promises something for everyone

By Jason Agrell
Special to the Piscataquis Observer

You may have been to the Piscataquis Valley Fair before, but you’ve never been to *this* Piscataquis Valley Fair. The fair is in its 129th year of delighting folks of all ages with midway rides, agricultural exhibits, music, and

neighborly competitions. At this year’s fair you’ll find all of the things you’ve come to expect, and a whole lot more.

Organizers are excited about brand new updates to the Animal Land area of the fair, including improved pens, allowing children to become better acquainted with the animals

there on display. Also, a brand new hand-washing station has been installed in the animal exhibit area to keep animal lovers clean and healthy after petting their animal friends.

Musical entertainment will

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Drug Ring

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would have on his health.

“He believes he won’t live to get out of jail,” Haddow said outside the courtroom.

In his closing statement to the jury Friday morning, Casey described the drug distribution operation as “a family business, an illegal family business.”

He added, “It operated for a dozen years because they were careful. They trusted their intuition. They relied upon their understanding about how to go about breaking the law. And they used their residences to operate the family business.”

In his closing argument, Smith called the government’s case “garbage on stilts” and criticized the prosecution for not introducing into evidence any drugs seized from either Belanger or Mujo.

“Where are the drugs?” he asked. “Not one gram of cocaine, not one pill, nothing has been introduced as evidence. A dozen cooperating witnesses, three police officers, hundreds of man hours of investigation, but where are the drugs?”

The prosecution had called a dozen cooperating witnesses, some of whom testified



Roger Belanger



Kelli Mujo

that Belanger and Mujo first obtained cocaine and, later, oxycodone from a source in Rhode Island, Casey told the jury. All testified they had purchased cocaine and/or oxycodone pills from Belanger or Mujo or both between 2002 and 2014.

The prosecutor also said the evidence that the amount of cocaine sold over those 12 years was in excess of 5 kilograms “was overwhelming.”

Casey said to prove the “family business” smuggled that amount, the government only had to prove the conspiracy smuggled 1.2 ounces of cocaine per month into the Dexter area over the course of the alleged conspiracy.

Smith said the “stilts” in the case are the cooperating witnesses who took the stand. “All those people, there’s your stilts,” he told jurors. “The government is convinced they’ve got the right people, but when you consider the stilts that the government is resting its case on, you must acquit.”

Belanger and Mujo were indicted in April 2015 along with eight people who have since pleaded guilty. Six of them testified.

Burton

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argue that Burton acted in self-defense, estimated the change in attorneys will delay the trial at least a year.

Tzovarras declined Wednesday to discuss trial strategy because he has not yet met with Burton.

The trial was moved from the Piscataquis County Courthouse in Dover-Foxcroft to Bangor because of concerns a jury could not be seated there due to pretrial publicity. Burton has asked that the trial be held in Piscataquis County, according to Toothaker.

Ginn Gebo broke up with Burton the week before her death and was so afraid of him that she changed the locks at her home and was sleeping with a handgun, the six-page affidavit released after Burton’s first court appearance a year ago said.

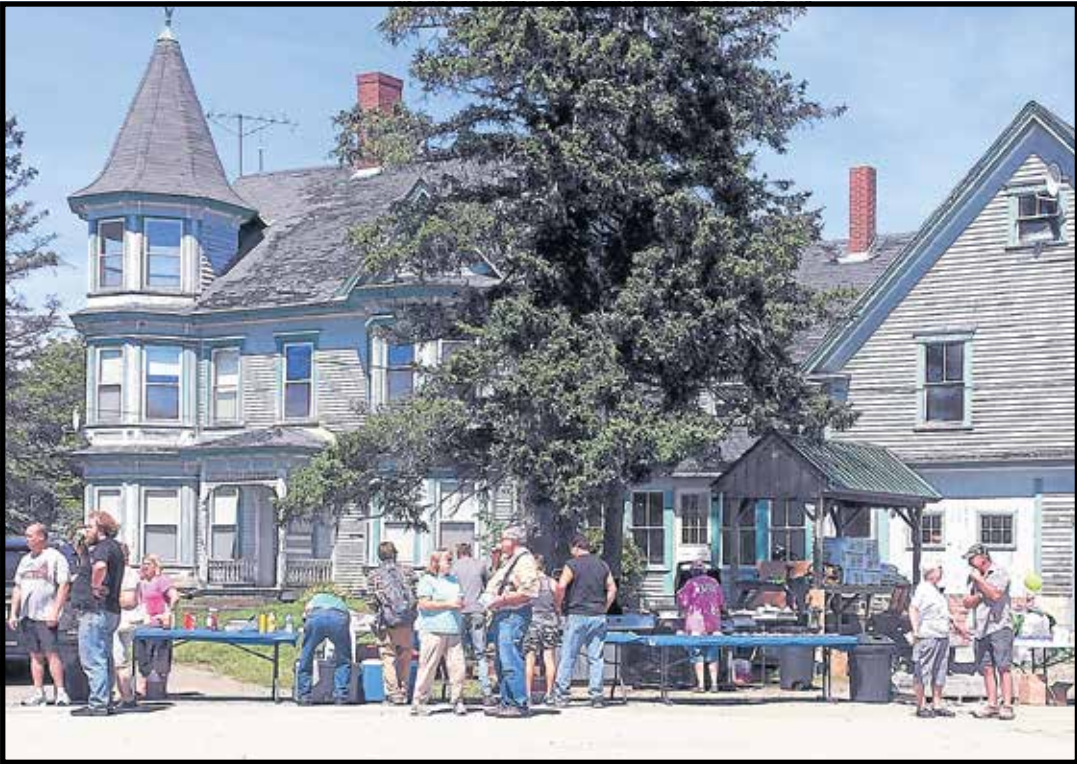
The victim had two gunshot wounds in the center of her back. Evidence indicates that a pillow was used to silence the sound of the shots, the affidavit filed by state police Detective Thomas Pickering said.

Before Burton surrendered, Piscataquis County Sheriff John Goggin said Ginn Gebo was shot to death with her own gun after wounding Burton as he broke into her home.

Information about where Burton stayed or how he survived while on the run has not been made public.

Burton is being held without bail at the Piscataquis County Jail. He is not expected to be released before his trial.

BDN writer Nok-Noi Ricker contributed to this report.



Contributed photos



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY — Lovell’s Guilford Hardware & Building Supplies held a customer appreciation event on Aug. 19 and 20 at their Water Street store. Helping to cook up free lunch were, from left, Mark Lewis, owner Terry Lovell and Sherry French. In the background is Nolan Lovell. The bushiness and its customers raised \$2,510 For Lifeflight during their 10-year anniversary party.

Masons cooking up bean hole bean supper

GREENVILLE — The Greenville Masonic Association will hold its annual bean hole bean supper 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Masonic Temple, 281 Pritham Ave. The menu will offer Casey’s bean hole beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, biscuits and desserts.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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.

Friday, Sept. 2
DEXTER: VFW Post 4298/Auxiliary will host a supper fundraiser for The Moving Wall from 5-7 p.m. Home-made macaroni and cheese, pork chops, green beans, rolls, drink and dessert. FMI: David, 270-0286.

Saturday, Sept. 3
SEBEC: The Sebec Village Community Christian Church Ladies' Circle will host a baked bean supper from 4:30-6 p.m. Cost is \$7/person, or \$15 for families with children 12 and under.

Saturday, Sept. 24
GUILFORD: 14th District American Legion of Piscataquis County will hold its first meeting of the year, hosted by Conner-Trafton post 19 at the Masonic Hall, Hudson Ave. Supper is at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

Nutrition Program

Wednesday, Aug. 24 — Chicken with red wine and herb sauce, lyonnaise potatoes, sliced zucchini, wheat roll and dessert.

Thursday, Aug. 25 — Fish newburg, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll and dessert.

Friday, Aug. 26 — Vegetable lasagna, creamy alfredo sauce, roasted vegetables, wheat roll and dessert.

Monday, Aug. 29 — Spaghetti with Italian turkey sausage, sliced zucchini, wheat roll and dessert.

Tuesday, Aug. 30 — Orange glazed chicken, fried

rice, peas and baby carrots, wheat roll and dessert.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 — Shells and cheese, peas, 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.

Music on tap at Wayside Grange

DEXTER — Ken and Jane Brooks along with Joe and Nel Kennedy play their vintage folk, bluegrass, gospel and classic country at the Wayside Grange/Theatre on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

These award-winning musical friends have played acoustic Americana together for over 30 years, both as fellow band members and informally at jams. Together, they're a fine vintage of that sweet harmony of instruments, vocals and friendship.

In the late 1980s Ken Brooks, Joe and Nel Kennedy performed together as Breakneck Mountain — a five-piece bluegrass band that released the recording "Company's Comin'".

Later, guitarist Brooks played with Bluegrass Supply Company, Union River Band and his current band — Katahdin Valley Boys. He

was inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame in 2012. That same year Ken and bass player Jane Brooks were named Maine Country Music Association's Duo of the year. They have recorded four CDs together.

Joe and Nel Kennedy went on to Evergreen, recording five CDs in the band's 22-year history. An Evergreen reunion concert will be at Wayside on Sept. 17. Harpman Joe and bass player Nel Kennedy were inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame in 2014.

Baked goodies and refreshments are sold at intermission and there are pie auctions, a door prize and a 50/50. The little theatre is located at 861 North Dexter Road (Route 23). For more information, contact Joe Kennedy at 277-3733 or Chester Bekier at 924-5711 or on Facebook "Wayside Grange & Theatre."



Photo courtesy of Maine Senate Republican Office

195 YEARS — On Aug. 5 Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville), center, presented a legislative sentiment to Lindsey and Susan Rice honoring Bartlett Yarns, Inc of Harmony on the occasion of the business' 195th anniversary. Davis presented the sentiment during the company's annual open house.

Quimby donates land to Acadia NP

By Bill Trotter
BDN Staff

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK — A firm owned by Roxanne Quimby that hopes to donate more than 87,000 acres of land in northern Maine to the federal government for the creation of a national monument has completed a separate donation of 80 acres of land on Mount Desert Island to Acadia National Park.

The transfer of the land owned by Elliotsville Plantation, spread out among nine properties on MDI, was completed on Aug. 11, according to park spokesman John Kelly.

The nonprofit acquired the land on MDI through a series of purchases that date back to 2005, when it expressly set out to acquire land

that it would later donate to the park, Elliotsville officials said this past spring.

All of the donated land lies within a boundary limit for Acadia that was established by Congress in 1986, Kelly said Friday. Some of the donated parcels were part of larger properties owned by Elliotsville that straddled the 1986 boundary limit. Quimby's firm subdivided those properties and is retaining the portions that lie outside that mandated limit, he said.

Among the properties Elliotsville donated last week to Acadia are:

- 32 acres at the north end of Round Pond in Mount Desert.
- A parcel smaller than 1 acre that is near Wildwood Stables in

Mount Desert and is completely surrounded by the park.

- 15 acres close to the south end of Long Pond in Southwest Harbor.
- The former White Birches Campground, 9 acres in size, on Seal Cove Road in Southwest Harbor.
- 5 acres of woods and wetland in Southwest Harbor that line the eastern bank of Marshall Brook.

Two properties that straddle the 1986 boundary limit that were subdivided and then donated in part to Acadia include one in the Tremont village of Bass Harbor and another on Otter Cliffs Road in Bar Harbor.

Kevin Schneider, superintendent of Acadia, said in a prepared statement that the park is "very grateful" for Elliotsville's gift of land on MDI for public use.

"We also appreciate the great support and coordination of our land conservation partners, Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Friends of Acadia, which helped make the donation possible," Schneider said. "This donation continues the tradition of philanthropy that resulted in the creation of the national park from private land 100 years ago."

Elliotsville also has acquired lands in other states and donated them to Saguaro National Park in Arizona, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in Colorado, Colorado National Monument, Glacier National Park in Montana and Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, according to the nonprofit's tax returns.

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Jack J. Clukey, Town Manager

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Monday – August 29, 2016 at PCES
Informational Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Budget Vote – 7:00 p.m.

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Latest SAD 4 budget proposal is not a compromise

To the Editor;

Last night (Aug. 18) the SAD 4 School Committee passed its third proposed budget for the coming year. The Committee adopted a budget that increases (from the second budget proposal that failed) the amount of money wanted from the taxpayers. The new assessment increases from last year are: Abbot 7.1 percent; Cambridge 8.39 percent; Guilford 9.17 percent; Parkman 12.26 percent; Sangerville 7.97 percent; and Wellington 11.52 percent.

While you need to be clear that your taxes will not be increased by the above percentages, your taxes will increase because of the proposed school budget. Even though most of the towns have received their tax bills, some of which showed a decrease, the school portion caused an increase, thus blunting to some degree the actual amount you might have gained had the school budget increases been lower.

The increases proposed are caused by a more accurate (we hope) reworking of a new budget billed by the school administration

as a “compromise.” The committee by a much divided vote created two new half-time administrative positions; a vice principal for the high school and an activities director (including an athletic director) for the district. While some committee members denied that these positions will be undoubtedly filled by two former physical education teachers, half of whose positions were wiped out due to the lower number of students needing service, the likelihood that these administrative positions will be filled by someone else is close to nil.

Sad though it may be, a system cannot keep individuals in positions for which there is no work; and making new positions tailor-made for them is not the reasonable educational or financial answer. Bottom line, this move has cut one half of the Director of Evaluation and Curriculum administrative position and has created two new half-time administration positions.

As a compromise, this response to the public wish for less administration doesn’t add up. Money was also anteed up for a half-time return of an alternative ed position

for four identified students with an undocumented number waiting in the wings. No effort was made to address a full science position that would serve all the students in meetings their credit requirements for high school.

There is no way to rationalize these changes based on student need. Further it was announced the reduction of the Director of Evaluation’s position will not yield over \$40K in savings as earlier reported because of an untimely delivered notice of the change to the employee. The savings this year will be at best around \$19K. Quite a substantial oops!

This “compromise” shows decided favoritism to a limited few individuals, treads a fine line in ethicality, raises the educational taxes portion of each taxpayer’s contribution, and demonstrates a divided board that could neither substantially support (rightly) nor understand the machinations of the administration in both its budgeting process and in its budget figures.

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Is divorce lurking in your family tree?

Many genealogists never think of checking divorce records for information about their families. That’s probably because most of us think of divorce as a 20th Century phenomenon and neglect to consider it when we’re doing our own research. While in the Middle Ages only kings and wealthy aristocrats could persuade the church to grant annulments of marriages, by the 1800s divorce among common people occurred more frequently than often realized.

Clues that a divorce might be lurking in your tree include finding a woman who lists herself as a widow in the U.S. census when there is no record of a husband’s death or a likely explanation for his absence such as a war.

In Maine divorces were generally granted by superior courts. A few were granted by the Legislature but those were only given to well-connected individuals. Records of earlier divorces are housed at the Maine State Archives.

Family DISCOVERER

By Nancy Battick



The Archives has created an index and the documents can be viewed by researchers.

These divorce records reveal a great deal about the law in this state and the couple involved in the procedure. As late as the 1850s a successful divorce petition in Maine was granted to the plaintiff but not to the defendant. This created a situation where one party in a marriage was divorced and the other still legally married. Many times people thinking they were divorced would remarry and find themselves charged with bigamy. Courts usually granted a divorce so the erring couple could marry and legitimize any children born to the second marriage.

Usually early divorces cited abuse, abandonment, and non-support as grounds though cruelty and lewd behavior were always included in the mix.

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Sometimes majority doesn’t rule

To the Editor;

Our current voting system could be improved. Majority rule is a fundamental principle of American representative democracy. However, in the current system, majority doesn’t rule.

In 9 of the last 11 races for governor in Maine, candidates were elected by less than half of the voters, and in the 2012 Maine US Senate race, the Democrat won her primary with 38 percent of the vote, while the Republican won his primary with just 28 percent. Another problem with the current system is that sometimes voting for the candidate we like the most may help elect the candidate we like the least, so we vote for the ‘lesser evil’. A third gripe is the negative campaigning that occurs.

Ranked choice voting, also known as RCV or “instant runoff voting” would solve these problems. It is not new, having been invented right here in New England in

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Medication can fight addiction epidemic

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

The opioid and heroin crisis is a threat to the health and safety of our communities, and it’s shattering lives and tearing families apart. Of all the challenges I’ve seen facing Maine during my time in public office, this may be the most difficult. But if we work together to understand the epidemic, listen to the people fighting it every day, and dedicate resources to proven approaches to treatment, then there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Just recently, we had a rare bipartisan victory in Washington on the issue of tackling addiction. After months of negotiations in Congress, the President signed the Comprehensive

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The Olympians among us

As we watch the Olympics and see record after record broken and new winners crowned, and as we hear of the dedication and hard work of the athletes, I have been thinking of another kind of perseverance and dedication, that of a family caregiver for a person with a chronic disease such as Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

In my experience such caregivers are truly the heroes of our society. They are running not just a sprint but a marathon. Judy comes to mind: a 58-year-old woman who was caring for her mother with Alzheimer’s disease in her small home on a back road in Brownville Junction. Her mother no longer recognized her or her home, and was determined to leave to “go home” at any opportunity. She walked out on this back country road without sidewalks or streetlights unprepared for the weather and oblivious to the hour of day or traffic risks. She was going home no matter what, but had no idea where she was.

When Judy tried to redirect her or prevent her from going she became angry and eventually violent.

Judy was beside herself and asked me for help. When I met her at her home Judy looked exhausted and frightened. She knew she was in trouble but had no idea where to turn. She felt responsible, had no other support system, and was at the end of her rope. She had lost her mother’s company and love years ago. Now she, herself, was sadly the enemy.

My awakening came when one evening her mother was especially violent and inconsolable and Judy had to call the police and have her mother taken to the ER. In the hospital she was told, “You must take her home. There is nothing wrong with her. She just has Alzheimer’s disease. There is nothing we can do for her.”

I won’t say in print what I said to

Senior Matters

By Lesley Fernow, M.D.



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Emily Cain, red flannel sweat, and the Dukakis helmet

Those moments that define who we are. What we do means more than what we say. And you can’t pull that crap and get away with it in the 2nd District, Emily Cain.

Maybe it’s because Emily Cain has just returned from a wine tasting tour with Nancy Pelosi on the left coast of California to garner more campaign contributions from the Hollywood elites that has caused her to be unaware that it is blistering hot here in Maine in August. It must be the reason, because why else would someone decide to go out for a photo-op shooting lesson dressed in a thick red plaid flannel shirt, still sporting the fresh-outta-the-wrapper creases, layered under another spanking shiny new, did I mention thick, blaze orange hunting vest under the hot, yes very hot, August sun. If you noticed the awkward position of the “instructor” standing next to her, it’s

probably because he’s trying to avoid stepping in the pool of sweat rippling around Ms. Cain’s most likely insulated L.L. Bean hunting boots, store tags in tow, gathering from the rivulets of perspiration coursing down her hypo-

critical person.

Obviously Ms. Cain is desperate to prove to the common sense voters of the 2nd District in Maine that she is one of them. Unfortunately for her, most Mainers know that no one in their right mind would go out on a sweltering hot August day to target shoot dressed to the flannel hilt for a bird hunt in October. There is humor here to be had for sure were it not for the condescending insult

THE MAINE CONSERVATIVE VOICE

By Andy Torbett

to the voters of CD 2.

No picture in a sweat drenched hunting outfit is going to convince voters of her love for guns when Emily Cain’s voting record screams otherwise. Furthermore her sudden stalwart defense of the “right to hunt” exposes her complete and indefensible disregard for the reasons for the 2nd Amendment. The first and foremost being a defense against a government that has lost an understanding and respect for the purpose of the Constitution and, therefore, has become a danger to the citizens. Hunting is way down the list.

While Ms. Cain should be reminded hunters wear multiple layers during hunting months of October and November because it’s cold, not in August to create a portable sauna, She should also be re-

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Creating jobs and increasing productivity:

Investments in Maine infrastructure help move our economy forward



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

and save much-needed jobs. As the Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee in the Senate, one of my highest priorities has been to improve our nation’s infrastructure and to ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed.

I recently secured grant funding for two important projects in Maine - one for a rural island bridge, the other for our busiest seaport - which will enhance the safety and efficiency of our state’s transportation network and create and sustain good-paying jobs.

These grants will allow construction to begin on the replacement of the Beals Island Bridge and to improve the infrastructure at the Port of Portland. The projects are expected to directly generate approximately 475 construction jobs, but the positive effects will be felt throughout our state. In addition to those in construction fields, many other workers are employed by companies that provide products

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Board committed to striking a balance in SAD 4

To the Editor;

Let’s begin with a summary of SAD 4’s budget process for the 2016-17 school year. Due to declining enrollment (about 570 students) the district receives less money from the state, and local towns are asked to make up that difference. That gives voters the impression that school budgets are dramatically increasing, when actually both defeated proposals from June and July have been lower than last year’s budget. The School Board and the Budget Committee have worked many hours to find savings, while still maintaining the quality of our schools. It is not an easy balance to strike, but the members of the board are committed to do both.

The first budget put before the voters in June was for \$7.1 million. It was unpopular due to four teaching positions that had been reduced to half-time, while it cut no admin, and offered them a 2 percent raise. Concerned students and parents rallied to restore at least some of those

half-time cuts. Towns saw their local commitment go up by about 11 percent, and the double-digit increase was simply too high for many citizens on fixed incomes. That budget failed by a 3-to-1 margin, and the Budget Committee went back to work.

The budget presented in July was reduced to \$6.8 million. The proposed administrative raises were cut, and three admin positions were reduced to part-time. Three of the half-time cuts to teachers remained, justified by the numbers of students anticipated to enroll in those classes. The Learning-4-Life program was cut completely, since it would only serve four students, who could possibly be accommodated by other programming. Additional staffing adjustments had been made through attrition, as some teachers had resigned. While no one wanted to lose experienced teachers, the turnover

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Revitalization and resiliency bill can help buoy our waterfront communities



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

identity. Every year, people from all over the country and around the world come to Maine to enjoy our beautiful coast, scenic lakes, and idyllic waterfront communities. Whether it’s the smell of Pier Fries on the Old Orchard Beach boardwalk, the bright sights of buoys off of

Eastport, or the sound of the rushing Allagash — being near the water is part of who we are as a state.

But these waterfront communities offer more than a picturesque place to visit and live; Maine’s waterfront communities play an important role in our state’s economy. Whether it’s the lobsterman Downeast or the manufacturer on the Androscoggin, a lot of people in Maine - like across the country - make their livelihood and support their families by working by the water. So when it comes to jobs, working waterfronts propel our economy forward.

Unfortunately, though, there are a number of changes and challenges facing

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Piscataquis Valley Fair returns for the 129th year Aug. 25-28

DOVER-FOXCROFT — This year marks the 129th anniversary of the Piscataquis Valley Fair, which began in 1887. The 2016 fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 25 to Sunday, Aug. 28 at the fairgrounds located at 77 Fairview Avenue. The four days will feature exhibitions, rides, concerts and fun for all ages.

The festivities begin on Thursday, Aug. 25 with the farm oxen weigh in at 9 a.m. and open flower judging at 10 a.m. At noon the fire department museum (located next to the police building), exhibition halls and Animal Land (a petting zoo) all open. The farm oxen twitch, scoot and pull also begins at noon and the Smokey's Greater Shows midway rides open at 2 p.m.

Frisbee toss behind the ice cream parlor starts at 3 p.m. with the pedal tractor pull at the milking parlor at 4 p.m. The first bingo session begins at 4 p.m. as well. The Foxcroft Academy Band plays from 5-7 p.m. with face painting at the gazebo. At 5:30 p.m. a bicycle drawing will take place at the fair office.

Evening events for the first day of the fair will include milking parlor demonstrations at 6 p.m., figure eight mechanical truck competition at 6 p.m., The highly popular He Man contest begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by musician Tyler Healey taking to the stage from 8-10 p.m. The first Fair night will also feature fireworks at 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26 events will kick off with farm horse weigh in at 9 a.m. and then the youth dairy show at 11 a.m. The fire department museum, exhibition halls and Animal Land all open at noon, as does bingo and the farmers' horse events. Dan Grady performs his "Marvelous Marionette Medley" at 12:30 p.m. on the hill.

Friday midway rides open at 2 p.m. as well as the mad scientist show. At 3 p.m. relay race takes place behind the ice cream parlor. A pedal tractor pull takes place at the milking parlor at 4:30 p.m. followed by face painting on the gazebo at 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. a bicycle drawing will be at the fair office.

At 6 p.m. will be a milking demonstration at the parlor and also at 6 p.m. will be the tuff truck competition at the track and another mad scientist show on the hill.. The day concludes with Journey tribute act Scarab performing on the stage from 8-10 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 27 the horse pulling weigh in begins at 6 a.m. and later in the morning the Piscataquis Valley Jumper Show starts at 8:30 a.m. Farm tractor pulls at the mechanical track kick off at 9 a.m. Opening at 10 a.m. is the antique auto display, exhibition halls, fire department museum, horse pulling, Animal Land, youth beef cattle show and cookie decorating on the hill.

The second annual Maine Maple Pageant for girls in kindergarten through high school starts at 10 a.m. on the stage. Also, from 10 a.m. to noon, there will be cookie decorating on the hill and a horseshoe tournament behind the dining hall.

The midway rides will open at 11 a.m. and the always entertaining skillet throw begins at 11:30 a.m. Also, face painting will begin at 11 a.m. on the gazebo. At noon will be bingo and the mad scientist show on the hill — with another demonstration at 3 p.m.. In the tradition of Mark Twain, a frog jumping competition is slated for 1 p.m. as is a pedal tractor pull at the milking parlor. Dan Grady performs his Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill at 2 p.m. and then at 6 p.m.

An animal costume parade begins at 3 p.m. and at 4 p.m. a bicycle drawing will take place at the fair office. A cookie stacking contest will be on the hill at 4:30 p.m. with a milking demonstration at the parlor at 6 p.m. Also at 6 p.m. will be truck pulls at the mechanical track and wrist wrestling — sign-ups are 5:30 p.m. by the police building. Saturday concludes with the Sharon Hood Dixon Road Band performing on the stage from 7-10 p.m.

The final day of the 2015 fair, Sunday, Aug. 28, has a horse weigh in at 6 a.m. and the game horse show at 9 a.m. Also at 9 a.m. are the garden tractor pulls at the mechanical track, followed by horse pulling at 9:30 a.m. as well as Dan Grady performing his Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill. Grady performs again at 3 p.m.

The doodlebug draw begins at 10 a.m. at the mechanical track. The exhibition hall, fire department museum and Animal Land all open at 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. to noon entrants for the pig scramble can sign up at the fair office. The pedal tractor pull at the milking parlor begins at 10 a.m. as does the horseshoe tournament behind the dining hall. A youth dairy goat show and pie judging are held at 10:30 a.m..

The midway rides open at 11 a.m. as well as face painting on the gazebo. At 11:30 a.m. will be a bubblegum blowing contest and the delicious chicken barbecue is served at the dining hall at 11:30 a.m. The day's bingo session starts at noon as well as the pro modified demolition derby. At 1 p.m., the pig scramble in the pulling arena is followed at 2 p.m. by the pedal tractor pull-off at the milking parlor. The popular demolition derby takes place at 3 p.m. in addition to the Power Wheels Demo Derby during intermission. The final bicycle drawing takes place at 4 p.m. at the fair office before this year's fair formally closes at 6 p.m.

For more information on the 2016 Piscataquis Valley Fair, please go to www.piscataquisvalleyfair.com or see the fair page on Facebook.

2016 Fair dedicated to Ralph 'Eddy' Lewis

Ralph "Eddy" Lewis has been a member of the Piscataquis Valley Fair Association for over 20 years. He goes about his business doing painting, cleaning out the goat and sheep pens without being asked. When he sees things that need to be done, he takes it upon himself to do it. His efforts include but are not limited to weed whacking and mowing around all the animal buildings. He always maintains the fire extinguishers in all the fair buildings. He is

always working to maintain the exhibition halls after the auction and fair.



Ralph Lewis

Eddy is on the Fire Department and the Kiwanis which also shows that he is a true volunteer at heart. His generosity goes above and beyond. He has donated everything he can possibly do from his time and money.

This year our dedication goes out to one of the most caring and generous people on the Fair Association.

Corinna dairy operation is Farm Family honoree

Simpson View Farm is located just down the road in Corinna and has been owned and operated by the Simpson Family since the early 1900's. The farm is currently owned and operated by Ronald and his wife Julie along with his three children, Sarrah, Samantha and Rj.

When Ron took over the farm in 1982 there were only 39 milking cows on the farm and approximately 50 young stock. Over the years Ron, with the help of his herdsman Andrew Ricker, has taken major steps to expand the farm and become the large dairy that it is today. Currently there are 825 cows milking and 700 young stock.

Over the past few years Simpson View Farm has started registering all of the calves to which now 75 percent of the herd is registered holsteins.

Simpson View Farm ships over 60,000 pounds of milk to Oakhurst Dairy every day which makes them one to the largest producers for the Maine dairy. For the past 15 years the farms crops have been custom grown and harvested by fellow farmer Roger Whitney. Ron still takes care of the dry help along with his son Rj and help from friends.



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SIMPSON VIEW FARM – Located in Corinna and has been owned and operated by the Simpson Family since the early 1900's. The farm is currently owned and operated by Ronald and his wife Julie along with his three children, Sarrah, Samantha and Rj.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Farm Oxen Weigh-in	9:00 AM	Youth Beef Cattle Show	10:00 AM
Open Flower Judging	10:00 AM	Miss Maple Pageant on the stage	10:00 AM
Fire Dept. Museum Open	12:00 Noon	Cookie Decorating on the hill	10AM-Noon
Exhibition Halls Open	12:00 Noon	Horseshoe Tournament behind the dining hall	10:00 AM
Animal Land	12:00 Noon	Midway Rides Open	11:00 AM
Farm Oxen Twitch, Scoot & Pull	12:00 Noon	Face Painting on the gazebo	11:00 AM
Midway Rides Open	2:00 PM	Skillet Throw-Sign up at the Fair Office	11:30 AM
Frisbee Toss behind the Ice Cream Parlor	3:00 PM	Bingo	12:00 Noon
Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor	4:00 PM	Mad Scientist	12:00 Noon
Bingo	4:00 PM	Pedal Tractor Pulls at the Milking Parlor	1:00 PM
Foxcroft Academy Band	5:00 PM	Frog Jumping Contest	1:00 PM
Face Painting on the gazebo	5:00 PM	Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley	on the hill 2:00 PM
Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office	5:30 PM	Animal Costume Parade	3:00 PM
Milking Parlor Demo	6:00 PM	Mad Scientist	3:00 PM
Figure 8 Race at the Mechanical Track	6:00 PM	Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office	4:00 PM
50/50 Raffle During Figure 8 Race	6:00 PM	Cookie Stacking Contest on the hill	4:30 PM
on the stage	6:30 PM	Milking Demo in the Milking Parlor	6:00 PM
He-Man Contest	7:30 PM	Truck Pulls at the Mechanical Track	6:00 PM
Tyler Healey on the stage	8-10 PM	50/50 Raffle during Truck Pulls	6:00 PM
Fireworks	9:00 PM	Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill	6:00PM

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		

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		
Fair Closes	6:00 PM		

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kick off Thursday night with the Foxcroft Academy Band taking the stage at 5 p.m., followed by Tyler Healy at 8. Friday night organizers are proud to present, SCARAB, a Journey tribute band that has played all over the United States. That show also begins at 8 p.m. Finally, wrapping up the musical acts on the big stage will be Sharon Hood & Dixon Road, a modern country/classic rock band from central Maine, Saturday night at 7 p.m.

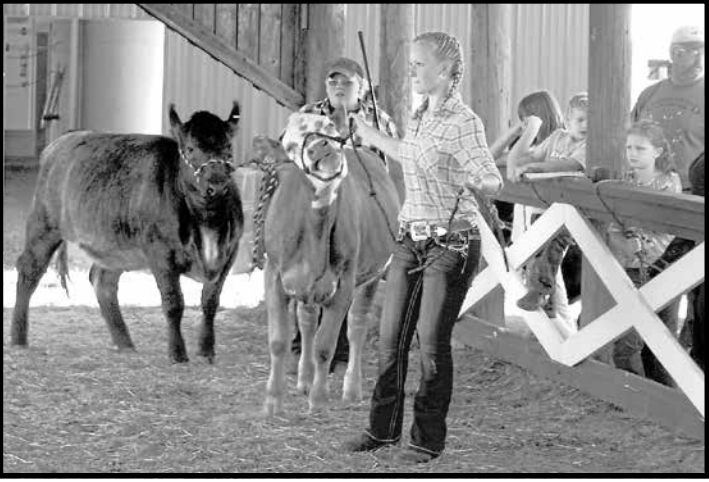
The Miss Maple Pageant, after being a hit last year, will return to the fair for its second year. Girls in three age classes, (1st-4th, 5th-8th, and 9th-12th grade) will compete in three categories - Formal Wear, Agricultural Wear, and Talent. First prize in each age class will be crowned, and will receive a sash and \$50 prize. The winner of the 9th-12th grade class will also receive a \$100 scholarship.

For motorsport lovers, the fair will offer classic events including truck, farm tractor, and gar-

den tractor pulls, an antique auto parade and display, figure-eight racing, the Dick Collins Memorial Doodlebug Draw, demolition derby, and a “tuff truck” competition on the best “tuff truck” track in the state.

A new event this year will be a pro-modified demolition derby, on Sunday at noon, which boasts vehicles with enhanced safety features, and most importantly, more power. Also new to the list of events will be a “Power Wheels” demolition derby, (during the regular demolition derby, Sunday at 3 p.m.) a battery-powered demolition showdown open to any size and age appropriate children. Racers may enter their own vehicles, or sign up for a chance to race one of a number of vehicles provided by fair organizers.

No matter the age or interests of a fair-goer, the Piscataquis Valley Fair has something for everyone. When asked why people should attend this year’s fair, Fair Association Secretary, Donna Weymouth said, “just because we’re the best fair around!”



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LAZY HORSE – A miniature horse rests while on display at Animal Land.



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PEEK-A-MOO – Several cows look up while munching hay.



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AROUND THE RIDES – A carousel provides some fun for the younger fair-goers.

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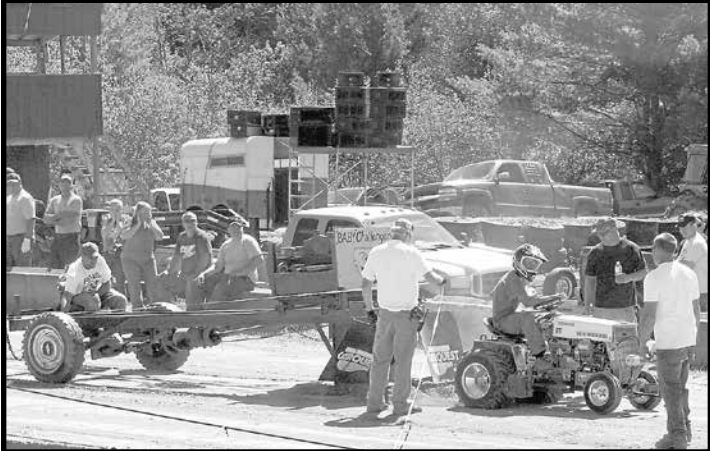
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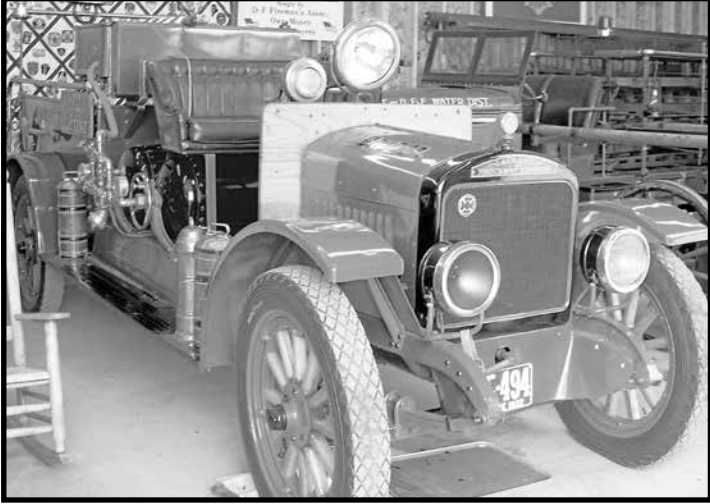
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TRACTOR PULL – At a distance of nearly 179 feet, Richie Potter won the 1,300-pound improved stock class during the 2013 Piscataquis Valley Fair.



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THE PULL OF THE FAIR – Four teams of oxen are prepared for a pulling event at a past year’s fair.



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OLD-FASHIONED FIRE EQUIPMENT – The Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department’s museum at the fairgrounds provides a glimpse into the apparatus used for battling blazes of the past.

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Epidemic

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Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) into law on July 22. And though this new law isn’t perfect, it provides a community-based response to the addiction crisis facing America and proves that both sides of the political aisle are ready and willing to take action on this pressing problem.

One of the promising reforms ushered in by the CARA law is a provision I supported that allows licensed nurse practitioners and physicians assistants, who can already prescribe many medications, to prescribe medicine that can help people suffering from addiction turn their lives around. This medicine, buprenorphine (more commonly known as Suboxone), is part of a larger approach know as medication-assisted treatment (MAT) which combines medication with counseling and other support.

Study after study has shown that medication-assisted treatment can reduce drug use and overdose risk for people suffering from addiction. But despite these encouraging results, Maine and much of America isn’t doing enough to make this medication and treatment available to the people who most need it.

The changes we have made through the CARA law will help increase that access by allowing trained nurse practitioners and physicians assistants to participate in MAT. Recently, I held

a roundtable in Bangor with Maine nurse practitioners in order to hear directly from them — not only about the challenges they see in fighting the opioid epidemic every day, but about how increased access to MAT can help them do their important jobs. These men and women are on the front lines of the heroin and opioid battle, and this can be another tool for them to treat addiction and save lives.

The roundtable in Bangor was the fifth in a series of discussions that I’ve convened across the state in order to better understand the addiction crisis and help develop solutions. Like the previous sessions in Brewer, Portland, Paris, and Bangor, this most recent one provided critical insights on how we can work together on this issue. We have to continue to arm ourselves with information if we’re going to win this battle.

There is no question that the CARA law is a step forward in our fight against addiction. But despite the solid reforms it makes, it also fails to dedicate the funding necessary to make the law fully effective. To fix that, I’ve been pushing for Congress to pass additional emergency funding sooner rather than later.

This is a serious crisis which is as complex as it is heartbreaking. We can prevail, but it will take a coordinated and comprehensive approach — and that is what is now coming together.

Olympians

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myself about this, but it was not polite! I felt let down by my profession and knew that there needed to be efforts in our community to support such caregivers as well as improved education for our medical community. Not only is Alzheimer’s disease a well recognized illness, but it affects many lives in addition to the patient. And there are ways to help.

Caregivers have become my focus of attention and it is not an exaggeration to call them “heroes.” Not only have they given years to worry about how the next step in the decline will affect mom as they watch her become incapable of living independently, but they are often deprived of the loving relationship of the affected loved one early in the disease. Then, there is the sense of powerlessness, and the “imprisonment” and isolation due to the 24-hour-a-day needs of the patient. They must give up good jobs, lose income, ask for favors from neighbors just to go to the store, and eventually change diapers, grind food, and feed their loved one while watching a slow, relentless loss of function. In effect, they must give up years of their lives to another person with the reward being that they have “done their duty.”

Maine Highlands Senior Center and the Thriving in Place Collaborative are working hard

to help create a community that supports all people as they age. The Savvy Caregiver Program is a free, five-session training series for family caregivers. It is led by a trained facilitator and sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association and Eastern Area Agency on Aging(EAAA). There is a course in Dover-Foxcroft that started on August 12th and there are plans for additional regional trainings in Dexter and Milo soon.

The Savvy Caregiver Program helps caregivers better understand the changes their loved ones are experiencing, and how to best provide individualized care for their loved ones throughout the progression of Alzheimer’s or dementia.

Maine Highlands Senior Center is also holding “listening sessions” with caregivers to understand their needs and to talk about an Adult Day Program which is being planned for Central Hall.

We would like to hear from you if you are in need of help or information about this challenging problem. Together we can make this path better for patients and families. For information call: EAAA 941-2865.

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 lmfernow@rcn.com.

Jobs

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and services to support the projects, including steel, concrete, trucking, fuel, meals, and lodging. Moreover, these transportation projects will make it easier for Mainers traveling to jobs and help goods from Maine businesses reach the market. Whether directly or indirectly, these infrastructure improvements will support families and communities.

The Beals Island Bridge is the only crossing that connects the island and town of Beals with the mainland at Jonesport, handling roughly 2,000 vehicles each day. Nearly 60 years old, the narrow bridge has been deemed structurally deficient and in need of replacement. The award of \$10.5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the successful Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program will allow the Maine Department of Transportation to move forward with the \$21.7 million project to increase public safety and connectivity between the island and the mainland.

The TIGER program was established in 2009 to provide federal assistance for vital transportation projects. Since its inception, I have worked each year to ensure that the program has been funded and have strongly advocated for the projects submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation. For example, a TIGER grant helped save freight rail service in Northern Maine.

The TIGER grant program has made a significant difference in our

state, providing funding for vital projects across Maine that might otherwise never have been built.

A separate \$7.7 million grant through the FASTLANE program will help fund improvements at the Port of Portland and will employ about 200 construction workers, increase competitiveness for Maine businesses, and provide an economic boost and job opportunities throughout our state.

The Port of Portland, the busiest seaport in Maine, is used daily by businesses and customers across Maine, including L.L. Bean, Poland Spring water, and Aroostook potato growers. Currently, much cargo is offloaded at Canadian ports and transported to the United States via truck. By addressing the capacity and infrastructure needs at the Port of Portland, the project will improve freight mobility and relieve highway congestion between Portland and Canadian ports. Improvements for the railroads at the port and the rail line serving the port will allow for expansion of intermodal service.

Whether in a small town or a major hub of commerce, projects such as these have the immediate benefit of keeping our skilled construction workers on the job. When complete, they help enhance safety, grow the economy, and create opportunity. Improving transportation in Maine requires a strong partnership at the federal, state, and local levels. Working with our state, our communities, and the private sector, I will continue to advocate for responsible investments to improve our nation’s aging infrastructure.

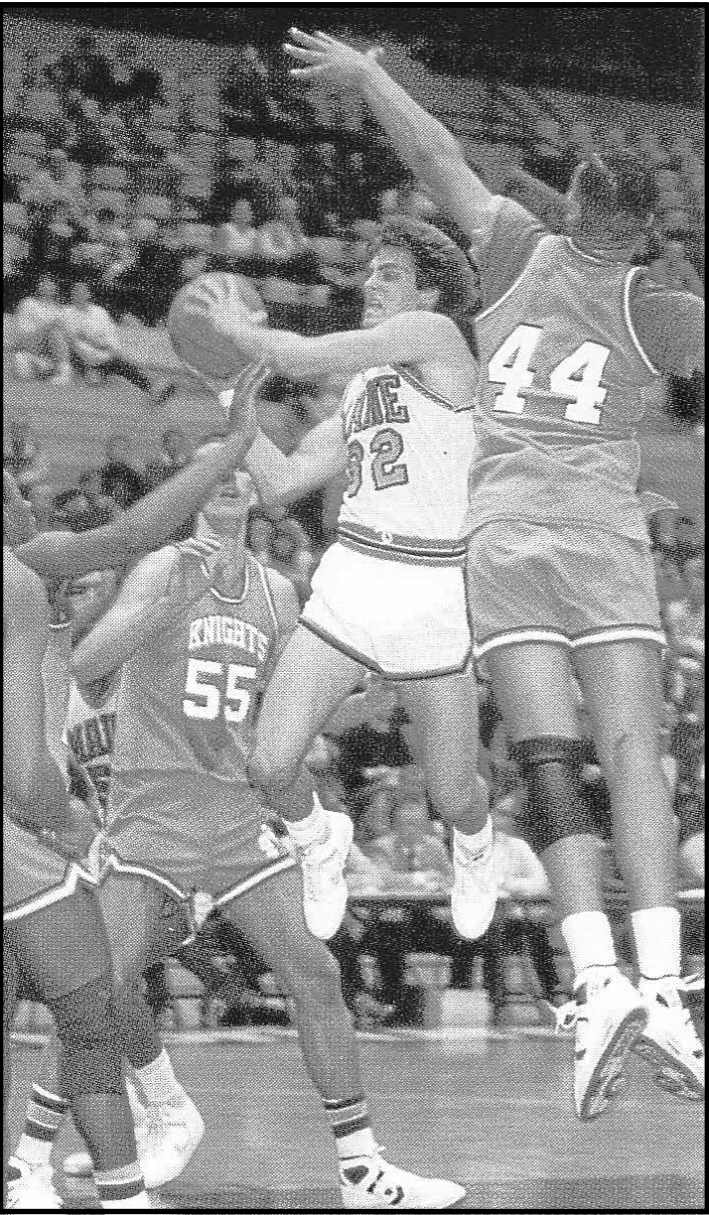
SPORTS

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A big basketball day for Monson

Central Maine well represented at hardwood Hall of Fame ceremony



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MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME – Dean Smith, a 1986 graduate of Foxcroft Academy, is among the members of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016. Smith, who was a three-sport star for the Ponies, finished his high school career as Foxcroft Academy’s all-time leading scorer with 1,722 points.



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BLACK BEAR FOOTBALL RECRUIT – Foxcroft Academy senior Hunter Smith, third from right, signed his National Letter of Intent to join the University of Maine football team in the fall on an athletic scholarship during a ceremony in the school lobby on Feb. 3. There to congratulate Smith is his family, from left, grandfather Jake Smith, younger brother Hyatt Smith, father Dean Smith – who was a basketball standout for the Black Bears, mother Laurie Smith and grandmother Glenda Smith.

By Ernie Clark

BDN Staff

The town of Monson has a rich schoolboy basketball tradition, highlighted by state championships won by its Monson Academy Slaters in 1909, 1932 and 1968.

But save for those title games and the celebrations that ensued, few other events in the state’s modern basketball history have featured that small community along the shore of Lake Hebron more prominently than Sunday’s Maine Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

Two native sons, Kevin Nelson and Dean Smith, were among members of the Hall’s third induction class.

Nelson was a 6-foot-8-inch phenom from the “suburbs” southeast of the town of approximately 700 residents who began attending middle school in Dover-Foxcroft after Monson, Charleston and Sebec joined Dover-Foxcroft in their SAD 68 consolidation.

Nelson went on to start for four years at Foxcroft Academy and led the Ponies to their only basketball state championship in 1975 before going on to a successful career at the University of Maine.

“Going into the Hall of Fame is just a special time for me,” said Nelson, a two-time *Bangor Daily News* first-team all-state selection who finished his high school career with 1,424 points and 1,156 rebounds. “I’ve known Dean all my life, and what are the chances of two guys from Monson being inducted in the same year? I’m kind of overcome just by the specialness of all this.”

Smith similarly was raised in Monson before moving with his family to Dover-Foxcroft as a middle-schooler. The 6-4 forward went on to start for four years at Foxcroft Academy where he scored a school-record 1,722 points and earned first-team BDN All-Maine honors as a senior.

Smith also went on to star at the University of Maine, where he was a three-time Academic All-American and as a senior not only led Maine’s conference in scoring and earned first-team all league honors but was the recipient of the 1990 Walter Byers Award as the NCAA’s top male student-athlete.

“Kevin was an idol of mine growing up,” said Smith, who was introduced at the Hall of Fame ceremony by his sons Hunter and Hyatt. “He was a kid from Monson, Maine, where I was from who had a great career, and just to have him there and to know there was a pathway out of Monson

to actually play basketball and to essentially get paid for that in college [through an athletic scholarship], he was my inspiration.”

Smith and Nelson were among four inductees from former Penquis League schools who were honored Sunday.

They were joined by Tony Hamlin of Milo, who played at both Milo High School and the consolidated Penquis Valley High School before going on to start at point guard for three years at the University of Maine where he captained the Black Bears as a senior.

Hamlin, who was introduced at the induction ceremony by his son Casey, went on to amass 400 victories while coaching for more than three decades with stops at Maine Central Institute of Pittsfield, Morse of Bath, South Portland and Penquis Valley.

His teams produced three state championships, the 1983 Class A crown at South Portland and titles in 2000 and 2013 back at his alma mater, Penquis Valley. The 2013 title marked not only his 400th victory, but it came in the last high school game at the Bangor Auditorium and marked Hamlin’s final game on the sidelines before his retirement.

Also inducted was the late Ed Guiski, a powerhouse player at Winslow High School, Boston University and what is now known as the University of Southern Maine who became a coaching institution at Dexter Regional High School where totaled 329 wins and led the Tigers’ boys basketball team to the 1986 Class B state championship and back-to-back regional titles in 1985 and 1986.

Guiski was introduced to the crowd by current Dexter boys basketball coach Peter Murray.

“Ed came to Dexter when I was in high school and he was larger than life,” said Hamlin. “He was intimidating and forceful and a great coach. He would have really appreciated this honor and I hope his family recognizes that it’s heartfelt and well deserved. “His teams were always going to play hard and play defense and be well disciplined, all the things great coaches do. They impose their personality and will onto their teams, and that’s what Ed did.”

But the Penquis region’s presence in the Cross Center’s

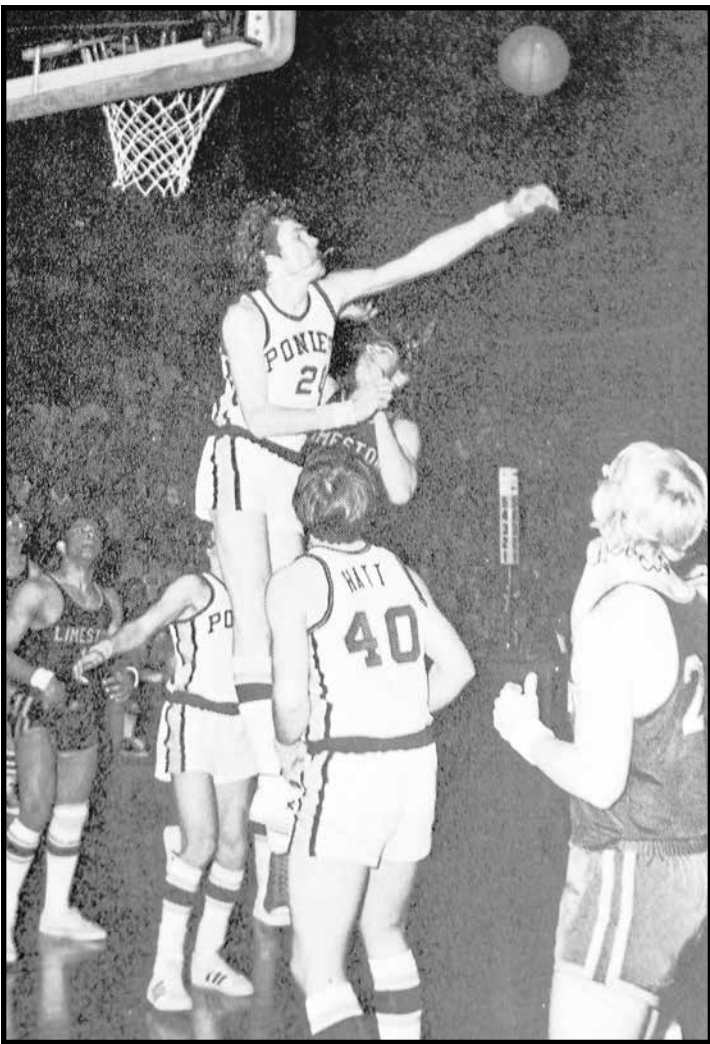


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QUITE THE PRESENCE IN THE PAINT – 1975 Foxcroft Academy graduate Kevin Nelson is among the members of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016. The 6-foot-8 Nelson, who grew up in Monson and today lives in Falmouth, helped the Ponies win the Class B state championship as a senior before playing four years of Div. I basketball at the University of Maine where he scored over 1,000 points and grabbed over 750 rebounds in 93 games for the Black Bears.



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MAINE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – Fern Masse (left) poses for a photo with Hall of Fame board of directors chairman Tony Hamlin, also a 2016 inductee, during Sunday’s induction ceremony at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

grand ballroom Sunday wasn’t limited to this year’s inductees.

Wayne Champeon, the former Greenville High School and University of Maine multi-sport star and retired Foxcroft Academy teacher who was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015, was on hand, as was Nelson’s high school coach Skip Hanson, who introduced his former big man for induction.

Hanson’s son, Todd, the longtime boys basketball coach

at Brunswick High School, also was in attendance. The younger Hanson began his playing career at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford before moving on to Waterville High School and eventually to the University of Maine where he and Smith were teammates.

“For all of us to come from this area and to see everyone here Sunday speaks well of the hotbed of basketball in central Maine that we all have grown up with,” said Hamlin.



Museum

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jeweled interiors, and feathery dendrites from Mexico, formed by the calcification of manganese oxide into delicate branching patterns etched in rock. In a separate room, a large collection of fluorescing stones glow in intense shades of aqua, hot pink and orange when exposed to ultraviolet light.

Gradually, the human record emerges, with cast resin models of the skulls of human ancestors, Indian artifacts and tools such as arrowheads and stone axes. Some aboriginal items were collected in the Milo area, along with specimens from cultures throughout the Americas and across the globe.

Harrigan purchased some of the specimens but collected many himself. The breadth of the collection and the care with which it is displayed is remarkable.

“This is a great gem of a museum, well put together and totally correct,” said Harold Borns, a retired professor of geology and founding director of the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine. Borns met Harrigan three years ago and has supported the museum project ever since. While the collection doesn’t contain any unique specimens or surprises, he said, it represents a remarkable opportunity for Mainers to view a global collection not equalled anywhere else in the state.

“It is unique to central Maine and in no way distorts Earth’s history at all,” he said.

“It is very nicely done,” said Gretchen Faulkner, director of the Hudson Museum at UMaine and board member of Maine Archives and Museums, who visited the Harriman museum last week. “It is quite a comprehensive collection, and [Harrigan] interprets it very well for visitors.”

‘All his idea’

Born in New York City, Harrigan began collecting fossils and minerals in his teens. While he built a successful career with Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, he nurtured his passion for collecting throughout his adult life, especially on vacations and after retirement.

“A lot of this collecting was done as part of our travels,” he said, looking at Nancy, his wife of more than 40 years.

“It was all his idea,” Nancy said. “I just went along as the driver.”

In Central and South America, across Europe and Asia, in Australia and New Zealand and in every state in the U.S., the couple visited established fossil-hunting grounds and mineral mines, as well as following Tom Harrigan’s instincts for searching off the beaten path. Many of his best specimens, including a baby mammoth tusk, were discovered in rivers in central Florida, where the Harrigans lived for more than 10 years before coming to Maine.

Once they got settled in Milo, Tom Harrigan said, he started thinking about how best to hand his prized collection on for the future.

“I want to keep it in Milo,”

he said. “I want it to benefit the schoolchildren and the economy of the town.” Initial proposals to give the collection to the town or the schools were rejected. “Maybe they just didn’t want the responsibility,” Harrigan said. “So then I decided that the only way I was going to get a museum was to build it myself.” And he did.

Community pride

To realize his goal, Harrigan worked with the local Kiwanis club, of which he is a member.

On a piece of land purchased from the town for \$1, he paid about \$250,000 out of his own pocket for the construction of a new Kiwanis facility, including a large kitchen, meeting space and an auction area.

It’s the first time the civic club has had a home of its own, club president Brenda Kelly said. “Before this, we just met at the town hall.”

The club raises money for reading programs and swimming lessons for local children, a Secret Santa holiday event for struggling families and other community projects. In addition to supporting the annual auction and other fund-raising activities, the new facility has been in demand for weddings and other private events. “We’ve been booked solid every weekend this summer,” Kelly said.

Once the new club facility was built, Harrigan turned his attentions to building the museum on the same parcel, using local builders and contractors. The construction cost about \$200,000.

Area resident Linda Belisle, 73, caught wind of the project and volunteered her time and energy to help set up the birch display cases.

“I knew absolutely nothing about how to do it,” she said, but she soon found herself in charge of lining the cabinets with fabric and arranging the specimens. She learned a lot along the way. “I had never even heard of a geode,” she said. “It blows my mind that that it just looks like a plain rock until you slice it open.”

The museum also features large, colorful, action-filled murals by Brownville artist Suzette East. Her panels depict specific periods and milestones in the history of the planet, from the late Cambrian oceans teaming with simple organisms to a dour prospector panning for gold with Mount Katahdin rising in the background.

Harrigan has donated his entire collection to the Kiwanis foundation, entrusting it to the organization’s care for the future. He’s at peace with this decision, knowing the vast collection amassed over his lifetime will be protected and used to benefit the community he has come to regard as home. Through educational programs and tourism, he hopes the unusual museum will develop pride in the area, create economic opportunity and expand inquisitive minds.

“When people come here, I tell them this is your museum, something you can be proud of,” he said. “When you come in here and you see these things, it just has to open your mind up.”

Titcomb

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tions, where they engage with professionals to learn about soils, forestry, native trees and wildlife.

Over the past several years, Titcomb has spearheaded the Tree and Leaf ID station at this event, and loves the opportunity to teach the students about what’s found and utilized in Maine’s forests.

This past spring, the PCES grade 6 teachers connected with the district again to bring a watershed program into the school.

“They have been taking students to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) in Portland, Maine, since 1996 and over the past few years, the focus of the field trip has been watersheds,” said Titcomb. “When the sixth-grade teachers found this out, we decided to connect with the PCSWCD to present some background information about watersheds in preparation for our trip to GMRI.

“The students thoroughly enjoyed the program we collaboratively put together. Anytime we can engage the students actively, I’m in favor,” she added.

Titcomb has successfully utilized local resources, participated in trainings to further her knowledge of resource concerns and spent a great deal of effort to prioritize conservation education in her curriculum. Her enthusiasm for connecting students to this valuable information and dedication to

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DOVER-FOXCROFT — The following cases were heard under the Piscataquis Criminal Docket at the Dover-Foxcroft Court-house during the month of July.

Edgar Ayala, 44, New Haven, Conn.: harassment, \$100 fine; violating condition of release, \$200 fine; and failure to appear after bailed, \$200 fine.

William McPeck, 38, Monroe, N.Y.: operating snowmobile under the influence over 21, \$800 fine.

Melissa M. Miller, 30, Orneville Twp: operating while under the influence (alcohol), \$700 fine, 72 hours in jail and 150-day license suspension.

Lindsay Ryder, 30, Bangor: unlawful possession of scheduled drug, \$400 fine, five days in jail; operating while license suspended or revoked, prior, \$500 fine, five days in jail; and failure to appear in court on criminal summons, 48 hours in jail.

Kenneth Finnemore, 68, Dover-Foxcroft: domestic violence assault, 11 months in jail, all but six months suspended, two years’ probation; domestic violence terrorizing, six months in jail; obstructing report of crime, six months in jail; violating condition of release, two years and six months in prison, two years’ probation; violating protection from abuse order, six months in jail; improper contact after bail revoked and denied, 90 days in jail; and refusing to submit to arrest or detention/refusing to stop, six months in jail.

Scott Clawson, 59, Halifax, Mass.: OUI (alcohol), \$500 fine and 150-day license suspension.

Darrick Trask, 29, LaGrange: operating after habitual offender revocation, prior, \$1,000 fine, seven months in jail.

Kathleen Foster, 56, Milo: assault, \$500 fine.

Timothy A. Richard, 46, Milo: refusing to submit to arrest or detention, physical force, \$500 fine; and disorderly conduct, loud noise, private place, \$800 fine.

John J. Vaughn, 52, Milo: OUI (drugs or combo), \$500 fine and 150-day license suspension.

Joshua David Stubbs, 29, Milo: burning without permit, \$100 fine.

Toniette A. Adkins, 55, Dexter: passing stopped school bus, \$250 fine.

Corey Spencer, 35, Medford: operating while license suspended or revoked, prior, \$800 fine.

Harland Parker, 60, Sangerville: domestic violence criminal threatening, \$300 fine.

Charles D. Lindsay, 24, Dover-Foxcroft: operating vehicle without license, \$150 fine.

Noah Allen, 18, Milo: operating vehicle without license-cond/ restrict., \$150 fine.

Kenneth A. Harmon, 53, Dover-Foxcroft: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Christopher J. Bolstridge, 34, Corinna: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Dustin R. Shorey, 35, Dover-Foxcroft: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Levi Watson, 26, Garland: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Lee G. Flagg, 42, Dexter: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

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.

lawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Randolph P. Kauppinen, 75, Skowhegan: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Andrea N. McLaughlin, 32, Dover-Foxcroft: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Glen Brown, 47, Waldoboro: failing to have permit or violating gear restriction, \$100 fine.

Michael P. Vachon, 19, Milo: fishing without valid license, \$100 fine.

Gary L. Hayward, 65, Mont Vernon, N.H.: possessing fish in violation, \$120 fine.

Lance J. Marchant, 35, Dexter: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Royce L. Jellison, 65, Saco: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Stephen C. White, 52, Brewer: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine; and fishing violation of number, amount, weight or size, \$120 fine.

Glen Brown, 47, Waldoboro: failing to have permit or violating gear restriction (two counts), \$100 fine (each).

David L. Hamm, 67, Kailua, Hawaii: possessing fish in violation, \$120 fine.

Scott A. Hart, 45, Detroit: operating while license suspended or revoked, prior, \$500 fine.

Daniel R. Ireland, 45, Charleston: OUI (alcohol), \$500 fine and 150-day license suspension.

Darnell S. Gayles, 33, Sangerville: theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, \$150 fine and \$3 restitution.

Timothy L. Knowlton, 54, Abbot: failing to kindle in prudent manner, \$100 fine.

Michael Patrick Lockhart, 26, Dexter: kindling fire without permission, \$100 fine.

Jordan Adkins, 19, Guilford: operating while license suspended or revoked, \$250 fine; minor transporting liquor, \$100 fine and 30-day license suspension; and operating vehicle without license-cond/restrict., \$200 fine.

Dustin J. Ricker, 22, Palmyra: kindling fire without permission, \$100 fine.

Dustin S. McInnis, 24, Dover-Foxcroft: OUI (alcohol), \$500 fine and 150-day license suspension.

Robert John Brown, 49, Brownville: theft of services, \$250 fine and \$253.50 restitution.

Annalise-Maria R. Cari, 28, Milo: reckless conduct, \$300 fine and \$1,671 restitution.

Alexander J. Moulton, 25, Bangor: operating while license suspended or revoked, \$250 fine.

Patrick R. Hussey, Jr., 40, Vassalboro: kindling fire without permission, \$100 fine.

Keith C. Waltz, 20, Levant: attaching false plates, \$150 fine.

Eric J. Leonardi, 54, Shirley: burning without permit, \$100 fine.

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

fine.

William L. Thompson, 67, Athens: failure to check traps in organized town, \$100 fine.

Stephen M. Lancaster, 29, Parkman: passing stopped school bus, \$250 fine.

Patrick A. Lacasse, 28, Dover-Foxcroft: operating vehicle without license, \$150 fine.

John D. Harmon, 55, Dover-Foxcroft: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

Gregory R. Jones, 54, Norwell, Mass.: failing to make oral or written accident report, \$250 fine.

Robert Fabian, 30, Greenville: operating while license suspended or revoked, \$250 fine.

Jesse A. Kwasniewski, 24, Harmony: OUI (alcohol), \$500 fine and 150-day license suspension.

Brandon Wayne Kester, 26, Dover-Foxcroft: violating protection from abuse order, \$500 fine.

Kylie A. Coover, 37, Sebec: failure to register vehicle, \$100 fine.

Thomas V. Dow, 67, Bangor: possessing fish in violation, \$120 fine.

David K. Dixon, 73, Clinton: possess fish in violation, \$120 fine.

Beth A. Blinn, 54, E. Bridgewater, Mass.: fishing without valid license, \$100 fine.

Frank H. King II, 43, Ellsworth: unlawful use of bait in artificial lure only water, \$100 fine.

James C. Fisk, 30, Searsport: possessing fish in violation, \$120 fine.

Alan C. Nickerson, Jr., 38, Sangerville: fishing violation of number, amount, weight or size, \$120 fine.

Daniel A. Pray, 50, Bradford: operating motor vehicle beyond class restriction, \$75 fine.

William A. Stella, Jr., 46, Norwell, Mass.: burning without permit, \$100 fine.

Alan Nickerson, 63, Sangerville: fishing violation of number, amount, weight or size, \$120 fine.

Daniel A. Lundrigan, 38, Londonderry, N.H.: kindling fire without permission, \$100 fine.

Corbin C. Tate, 18, Hermon: fishing without valid license, \$100 fine.

Patrick B. Blais, 46, Dover-Foxcroft: operating while license suspended or revoked-OUI, \$700 fine, 10 days in jail, one-year license suspension; and violating condition of release, five days in jail.

James D. Elliott, 58, Springfield: violating measurement of wood rules, \$100 fine.

Chad Miller, 28, Kenduskeag: failing to present ATV registration, \$100 fine.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 05, 2016 in the action entitled Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely as Trustee for MASTR Specialized Loan Trust 2006-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1 v. Tony Bizier et al., by the Maine District Court, Division of Dover-Foxcroft, Docket No.: DOVDC-RE-15-28, wherein the Court adjudged the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Tony Bizier and Holly B. Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Advanced Financial Services, Inc., its successors and/or assigns dated May 20, 2005 and recorded in the Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds in Book 1655, Page 193, should the period of redemption have expired without redemption of the property by the mortgagor(s), a public sale of the property described in the mortgage will be conducted on September 28, 2016 commencing at 10:00 a.m. at 45 Court Street, Houlton, Maine.

The property is located at 72 Pleasant Street, Milo, Piscataquis County, Maine, reference as described in said mortgage.

The sale will be by public auction. All bidders for the property will be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 in cash, certified or bank check at the time of the public sale made payable to Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP, which deposit is non-refundable as to the highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the public sale. In the event a representative of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely as Trustee for MASTR Specialized Loan Trust 2006-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1 is not present at the time and place stated in this notice, no 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.
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely as Trustee for MASTR Specialized Loan Trust 2006-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1 by its attorneys, Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP
James M. Garnet, Esq.
Carrie Folsom, Esq.
1080 Main Street,
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 272-1400

Gary M. Shorette, 60, Milford: possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine.

David L. Zimmerman, 52, Bowdoinham: operating/permitting operation unregistered motorboat, \$200 fine; and unlawfully trolling fly, \$100 fine.

William McElvain, 55, Levant: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Glenn Findlay, 66, Bucksport: operating/permitting operation unregistered motorboat, \$200 fine.

Bruce D. Smith, 70, Bowerbank: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Trae M. Boerner, 28, Belfast: operating ATV on public way, \$100 fine.

Joseph E. McGraw, Jr., 26, Norridgewock: violating fishing rule, \$100 fine.

William J. Sacchetti, 48, Foxborough, Mass.: unlawfully trolling fly, \$100 fine.

Brittany Garland, 25, Norridgewock: violating fishing rule, \$100 fine.

Leonard R. Coover, Jr., 41, Brownville: operating unregistered ATV, \$200 fine.

Jonathan M. Covault, 61, Simsbury, Conn.: lake and river protection sticker, \$100 fine.

Laurie L. Smith, 49, Dover-Foxcroft: allowing minor to operate ATV in violation, \$100 fine.

Daniel M. Pascale, 31, Hillsdale, N.J.: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Trevor S. Daubenspeck, 30, Richmond: operating/permitting operation with no ID/validation displayed, \$100 fine.

Alex C. Tobey, 24, South Berwick: operating ATV on public way, \$100 fine.

Ryan W. Tobey, 21, South Berwick: operating ATV on public way, \$100 fine.

William H. Tobey, Jr., 25, South Berwick: operating ATV on public way, \$100 fine.

Travis T. Stebbins, 28, Norridgewock: failing to display ATV registration numbers, \$100 fine.

Please see Page 10, DOCKET

STATE OF MAINE
PROBATE COURT
PISCATAQUIS, SS:

159 East Main St., Suite 12
Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
18-A MRSA §3-801
The following Personal Representatives have been appointed in the estates noted. The first publication date of this notice is August 24, 2016. If you are a creditor of an estate listed below, you must present your claim within four months of the first publication date of this Notice to Creditors or be forever barred.

You may present your claim by filing a written statement of your claim on a proper form with the Register of Probate of this Court or by delivering or mailing to the Personal Representative listed below at the address published by his name a written statement of the Claim indicating the basis therefore, the name and address of the claimant and the amount claimed or in such other manner as the law may provide. See 18-A MRSA §3-804.

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

2016-073 ESTATE OF AUDREY S. GILBERT, late of Guilford, Maine deceased. Dawn M. Pratt, 222 Railroad Ave., Dexter, ME 04930 appointed Personal Representative.

2016-075 ESTATE OF KATHLEEN G. SINCLAIR, late of Milo, Maine deceased. Sylvia Kristine Sinclair, 19 Sunset Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301 and Wallace G. Sinclair, P.O. Box 632, Brownville, ME 04414 appointed Personal Representatives.

2016-079 ESTATE OF MILLAGE C. GILBERT, late of Parkman, Maine deceased. Tina M. Gilbert, 552 North Dexter Rd., Parkman, ME 04443 appointed Personal Representative.

2016-080 ESTATE OF GEORGE B. WOODBURY, III, late of Beaver Cove, Maine deceased. George B. Woodbury, Jr., P.O. Box 271, Greenville, ME 04441 appointed Personal Representative.

Notice is hereby given by the respective petitioner that she has filed the following proceeding. This matter will be heard at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be on September 13, 2016. The requested action may be made on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-A M.R.S.A. §3-403 and Probate Rule 4.

2016-082 IN RE: ELIZABETH MCKEIL CANNELL. Petition of Elizabeth Cannell of Greenville requesting that her name be changed to ELIZABETH GRACE MCKEIL. Elizabeth Cannell, P.O. Box 294, Greenville, ME 04441.

2016-083 IN RE: NICOLE EDELE MCALLISTER. Petition of Nicole McAllister of Guilford requesting that her name be changed to NICOLE EDELE JONES. Nicole McAllister, P.O. Box 427, Guilford, ME 04443.

To be published on August 24 & 31, 2016.
Dated: August 19, 2016

/S/Donna M. Peterson, Register
Piscataquis County Probate Court

Cain

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minded that the Maine State Constitution takes the 2nd Amendment one step further by demanding that the Right to Keep and Bear Arms shall not be questioned. Once Ms. Cain has peeled off her soggy flannel propaganda attire, she'll need to explain to the Maine residents why she has questioned that fundamental right on numerous occasions.

I suppose we should thank Emily Cain for interjecting some much needed comic relief into a election cycle that has been rife with despair. One cannot look at the heat shimmers emanating from the multi-layers of flannel campaign photog draped over Ms. Cain's shoulders and not have it invoke images of Michael Dukakis ... and an Army helmet he should never have put on.

Andy Torbett of Atkinson writes a regular column entitled *The Maine Conservative Voice*. He can be reached at me-conservativevoice@gmail.com.

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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!

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Waterfront

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Maine's waterfront communities today. Many of these towns and cities must adapt to economic shifts and work to keep up with modern developments. And many are facing pressures to meet increased demands on their water resources.

In addition to adapting to economic shifts, waterfront communities are also confronted with environmental challenges. As the damaging effects of climate change become more and more apparent in Maine, our coastal areas must make investments to help withstand increasingly powerful storms, floods, and fluctuating water levels. They must adapt to changing ecosystem conditions that range from shoreline erosion to stresses on fisheries.

Despite these hurdles, the future can still be bright for our waterfront communities. I was excited when the Senate recently passed The Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act - legislation I co-sponsored that can help boost efforts to revitalize water-

front communities and stimulate economic development around our water resources. This legislation will work to establish a Resilient Waterfront Communities network that will connect waterfront communities from across the country to help us share best practices and attract new investments.

In addition, this bill will create a Resilient Waterfront Community designation within the Department of Commerce to recognize communities that adopt a waterfront revitalization and resiliency plan integrating economic, ecosystem, and infrastructure challenges and opportunities.

Waterfront planning and implementation is not an easy task. It requires communities to navigate intergovernmental hurdles, work across constituent groups and agencies, and secure financing. But many communities lack the tools to make it from vision to reality. This bill — by helping to create a network of waterfront communities from across the country — will improve communities' access to tools they need to grow, adapt, and sustain themselves for generations to come.

The people who work and live on water in Maine are hard-working, resilient, and play a crucial role in supporting our state's economy. The challenges facing our coastal communities can be significant, especially with the mounting effects of climate change, but with appropriate planning and collaboration between Maine people and all levels of government, we can ensure that these communities are able to develop sustainably for the coming decades. I am confident that the Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act will be a positive step in that direction, and hope that the House of Representatives will follow the Senate in passing this bill.

Majority

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1871 and first used in an 1893 election. It has been used for over 120 years by hundreds of governments and private associations around the world. Cities (Portland, Maine uses RCV) and counties across the United States, as well as governments around the world (like Australia and Ireland) use RCV, and it is recommended by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Here's how it works. You vote for as many candidates as you like, but you rank them as first choice, second choice, etc. On election night all the votes are counted for first choice rankings. If one candidate receives a majority of votes in the first round, they win, just like now. If no candidate receives a majority in the first round, the candidate with the fewest first choice rankings is eliminated. If your fa-

vorite candidate is eliminated, your vote is instantly counted for your second choice. This repeats until one candidate reaches a majority and wins.

The benefits of RCV include reduced negative campaigning, a return to majority rule, and no more need to worry about voting for who you like best (and helping elect the one you like the least). In the 2011 Portland mayoral election using RCV, turnout was 40 percent higher than predicted, 41 percent of voters thought there was less negative campaigning, and 45 percent felt more inclined to vote for their favorite candidate.

The nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Maine has led the effort to enact RCV in Maine. Hundreds of business, labor, civic, and faith leaders, including Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Greens, and Libertarians from across Maine support it. Prominent

supporters include 2008 presidential candidates, Democrat Obama and Republican McCain.

RCV does not advantage one political party over another. Legal experts say it is consistent with both the U.S. and Maine Constitutions, and federal courts have upheld it against constitutional challenges. The costs of an IRV election are no different from those of any other system using the same technology.

This November you will have the opportunity to vote for a citizen referendum question that will provide "ranked-choice voting for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and State Representative for elections held on or after January 1, 2018."

Much of the above was taken from Ranked Choice Voting of Maine's website.

Bob Lodato
Charleston

Docket

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John F. Collins, Jr., 80, Bangor: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Todd M. Picard, 41, Saco: operating unregistered ATV, \$200 fine.

Glen E. Davis, 59, Gorham: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Heath Davis, 35, Kittery: operating ATV on land of another without permission, \$100 fine.

Michael E. Heath, 61, Brownville: fishing with more than two lines, \$100 fine.

Robert S. Little, 52, Orrington: carrying passenger on ATV without headgear, \$100 fine.

Darin Gagne, 46, Dresden: permitting person under 10 to operate ATV, \$100 fine.

John P. Fullerton, 27, Mansfield, Mass.: operate/permit operation on unregistered motorboat, \$200 fine.

John F. Collins, Jr., 80, Bangor: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

David A. Labbe, 62, Rome: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Joseph Leask, 49, Bath: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Ned V. White, 60, Brownville: violating requirements for numbers, stickers, \$100 fine.

Brendan M. Glass, 22, Bowdoin: littering, \$100 fine.

Charles E. Stevens, 52, Sebecton: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Penny R. Kerwin, 50, Westbrook: allowing minor to operate ATV in violation, \$100 fine.

John H. King, 41, Lagrange: fishing with more than two lines, \$120 fine.

Paul Towner, 42, Phoenix, Md.: violation of watercraft

rules, \$100 fine.

Robert A. Dudack, 70, Suffield, Conn.: unlawfully trolling fly, \$100 fine.

Brian J. Dadack, 40, Suffield, Conn.: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Christine M. Phan, 51, Kingston, Mass.: allowing minor to operate ATV in violation, \$100 fine.

Roland J. Beaulieu, 66, South China: operating without safety equipment, \$100 fine.

Alan A. Nickerson, Jr., 37, Sangerville: possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine.

Corbin C. Tate, 18, Hermon: operating/permitting operation unregistered motorboat, \$200 fine; and possession of marijuana, up to 1.25 oz., \$350 fine.

Antoine Pratt, 23, Old Town: fishing without valid license, \$100 fine.

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REBATE -\$1,191

DISCOUNT -\$1,634

Varney Price

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SAVE \$2,825

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REBATE -\$1,308

DISCOUNT -\$1,407

Varney Price

\$29,995

SAVE \$2,715

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REBATE -\$3,010

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Varney Price

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Varney Price

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4 CYL
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Varney Price

\$20,995

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#P2821
4 CYL
AUTO
PW, PL
TILT
CRUISE

Varney Price

\$17,995

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#14283A
4 CYL
AUTO
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TILT
CRUISE

Varney Price

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