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PCSWCD honors Rochelle Titcomb

Teacher is Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year

By Stuart Hedstrom

Staff Writer

GUILFORD — For her work incorporating nature and resource protection into the classroom, Piscataquis Community Elementary School (PCES) sixth-grade teacher Rochelle Titcomb has been named the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District's (PCSWCD) 2016 Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year. Titcomb, who has taught at the Guilford-based district for 30 of her 33 years in education, was presented with the honor during an assembly in the gym on the morning of Sept. 16.

"Each year our district recognizes one teacher in Piscataquis County as our Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year," PCSWCD Educational Coordinator Kacey Weber told the gathered PCES community. "Mrs. Rochelle Titcomb, your sixth-grade teacher at Piscataquis Community Elementary School has been selected as your Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year."

"Mrs. Titcomb is extremely committed to teaching students about our natural resources," Weber said. She said Titcomb was born and raised in the Guilford area and from a young age developed a love and appreciation for the outdoors. Over her career Titcomb has made an effort to connect her students



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CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR — PCES grade 6 teacher Rochelle Titcomb, center, was presented with the PCSWCD's 2016 Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year Award during an assembly at the Guilford school on Sept. 16. From left is PCSWCD Educational Coordinator Kacey Weber, Toby Hall and Gordon Moore of the PCSWCD Board of Directors, Titcomb, State Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford), State Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) and PCSWCD directors Janet Sawyer and Sam Brown.

to local ecology by integrating natural resource conservation education into her curriculum to teach them to have a healthy respect for the environment.

Weber then asked how many of the students present are in grade 6. "Each year sixth-grade classes come out to our Demonstration Forest," she said, as the pupils travel to Williamsburg for a day of hands-on learning on soils, forestry, native trees and

wildlife.

"Last year Mrs. Titcomb and other sixth-grade teachers worked to introduce water-based lessons," Weber said. She explained the grade 6 teachers and PCSWCD brought a watershed program to the school prior to a field trip to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland.

"This one is very meaningful because I know Mrs. Titcomb is one of a team of teachers who

have received this award," said State Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford), a retired SAD 4 superintendent. "Mrs. Titcomb knows how important it is to know our woods and the land we live on."

Stearns and State Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) then presented Titcomb with a Legislative Sentiment recognizing her as the PCSWCD 2016 Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year.

Penquis Valley School administrators in place for this year and beyond

By Stuart Hedstrom

Staff Writer

MILO — The SAD 41 school board approved an extension for Penquis Valley School Principal Jeremy Bousquet and the hire of an assistant principal for the grade 6-12 institution during a Sept. 14 meeting.

Following a near 50-minute executive session, the contract of Bousquet was extended through the 2018-19 academic year. Bousquet, who was worked at Penquis Valley for the last decade, became interim principal for 2014-15. He was hired as

principal early in the 2015 calendar year.

"We had an assistant principal in place on Thursday and on Monday we didn't," Superintendent Michael Wright said. "Things happen and change with people's personal lives."

In August the school board approved the nomination of Anita Black as Penquis Valley High School/Middle School assistant principal and on Sept. 14 the directors approved Black's resignation.

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Browns Mill property cleanup could be in the community's future

By Stuart Hedstrom

Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — A project to clean up a portion of the Browns Mill land along the Piscataquis River could be undertaken in the next few years.

During a Sept. 12 selectmen's meeting, Town Manager Jack Clukey said a clean-up project of the site was discussed on an informational basis by the planning board earlier in the month. The planning board is set to have an agenda item on subdividing a parcel for the purpose of clean-up activity on the Oct. 6 agenda.

"The first step they need to take is really the first step we took at Moosehead," Clukey said. He said the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) has been approached about the application process for grants to clean up Browns Mill, which is owned by Charles Fitzgerald.

"Part of that process is probably going to involve (the Pine Crest Business Park) taking ownership," Clukey said, as having this group own the prop-

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New owners plan building renovations

Hope to turn Sangerville into must-see destination

SANGERVILLE — Things are not always as they appear. That becomes obvious upon stepping into the old industrial brick building in Sangerville constructed right on the main drag. The existing building was part of Sangerville Woolen Co., then the Glencoe No. 1 boiler room and main shop.

New owners Clint and Lori Rohdin have studied the history of the building but not everything is known prior to 1940. Manley Haley brilliantly preserved the structure by putting peaked trusses over the flat roofs in the early 1970s. Charlie MacArthur saw the potential in the early 1980s as he bought the Dover Stove business and the waterfall out back and spoke of somehow turning it into a massive refrigeration facility cooled exclusively by the waterfall. The neighborhood kids did their part to keep the building ventilated by smashing the windows.

The building seen now is the small part that contained the boiler room and maintenance shop. The actual mill was much larger, covering the whole parking lot and extending out over the stream. The original dam and mill were built shortly after the Civil War as the Sangerville Woolen Co. and then Glencoe



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE SMOKESTACK — Over the decades the mill building in Sangerville has been the home of the Sangerville Woolen Co., Glencoe No 1, Dover Stove and more. New owners Clint and Lori Rohdin have plans for the structure to house motel rooms, a restaurant, a used car equipment business and possibly an event center.

No 1.

The wooden building burned down around 1898 and was re-

built soon after. The dam was built to help maintain water levels year-round soon after the

rebuild.

Many of the names involved in the building and owning of



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

BIG PLANS FOR THE NEW OWNERS — Clint and Lori Rohdin recently became the owners of the large brick mill building on Route 23 in Sangerville. The Rohdins plan to repurpose the building into a motel, restaurant and used car and equipment business, helping to make downtown Sangerville into a destination. Clint and Lori are pictured in the new office located in the corner of the building under the chimney.

the mill are very familiar today — Campbell, Carr and Ames to name a few. Dick Hall's daughters remember their father putting in long days raising chickens in the 1950s in the large wooden structure that was torn down right after 1970 leaving the smaller brick building which has housed Haley's shop, the Sangerville municipal garage, Dover Stove and lastly a giant toy box for the late MacArthur.

Clint Rohdin had worked on

the building for MacArthur for years and always admired it but never imagined he and his wife could afford it. MacArthur left an overwhelming amount of items and properties, most needing some attention.

MacArthur's estate hired Moors Landscaping to clean the mill and the building began to reveal itself as structural and

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Chamber names Dave’s World Business of the Year

DOVER-FOXCROFT — On Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and Business of the Year celebration at the Mill Event Space. The Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the recipient of the 2016 Piscataquis Chamber Business of the Year Award, Dave’s World of Dover-Foxcroft.

Dave’s World is a retail seller of heat pumps, appliances, flooring, mattresses, cabinets and countertops. Dave’s World is also an authorized agent of U.S. Cellular and the only mobile provider located in Piscataquis County. This mainstay of the Dover-Foxcroft business community has been in the appliance business since the 1950s, family-owned by members of the Sharrow family since 1984 and under the current ownership team of Robert Jankunas, Matthew Scott and Dan Sharrow since 2006.

Dave’s World currently employs 43 people directly and uses another seven contractors on a consistent basis. In 2015 Dave’s World paid out over \$2.5 million in payroll dollars to its hardworking team. Dave’s World’s vision is to hire passionate, smart and highly motivated people who want to earn great salaries.

In 2015 the average income of a Dave’s World team member was 15 percent higher than the median household income in Piscataquis County. Because

Dave’s World was born in Piscataquis County, the dollars they bring in and pay out stay local.

Chamber Executive Director Denise Buzzelli said, “I think often about the economic influence Dave’s world has had and continues to have in this region. If they were to ever leave us, the impact on our local economy would be enormous not only because of the dollars they bring in but because of the jobs that would be lost. We are really blessed to have them here, and thankful for their continual desire to be a part of and contribute to this community, even through their success and expansion.”

While Dave’s World has been selling, installing and servicing

air source heat pumps for 10 years, it has been within the last three years that the company has emerged as a national leader in sales, marketing and service of these efficient heating and cooling machines. In fact, Mitsubishi Electric has recognized them as the highest volume independent dealer in the nation for the past two years.

This success in the HVAC arena has led to two store openings in southern Maine with locations in Windham since 2015 and Scarborough in 2016. These two stores also employ hard-working Mainers and help Dave’s World truly cover the entire state for heat pump sales and service.

Dave’s World is an active and engaged member of the Pis-

cataquis business community, having close ties and relationships with the majority of the local population, individuals and businesses. Sharing the success of the business with others is of huge importance to the management team, as evidenced by substantial donations contributions to local businesses and nonprofits such as the Center Theatre and the PRYMCA.

Dave’s World’s operates under a value system, which includes core ideas like integrity, high achievement, hard work, adaptability, professionalism, teamwork, accountability, enthusiasm, knowledge and being students of the business.

Dave’s World believes by employing team members who possess these qualities, the company has an unequivocal foundation of integrity, honesty, loyalty, high achievement and personal responsibility. They do their very best everyday to ensure the team operates within these solid standards.

First and foremost, Dave’s World believes customers and clients are the reason they are here, and in turn, they strive to provide “awesome” service and improve the quality of life for their customers, while providing a workplace where their employees can be proud to come to work and be compensated well for it.

To register for this event, visit www.piscataquischamber.com or the Chamber Facebook page.



Photo courtesy of GFWC/Miosac Club

PORCH PARTY – GFWC/Miosac Club advisory committee members and Pat Jones recently hosted a preseason porch party at Jones’ home. Front, from left, are Minnie McCormick, Barb Austin and Anne Cress. Back, Pat Jones and Suzanne Raymond.

GFWC/Miosac Club members enjoy porch party

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Fourteen GFWC/Miosac Club members gathered at the home of Pat Jones for a preseason meeting. Jones, with the help of advisory committee members Suzanne Raymond, Barb Austin and Minnie McCormick and President Anne Cress brought delicious food to share.

A birthday cake was presented to Dot Finnemore. Members enjoyed catching up on everyone’s summer events. The last club meeting was in July with a successful yard sale.

Following a delicious supper, Advisory Chairman Raymond distributed the new program books. The GFWC/Miosac Club will be having different programs this year along with the regular contributions. Cress showed a drawing of the new GFWC Maine pin that members can purchase. Some discussion of the Pine Tree Notes and attendance to fall conference in October followed — some members will be able to attend.

The first meeting will be Oct. 4 with the new officers officiating. The advisory committee will provide soups and dessert. Members are encouraged to bring a guest that might be interested in joining. Anyone interested can call any member for more information.

Concert For Childhood Cancer on Sunday

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation will be hosting the second annual Concert For Childhood Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Center Theatre on East Main Street. This year’s lineup will feature Sharon Hood & Dixon Road, singer/songwriter Christie Grant as well as a reunion with Mike and Craig, from The Honky-tonkers.

Tickets are on sale at the Center Theatre. Join The Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation for an uplifting day of music, while also helping Maine children who are fighting cancer. For more information on the foundation, please see www.alizajeanjungstone.org or the organization Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Aliza-Jean-Family-Cancer-Foundation-659317864091954/>.

Day of Remembrance for Maine murder victims

On Sept. 25, in locations throughout the country, the ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims will be celebrated. The Maine Chapter, National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide Victims, (POMC) will commemorate the Maine Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m. in the Jewett Hall Auditorium at University of Maine-Augusta. This observance will pay tribute to the memory of hundreds of Maine related people who have been murdered.

Paulie Heath will lend her voice, as she graces the audience with three song selections. Guest speakers will include Maine Warden Service Chaplain and author Elizabeth Kate Braestrup. Survivors and others will again be privileged to experience the “Empty Place at The Table” memorial on display, courtesy of New Hope for Women.

According to Maine Chap-

ter Leader Arthur Jette, of Cambridge, “When someone takes another person’s life by violence, they are saying to all of the rest of us that the victim’s life doesn’t matter. Those of us who value life know that we are all diminished in some way when anyone is murdered, because all lives matter.”

The Maine Chapter, POMC has provided support services for surviving family members of murder victims, as well as murder prevention programs for more than 26 years and maintains a permanent memorial monument in Augusta to honor Maine homicide victims.

The event is free, and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program. Those who have lost someone to homicide are encouraged to bring a framed, free-standing photo, and any small personal item of their loved one, for the memorial display table. For more information, or directions, call 277-3518 or 270-2999.

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9/11 MEMORIAL DAFFODILS — After learning about the specific plant structures of daffodils and how yellow flowers symbolize sympathy, grade 4 science students at Piscataquis Community Elementary School in Guilford planted daffodils outside their classroom window as a memorial to the 15th anniversary of 9/11.

NAMI respite services manager will be at Sept. 27 speaker night

By Beth Ranagan
DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Sept. 27th NAMI Piscataquis County speaker event will host Katherine Perkins, the new Region 3 Respite Manager for NAMI Maine. Region 3 covers the local affiliate member area of Piscataquis and Penobscot counties. The public is invited to hear her presentation at 5:30 p.m. in the Borestone Room at Mayo Regional Hospital.

Respite services through NAMI Maine provide a much-needed break for families with children who have behavioral, emotional and developmental challenges. Case managers typically refer families for NAMI Maine’s respite services. However, parents can call NAMI Maine at 1-800-464-5767 to inquire about the specific procedure to become ap-

proved for up to 24 hours a month of respite care. Perkins will speak about the variety of ways respite hours can be used depending on a family’s circumstance, and she will clarify details of the respite program. She can also provide information as to how to become a NAMI Maine respite provider.

Perkins has worked in the social services field for 25 years helping children and families. She has worked as coordinator, supervisor, case manager and program manager in the settings of Community Care, Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance and Acadia Hospital. She also worked directly with children at the Spurwink School.

Please come to hear about this wonderful respite program. For information call Beth at 924-7903.

County Democratic reception Oct. 2

GREENVILLE — A Piscataquis County Democratic Committee reception for candidates Carole Boothroyd (Maine State Senate District 4) and Emily Cain (Maine 2nd District U.S. House of Representatives) will be on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at the

Blair Hill Inn Carriage House, 351 Lily Bay Road. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Sept. 30 to westcove@myfairpoint.net or to 695-3871.

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Moosehead Trails ends season at Big Moose Mountain

On Sept. 9 Moosehead Trails (MT) wrapped up its public work events for 2016 on one of the region’s major landmarks, Big Moose Mountain.

Volunteers collaborated with staff from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s Bureau of Parks and Lands to clean drains, remove blow-downs and clip back branches from the trail corridor. The group also opened up a new scenic vista. The vista is located above the former fire warden’s cabin and offers a spectacular view west to Bigelow Mountain.

Thanks go to the volunteers who helped out at Big Moose, and to everyone who took part, this year. MT completed four volunteer trail stewardship trips in 2016.

Although MT has completed its schedule of events for the season, the group will continue to meet throughout the winter and plan for 2017. Anyone interested in getting involved in trail stewardship in the Moosehead Lake region is welcome to join. To receive information and updates, please contact Coordinator Erica Kaufmann at erica@fsmaine.org, and be sure to follow “Moosehead Trails”



Photo courtesy of Jenny Ward/Moosehead Trails
WORK DAY — Participants at the Sept. 9 Big Moose Mountain Trail Work Day, standing from left, John Boydston (Greenville), Mark Gestwicki (Lily Bay), Gary Young (Dover-Foxcroft), Drew Daubenspeck (Dover-Foxcroft), Rae Fournier Wren (Old Town), Rex Turner (Augusta) and Ron Dobra (Greenville). In front is Jared and Baxter Coyne (Greenville).

on Facebook.

MT is a group of volunteers who help maintain walking, hiking and biking trails in the greater Moosehead Lake

region. MT provides individuals and groups with opportunities to hike, learn about trail maintenance and construction and serve local communities.

Cleanup

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erty would make the site eligible for a number of funding opportunities. During the cleanup of the former Moosehead Manufacturing facility, Pine Crest assumed ownership for a duration of the process.

“The main mill is not being conveyed to Pine Crest,” Clukey said, as the building has already been taken care and cleanup would be on other parts of the property. He explained a subdivision would be needed for this work, which is what the planning board is scheduled to look at next month.

“Technically it’s worth more when it’s cleaned up,” Select

Chair Elwood Edgerly said. When asked, he said the property would be tax-exempt under the ownership of the Pine Crest Business Park, and this could be for up to three years.

Clukey said steps for another project across town have started. “We are seeking to get a permit for the repair to be made at Branns Mill,” he said.

The town manager said the goal is to finish the repair this fall, but if not the affected area would be addressed with clay fill to mitigate further erosion until the spring.

In other business, Selectman Steve Grammott talked about this year’s paving work. “I’m hoping people feel a sense

of accomplishment as I do,” Grammott said. “I wanted to point that out as a citizen and selectman.”

Clukey concurred, saying in addition to the roads on the 2016 schedule lower than forecast hot top prices enabled for additional paving to be carried out on the Anderson Road and portions of Park and Essex streets. “If it stays similar next year to this year we should be able to do a similar thing, more roads and better treatment options.”

“It’s nice to see that amount of work being done in a season and it’s nice to think we will have an annual plan to take care of the roads,” Clukey said.

Harvest Jamboree Oct. 1

BLANCHARD — The annual Harvest Jamboree of the Blanchard Preservation Society will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Meeting House in the center of town.

The music will be provided by the old time string band Timberdoodle, consisting of Toby Hall, Mike Kagan, Sam Brown and Stu Moore. There may also be an appearance by a couple of surprise guests. The music begins at 7 p.m. Admissions is by donation at the door, which opens at 6 p.m. Refreshments will also be sold, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the benefit of the society. For information, please call Ann Beach at 876-3614.

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tion.

Michael Rollins’ name was brought forward to fill the administrative vacancy and this nomination was approved. Rollins had previously worked in RSU 64 of East Corinth, having spent the last two years as the district’s enrichment (academic and behavioral) coordinator. He also has served as an assistant principal, math interventionist and grade 5 teacher in RSU 64.

In other business, Brownville Elementary Principal Carol Smith thanked the ladies of the United Methodist Church for the generous donations of school supplies. “It’s such a blessing to our school when they do that,” Smith said, saying the items help



Bousquet

ensure students have what they need to begin the year.

“A huge thank you to the local churches and organizations for the school supplies,” Bousquet said about the contributions given to Penquis Valley. He said two carloads of supplies were donated and soon the school will be receiving 96 pairs of New Balance shoes for pupils in need.

Bousquet said through various fundraisers, the Penquis fall athletic teams have raised about \$6,000 “for them to put back into our programs.”

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Tuesday, October 11th

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50 Summer St., **Millinocket**

Wednesday, October 12th

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59 Bangor St., **Houlton**

Thursday, October 13th

11:00am - 7:00pm

180 Main Road, **Brownville**

11:00am - 7:00pm

33 Walker St., **Ashland**

Area Democrats gather at Grange

SANGERVILLE — Over 60 local Democrats came together at the East Sangerville Grange on Sept. 10 for a traditional ham, bean and homemade pie supper in support of local candidates for office.

Dr. Richard Evans, candidate for Maine House District 120, and Carole Boothroyd, candidate for the Maine Senate District 4, addressed the enthusiastic crowd as did representatives of Emily Cain’s campaign for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District.

Former Sen. Charlie Pray of Millinocket emceed the event which included a tribute to two “grand old dames of the party,” Patsy Fortier and Carmen de Carlo. Dave Mallett entertained the assembled with three recent compositions.

Maine Attorney General Janet Mills closed the evening’s program by sharing her experience at the national convention and encouraged all present to be active in getting out the vote this November.



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DEMOCRATIC SUPPER — Among those speaking at a Sept. 10 gathering of area Democrats at the East Sangerville Grange were, from left, Maine Attorney Janet Mills, Senate District 4 candidate Carole Boothroyd and former Sen. Charlie Pray.



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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES — Local Democratic Senate and House candidates Carole Boothroyd and Dr. Richard Evans.

Groups endorse Sen. Paul Davis

Sportsman’s Alliance, Maine Credit Union League back candidate

Sen. Paul Davis (R-Sangerville) has received the endorsement of both the Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine and the Maine Credit Union League as he runs for election in Senate District 4.

“It is an honor to receive the endorsement of both of these stellar organizations,” Sen. Davis said. “I am pleased that my work in the Legislature has been beneficial to my constituency, and to theirs, as there is much intersection in the two. Supporting credit unions means

supporting our communities and good financial health, and supporting sportsmen means supporting Maine’s heritage and our economy.”

Sen. Davis serves as chair of the Legislature’s Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, and so has much opportunity to work closely on legislation that supports and encourages Maine’s outdoors heritage and way of life. In addition to his legislative work, Sen. Davis is an avid sportsman who enjoys hunting and fishing.

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The Constitution Party

To the Editor;

I know that you have been told repeatedly, incessantly and continually that you can not vote for any but the two major party candidates because to do otherwise is “a wasted vote,” or that “it helps so-and-so get elected.” It is time for us all to reassess what those types of claims really do.

First of all, voting for “the lesser of two evils” is evil in and of itself, and perpetuates evil - pure and simple. Secondly, these lies are promoted by the powers that be to keep you stuck in their matrix

where every four years you get to “elect” one or the other of their two controlled, hand-picked candidates and you get to feel like you’ve done your civic duty, or done something to “make a difference.”

Let me tell you, if you keep doing the same thing over and over, and nothing ever gets better or changes in positive directions, then why are you surprised? How can you complain? Don’t you know that’s the very definition of insanity?

For this presidential election we have, quite possibly, the two most despicable, most

unqualified, most fraudulent candidates for President we have ever had. Polls show that a majority of the American people do not like either of these two. This is the year for all of us to stand together to make a real statement. This is the year to tell the kingmakers we are a Republic, and that we will not stand by and watch them continue to “radically transform” America into a socialist dictatorship.

I plan to write in The Constitution Party candidates, Darrell L. Castle of Germantown, TN, and Scott N. Bradley of North Logan, UT

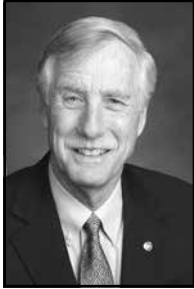
for President/V.P. They are both honorable men, and the platform of their party would restore the greatness of our country, and return us to the republican, “We-the-people” power structure we are supposed to have.

Google them up. Cut this letter out and tape it to your refrigerator, then take this letter with you to the polls so you can remember them.

Or, stay home ... or vote for some other third party. Whatever you do, do not keep supporting evil!

Steve Martin
Amity

Serving Maine’s vets as Togus turns 150



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

The men and women who serve our country in the military deserve the highest quality care when they return home. And for the last 150 years, the Veterans Affairs (VA) facility at Togus has set the standard for excellence in veterans health care.

fair and timely review of their appeals - and that’s why I’ve joined with a bipartisan group of senators and congressmen to introduce The VA Appeals Modernization Act. Our bill would eliminate bureaucratic hurdles that are contributing to this backlog - and it would do so by creating a new process that provides veterans with clear appeals options. This will help veterans better navigate the process so that it best fits their needs and can be expedited.

The caregivers at Togus always go the extra mile to provide quality and timely medical services to those who have served America. And on this remarkable milestone, we have an opportunity not only to celebrate and reflect on that work - but also to recommit ourselves to taking care of the veterans who have taken care of us. That is our promise to uphold; it’s what they’ve done at Togus for the last 150 years, and it’s something we must all continue to strive for each and every day.

And while Togus does a fantastic job in Maine, one area that the VA can and must do better on at the national level is the appeals process for disabled veterans seeking treatment. A disabled veteran doesn’t deserve a place on a waiting list, or to get caught up in a VA backlog — they deserve timely and quality care. But, too often, bureaucratic failures are unfairly penalizing veterans across the country and here in Maine.

To me, this fix is just common sense. It’s no accident that the bill has the support of a long list of veterans service organizations, including the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the American Veterans, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Together, we will all keep pushing for this bill - because our veterans fought for us, and we have a responsibility to fight for them.

Today, there is a backlog of more than 450,000 appeals cases with veterans waiting an average of four years to complete the entire process and receive a final decision. That is unacceptable, plain and simple. There is an old saying: justice delayed is justice denied - and no veteran should be denied the services they’ve earned.

Our veterans deserve a full,

The good news is that supporting our veterans is not a partisan issue. And while Democrats and Republicans often can’t seem to agree on the time of day, this is a case where we all agree. We may not always agree on the specific policies, but we all have the same goal. The VA Appeals Modernization Act has cosponsors from both parties, and I’m hopeful that we can get this commonsense fix across the finish line to support disabled veterans in Maine and across the country.

As we celebrate and reflect on the 150-year legacy of Togus and its support for Maine veterans, we also rededicate ourselves to Abraham Lincoln’s commitment to care for those who have borne the battle. That’s what Togus has been doing for a century and a half, and it’s something I will continue to fight for in the Senate.

Maximizing Social Security benefits



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

If someone offered me \$100 today, no strings attached, I’d be tempted to accept it and say thank you. But, if I were told that if I just waited until next week, I could receive \$200 instead — I think most of us would agree that it might make sense to wait.

This example is oversimplified, but essentially, this is how our Social Security system works for those who qualify for retirement benefits. Deciding at what age to begin claiming Social Security retirement benefits is the single most important financial decision that many Americans will ever make. Few, however, understand that making the wrong choice can end up costing them tens of thousands of dollars, or more, during their retirement years.

As chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, one of my priorities is improving the retirement security of the American people. Social Security benefits make up the largest component of retirement income for the majority of American households, so it is vital to ensure that seniors

have the accurate, clear and consistent information they need to fully understand the Social Security rules that govern their decisions on when to begin receiving these benefits. This important issue was the subject of a recent Committee hearing that I chaired.

Retirees are entitled to claim benefits as early as age 62, and for many retirees, that makes sense; either they’re in poor health, or their jobs are too physically demanding for them to continue to work. But those who are able to work and nevertheless claim their benefits at age 62 will see their annual benefits permanently reduced by nearly one-third compared to what they could have received by waiting until they’re older. In fact, benefits can go up by eight percent annually for each year that seniors delay claiming benefits, up to the age of 70.

For example, the average person in Maine, earning \$42,000 a year, would receive about \$1,200 a month from Social Security if he or she retired when they first became eligible at age 62. But if this person is able to keep earning a paycheck until the age of 66, he or she could then receive \$1,600 a month in Social Security retirement benefits. And, if the person remains in good health, can work, and is fortunate enough to be able to wait un-

til age 70 to begin claiming benefits, this senior could receive a check for \$2,112 a month. That’s nearly \$1,000 more each and every month — \$12,000 more every year than if the senior had started receiving benefits eight years earlier.

I am concerned that many Americans may be unfamiliar with this aspect of the Social Security program, leading some of them to make a costly mistake. In March 2015, Senator Claire McCaskill and I requested that the Government Accountability Office, Congress’ investigative arm, study ways in which the Social Security Administration can improve and clarify the information it provides to eligible individuals to help ensure that they have a complete understanding of the factors that will affect their retirement benefits. The GAO released its study for the first time at our hearing, along with six recommendations on ways the Social Security Administration can improve the information it provides to seniors.

The GAO found that many individuals do not fully understand key details of Social Security’s rules that can affect their retirement benefits. Nor do they understand how spousal and survivor benefits are determined. Many may not realize just how long their financial assets may need to

last. For example, a 65-year old today can expect to live for another 20-25 years, and one in four will live past age 90.

As the GAO report details, the Social Security Administration does make a great deal of information available to the public. Unfortunately, this information is not always easy to digest, and is sometimes conflicting. The six recommendations focus on better ensuring that Social Security field offices consistently provide the information that claimants need to make well-informed decisions about their benefits.

Our nation faces a retirement crisis. The simple fact is that far too many Americans have not saved enough money to live comfortably in retirement. Many of these retirees will rely on Social Security for nearly all of their income. For them, a Social Security check that is at the maximum level for which they are eligible could make the difference between a secure retirement and living in poverty.

I am hopeful that the GAO’s report, and our committee’s focus on this issue, will encourage the Social Security Administration to take additional steps to present essential information that seniors need, in a clear, easy to understand manner, so that they can make the best possible decision for themselves.

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Donald and Edith Grant mark 70th anniversary

DOVER-FOXCROFT — On Aug. 31 Donald and Edith Grant of 13 Maple Street celebrated 70 years of marriage. Edith, 90, and Donald, 89, were married on Aug. 31, 1946 in Guilford. They have two children, David and his wife Linda of Dover-Foxcroft and Judy and her significant other Ed of Wiscasset. Donald and Edith have eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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70TH ANNIVERSARY — Donald and Edith Grant of Dover-Foxcroft celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31.



‘The Falling Monologues’ slated Saturday afternoon

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Art, like aging, is a universal force with the power to affect everyone. To help educate and inspire older adults about fall prevention safety, the Maine Highlands Senior Center (MHSC) and Thriving in Place (TiP) Collaborative have obtained “The Falling Monologues”, a script written by actress and scriptwriter Marilyn Faber for the University of Southern California’s Fall Prevention Center of Excellence in 2012. Performed by members of the community to mark the 2016 Fall Prevention Week, The Monologues are an innovative collection of stories inspired by real life scenarios which cover common causes of falls and fall prevention tips, as well as other frequently overlooked issues including how crippling a fear of falling can become. Falling can change lives by increasing disability, isolation and depression. In fact, falls are the

leading cause of injury, hospital visits and death from injury among people age 65 and older. “People of all ages and activity levels fall at different times and under different circumstances,” says Dr. Lesley Fernow, geriatrician and president of the MHSC. “We want to move beyond the stereotype of the older adult who has “fallen and can’t get up” toward a vision of healthy older citizens who can thrive and remain independent and engaged.” Grounded in research, The Monologues takes a heartfelt and often humorous tone. “While falls are an important public health issue and not a laughing matter, adding a touch of comedy helps to balance the seriousness of the topic,” says Dr. Fernow. “We loved their creative approach to raising awareness.” “The message of The Monologues and the key to healthy, productive and happy aging is

to keep active, engaged and informed,” says Meg Callaway of the TiP Collaborative. “Falls are not inevitable. The Falling Monologues were developed to start discussions that save lives, and we are thrilled to have obtained the script and to be able to bring them to our region for this event.” The team urges people of all ages to come to the free production at Center Theatre on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. and at Friend of Fitness in Guilford on Oct. 5 at 11:15 a.m. in conjunction with the monthly potluck. Bring a friend or family member. Attendees will see friends or neighbors and are sure to have fun, learn how to prevent falls and start important discussions.

Free NAMI Basics course for parents

By Beth Ranagan
GUILFORD — If you are a parent, foster parent, grandparent or other relative providing primary care to a child up to 18 with an emotional or behavioral disorder, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is offering the free course, NAMI Basics, that you might find helpful. Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and run for six consecutive Thursdays through Nov. 3 at the Guilford Memorial Library. These empowering classes are based on the trauma model of education fostering healing and consciousness raising. Participants find support within the class community as well as learning a wealth of information. Course topics include the biology of mental health disorders, getting an accurate diagnosis, treatment options, communication skills, tips for handling difficult behavior, crisis preparation and response, the mental health system services, the juvenile justice system, the school system services and advocacy. Class activities will include role play, lecture, storytelling and self-care. Some of the brain disorders

addressed in NAMI Basics are attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, depressive disorders, bipolar disorder, disruptive mood dysregulation disorder, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, substance abuse disorders and anxiety associated with autism spectrum disorder. Also addressed are the mental health disorders of post-traumatic stress in children, separation anxiety, borderline personality disorder, anorexia, bulimia, reactive attachment disorder and Tourette’s syndrome. Classes will be taught by Roy Ulrickson, MA, of Dexter and Beth Ranagan, MA, of Sangerville. Both have significant experience teaching children and adolescents and working with families in trauma. Ulrickson is currently employed by NAMI Maine in Augusta as coordinator of the Project Aware Program. Ranagan is president of NAMI Piscataquis County. She teaches classes and facilitates support groups as part of that position. To register for this free course, call Beth at 924-7903 or Roy at 1-800-464-5767, ext. 2312.

Back to School Bike Rodeo Sept. 24

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Maine Highland Senior Center, Thriving in Place Collaborative (TiP), Piscataquis Regional YMCA and Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis are collaborating on a Back-to-School Bike Rodeo to be held at the PRYMCA at 48 Park Street on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 24. The event is part of the Senior Center’s Fall Prevention Week activities. The bike rodeo is open to first- or second- graders in RSU 68. The first 25 kids at the bike rodeo will receive a free helmet courtesy of the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. “It’s back to school time and we know that there are more kids out on their bikes going to and from school,” said Rod Willey, the PRYMCA’s executive director. “We’re happy to be working with the Kiwanis, TiP and the Maine Highlands Senior Center to help kids become safer on their bikes. Fall Prevention Week usually focuses on older adults, but we wanted to include something for children as well.” No advance registration is required and there is no charge. The rodeo will start promptly at 10 a.m. at the PRYMCA parking lot. For more information on the bike rodeo or any of the PRYMCA programs or services, call the PR YMCA at 564-7111 or visit the facility. The PRYMCA is dedicated to promoting healthy spirit, mind and body for all through programs and services grounded in the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Duplicate bridge results

GUILFORD — The Mid-Maine Duplicate Bridge Club played on Sept. 12 with the following results: First place, Austin Dean of Guilford and Joyce Cross of Dover-Foxcroft; second: Norma White of Guilford and Priscilla Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft; and third: Jennifer and Glen Rogers of Bowerbank. The next meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. at the Guilford Memorial Library. Please call 564-7781 for more information.

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Helping Hands hosts ‘Paper Tigers’ screening

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Helping Hands with Heart, in partnership with Mayo Regional Hospital, is hosting a free screening of the “Paper Tigers” documentary on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5 p.m. in the Sebec/Borestone Rooms. This film is the story of one year in the life of several high school students who have been affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This documentary is of interest to the general community including parents, educators, social service providers, clergy, law enforcement, etc. More than two decades ago, two respected researchers, clinical physician Dr. Vincent Felitti and CDC epidemiologist Robert Anda, published the game-changing “Adverse Childhood Experiences Study.” It revealed a troubling but irrefutable phenomenon: the more traumatic experiences the respondents had as children (such as physical and emotional abuse and neglect), the more likely they were to develop health problems later in life — problems such as cancer, heart disease and high blood pressure. To complicate matters, there was also a troubling correlation between adverse childhood experiences and prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse, unprotected sex and poor diet. Combined, the results of the study painted a staggering portrait of the price our children are paying for growing up in unsafe environments, all the while adding fuel to the fire of some of society’s greatest challenges — not the least of which is our current opiate addiction public health crisis. However, this very same study contains the seed of hope: all of the above-mentioned risk factors — behavioral as well as physiological — can be offset by the pres-

ence of one dependable and caring adult. It doesn’t need to be the mother or the father, as “Paper Tigers” illustrates — but can be each one of us, in some small or large way, to make a difference in a child’s life. A light snack will be provided. There is no charge for this screening; donations to support the local community work of Helping Hands with Heart are always accepted gratefully.

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Three second-half goals help Ponies win at PCHS

GUILFORD — Despite more than doubling the opposition's shots on goal in the opening half - 18-8 - the Foxcroft Academy girls soccer team remained in a scoreless tie with neighboring rival Piscataquis Community High School during an Sept. 15 interclass contest. The Ponies would find the goal three times in the second half and junior keeper Kiara Prescott continued her 10-save shutout effort as Foxcroft won 3-0.

"We had more intensity, we definitely were going more to the ball than we were in the first half," Foxcroft senior Grace Bickford said, as her team improved to 4-1 with its fourth straight win after falling in the 2016 opener on the road in Aroostook County at Presque Isle High School.

Within the first four-plus minutes of the second half Pony senior Cassidy Panciera won control of a loose ball and she passed it to Bickford. Bickford's low shot from the left side of the field snuck inside the right post to break the 0-0 stalemate at the 35:38-mark.

Just over three minutes later Foxcroft senior Makayla McCorrison had the ball near the right edge of the box. McCorrison passed to Bickford, who was positioned around the penalty spot, and Bickford lofted the ball into the air. Bickford's snuck her shot beneath the bar to give her team a 2-0 advantage nearly eight minutes into the half.

"I was just trying to get it in the back of the net as much as I could," Bickford said about her second goal in less than four minutes.

With 9:51 to go, the Ponies

GIRLS SOCCER

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Second half:

FOX — Bickford (Panciera); FOX — Bickford (McCorrison); FOX —

Wesley (Clukey).

Saves: PCHS — Hunt 26;

FOX — Prescott 10.

Corner kicks: PCHS — 0;

FOX — 5.

Records: PCHS 2-3;

FOX 4-1.

added an insurance goal. Freshman Olivia Wesley, on an assist by junior Jenna Clukey following a crossing pass, kicked the ball into the goal from outside of the left penalty area line.

Foxcroft Head Coach Chris Wesley said the team's formation was switched in the second half, with the Ponies going from a 4-3-3 to having a player moved to the front in a 4-2-4 to open up the middle. "Once we controlled the middle of the field we could move the ball more," Wesley said as the halftime adjustment resulted in the team's three goals.

PCHS sophomore keeper Alivia Hunt finished with a game-high 26 saves, stopping 16 shots in the second 40-minutes session.

The Pirates - who have no seniors on the roster - stood with a record of 2-3 after the game.

Foxcroft and PCHS are scheduled to play again in Dover-Foxcroft on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m.

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ON THE DEFENSIVE — Freshman Shanoah Hill looks to clear the ball away from Foxcroft Academy senior Makayla McCorrison. McCorrison would end up with an assist on the second of three Pony goals in the second half.



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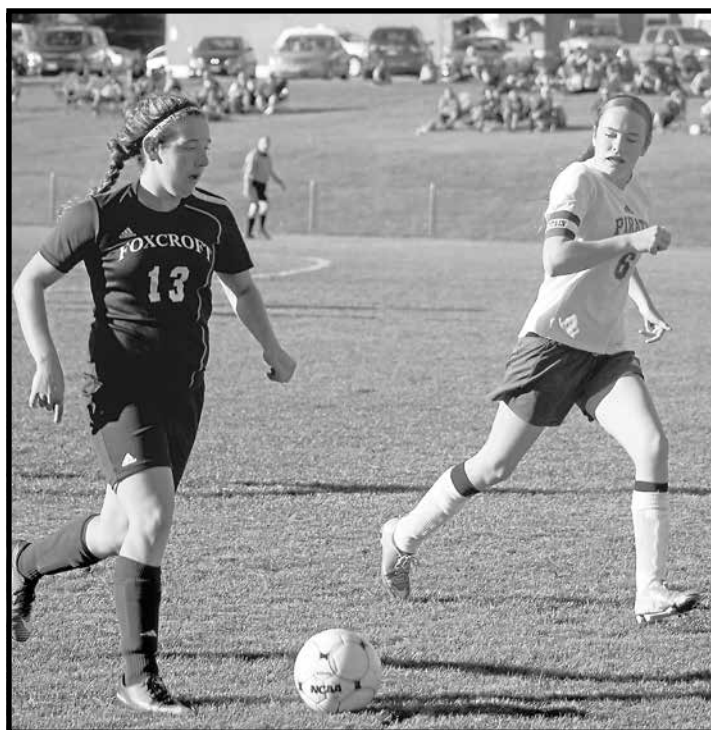
PAIR OF SECOND-HALF GOALS — Foxcroft Academy senior Grace Bickford and PCHS freshman Megan Beckwith race to a loose ball during a Sept. 15 game in Guilford. Bickford broke a scoreless stalemate with two goals early in the second half to help the Ponies earn a 3-0 victory.



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BALL CONTROL

Sophomore Jacalyn Pelletier of Foxcroft and Pirate freshman Elizabeth Adams, with sophomore Rosa Labbe in the background, look to dig the ball out of the corner during the Thursday Class B-C interclass contest.



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MIDDLE OF THE FIELD — Pony junior Jenna Clukey brings the ball across midfield while being pursued by PCHS junior Bailey Lemieux in the second half of the game on Sept. 15.

Webber commits to UMaine field hockey

By Larry Mahoney
BDN Staff

Two local girls who have always wanted to play field hockey at the University of Maine are going to realize their dreams beginning next fall.

Speedy forwards Brooke Sulinski of Old Town and Abby Webber of Garland have verbally committed to attend UMaine.

They are teammates for the Black Bear Elite club field hockey program.

They are recruited walk-ons and won't receive athletic scholarships but they are happy to be getting a chance to play for their state university.

"It's still unreal. This has been a dream of mine for a long time and now it has come true. I've always wanted to represent Maine," said Webber, who already has posted 26 career goals and 48 assists at Dexter Regional High School.

"I'm really excited," said Sulinski. "I had always wanted to play at Maine but it wasn't until recently that I realized I would be able to go there."

Dexter coach Margaret Veazie and Old Town's Jamie (Flagg) Emerson said their players will be nice additions for the Black Bears.

"She's the hardest-working player I've ever coached and she's got talent on top of it. She's a dream player," Veazie said.

"I told her what she needed to do (to play for UMaine) and she did everything I asked. She worked her butt off to get (head coach) Josette (Babineau) to look at her."



Webber

Webber would be the first player from Dexter High to play at UMaine in Veazie's 17-year tenure. She also plays softball and basketball at Dexter.

Emerson, who played for Babineau at UMaine, said Sulinski is a "great fit for Maine with her speed and athleticism."

"She will fit right in and they'll develop her into a Division I player," said Emerson. "She's really fast and she's a hard worker. She has good

stick skills and she knows the game which will be very useful as well."

Emerson, like Veazie did with Webber, tutored Sulinski on what it would take for her to get the opportunity to play at Maine.

"She has given me a real good idea what it's going to be like at Maine," said Sulinski, who is also on the track team at Old Town.

Sulinski said she hadn't considered playing Division I field hockey but Emerson convinced her that she had the ability to do so.

Sulinski and Webber said they intend to get stronger physically and work on all aspects of their games as they prepare to make the big jump from Maine high school field hockey to Division I.

"I want to reach my full potential," said Sulinski, who scored over 15 goals a year ago.

"I like challenges," said Webber. "I know I need to get stronger and improve my stick skills and shooting. I'm working on my reverse shots."

Dover travel team wins Howland tourney

HOWLAND — The Dover travel team kicked off the season at the Howland Youth Soccer Tournament on Sept. 10. It was a great day of soccer as teams from Milo, Millinocket, Lee, Lincoln, Howland and Dover played at Penobscot Valley High School.

The Dover team made up of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders went 4-1 on the day. The squad started the tournament playing a very good Milo team, Dover came up short losing 4-2. Next up was a 6-1 win vs. Millinocket and a 6-0 victory over Lincoln.

These victories helped Dover get into the semifinals vs. Howland. At the end of regulation the semifinal ended 2-2. The game went to penalty kicks and Dover came out victorious.

In the finals Dover once again faced Milo. The team and coaches learned a lot from the first time they played this team, and they made some adjustments to help the team come out victorious for a 2-1 win. Everybody played hard and contributed to the victory. After a long hot day it was all worth it as they were tournament champions.



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TOURNEY CHAMPS — The Dover travel team is the 2016 Howland Youth Soccer Tournament champions. The squad finished the Sept. 10 event with a record of 4-1.



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HAPPY FAMILY MEMBERS — Parents and coaches celebrating the victory are, from left, Kevin Johnston and son Conner, coach Joel Pratt and sons Carter and Cameron and coach Richard Whitten and son Kaiden.



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NEW TROPHY — Dover travel soccer teammates Kaiden Whitten, left, and Ashton Ade celebrate their victory.



Pony X-C squad runs on home course

DOVER-FOX-CROFT — The Foxcroft Academy cross country team hosted a Penobscot Valley Conference meet on Sept. 16, with the Pony boys placing third of four teams at 80 points. Foxcroft finished ahead of the 96 points accumulated by Lee Academy, and trailed meet winner John Bapst's 16 and 48 for Hermon.

Sophomore Nicholas Daneman was the first Foxcroft runner to cross the finish line. Daneman covered

the five kilometers in a time of 21 minutes, 31.61 seconds to place 10th in a field of 40 entrants.

Pony senior William Casey was right behind in 11th place at 21:33.78. Junior Kazuyuki Kawashima came in 17th at 23:05.93 and senior Ethan Poland was 20th at 23:19.96. Sophomore Yuseok Ko rounded out the Foxcroft scoring with his 27th-place in a time of 25:14.67.

Other Pony runners were junior Long Bui, 37th at

30:11.60; Nathaniel Skomars, 38th at 30:52.22; Yao Li, 39th at 34:36.24; and Khang Vu, 40th at 42:48.40.

In the girls' race, Foxcroft junior Jordan Thomas finished fourth in a field of 38 entrants. Thomas covered the course in a time of 24:34.58.

Sophomore Khanh Vu was 27th at 45:00.77.

In the team standings, John Bapst was first at 25 points and Hermon came in second with 30 points.

FA set to celebrate Homecoming

DOVER-FOX-CROFT — School has been back in session for close to a month. The sounds of students walking the halls, debating in class and performing on the athletic fields are being noticed every day of the week. The week of Sept. 26 is extra special at Foxcroft Academy because it's Homecoming Week 2016.

All week Foxcroft Academy has special events planned for students around campus during and after school. The sports teams are all in action through-

out the week. Spirit Days are planned for each day and plans are being made for class floats in this year's Homecoming parade. Following the parade, a pep rally will see which class in the school has the most school spirit.

The schedule is as follows: Monday, Sept. 26 boys soccer vs. Hermon 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 27 girls soccer vs. Hermon 4 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 29 field hockey vs. Mattanawcook 4 p.m. and Homecoming parade at 6:30 p.m. with pep rally to follow in gym; Friday, Sept. 30 Foxcroft

Academy Athletic Hall of Fame dinner and induction 5 p.m. and football vs. Hermon 7 p.m.

Following the football game, there is a Homecoming dance for students hosted by the student council. All proceeds will be donated to former school employee Sue Maloney, as she dealing with several personal tragedies in her life.

For more information please go to www.foxcroftacademy.org or the school Twitter and Facebook pages, or email nelson@foxcroftacademy.org.



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DEXTER GIRLS SOCCER – Front, from left, Kaylee Deering, Jasmine Woodard, Serena Seekins, Shae Merrill, Reagan Patterson, Kaylie Cunningham, Cidney Pratt, Ashley Reynolds and Hannah Dorman. Back, head coach Jody Grant, Amber-Lynn Juscak, Lily Cummings, Abigail Paige, Morgan Smith, Danielle Cummings, Keisha Bennett, Cloe Mountain, Kaylee Harris, Kayla Rutledge, Shannon O’Roak, Ashley Downing, Janette Patterson, Caitlyn Harding, Addyson Herrick and coach Frank Reynolds.



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FOXCRIFT GIRLS SOCCER – Front, from left, Jacalyn Pelletier, Emily Sprecher, Kiara Prescott, Hannah Sprecher and Erika Chadbourne. Middle, Mariaisabel Cedeno, Hayley Grant, Makayla McCorrison, Jenna Clukey, Kendra Ewer and Olivia Wesley. Back, head coach Chris Wesley, Bernise Bartlett, Grace Bickford, Abby Simpson, Avery Nelson, Cassidy Panciera and coach Lee Gustin.



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PCHS GIRLS SOCCER – Front, from left, Melissa Burdin, Megan Beckwith, Rachel Beckwith, Brooke Kujawski, Hope Adkins and Caroline Goggin. Back, head coach Joe Gallant, Mya Young, Shanoah Hill, Elizabeth Adkins, Rose Labbe, Bailey Lemieux, Alivia Hunt, Sara Almirante, Lexi Harris, Erin Speed and Alexandra Huff.



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PENQUIS GIRLS SOCCER – Front, from left, Emily Herbest, Rachel McMannus, Brooke McKenzie, Kelsey Champion, Selina Sibert, Lexi Goodard and Kayla Harmon. Back, head coach Dawn McLaughlin, Kylee Trafton, Cymeria Robshaw, Alex Kearns, Megan Valvo, Katelyn Bolstridge, Jordan Durant, Sydney Fowles, Chloe Wyman, Faith Sickler, Jordan Prendergast, Jade Davis, Krista Dearborn and manager Faith Simmons.

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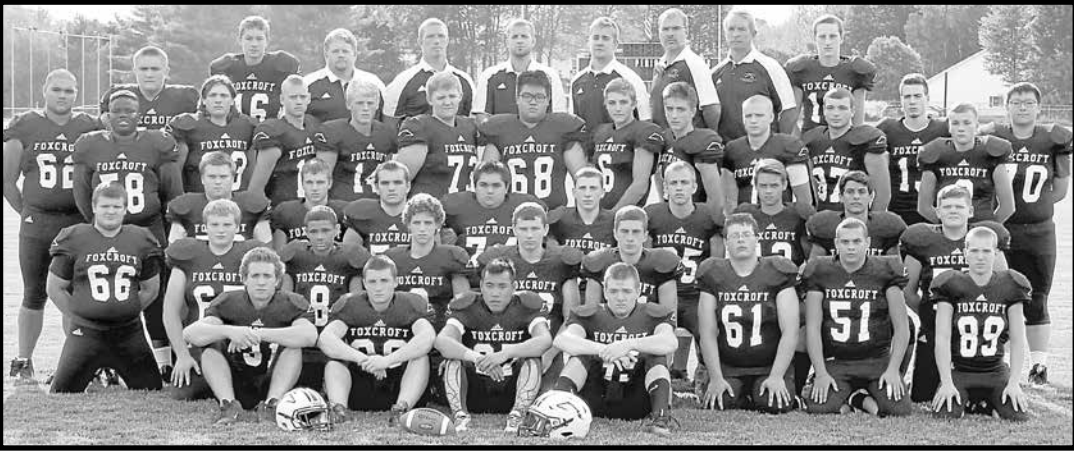
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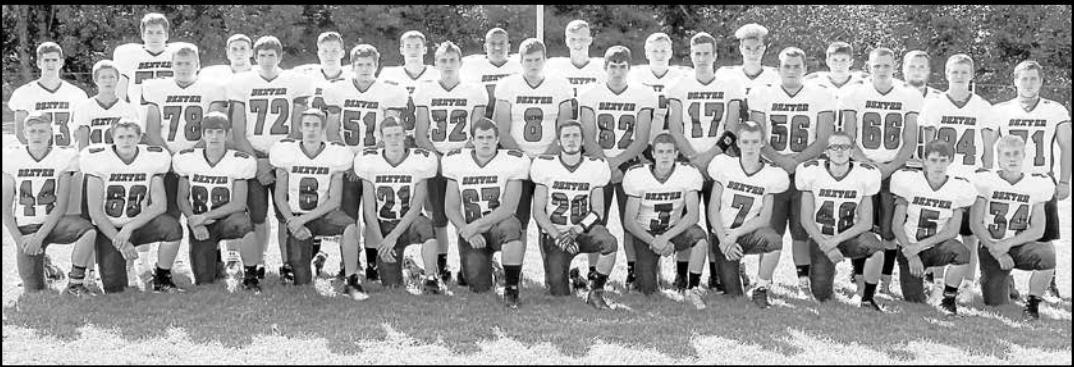
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DEXTER FIELD HOCKEY – Front, from left, Abby Webber, Grace Belanger, Kilee Lewis, Megan Peach, Hannah Farrar, Alyssa Brasier and Morgann Wyman. Middle, Rachael Sickles, Amanda Haskell, Hayley Rossman, Aubrey Godin, Autumn Irvin, Kaitlyn Webber and Bella Adam. Back, Shawnee McNally, Regan McNally, Olivia Webber, Rebecca Batron, Tory Asbury, coach Kristy Staples and head coach Margaret Veazie.



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FOXCROFT BOYS SOCCER – Front, from left, Andrew Miles, Phillip Pleninger, Brandon Bautista, Ryan Clary, Jae Park, Hunter Clarke, Austin Bickmore, Chandler Rockwell and Logan Butera. Middle, Sam Harmon-Weeks, Jason Eubanks, Cody Tetlow, Coy Cooley, Jacob Olson, Bojia Yang, Rico Ayala and Esau Olson. Back, head coach Luis Ayala, Levi Stedman, Jacob Diamond, Riley Poisson, Joshua Reed, Nick Fortier, Kevin Kim, manager Jacob Ireland and coach Larry Butera.



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DEXTER FOOTBALL – Team members are Caleb Weeks, Nick Leighton, Dillon Allen, Tyler Chapman, Brayden Miller, Justin Wing, Zachary White, Brandon Allen, Jeff Whitney, Tyler Beem, Jon Jencks, Gage Stone, Cameron Paige, Haedyn Guenther, Colby Burton, Kyle Watson, Dakota Rosga, David Kirshkalin, Eric Bennett, Colton Tibbetts, Matt Simpson, Ryan Wyman, Jacob Hasseltine, Tanner Hall, Zach Thompson, Sean Lockhart, Maleek Washington, Tylor Handy, Jonathan Allen, Jason Campbell, Chandler Perkins, Michael Wing, Ryan Davis, Logan Perkins, managers Dakota White and A.J. Pinkham, coaches Andrew Levensalor and Kyle Lockart and co-head coaches Brian Salsbury and Andrew Shorey.



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FOXCROFT FIELD HOCKEY – Front, from left, Alli Bourget, Jemyni True, Emily Curtis and Abbi Bourget. Second row, Aaliyah Ellis, Alexis Raymond, Abbie Moore, Sujeong Kim, Karis Dankert and Mariah Poulin. Third row, Lysie Knapp, Cassidy Marsh, Deanna Weymouth, Megan Fuller, Izabella Foley, Grace Sage, Olivia Johnson and Jasmine Sanchez. Back, coach Morgan Rublee, Kilee Hutchinson, Jenna Anderson, Cailin Seavey, Makenzie Beaudry, Natalie Robinson, Rebecca Anderson, Kylie Dow and head coach Stephanie Smith.

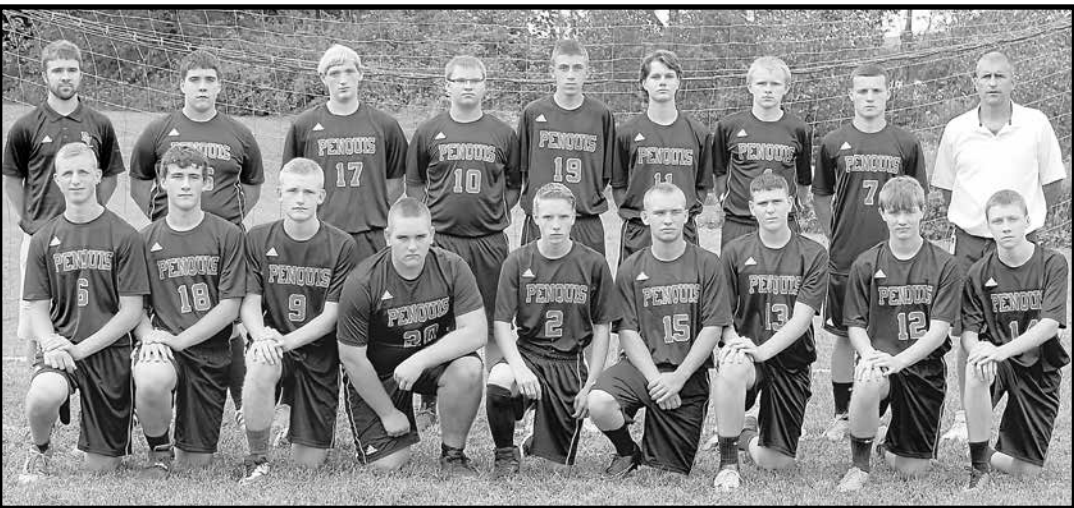
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PCHS FIELD HOCKEY – Front, from left, Danika Hill, Jewel Lamb, Ariona Gerry, Chelsea Crosby and Elizabeth Bagley. Back, head coach Emily Wilson, Lilli McCormack, Cali Turner, Taylor Sinclair, Miriah Chapman, Sydney Marden, Morgan Hutchins, Madelynn Crosby, Hannah Bagley, Macee Pearl and coach Danielle Spaulding.



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PCHS BOYS SOCCER – Front, from left, Robert Masse, Wayne Haley, Eben Cooley, Braydon Desmarais, Brian Moulton, Noah Drew and Zach Priest. Back, coach Tyler Rolfe, Tyler Febus, Damyan True, Dillon Drew, Nick Easler, Kyle Kain, Sean Kimball, Jarrod White, Cameron Kane, Johan Halvorson, Tyler Soctomah, Spencer Adkins, Bryce Gilbert and head coach Trey Gilbert.



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PENQUIS BOYS SOCCER – Front, from left, Nate Tucker, Noah Zambrano, Jeremy Martin, Adam Stetson, Hunter Harrison, Eddie Witham, Jake Baker, Camron Bailey and Peter Bishop. Back, coach Lucas Grinnell, David Weymouth, Devon Cuthbertson, Derek Thomas, Justin Valvo, Colin Beckett, Clayton Preble, Charles Artus and head coach Jason Mills.

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FOXCROFT GOLF – Front, from left, Akira Tanabe, Victoria Cyr and Ethan Curtis. Back, head coach Pete Caruso, Jordan Poehmel, Jonah Wilson, Sam Libby and Caleb Buerger.



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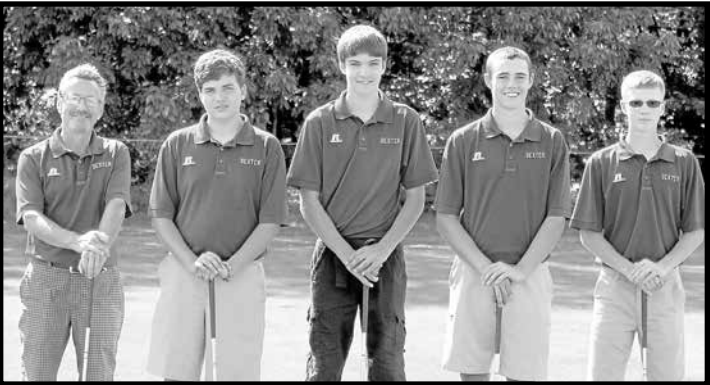
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High school roundup

Sept. 12: Foxcroft boys soccer won vs. Dexter 7-0. Chandler Rockwell scored three goals and Logan Butera added two, while Andrew Miles made three saves. Matthew Hanscome stopped 20 shots for Dexter.

PCHS boys soccer won vs. Lee 5-1. Dillon Drew recorded a hat trick.

Penquis boys soccer lost vs.

Central 7-0. Camron Bailey and Justin Valvo combined for 17 saves.

Foxcroft field hockey won at Hermon 5-0. Alli Bourget and Kylie Dow both scored a pair of goals, and Sue Kim stopped two shots.

PCHS field hockey lost vs. Stearns 2-1. Jewel Lamb had the goal.

PCHS girls soccer won at Lee/ Stearns 3-1. Two goals came from

Sara Almirante.

Sept. 13: Dexter field hockey won at Orono 3-0.

Foxcroft girls soccer won vs. Dexter 2-0. Goals came from Grace Bickford and Olivia Wesley and Kiara Prescott stopped 10 shots. Reagan Patterson made 14 saves for Dexter.

Penquis girls soccer won at Central 5-0. Camryn Rolfe recorded a hat trick and Jordan Durant stopped 17 shots.

Sept. 14: Foxcroft boys soccer won at PCHS 6-4. Levi Stedman scored two goals. Cam Kane recorded a pair of goals for PCHS.

Greenville girls soccer lost vs. Penobscot 4-3 in double overtime. Jessica Pomerleau had her team's three goals.

Sept. 15: Dexter boys soccer lost vs. George Stevens 9-1. Matt Richards scored a goal.

Greenville boys soccer won vs. Penobscot 2-0. Ben Baldwin and Noah Pratt both had a goal and Evan Bjork made eight saves.

PCHS field hockey won vs. Orono. Jewel Lamb recorded both Pirate goals.

Penquis girls soccer won at Lee/ Stearns 2-0.

Sept. 16: Penquis boys soccer lost at Lee 4-2. Colin Beckett and Jeremy picked up a goal apiece.

Dexter field hockey won vs. Old Town 2-0. Rebecca Batron and Autumn Irwin both had goals and Megan Peach made five saves.

Foxcroft field hockey won at Mattanawcook 8-0. Alli Bourget scored four goals and Abbie Moore stopped a pair of shots.

Dexter girls soccer lost at George Stevens 1-0.

Sept. 17: Foxcroft boys soccer tied at Caribou 0-0. Logan Butera made eight saves.

Greenville boys soccer defeated Deer Isle-Stonington 7-0 at Howland. Connor DiAngelo and Noah Pratt both scored two goals.

PCHS field hockey lost vs. Central 5-2. Goals came from Chelsea Cookson and Jewel Lamb.

Dexter football won vs. Bucksport 18-6. Brayden Miller threw for 132 yards and a touchdown.

Foxcroft football won at Waterville 34-6.

Foxcroft girls soccer lost at Caribou 4-0. Kiara Prescott stopped 17 shots.

Greenville girls soccer won vs. Woodland at Howland. Charlotte Aucoin lead with two goals.

Road race news

BAR HARBOR — A pair of residents from the region ran in the 39th annual Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Half Marathon on Sept. 17. Rico Portalatin, 45 of Milo, covered the 13.1 miles in a time of 1 hour, 22 minutes and 14 seconds to finish sixth out of 313 entrants.

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Wednesday, Sept. 21—BOYS SOCCER: Greenville vs. PCHS 4 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter at John Baptist (UMaine-Orono) 6 p.m.; Foxcroft vs. PCHS 4 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. Searsport 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. Mattanawcook 4 p.m. **GOLF:** Foxcroft and Greenville at Mattanawcook 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22—BOYS SOCCER: Foxcroft vs. John Baptist 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. Dexter 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23—FIELD HOCKEY: Foxcroft vs. John Baptist 4 p.m. **FOOTBALL:** Dexter at Stearns/Lee (Millinocket) 7 p.m.; Foxcroft at Old Town 6 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. Penquis 4 p.m. **GOLF:** Dexter vs. Foxcroft and Hermon 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24—BOYS SOCCER: Greenville at Penobscot (Howland) 1 p.m.; PCHS vs. Searsport 4 p.m. **CROSS COUNTRY:** Foxcroft at Old Town Sectional 1 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter at Central (Corinth) 11 a.m.; PCHS vs. Hermon noon. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Greenville at Penobscot (Howland) 11 a.m.; PCHS vs. Searsport 2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 26—BOYS SOCCER: Foxcroft vs. Hermon 4 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter vs. Orono 4 p.m.; PCHS vs. John Baptist 4 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter at Orono 4 p.m.; PCHS vs. Penquis 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27—BOYS SOCCER: Dexter at Orono 4 p.m.; Greenville vs. Bangor Christian 4 p.m.; Penquis vs. PCHS 4 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Foxcroft at Central (Corinth) 4 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Foxcroft vs. Hermon 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28—FIELD HOCKEY: PCHS vs. Dexter 4 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Greenville vs. Penquis 4 p.m.; PCHS vs. Dexter 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29—BOYS SOCCER: PCHS vs. Dexter 4 p.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Foxcroft vs. Mattanawcook 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30—FOOTBALL: Foxcroft vs. Hermon 7 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Greenville vs. PCHS 4 p.m.

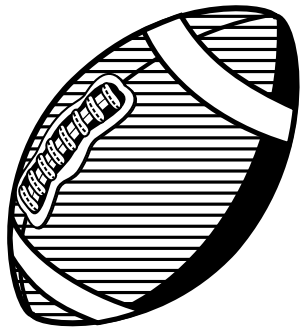
Saturday, Oct. 1—BOYS SOCCER: Dexter vs. Foxcroft 9 a.m.; Greenville vs. Valley 11 a.m.; Penquis at Penobscot (Howland) 1 p.m. **CROSS COUNTRY:** Foxcroft at Maine Festival of Champions (Troy Howard MS-Belfast) 11 a.m. **FIELD HOCKEY:** Dexter vs. Hermon 4 p.m. PCHS at Stearns (Millinocket) 11 a.m. **FOOTBALL:** Dexter vs. Ellsworth/Sumner 1 p.m. **GIRLS SOCCER:** Dexter vs. Foxcroft 11 a.m.; Greenville vs. Valley 11 a.m.; Penquis at Penobscot (Howland) 11 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2—ROAD RACE: Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance 5K Race to End Domestic Abuse (PCES-Guilford) 9 a.m.

Class C North football standings through Sept. 17

1. Madison/Carrabec	3-0
2. Winslow	3-0
T-3. Hermon	2-1
MDI	2-1
5. Oceanside	2-1
6. Old Town	2-1
7. Foxcroft	1-2
T-8. Belfast	0-3
Waterville	0-3
10. John Baptist	0-3

Top six teams qualify for playoffs.



Class D North football standings through Sept. 17

T-1. Dexter	3-0
MCI	3-0
Orono	3-0
T-4. Houlton	2-1
Mt. View	2-1
T-6. Bucksport	1-2
Mattanawcook	1-2
T-8. Ellsworth/Sumner	0-3
Stearns/Lee	0-3
Washington	0-3

Top four teams qualify for playoffs. Ellsworth/Sumner is ineligible.

HEAL POINT STANDINGS

through Sept. 17

Class B North field hockey

1. Foxcroft 6-0

Top 10 teams qualify for playoffs

Class C North field hockey

3. Dexter 4-1
10. PCHS 1-6

Top eight teams qualify for playoffs

Class B North boys soccer

7. Foxcroft 3-2-1

Top 12 teams qualify for playoffs

Class C North boys soccer

5. PCHS 3-2

12. Penquis 1-2

15. Dexter 0-5

Top 11 teams qualify for playoffs

Class D South boys soccer

5. Greenville 2-2

Top 10 teams qualify for playoffs

Class B North girls soccer

9. Foxcroft 4-2

Top 13 teams qualify for playoffs

Class C North girls soccer

7. Penquis 3-0

8. Dexter 1-4

10. PCHS 2-3

Top 11 teams qualify for playoffs

Class D South girls soccer

9. Greenville 1-3

Top seven teams qualify for playoffs



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Recurring Events Mondays

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The NAMI Family and Friends Support Group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Borestone Room at Mayo Regional Hospital. For more info. call Beth at 924-7903.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Anchor Holds Church of God, 57 High St., holds Bible study at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Bingo at the American Legion, 112 Park Street. \$400 jackpot. Kitchen opens at 5 p.m., games

start at 5:45 p.m. Must be 16 and older to play. Smoke free. 564-8550.

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

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

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

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

Fridays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

Sundays

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

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION – The upper floor has space for five motel rooms and owners Clint and Lori Rohdin are working to make the space available for motorcyclists to be able to park, eat and sleep in the waterfront building.

Owners

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spacious inside and out. With a lot of luck and some grace from MacArthur’s family and Bob Kimball, the Rohdins found themselves in a lawyer’s office in December signing papers on the old mill.

Still having no idea what they would do, their answer to the question “What are you going to do?” was the same for the first three months, “We are going to clean it.” Many large truckloads and two blown up Shop-Vacs later they pressure washed from the top down inside and out. The wood, brick and steel structure, clear of pigeon residue, trash, welding dust and cobwebs, showed itself as a solid scenic treasure. Lori Rohdin replaced and glazed close to 100 panes of glass and spent two weeks just pulling out materials that filled the cracks in the third floor.

The two have big plans. Seeing the constant stream of out-of-state plates on bikes, campers, boats, trailers laden with ATVs and snowmobiles that drive swiftly through Sangerville with drivers’ sights set on distant destinations, they never before realized the huge potential just off the beaten path in town.

The only reason traffic is rolling through is nobody has made a place for passers-by to stop. Clint and Lori Rohdin intend to change that and make a dollar in the process. The trick will be bringing money in from outside and keeping the inside accessible and usable to the people who have lived in the shadow of the stack all these years.

In order to be present at the mill Clint Rohdin decided to get off the roofs before he falls off and find some way to be present at the mill and make money. The Rohdins decided to put a new office in the corner under the chimney and get a used car and equipment license.

With these tasks accom-



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VIEW FROM THE PATIO – A look downstream near a corner of the building being renovated into a small restaurant.

plished they are renovating another corner of the building overlooking the waterfall and 15-plus acre pond outback into a small restaurant in hopes of leasing it to an entrepreneur.

The second floor has no set plan but Lori Rohdin has talked about converting the space into an event center.

Their older daughter Nina Rohdin has been taking senior pictures, and younger daughter Cassidy Rohdin has spent her summer helping, fishing off the dam and riding her bicycle inside the mill.

The upper floor has space for five motel rooms so the Rohdins are working with code enforce-

ment to see what they need to do to make that happen. Motorcyclists could be able to park, eat and sleep in the waterfront building.

Clint and Lori Rohdin have been amazed at the availability of the Sangerville town office staff, the selectmen and water department who have all been over offering help and encouragement.

The Rohdins hosted a film crew from Hollywood at their

house for two years. The crew was from all over the country and two crew members were from Europe and they all wanted to explore this area, giving Clint Rohdin different eyes for the quiet town with so many acres of flat water so quiet someone can hear the worms behind the pine bark and actually hear the corn growing. Most who live here miss this.

Sitting under a huge maple tree by the water in the mottled sunlight with the slight breeze softly rattling the leaves on the water’s edge, Rohdin looked up from his sandwich and saw the whole crew just sitting there marveling at the sights and sounds and realized paradise is where you find it. For the first time he saw what his parents were thinking when they uprooted the family from a bustling town in Massachusetts in 1970 and settled in Sangerville.

Now Rohdin has brought out all his junk projects from the backyard to sell the pieces so he and Lori Rohdin can focus their efforts into the mill as one big project.

They feel so lucky and say they still have to pinch themselves but this is real. The Rohdins do own a beautiful building with huge potential and they are in a paradise surrounded by great friends who are all asking how they can help.

Clint and Lori Rohdin know there will be hurdles and trials but with so many people offering assistance the problems keep melting away. They feel Sangerville has it all and the community’s downtown is about to be a destination instead of an intersection, a place to stop instead of just putting on the blinker and touching the brake.

Town of Dover-Foxcroft Public Hearing Notice Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Dover-Foxcroft will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016** at **6:30 PM**, at the **Municipal Building** located at **48 Morton Avenue** in the meeting room to receive public comment on the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. This plan updates the Town’s 2005 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the plan can be obtained at the town office or from the website at www.dover-foxcroft.org.

There will be referendum vote on the updated Comprehensive Plan on **November 8, 2016**.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Katahdin Valley Health Center Now Offering Oral Health Services

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Calendar

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Piscataquis County Democratic Committee meets at 64 East Main St., Suite H from 6:30-8:30 p.m. FMI call 564-0139.

GREENVILLE: Shaw Public Library presents David Greenham performing “The Zany Majestic Bard” at 6 p.m. at the Center for Moosehead History. FMI call 695-3579.

GUILFORD: The Maine Highlands Senior Center and TIP Collaborative hold a free fall risk screening from 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at Friends of Community Fitness. FMI call 992-6822.

Thursday, Sept. 22

DEXTER: The Maine Highlands Senior Center and TIP Collaborative hold a free fall risk screening from 2-4 p.m. at the Reddy Health Center. FMI call 992-6822.

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Helping Hands with Heart and Mayo Regional Hospital screen “Paper Tigers” in the hospital’s Sebec/Borestone Rooms at 5 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Pine Tree Hospice presents a free screening of “Being Mortal” at 6 p.m. at the Center Theatre. FMI call 564-4346.

Friday, Sept. 23

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

MILO: The Maine Highlands Senior Center and TIP Collaborative hold a free fall risk screening from 10 a.m.-noon at the town hall. FMI call 992-6822.

Saturday, Sept. 24

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Maine Highlands Senior Center and TIP Collaborative present a children’s bike rodeo at the PRYMCA from 10 a.m.-noon — with free helmets to the first 25 second-graders. FMI call 564-7111.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Maine Highlands Senior Center and TIP Collaborative present “The Falling Monologues” at 2 p.m. at the Center Theatre. FMI call 992-6822.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The PCHS Class of 1986 30th reunion starts at 3 p.m. at 60 Orchard Rd. FMI call 343-0349.

GUILFORD: The Guilford UMC holds an inside and outside yard sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

GUILFORD: The Guilford Bicentennial Harvest Fair, with family activities, takes place in the North Main St. area from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

GUILFORD: A Bicentennial Fashion Show, featuring 1800s attire, starts at 3 p.m. at Friends of Community Fitness. FMI call 876-4547.

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.

GUILFORD: A guided luminary tour of Elmwood Cemetery starts at 6:45 p.m.

MILO: The Three Rivers Kiwanis hosts cribbage games from 1-3 p.m. FMI call 943-3677 or 343-2612.

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

RIPLEY: The Ripley UMC will hold a benefit yard sale and cookout from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FMI call 277-5841.

Sunday, Sept. 25

BROWNVILLE JUNCTION: An ecumenical hymn sing will be held at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. — with a love offering for the Milo-area food cupboard.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation presents the second annual Concert For Childhood Cancer at 2 p.m. at the Center Theatre. FMI go to www.alizajeancjustone.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

DOVER-FOXCROFT: NAMI Piscataquis County hosts the new NAMI Maine Region 3 respite manager at 5:30 p.m. in the Borestone Room at Mayo Regional Hospital, with a meeting of the family and friends support group from 6:30-8 p.m. FMI call 924-7903.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a “The World in Your Library” program on the European Union at 6 p.m. FMI contact 564-3350 or df@thompson.lib.me.us.

SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Historical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the town hall.

Friday, Sept. 30

DEXTER: The GFWC/Dexter Women’s Literary Club will sponsor a baked bean supper at the American Legion from 4:30-6 p.m., to benefit community projects.

DEXTER: VFW Post 4298 serves a homemade mac ‘n cheese supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit bringing The Moving Wall to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.

Saturday, Oct. 1

DEXTER: The Wayside Grange serves a meatloaf supper from 5-6:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, Oct. 2

GUILFORD: The Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance 5K Race to End Domestic Abuse starts at 9 a.m. at PCES, with an event 20th annual celebration to follow at 10:30 a.m. FMI go to www.sprucerun.net.

GREENVILLE: A Piscataquis County Democratic reception for candidates Emily Cain and Carole Boothroyd will be at 2 p.m. at the Blair Hill Inn Carriage House. Please RSVP by Sept. 30 at 695-3871 or westcove@myfairpoint.net.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

GUILFORD: Community Fitness presents “The Falling Monologues” at 11:15 a.m., as part of the monthly potluck. FMI call 876-3813.

Thursday, Oct. 6

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce’s annual meeting will be from 6-9 p.m. at the Mill Event Center. FMI go to www.piscataquischamber.com.

SNOW REMOVAL BID

Mayo Regional Hospital, Hospital Administrative District #4 is seeking snow removal and sanding bids for the 2016-2017 winter seasons at our Mayo Regional Hospital location in Dover-Foxcroft.

The bid will include 24-hour snow plowing and sanding of all driveways and entrances to H.A.D. #4 buildings on the Mayo Regional Hospital campus. Specifications may be obtained from Mark Donaghy in the Engineering office at the hospital or by calling 564-4296. Bids will be accepted until October 10th, 2016.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any one or all bids.

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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Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday – September 27, 2016
Thursday – October 6, 2016

Board Committee Meeting

Tuesday – October 11, 2016

District Budget Meeting

Wednesday – October 26, 2016 at PCES
Informational Meeting – 6 p.m.
Budget Vote – 7 p.m.

School Budget Validation Vote

Tuesday – November 8, 2016
(at your local polls)

Check your towns for polling hours.

Budget information will be posted on
www.sad4.org once it is finalized.

Study says logging still vital

AUGUSTA — The Professional Logging Contractors (PLC) of Maine released results of the state’s first-of-its-kind comprehensive study of the economic impact of Maine logging on Sept. 15, showing the industry contributed an estimated \$882 million to the state economy in 2014.

The study, conducted with the University of Maine and Farm Credit East, revealed logging supported more than 7,300 jobs in the Maine economy in 2014, including more than 4,600 direct logging jobs and additional jobs in industries including trucking.

According to the study, without loggers, the entire forest products industry and the timber value chain upon which hundreds of workers and their communities depend would collapse.

“This study reinforces the importance and value of a strong logging workforce in Maine, not only to the economy, but to all the many industries and communities here in the state that depend on Maine wood,” PLC Executive Director Dana Doran said. “It also reveals that this is an industry facing large challenges in markets and costs that threaten not only loggers, but the entire forest economic value chain that depends on loggers.”

The survey requested employment, harvest and equipment outlay information for 2013 and 2014 and showed the average annual wage for workers employed by logging firms rose from \$30,751 in 2004 to \$42,795 in 2014. Worker wages and proprietor income for 2014 exceeded \$296 million.

Over that same 10-year period, the study showed the numbers of logging firms and workers have remained relatively stable in recent years.

Survey respondents reported an average of 22 employees per firm; 12 in the woods, two in the office, six in trucking, and two mechanics.

According to the PLC, its members are responsible for 75 percent of the timber harvested from Maine’s forests annually. To learn more, visit www.maine-loggers.com.

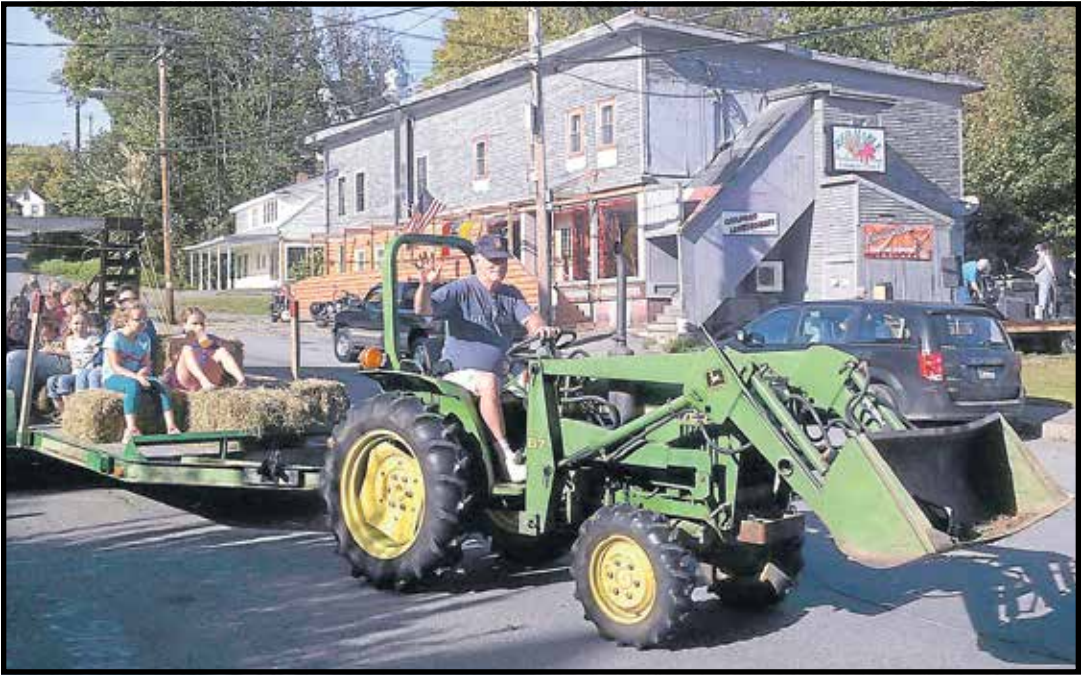


Photo courtesy of Guilford Historical Society

HARVEST FAIR HAYRIDE – The Bicentennial edition of the annual Harvest Fair in Guilford will feature events on Saturday, Sept. 24, including hayrides with Brian Woodworth.

Guilford plans Bicentennial Harvest Fair this Saturday

GUILFORD — The annual Harvest Fair will celebrate the town of Guilford’s Bicentennial with a day of activities on Saturday, Sept. 24.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be free and fun family activities at the North Main Street area, including a hay bale maze with prizes, hayrides by Brian Woodworth, creative pumpkin and face painting and sidewalk chalk creations. The Guilford Historical Society will be open and the society will conduct a sidewalk sale with grilled hot dogs and beverages, as well as Bicentennial and historical memorabilia.

A fashion show featuring clothing styles of the 1800s starts at 3 p.m. at Community Fitness, 31 High Street.

The Red Maple Inn hosts live outdoor entertainment from 2-6 p.m., under the tent featuring Out of The Blue.

A guided luminary tour at Elmwood Cemetery starts at 6:45 p.m. with Town Manager Tom Goulette speaking on the history of the site.

Guilford library hosts fashion show Sept. 24

Guess Who?
I am a chef and TV personality born in Scotland on November 8, 1966. I played association football from age 12 until I hurt my knees. I have since become a world-famous chef and am known for my acerbic demeanor on various cooking shows.

Answer: James Ramsay

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