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**Are there fish in Wassookeag?
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Mayo Regional receives \$250,000 memorial gift

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Mayo Regional Hospital CEO Marie Vienneau met with Jane Hibbard-Merrill and her husband Charles, in December to discuss a \$250,000 donation from the family to relocate and improve Mayo's Oncology Services.

The family's vision for the project includes relocating Mayo's present Oncology Services Department from the original Mayo Hospital building to within the

main hospital, remodeling for privacy, pharmacy services and physical support. Improvements would also include the addition of state of the art equipment and teleconferencing capability with out of town doctors.

The gift is in memory of Tracy Hibbard-Kasprzak, daughter of the late Gary M. Hibbard and Jane Hibbard-Merrill. Tracy died March 25, 2014 of colon cancer. Inspired by Tracy's strength and courage, Jane and Charles have committed to improving the comfort and privacy of oncology patients and their family.

reduces the need for travel for additional services.

"We are very excited to work with the architect in designing and restructuring this oncology clinic for the benefit of the entire community and surrounding area," said Jane Hibbard-Merrill.

The Mayo Regional Hospital Board of Directors was very supportive of their vision and accepted their gift of \$250,000 to initiate the plan. "We hope this gift inspires other in the community to donate to the project," added Ms. Hibbard-Merrill.

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**Bill Staines to play at East Sangerville Grange**

SANGERVILLE - One of the best-known singer songwriters from the American folk music scene is making his way to the East Sangerville Grange. Bill Staines, a Massachusetts native who hit the Cambridge scene in the early 1960s, will perform on Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m. Staines, whose music is de-

scribed as "a slice of Americana", has appeared on Garrison Kieffer's Prairie Home Companion, Public Radio's Mountain Stage and puts on nearly 200 shows a year around the country. His

songs have been recorded by many other folk legends including Peter, Paul, and Mary.

Three more shows will follow in the series. The Press Gang will

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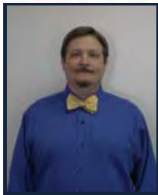
Northwoods Healthcare Welcomes**Dr. Galen Durose**

Dr. Durose is from Southern Ohio where he grew up on a farm. He enjoys whittling, hiking, music, films, gardening and traveling. Special Medical Interests- mind, body and spirit medicine and he has a diploma from the Academy of Integrated Health and Medicine.

What brings him to Greenville?

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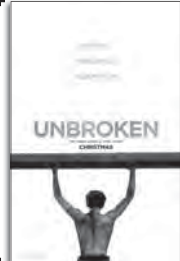
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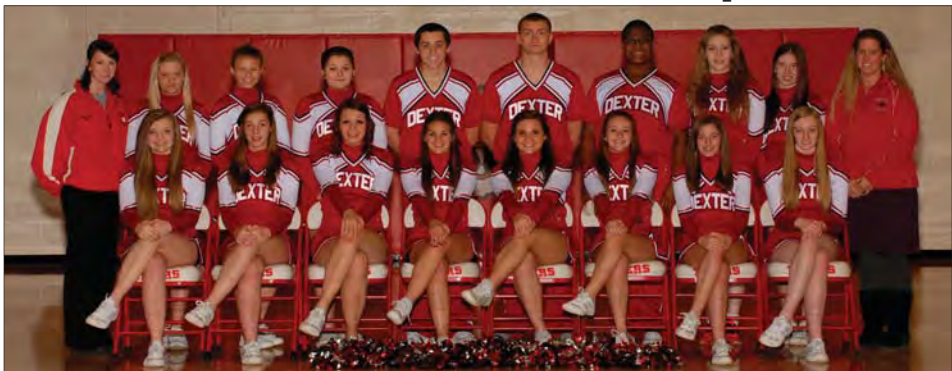
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TENT 23 MEETING - Elsie Bonney visited Tent #23 recently as they held their meeting in Dover-Foxcroft. Left to right are Elsie Bonney, State Department President DUV, and Carmen Smith, President Sarah Elizabeth Palmer Tent #23.

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play in March, Meteora will perform in April, and The Old Blues Kats will wrap up the season with a bang in May.

To reserve tickets for the February 7 show call 564-8596 or go to Bob's Home and Garden in Dover-Foxcroft to purchase in advance. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information including ticket prices visit www.http://www.grange.org/eastsangerville177/ or look for East Sangerville Grange on Facebook and click on the Coffee House photo album.

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Nicole Kane, FNP

Nicole graduated in 2000 with a BSN from the University of Maine in Orono. In 2011 she graduated with a MSN with concentration as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Husson University. Special medical interest- orthopedic care, occupational medicine and family practice. Currently certified as a DOT-NCRME Medical Examiner for DOT medical examinations. She also has completed advanced training in concussion management and is proficient in most orthopedic joint injections for arthritis and tendonitis.



A graduate of Greenville High School and now calls Sangerville her home for the last 12 years. Nicole enjoys her off time watching her active children participate in sports for local teams, helping to coach basketball rec. dept. along with hiking and camping.

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Moosehead Lake Region Fishing Report - 1/26/15

by Tim Obrey
GREENVILLE - We wrapped up the 8th Annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby with Ricky Craven on Sunday afternoon.

This year was a record-setter. Nathan Paradis of Biddeford brought in a 20.66 lb togue on Saturday which is a new record for the derby. The 37.5 inch fish was in terrific shape. Nathan purchased his ticket at Lucky Bait and Tackle in Greenville and that turned out to be rather prophetic because he in addition to collecting \$1,500 for the biggest fish, he also won a door prize, a guided fishing trip with Steve Cole on his boat the "Reel Affair" this summer on Moosehead Lake. Second place went to Josh Nelson of Gouldsboro with a 10.45 lb togue and third place went to Mark St. Armand of Windsor with a 5.86 lb togue.

In addition to setting the record for the biggest derby fish, ticket sales also set a new high in 2015. Ticket sales for the derby have been in the 200-300 range for the past few years. This year NREC changed the format to include obtaining sponsors, big door prizes, advertising on social media, and internet ticket sales. NREC sold just over 700 tickets to this year's derby. Sponsors like Indian Hill Trading Post, Bangor Savings Bank, and the Maine Highlands Credit Union really helped to build this derby into a great community event. It was amazing to see tickets purchased from York to Fort Kent and from Jackman to Seal Harbor. In all, around 192 towns in Maine and 8 total States were represented in this year's festivities.

NREC and the American Legion held a well-attended wild game dinner on Saturday night that was sponsored in part by Coca-Cola. After the meal, Ricky Craven was on hand to swap stories and draw the winners of the door prizes.

The first door prize was the choice of a vacation trip or cash and Justin Moore of Skowhegan was the winner. Morgan Whitten of Winter Harbor and Willie Strid of Greenville were the winners of the two firearms. Jason Crea of Brookline, NH got the call Sunday morning that he won the ice fishing package donated by Indian Hill Trading Post and he picked it up on his way out of town and Keith Palmer of Dexter won \$250 in the door prize raffle. Just over 40 participants took home door prizes this year.

We want to thank all the businesses that donated to this year's events and thanks to all the anglers that make the trip to our beautiful region to make this derby a great event.

February Grange events

MAINE - The following are Grange Events in our area for the month of February as reported by Walter Boomsma:

Friday, February 6—many area Grangers will attend the showing of "Growing Local" at the Center Theatre. This is a one-hour collection of three shorts that take a look at the upsides and challenges of producing and buying local foods. The film begins at 7 p.m. There will also be an "Informational Farmers' Market" in the lobby area before the show, so you can learn about local food options and organizations supporting local food in our area. The film is sponsored by a number of local organizations including East Sangerville Grange. For more information go to www.centertheatre.org.

Monday, February 9 Valley Grangers will meet with representatives of PCSWCD and UMaine Extension to initiate planning GrowME 2015—a series of agriculturally themed activities in local schools, grades kindergarten through six. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. at the County Extension Office on East Maine Street. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcomed. For additional information contact Walter Boomsma at 343-1842 or visit <http://growmehelp.wordpress.com>.

Saturday, February 14—Piscataquis Pomona Grange will gather at East Sangerville Grange for a supper at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. All area Grange members and guests are encouraged to attend and meet special guest Christine Corliss who is the Maine's State Community Service Director. Christine will share news and ideas of how Granges are supporting their communities around the state—often in low cost efforts that have significant impact. East Sangerville Grange is located on East Sangerville Road. For additional information contact Bill Bemis at 924-4123 or Walter Boomsma at 343-1842.

Friday, February 20—Valley Grange will gather for potluck supper at 6 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Topics of discussion will include the GrowME Program and upcoming spring activities. Valley Grange is located at 172 Guilford Center Road in Guilford. For additional information contact Jim Annis at 664-0820 or visit <http://valleygrange.com>

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Margolskee elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians

PITTSFIELD - Sebasticook Valley Health (SVH) has announced that Family Care lead physician Howard Margolskee, MD, has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. Dr. Margolskee's achievement is the result of his efforts in ongoing professional education, active participation as an ACP member, and his leadership of SVH Family Care's staff of eleven providers.

SVH Chief Medical Officer Robert Schlager, MD, stated, "Achieving the ACP fellowship reflects Dr. Margolskee's personal integrity, superior competence, professional accomplishments and commitment to the internal medicine community."

According to its website (acponline.org), the American College of Physicians or ACP is a national organization of internists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults. Achieving the ACP fellowship represents a high level of integrity, professionalism, and scholarship in medicine, as well as clinical excellence and contributions made to medicine and to the broader community where the physician lives and practices. Since the mid-Seventies over 35,000 physicians have earned fellowships from the ACP.

Charlotte White Center three year CARF accreditation

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) has recently accredited the Charlotte White Center for a second consecutive three-year period for its Residential Brain Injury Services.

This is an extensive review covering over six hundred standard areas and requiring high quality performance in order to achieve a three-year certification. The Charlotte White Center has also been recognized as a leader in the field of Brain Injury Services in other State inspections and reports. The Charlotte White Center now provides residential services, care coordination, and is scheduled to develop an additional six new residential beds and new community placements this coming year.

For the last thirty-five years, Charlotte White Center's mission has been to provide quality community health and social services for adults, children and families affected by cognitive or developmental disabilities, behavioral or mental health challenges, domestic violence, or acquired brain injuries. This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. The reviewers noted a number of areas in which the Charlotte White Center excelled. The Survey Report notes:

"CWC is recognized for its efforts and dedication toward making organizational changes critical to the success of the program. The organization is complimented for its strong advocacy for the needs of the residents served by leadership's active role in committees and various community boards across the state. A significant number of leadership staff members serve on important statewide advisory councils and various boards of directors". The report goes on to say:

"Staff members are dedicated and creative in meeting the needs of the residents served. They are enthusiastic and exceptionally dedicated to the person-centered clinical services they provide. The organization and community are fortunate to have experienced staff members in adequate numbers to support the needs of the residents served".

Local collaboration will provide classroom activities

DOVER-FOXCROFT - While it may be difficult to think about gardening and farming in mid-January, a group of volunteers are doing just that as they are preparing a fourth year of the GrowME program. The program is offered to K-3 teachers and schools in Piscataquis County and the surrounding areas. The program is organized by a collaboration between Valley Grange of Guilford, PCSWCD (Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District) and UMaine Piscataquis County Extension.

GrowME aims to utilize local volunteers who will work with teachers to schedule an agricultural activity in their classrooms during Maine Agriculture Week (March 24-28). Anna Bonstedt, Home Horticulture Coordinator for Piscataquis County UMaine Extension is particularly excited over the "hands on" aspect of the activities. "Thanks to our rural nature in Piscataquis County, we don't have the 'nature deficit' that some more urban areas experience," she said. "But that doesn't mean we shouldn't be offering our kids an opportunity to involve all their senses and get some hands on learning."

Walter Boomsma, program director for Valley Grange agrees, he visits second graders at PCES to make butter. "We have fun and the kids almost don't realize they are learning—some have even asked for instructions and then made butter at home as a family activity." Volunteers also conduct seed planting activities, apple tasting and create animal graphs. "We also spend some time just talking with the kids—many have chickens and gardens and it's fun to share experiences."

Boomsma notes that last year volunteers visited with over 60 classrooms and 800 kids "from Greenville to Dexter to Milo," but notes there should be no shortage of volunteers and resources thanks to the collaboration. "We've got master gardeners and farmers available through Extension Programs and PCSWCD includes partners and resources that are committed to good stewardship. Our continued goal is to keep this informal, local, and a true partnership between our schools, teachers, and volunteers. It's not so much that we have a program to offer—it's more about working together to make good use of our resources. Our volunteers will have the sort of agricultural experience and background to be especially relevant to students while providing insight into the importance of agriculture in our area."

The group focuses on kindergarten through third grade but is willing to consider requests from teachers of other grades.

GrowME volunteers visit for about thirty minutes and work with students on a simple, grade appropriate activity. Teachers and administrators who are interested need only furnish contact information: teacher's name-email address and grade. Interested teachers may email grange@boomsmaonline.com or call Boomsma at 343-1842. An online sign-up form is also available at <http://growhelp.wordpress.com>.

Grants available for Piscataquis County Non-profits

PISCATAQUIS - Nonprofit and public organizations seeking funding for projects that draw on the strengths of the community and foster collaboration are encouraged to apply to the Piscataquis County Fund, part of the Maine Community Foundation's Community Building Grant Program.

A volunteer committee of Piscataquis County residents and business leaders reviews grants and makes recommendations for funding. The deadline for applying is February 15. Application and guidelines are available at www.maine.org.

In 2014, the Piscataquis County Committee awarded four grants that totaled more than \$20,000. They included:

\$4,000 to the Forest Society of Maine, to develop a new strategic plan for the next five to 10 years

\$3,450 to Pine Tree Hospice, to hire a coordinator of volunteers and client services.

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Obituaries

RONALD P. NADEAU

DEXTER - Ronald P. Nadeau, 80, died January 24, 2015, at his home in Dexter. He was born August 23, 1934, in Dexter, the son of Adelaar "Peter" and Laurette (Clukey) Nadeau. He graduated from Dexter High School, class of 1955. He worked for Dexter Shoe for many years until his retirement in 1996. Ronald was a communicant of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dexter. He is survived by a son, Stephen Nadeau and his wife, and special daughter-in-law, Tina of Dexter; a daughter, Sally Nadeau of Corinna; a special grandson, Benjamin Nadeau; 3 grandchildren, Melanie, Crystal and Joey Hanscom; and 5 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Gloria (Daigle) Nadeau; and a sister, Patricia Reed. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 AM, Thursday, February 5, 2015, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dexter, with the Rev. Fr. Joseph Cahill officiating. Spring burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Dexter. For an online guest register, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.

MERVILLE M. WEBBER

PARKMAN - Merville M. Webber, 90, died January 26, 2015 at a Dover-Foxcroft nursing home. He was born November 7, 1924 in Carmel, a son of Ivery and Susie (Parsons) Webber. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Philippines and New Guinea. Merville was well known for his mechanic work and was employed at Guy Clark's Chevrolet in Dexter and Hartley's Chrysler Plymouth in New York. He owned and operated Webber's Garage & Salvage Yard in Garland. He also had his own dairy farm in Dexter for many years. He is survived by his children, Sandra Brockway of Newport, Bryant Webber of Lake Wales, FL, Merville "Gus" Webber of Tampa, FL, Bette Stackpole of Palmyra, Kathy Lupo of Smithfield, Robert Webber of Mechanic Falls, Judy Burke and Janice Brown, both of Greenville; brothers, Ivery Webber of Monson, Manfred and wife Nora Webber of Willimantic, Forrest and wife Charlene Webber, Glenwood and wife Kathy Webber, all of Garland, Gardiner and wife Dody Webber of Dexter, Leroy and wife Barbara Webber of Newfoundland, Canada, Alton and wife Wanda Webber, and William Webber, all of Garland; a sister, Rilla Burgess of Charleston; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Frances (Hustus) Webber; 3 children, Jerry and James Hustus and Joyce Davis; siblings, Barbara Kazaskas, Ruby Stuart, Gordon, Vermie, Renview, Harland, and Allen Webber. A spring graveside funeral and committal service will be held at the West Garland Cemetery with his brother Ivery Webber officiating. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Dexter. Those who wish may leave written tributes at www.CrosbyNeal.com.

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SANGERVILLE & DOVER-FOXCROFT - Corner Church & Main St., Sangerville. 9:30 AM. Rev. Scott Jones & Musician Jason Curran.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

MT. KATAHDIN SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING - Brownville Community Church Hall. Noon. Bring valentine.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

RIPLEY TRAIL RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB MEETING - Ripley School House. 7 PM.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

DDATT FREE MOVIE - Abbott Memorial Library, Dexter. 6 PM. 277-4221 or 924-3836.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CONTRA DANCE - Dexter Universalist Church. 7 - 10 PM. \$7/singles, \$12/families. Jim Bunn 924-3925 or Georgia Prickett 277-3961.

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Invasive Forest Insect Training in Greenville

GREENVILLE - The Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWD) will host representatives from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Maine DACF) as they conduct an Invasive Forest Insect Outreach Volunteer Training at the Greenville Town Office on Wednesday, February 11 from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The focus of this free workshop is to train people to recognize, report and to spread awareness about key pests such as the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), the emerald ash borer (EAB), hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) and other invasive tree pests. These invasive tree pests pose serious threats to the trees and forests of Maine. Although ALB and EAB have not been found in Maine, the emerald ash borer has been found in New Hampshire, 35 miles from the Maine state line. HWA is established in coastal locations in Maine. The best defense for our trees and forests is early detection by people who work with trees, those who enjoy the outdoors and those involved in community education. This training will prepare folks with the necessary tools and information to help protect our forests from these invasive pests.

Anyone interested in learning how to recognize invasive tree pests and who are interested in protecting our natural resources should consider attending this training. This training would be valuable for residents working in the wood products industry, including but not limited to foresters, mill workers, loggers and landowners. Participants who attend this training will also learn how to effectively disseminate information to the public to help spread awareness. All information, materials and guidance will be provided by the Forest Pest Outreach Project coordinators.

Lorraine Taft and Karen Coluzzi of the Maine DACF, and Allison Kanoti, Maine Forest Entomologist with the Maine DACF, will be presenting this training to participants. Training topics will include the potential impact of ALB, EAB and HWA in the state of Maine, current management activities, pest and infestation identification, pest life cycles, infestation reporting, host tree identification and Community Response Planning. Free credits for licensed foresters and pesticide applicators will be available for attending this valuable training.

People interested in attending this training are strongly encouraged to pre-register by contacting the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District at 564-2321 ext. 3 or by sending an email to info@piscataquisswd.org.

Project Linus Blanket Day, April 25

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The annual Community Project Linus Blanket Day will be held on April 25 at The Penquis Higher Education Center on Mayo St. in Dover-Foxcroft from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church Women's Fellowship group will be serving coffee, snacks and lunch by donation. Bring your sewing machine if you are planning to sew. They will have plenty to do for those that do not sew with a sewing machine.

For more information contact Judy - Piscataquis Co-Coordinator at 564-2246 or email projctlinusforme@yahoo.com or Barbara - Piscataquis County Co-Coordinator at 564-2281 or Merlene - Penobscot/Kennebec Coordinator at 561-9225 or email mainelinus@yahoo.com.

"The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade, washable blankets and afghans, lovingly crafted by volunteer blanketers," said a spokesperson.

Anyone who can learn to tie a square knot is invited to join anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. "Community involvement is vital to the success of this event, and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come and help make these blankets". The goal is to make 100 quilts to distribute in Piscataquis and Penobscot counties. They will have lots of fabric, orphan quilt blocks, quilt tops that need to be put together, so bring your sewing machine, scissors or just your energy and help put some quilts together.

Milo Free Public Library

by Rochelle Williams

MILO - We have a new class in our library regarding genealogy which was held on January 9 at 4 p.m. It was a free introductory class to genealogy research by John F. Balser. The session covered the basics of how to research your family history using ancestrylibrary.com on the library computers. This class will be offered throughout the year. Mr. Balser also wrote an article about the class and posted it on the library's web page which is www.milo.lib.me.us. Anyone interested can contact us at the library.

Kathy's pick for the January/February theme is: A Long Winter's Night. Very appropriate, don't you agree!

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Try-County Technical center FAFSA Lab

DEXTER - Tri-County Technical Center (TCTC) in Dexter in conjunction with the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) will be holding a FAFSA Lab on Thursday, February 5 starting at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner. All TCTC seniors, seniors from Dexter Regional High School, Foxcroft Academy, Greenville High School, Penquis Valley High School, Piscataquis Community Secondary School, and their families/guardians are invited to attend to fill out the FAFSA form. Students and parents/guardians will be assisted through the process with the help of TCTC and FAME staff. Computers will be provided so that participants will be able to fill out and complete the FAFSA application on-line.

For a more detailed list of financial information needed to be brought to the lab and/or to sign up, call TCTC at 924-7670.

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Maine Economic Forecast 2015 and Beyond

Maine's Economic Future Depends on Urban, Not Rural, Jobs; on Immigrants, Not Baby Boomers

Editor's Note: The following article by Christine Parrish ran in the Jan. 15 issue of *The Free Press* (Rockland Maine) and is reprinted here with their permission.

The forecast for Maine's economy in the short term looks good, with jobs coming back to pre-recession levels by the beginning of 2016, according to University of Southern Maine economist Charlie Colgan. The long-term economic forecast for Maine is much more troublesome, with storm clouds ahead that the state would be wise to prepare for, said Colgan.

"Breakfast with Charlie," Colgan's annual economic forecast for the state, is a popular New Year's tradition held for the business community at USM every January.

This will be his last annual forecast. Colgan is retiring from the Muskie School of Public Service at USM to become the Chief Economist for the Center for the Blue Economy in Monterey, California, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Colgan has a knack for interpreting economic data so that it is easy to understand, often throwing humor in his discussion and not sparing policy makers in the process. His forecast for 2015 was no exception.

The Maine Economy in 2015: Not Bad

Colgan predicted the state will be back to pre-recession levels of employment by the beginning of 2016 and can look forward to a good tourist season next summer as a result of lower gas prices, said Colgan. Maine employment has continued to go up slowly, with the number of jobs in the state now at two-thirds of what they were before the recession (620,000 jobs in 2008) and job growth expected to continue a steady, slow climb to almost pre-recession levels by the first quarter of 2016, said Colgan. He predicted 7,000 more people working by the end of 2015.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor jobs report, released Friday, January 9, showed jobs continued to grow nationwide, with unemployment falling to 5.6 percent, the lowest it has been since 2008; however, as Colgan predicted, wages weren't going up. Instead, wages fell by two-tenths of a percent — perhaps as a result of people who have been working part-time jobs being more desperate for stability, making it easier for employers to keep wages low, said Colgan.

Even with the recovery, Maine will still lag behind the rest of the country in job growth.

"That is our historic pattern over the last three recessions," said Colgan. Maine loses fewer jobs in lean times and is slower than the rest of the country to get the jobs back that it lost. Most added work will be in urban areas, including Portland, Lewiston-Auburn, and Bangor. Only three major sectors are pulling their weight in Maine's recovery: education and health care, leisure and hospitality, and financial services.

Construction is actually in the negative numbers and manufacturing will continue to be depressed, having been heavily affected by the loss of 1,000 jobs at the paper mill and in related business in Bucksport.

"The closure of Verso is a major hit for Hancock County," said Colgan. "When you are only growing 7,000 jobs a year that is real damage."

Tourism Looks Bright for 2015

Some of those downward numbers will be balanced out in the short term by lower gas prices.

"The huge drop in gas prices is comparable to what we saw in 2008 when it went down to \$1.45 a gallon," said Colgan. "The difference now is that we are not in a recession."

"People are less likely to put the money in the mattress," he said.

The drop in prices is due in part to more fuel supplies available, price controls put in place by OPEC to keep the price low, and the drop in demand in China, according to Colgan.

Gas prices may go up in the next few months, but are likely to remain low enough, long enough to encourage tourists to come to Maine for the summer. Colgan predicts a good tourism season this year, rather than the trend that has continued for the past six years, during which one year was just barely better than the one before.

The Energy Puzzle in Maine

Maine produces 21 percent of the New England electric supply, which comes from renewable energy and the natural gas sent to the New England grid. That compares to the 5 percent, combined, that New Hampshire and Vermont contribute.

However, that doesn't benefit Maine in terms of energy costs, largely because of lack of in-state access based primarily on the lack of natural gas pipelines, said Colgan.

"In Maine, there is too much demand and not enough supply available and what happens then is that prices go up," said Colgan.

The current fuel infrastructure in the New England region is tailored towards natural gas, he said. The lack of in-state access translates into higher electricity prices on hot days in the summer and on cold days in the winter.

Colgan said Maine would benefit from increased pipeline capacity over the next 10 to 15 years as it shifts more toward renewables and to increased conservation.

Overall, Colgan is optimistic about 2015. His long-term forecast is not so rosy.

The Maine Long-Term Forecast: Change or Die

Economists don't really know how market forces will shift, or by how much, in the digital and high-tech economy of today, but they do know they will. The winners will be those who are able to adapt to embrace those changes, said Colgan.

So far, Mainers have resisted adapting. Colgan said that needs to change if the state wants to thrive in the next three decades.

"We need a shift in our heads more than we need a shift in the economy," said Colgan.

Colgan said Mainers need to address the following long-held beliefs and prepare to change their minds: "The first belief is that Maine is a rural state. The second is that there are too few jobs and too many people. And the third is that economic policy is solely about growth."

Urban Maine has grown from 66% in 2001 of the Maine Economy (GDP) to 69% in 2013



"We are an urban economy."

"We are still thinking of ourselves, as we have in the past, as a rural state protecting ourselves from the onslaught of rural America," said Colgan.

Except it isn't true.

"In 2001, Maine's metro areas in Portland, Bangor and Lewiston-Auburn accounted for 66 percent of the economy in Maine, measured by GDP. In 2013, it was 69 percent. By the end of this decade, it will probably be about 72 or 73 percent of the Maine economy."

"You cannot afford to think of a place that has 70 percent of its economy as rural, when, in fact, these are functioning urban spaces."

The situation is serious in rural Maine, said Colgan.

"From 2000 to 2010, the population in 158 of Maine's 500 towns declined," he said. "And this was the decade when Maine's total population grew by 4.5 percent."

Colgan said most Maine town boundaries were essentially determined two centuries ago by how far you could get by horse in a day.

"At some point there won't be enough population to run the towns and so deorganization of much of rural Maine and the transformation of our 18th-century government structure will follow," he said.

This is not to say that rural Maine is doomed; but it is unlikely to be the engine of economic growth that it has been from the industrial age forward to the 1970s or 1980s.

"The jobs now are in professional and business services, education and health, leisure and hospitality, and in finance. Those are urban jobs. They are jobs that take place in cities, and so the first paradigm is to shift away from this idea of Maine as a rural state."

There Will Soon Be More Jobs in Maine Than People to Fill Them

The second big shift is away from the idea that there are too few jobs for too many people in Maine. Soon, it will be exactly the opposite: not enough people for the jobs.

Once we bring the labor force back to pre-recession levels, there will not be enough people in the economy, since the jobs that population is growing, but not enough to fill the jobs that will go vacant as Baby Boomers move to retirement.

"The net growth in people over the past five years shows we are up 500 people," said Colgan.

On top of this, in 2015 the number of deaths in

Maine will be higher than the number of births, a trend that will continue for decades.

"This is the fundamental paradigm shift. Maine is used to thinking of itself as too few jobs and too many people," said Colgan. "We are about to shift into a world where there are too many jobs and too few people, and that's a very different problem."

Currently, the immigrant population is the only slice of the Maine population that has a lot of young people that will age into the workforce. Even combined with Baby Boomers working longer, more rural dwellers driving to work in urban centers, and more handicapped people working, it does not add up to enough of a labor force to spur economic vitality. The result? A flat economy.

The answer, said Colgan, is to get more people to migrate to Maine, and that will require an increase in wages.

"We are not going to be able to attract and retain labor at current wages," said Colgan. "This is an ongoing problem. We pay 20-percent-lower wages in Maine than across the U.S. as a whole."

Even in the region, Maine wages lag 20 percent behind neighboring New Hampshire, which has the same aging demographic that Maine does.

"Those wages are unlikely to sustain a growing in-migrant labor pool," said Colgan. "One way or the other, labor is going up. The question is whether production will come with it."

Maine and New England are test-beds for these questions because of our older populations, said Colgan.

Fighting Over Scraps Rather Than Trying to Solve Problems Together

The middle class has had no real gains in income for over 30 years, and it's only getting worse. Since the recovery began four and a half years ago, all income growth has gone to the top 10 percent of the population, resulting in the U.S. having the most unequal distribution of wealth of any of the major industrialized countries, said Colgan.

The inequality remains an uncertainty that economists rarely address, said Colgan.

"We don't really know the effects of this, but it has to show up in the economy," he said.

One of the best examples of the impact of hoarding one's wealth and investing in a personal stock portfolio, instead of investing in the country as a whole, is how legislators decided to fund highway and bridge repairs, said Colgan.

Roads are funded by gas taxes, but when faced with a bankrupt federal highway fund, no one wanted to raise taxes.

"They decided instead to change a pension accounting scheme in the federal income tax in order to raise the money," said Colgan. "Don't raise taxes! The government will waste it, anyway. Take it away from our pensions."

"And that was the Democrats," he said.

The Long Road Back



And in some ways that kind of thinking is reasonable, said Colgan, given that the vast majority of people have seen no increase in income or efficiency in public services for decades.

"The problem is not that people are being irrational, but that they are being rational," said Colgan. "And that's when we get in real trouble: when the rational road leads us to disaster."

"The belief that each of us, rich or poor or middle, are so put upon by society that we must arrange our public policies so that somebody else pays the cost has to change," said Colgan.

That shift is not to the future, but to the best part of our past — a shift back to the idea that the benefits of economic growth have to be broadly distributed.

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Eastern Maine Community College Fall 2014 Dean's List
MAINE - The following students in the Eastern Gazette's coverage area were named to the Eastern Maine Community College Dean's list for the Fall Semester:

Abbot: Sarah L. Perigo.
Atkinson: Sarah F. Warren.
Charleston: Jill M. Spurr:Corinth: Patrick J. Commeau, Whitney E. Farnham, Adam P. Oko, Brooke L. Speed, Joel L. Trask, Mariah F. Ward.
Dover-Foxcroft: Amanda R. Curtis, Christina M. Tirrell.
Greenville: Katherine R. Gauthier.
Guilford: Caleb B. McGuire.
Lagrange: Taylor J. Severance.
Mile: Michael R. Cocchiario Sr., Theresa M. Karpowicz, Peter A. Morse, Benjamin C. Webb, Liru Wu-Mangum.
Monson: Marilou D. Ranta.
Newport: Brock C. Beckett, Jared M. Seamans.
Palmyra: Ashley M. Malmquist, Shelby L. Pratt.
Penobscot: Thomas E. Ingram II.
Pittsfield: Ethen K. Jordan, Zack M. Littlefield, Patrick C. Noonan.
Ripley: Hunter W. Martin.
Saint Albans: Dustin A. Kent.
Sebec: Douglas B. Ayoub, David W. Welsh.
Wellington: Benjamin J. Merry.

Eastern Maine Community College Fall 2014 President's List
MAINE - The following students in the Eastern Gazette's coverage area were named to the Eastern Maine Community College President's List for the Fall Semester:

Corinth - Heather L. Hathaway, Alexander D. Tomasik.
Dexter - Sarah J. Murray.
Dover-Foxcroft - Christina M. Tirrell.
Newport - Brock C. Beckett, Conner G. Higgins, Mark J. McCue.
Parkman - Matthew S. Ronco.
Sangerville - Kristina M. Miller.



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42nd Annual Pine Tree Ride-In Schedule of Events

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Friday, February 6

Live Auction: Auction preview begins at 5 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 6 p.m. Food concessions available. Newport Recreation Center, Newport.

Saturday, February 7

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet: Join us as we kick off the Q106.5 Egg Ride with an all you can eat breakfast. Enjoy eggs, pancakes, home fries, Texas toast, doughnuts, fruit, coffee, milk and juice provided by the Hungry Hollow 76er's Snowmobile Club, Horseback Road, Levant. For more information, contact Steve Galen at 884-8340.

Q106.5 JJ West Memorial Egg Ride for Pine Tree Camp: The Egg Ride is a wild and zany Ride-in tradition. Before making the trek from Levant to Newport, our riders stuff raw eggs down their snowmobile suits. Why, you ask? Each egg represents a \$50 pledge from Q106.5 listeners! Riders will leave Hungry Hollow 76ers Clubhouse in Levant at 9 a.m. and arrive at the Newport Recreation Center at 11 a.m.

Chicken Barbecue: Courtesy of P&L Market, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Newport Recreation Center.

Beauty Pageant: 1 p.m., Contestants must pre-register. The registration fee \$15. Call Chris Ayer at 368-2058. Newport Recreation Center.

Rave X Outer Limits Freestyle Show: 2 p.m. Newport Motorsports, 1604 Main Street, Palmyra. A high-flying, gravity-defying snowmobile stunt spectacular not to be missed! Concessions available, including hot and cold drinks, burgers and chowder from Anglers Restaurant.

Whoopie Pie Contest: 3 p.m. Do you have the best Whoopie Pie around? Let our judges decide! Cash prizes: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50, 3rd Place \$25. \$5 entry fee. Entry time 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Belinda at 426-8586.

Public Supper: Cost is \$6 per person (\$4 per child under 12). Includes main entrée, salad, roll, dessert, and drink. Hosted by Bud's Shop 'N Save. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Newport Recreation Center.

Fireworks Show: 6:15 p.m. at the lake in front of The Rec Center.

Sunday, February 8

"Hooked on Fishing" Kids' Ice Fishing Clinic: Join Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as they host a clinic for kids to introduce them to the sport of icefishing. All kids are welcome whether it's their first time ice fishing or not. This will be held from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Durham Bridge Road end of Sebasticook Lake.

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Attend the public supper at the Community Recreation Center in Newport on **Saturday, February 7 from 4:30 to 6:00.** Includes entree, salad, roll, dessert and drink.

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TOWN OF DEXTER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, **February 12, 2015 at 7:00PM** in the Town Council Chambers to consider the following:

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2. Application for Special Amusement Permit for Adrian Cronkhite dba Factory One, 80 Water Street
3. Application for Victualer's License for Adrian Cronkhite dba Factory One, 80 Water Street
4. Application for Pool Room License for Adrian Cronkhite dba Factory One, 80 Water Street
5. Application for Victualer's License for Matthew Seichin dba Riverside Meat Market, 21 Main Street

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Carol Laplant, Administrative Assistant

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE

PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing for the floodplain management ordinance on **February 12th at 7 pm** at the Cambridge Town Office.

TOWN OF PARKMAN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:00p.m. in the lower level of the Parkman Town Office. This hearing is to discuss the proposed amendments to the "Planning Board Ordinance." Copies are available at the Parkman Town Office.

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TOWN OF MILO

NOTICE OF SALE BY BID

The Town of Milo has the following property for sale: Map #6, Lot #3-1-1: 4.65 Acres on Sunrise Ridge with no minimum bid.

Map #21, Lot #5: .18 Acres with a house shell at 4 Daggett Street with no minimum bid.

All properties may be subject to other liens (including federal and state liens) that would be the responsibility of the new owner. Selection have the right to accept highest bid or reject all bids. Additional information is available at the Milo Town Office or by calling 943-2202 during business hours.

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