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## SATURDAY FISHING

Three year old Benelli Saunders of Corinth enjoys ice fishing on Little Pushaw with her father on the weekends. Her latest catch was this 11 inch Pickerel.



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# “Milo Development Corporation” acquires former ATCO



NEW OWNERS – The Milo Development Corporation is now the owner of the former ATCO Lodge. (Eastern Gazette photo – Mike Lange)

by Mike Lange  
**MILO** – A highly-visible building Milo that has become an eyesore in recent years now has new owners with big plans for the future.  
 The recently-formed Milo Development Corporation acquired the former ATCO Lodge from the town, said Town Manager Damien Pickel. “It looks pretty bad on the outside, but the inside is solid,” said Pickel. “Getting it off the tax-acquired list and into the hands of new

owners is a big plus for the town.” One of the principals in the Milo Development Corporation is Ron Desmarais who owns several businesses in the community and was honored by the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce as Businessperson of the Year in October 2015.  
 Desmarais said that the corporation’s successful bid was \$1,150 with a three-year development plan. “This is going to be a long-term project which will cost around \$300,000 to

renovate the building,” Desmarais said. “We’re in the process of seeking grants right now because it’s going to be a significant development for the community. It’s been mostly abandoned for the past 10 years.”  
 Desmarais said the corporation would like to install vinyl siding and add a second story to the structure which was once a motel and sporting goods store. “We’re going to put solar panels on the roof, make it as energy-efficient as possible and build six to eight

motel rooms,” he said. “Since we’re right on the (Piscataquis) river, we could offer canoe and kayak rentals as well.”  
 ATCO is an acronym for one of Milo’s largest employers – American Thread Company – which closed in 1975.  
 Desmarais said that the Milo Development Corporation also has other plans in the works. “The ATCO Lodge is going to take some time and the scope of the work will depend on the size of the grant,” he said. “We’re

also looking at a mini-mall in the Eastern Piscataquis Business Park and some other smaller projects.”  
 Desmarais is also renovating the vacant storefront in the Milo Heritage Building next to Elaine’s Bakery and Basket Café to help attract a new tenant.  
 The building construction was funded through a \$500,000 USDA Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant after fire destroyed several businesses in downtown Milo in 2008.

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## Save the Depot receives \$2,000 Plum Creek Foundation Grant

**GREENVILLE** – The Plum Creek Foundation recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Greenville Junction Depot Friends, which aims to “Save the Depot” Maine’s most endangered historic structure.  
 According to Maine Historic Preservation Society, the Depot’s unique architecture, specifically its “Witch’s Hat,” makes it one of fewer than five buildings like it in existence and the only one of its kind in Maine.  
 Jane Hall, President of the Greenville Junction Depot Friends, stated that the project will address unsupported structural elements such as inadequate support for the primary floor framing beams.  
 “The end product would be a community asset, providing space for a rail museum, an art gallery and a multi-use community meeting space,” said Hall. “Thanks to the grant from Plum Creek Foundation we will be able to help make these dreams a reality and save this special building.”  
 Replacement and repairs will begin in the spring of 2016.  
 The mission of the Greenville Junction Depot Friends is to restore and maintain the historic Greenville Junction depot building and offer a gathering place to serve the community with a venue for events.

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**AT YOUR SERVICE** – Members of Foxcroft Academy's National Honor Society recently helped host a free community dinner at the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church. Members of the society set up tables, greeted patrons, served food, washed dishes, baked desserts and brought youth and cheer to the monthly event. "It's so good having high school students at this event," said Reba Michaud of the dinner's planning committee. "Many of the dinner's guests very much enjoy interacting with FA's students." "We never think of helping out at the church as 'work' but rather as giving back and serving a community that has served us and our school for years," added junior Erika Chadbourne, who spoke for the group. FA's National Honor Society will assist with the next community dinner hosted by the Congregational Church on Monday, February 22 at 6 pm. (Contributed photo)

## Chocolate Festival Feb. 14

GREENVILLE — The 12th annual Chocolate Festival in the Moosehead Lake Region just happens to land on one of the biggest chocolate days of the year: Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14.

The 2016 Moosehead Region Chocolate Festival will feature a silent auction, a kids corner, and — of course — chocolate. "You can't get much better than good, quality chocolate," said Angela Arno, executive director of the Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. "Over the 12 years of this festival, it has become obvious to us that people from near and far like to celebrate chocolate. It comes in different forms, with different pairings, and for different occasions, but it is always enjoyable. Chocolate lovers and casual chocolate consumers will all find something to enjoy at the Chocolate Festival."

The silent auction will feature many items up for grabs, including all-inclusive weekend excursions in the Moosehead Lake Region. A kid's corner will feature children-specific food, games, and prizes, as well as special give-a-ways for the youngsters. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample 12 items from a selection of more than 40 different chocolate treats.

The 12th Annual Chocolate Festival will take place from 1-4 p.m. on February 14 at the Masonic Temple on Pritham Ave. in Greenville. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets are available at the door.

"What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than surrounded by chocolate and chocolate lovers?" asked Arno. "Even for a moderate fan of chocolate, this festival is always a lot of fun and gives us an opportunity to gather together as a community and welcome in visitors from away in the middle winter, while showcasing what the Moosehead Region is all about."

The 12th Annual Chocolate Festival is presented by the Moosehead Lake Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the Chocolate Festival, or the Moosehead Lake Region, call 695-2702 or visit [www.mooseheadlake.org](http://www.mooseheadlake.org).

## Togue Derby resumes Feb. 19

GREENVILLE - The 9th Annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby with Ricky Craven is not over, but instead has come to a dramatic pause. The leader board will be put on ice until the derby resumes on Friday, February 19. Zach Smith of Milo has a solid catch at 10.74 lbs and 31 7/8 inches. Scott Harding of Greenville is in the hunt for a payout with a second place togo weighing in at 7.57 lbs and Mike Connors is holding third with a 3.59 lb fish. The fishing will continue for another 3 days this month when the ice will be thicker and anglers should be able to cover all areas of the lake. Anglers that purchased tickets for the previous weekend do not need to buy another ticket for the second weekend of fishing.

The Wild and Tame dinner will be held Saturday night at the Masonic Hall in Greenville and they will be drawing over 70 great door prizes, including vacation trips, firearms, cash, concert tickets, tickets to sporting events, and more. No fish are needed to win these prizes, just buy a ticket and you are in the running. A silent auction will be held from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 20 at the Masonic Hall. The proceeds go to the Maine Woods Explorer program. All prizes will be listed on the website ([NrecMoosehead.org](http://NrecMoosehead.org)).

There were no reported incidents of anglers going through the ice which is a testament to the safety consciousness of the sportsmen and sportswomen.

## Plum Creek Wilderness 100 Feb. 27

GREENVILLE — Warm weather combined with a soaking rain forced the rescheduling of the Plum Creek Wilderness 100 Sled Dog Race until Saturday, February 27.

"Although we received three inches of snow a few days before the scheduled date (February 6), we also received rain which substantially affected the base we had," said Cheri Goodspeed of the Wilderness 100 committee. "We have always been known for putting the safety of the dogs and mushers first and we couldn't, in good conscience, go forward with the race (on the scheduled date)."

Committee member Bethany Young said that more than 20 teams had signed up for the two races and she's confident that they'll return for the later date.

There's a full schedule of activities in Greenville this month, but the weekend of February 26-27 was open.

The 2016 races are shaping up to be even better than last year since the size of the purse has doubled from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Competitors who've registered so far include Andre Longchamps of Pont-Rouge, Quebec, winner of last year's long-distance race; Martin Massicotte of St-Tite, Quebec, a five-time Can-Am 250 winner; Rico Portalan of Milo, who won last year's 30-mile race in Greenville and the January 30 Maine Highlands Sled Dog 30-mile race in Brownville; and Ashley and Mark Patterson of Shirley.

Spectators can meet and mingle with the teams starting at 8:30 a.m. at Leisure Life Resort on race day and the Plum Creek 70-mile race begins at 9 a.m. The West Branch Pond Camps 30-mile race will get underway at 10:30 a.m.

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**CARING FOR COMMUNITY** - Jessica Dyer (right) of the Ridge View PTO received a donation from Maine Highlands FCU-Dexter employee, Tammy Creswell. Ridge View PTO, in Dexter, was chosen as a recipient of the Credit Union's Caring for Community donation on January 22. MHFCU employees from all branches pay \$3 each to dress casual twice a week. Proceeds benefit a local non-profit organization

# Dexter will look to "revitalize" with the 1st Annual Maine Red Hot Dog Festival

**DEXTER** - The Dexter Revitalization Committee (DRC) is made up of various local area citizens committed to the revitalization of the town in order to attract new business, as well as new residents. Working closely with the Town of Dexter, this committee is dedicated to making improvements to the town such as the welcome signs, general downtown aesthetics, waterfront area, recreational areas and more.

In addition to their "Ice-Out Raffle" fundraiser, the DRC will also be holding their 1st annual Maine Red Hot Dog Festival fundraiser on Saturday, August 13. "This is gearing up to be a great event," stated Frank Spizuoco, committee chairman. "The Festival is designed to attract a large number of people to the town where they will see all that Dexter has to offer, and to simply have fun!"

The DRC challenged students at the Tri-County Technical Center's Graphic Design & Communications class to create a festival logo. Arielle Carlow, a Dexter Regional High School student, produced the winning design.

Some of the activities planned on this day will be a breakfast, a 5K 'bun'-run and a 1-mile kids fun 'bun'-run, over 200 feet of inflatable obstacle courses for all ages, live entertainment on stage all day including The Mallet Brothers Band, food contests, a hot-dog eating contest, a silent auction, children's games, food and craft vendors, and much more.

Plus, plenty of "red snappers", donated by W.A. Bean (Maine's only remaining producer of hot dogs), will be cooked and served a number of different ways by members of the DRC.

"The DRC is working hard to make this a BIG event which will be held downtown (blocked to traffic)," according to a spokesperson. Advertising opportunities will be mailed to local businesses soon, but anyone is welcome to contact Spizuoco at frank@mainemilitary.com or 207-557-9642 for more information or to get involved. Sidewalk vendors are also welcome. Vendors can contact Tina Belair at 207-270-3437 or at drcdexter@yahoo.com.



## Guilford 200th kicks off Feb. 14

*Town was almost called "Fluvanna"*

by Mike Lange  
**GUILDFORD** - The first of many celebrations marking Guilford's 200th anniversary gets underway Sunday, February 14 at Valley Grange with a meet-and-greet at 11 a.m. followed by a pot luck lunch and special bicentennial presentation. Dessert, coffee, tea and water will be provided.

Sunday will also mark the first day of the bicentennial raffle with more than \$3,500 worth of prizes given away over a 37-day period including gift certificates, rafting trips, cash and merchandise.

Bicentennial souvenirs will be on sale along with a limited number of 2016 calendars. The pages are decorated with student artwork, classic photos, historic facts and a listing of events related to the town's 200th birthday.

The town was actually "born" in 1794 when the state - then part of Massachusetts - made a large land grant to Bowdoin College including four townships, one of which is the town of Guilford.

According to an abridged history of the town posted on the municipal website, there were only seven men residing in the township back then: Robert Low, Jr., Robert Herring, Jr., David Low, John Bennett, Isaac Bennett, Nathaniel Bennett and John Everton.

In October 1812, the settlement was officially organized into Plantation 6, Range 7, and in November, a meeting of voters was held for the purpose of raising money for school. They raised \$21, elected a school board and educated the first group of students in a building owned by John Bennett, across the road from the Valley Grange.

In 1816, residents petitioned the general court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for incorporation as a town to be named Fluvanna.

But the legislature didn't go along with the name Fluvanna, changed it to Guilford, and passed the act on February 8, 1816.

Although Massachusetts lawmakers may not have known at the time, a Fluvanna River existed in central Virginia and a county was named after the tributary in 1777.

At different times, as boundaries changed, Guilford was located in the counties of Somerset, Penobscot, and finally Piscataquis.

By 1865, there were saw mills, law offices, retail stores and a woolen factory in Guilford. The railroad arrived in 1871 creating opportunities for business to expand.

In 1890, the population was 1,022 and the town had 29 businesses, two churches, two physicians, a dentist, a lawyer, two undertakers and a weekly newspaper: the Guilford Citizen.

The new Guilford Memorial Library building was dedicated in 1909; and in 1910, the town got its first movie theater.

A full listing of bicentennial events and updates will be posted on the Guilford Maine Bicentennial Facebook page.



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**PAWS RECEIVES DONATION** Sandy Smart (left) of the Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary (PAWS) received a donation from Maine Highlands FCU-Brownville employee, Amanda Heath. PA.W.S., located in Milo, was chosen as a recipient of the Credit Union's Caring for Community donation. MHFCU employees from all branches pay \$3 each to dress casual twice a week. Proceeds benefit a local non-profit organization.

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# TCTC students settling in at temporary classrooms

by Mike Lange

**DEXTER** – After a fire broke out at the Tri-County Technical Center on February 8, Director Patrick O’Neil and AOS ’94 Superintendent Kevin Jordan were on the scene by 3 a.m., already discussing plans on where – and how – to restart the classes displaced by the damage.

Some programs were moved to vacant space at the high school; building trades, computer repair, pre-tech and health occupations were relocated to Millworks on Church Street; culinary arts reopened at the former Giovanni’s Restaurant on Route 23; and graphic arts set up shop in space at the Reddy Health Center.

“We were back in business in a relatively short time, thanks to the efforts of many people,” said Brian Welsh, TCTC’s director of student services.

Frank Spizuoco, the owner

of Millworks, said he contacted Jordan right after the fire and said he had enough space to accommodate some programs.

The Piscatquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative already has a certified nurses’ aid program at Millworks, so arrangements were made to share the classroom with TCTC’s health education program.

But renovating the remainder of Millworks was more time-consuming, Spizuoco said. “I had contractors dropping whatever they were doing to accommodate us,” he said. “I can’t thank them enough for pulling things together.”

Circle D injected the spray foam, Bildeau Drywall installed partitions, S & H Electric added additional wiring, Harmony Home Décor added new flooring and plumber Mike Stevens put in a new restroom with a shower “in

record time,” Spizuoco said.

Welsh also credited AOS ’94 employees Dave Cadore, Dave Goulette and Mike Watson for their extra help. “The kids are resilient,” he said. “They don’t have any issues with the relocation.”

Although TCTC is now spread out in five locations, it’s still a “closed campus,” Welsh noted. “No one wanders off,” he said.

Welsh also said that Charlie and Laurie Malatesta, the owners

of the now-vacant Giovanni’s Restaurant, contacted the school about hosting the culinary arts classes. “That’s working out really well,” Welsh said. “We’re not able to serve meals to the public yet, but that may change depending how long we’re going to be there.”

The State Fire Marshall’s report said that “spontaneous combustion or an electrical arc” may have sparked the blaze, but the official cause is still undetermined. The origin was in

the wall between the precision machining and building trades class, and could have “cooked” for several hours, burning the wiring and other materials.

Welsh said that it’s too early to determine how long TCTC will stay in its temporary classrooms. “The district is still evaluating damage and working with the insurance company,” he said. “But our programs are still running – and that’s the important thing.”

## TCTC building fire follow-up

**DEXTER** - On the evening of January 8th, 2016, a fire broke out in the wall between Tri-County Technical Center Building Trades shop area and Precision Machining. It cooked in the fire-rated wall for about five hours, slowly burning wiring and other materials along the workbench that travels the length of the same wall. At approximately 1:40 a.m., while on routine patrol, Officer Roy of the Dexter PD noticed smoke coming from the roof of the building. He realized there must be a fire and called it in. Wilfred Murray, custodian of Tri-County Technical Center and a volunteer fire fighter for the town of Dexter, got the call and rushed to the school, shutting off the furnace and unlocking doors for the rest of the firemen as they arrived on scene. This was a general alarm and five other fire departments responded to the general alarm. The fire was extensive in both shop areas and smoke and particulates saturated the entire school, releasing toxins and heavy black smoke.

The fire was brought under control by 5 a.m., and Superintendent Kevin Jordan and Director Patrick O’Neil met with fire marshals who arrived on scene to begin investigating as to the cause of the fire. Students and staff missed school Monday and Tuesday the following week due to the fire, and temporary classrooms were set up. Principal Steve Bell offered space at the high school and Automotive Technology, Graphic Design & Communications, Precision Machining, Computer Systems Repair, Culinary Arts, and administration took up residence at Dexter Regional High School. Building Trades, Pre-Tech, and Health Occupations went to Mill Works, where owner, Frank Spizuoco, prepared space at his establishment to bring in more programs in the interim should the school take awhile getting repaired. Commercial Truck Driving has joined Criminal Justice in the Criminal Justice building on-site.

Fire marshals returned to the scene on Wednesday, January 13 and after an extensive investigation determined that the fire either was a result of spontaneous combustion or an arc in the electrical. It was deemed “undetermined” cause. At this point insurance adjusters began to gather loss information and establish time lines for getting debris out of the building. Samples of the steel beams were taken to determine whether or not the structure was safe from collapse and air quality at an acceptable level to have various crews begin work in the building. At this point it was determined that the electrical systems had to be replaced, that most if not all of our technology and electronics were gone, machinery in Building Trades and Precision Machining suffered extensive damage from water and the fire, and all ceiling tiles and lighting throughout the entire building needed replacing. As the adjusters stated this was the type of fire that caused significant peripheral damage because of various toxins and particulates released by the extreme heat. As the cleaning crews take down walls and go through the classrooms and shops they are finding additional losses and damage that the fire caused.

Students and staff have settled in somewhat in their temporary settings. Salvageable equipment, furniture and supplies have been taken to each site and in spite of the fire the morale of both staff and students remains high. All sending school administrators have been informed that we are displaced but carrying on with our mission. Curriculum has been adjusted somewhat because of equipment loss and new equipment is being ordered to replace them so students can continue to adhere to industry standards. Several instructors have been able to place students in their area of concentration, for example Mr. Larry Pelletier the Automotive Technology instructor, placed his students in the service department at Quirk Auto in Bangor and several service stations around the greater Dexter area where they will be learning from professionals and gaining more insight into their training.

“As of now we have no dollar figure to equate the damage and cleanup. Everyone is working diligently to get students back into their normal routine,” said a TCTC spokesperson. “At this point we simply do not know how long that will be but one thing is certain: the school communities and families of our Tri-County region have stepped up to help and support us in this transition along with Technical Centers around the State. There is an old saying that comes to mind in situations such as this...” “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Tri-County Technical Center, like the Phoenix, will arise from the ashes.”

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## Broadband bill advances with bipartisan support

AUGUSTA - A bill to expand broadband access to rural Maine is advancing in the Legislature after winning bipartisan support in the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee last week.

The vote was 9-3 to recommend an amended version of LD 826, "An Act To Promote Maine's Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Farms, Businesses and Residence by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet," sponsored by Rep. Robert Saucier, D-Presque Isle.

Republicans Sen. David Woodsome of North Waterboro, the co-chair of the committee, and Rep. Norman Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft joined the Democrats on the committee - Dion and Reps. Christopher Babbidge of Kennebec, Bobbi Beavers of South Berwick, Jennifer DeChant of Bath, Martin Grohman of Biddeford, Deane Rykerson of Kittery and Sen. Dawn Hill of York - in voting for the bill.

Noting that the bill ought not to pass were Reps. Larry Dunphy, U-Emden, Beth O'Connor, R-Berwick, and Nathan Wadsworth, R-Hiram.

The bill now faces action in the House and Senate.  
The measure provides \$1 million from the General Fund annually to the ConnectME Authority, which is charged with facilitating universal availability of broadband in the state. If Saucier's bill becomes law it will bring total annual funding for ConnectME up to \$2.2 million.

"These funds will expand opportunities for Municipal Planning Grants and additional outreach and implementation projects," Higgins said. "The bill still has a journey until final passage but this was a huge hurdle last week. Again, working together - we can make things happen."

"High-speed, high-capacity internet access is not a luxury. In terms of the economy, it's as much of a necessity as decent roads and reliable electricity. But in Maine, about 80 percent of addresses don't have adequate Internet and some have no access at all," said Saucier, who sponsored the bill with the backing of the Aroostook County Farm Bureau and the Maine Farm Bureau. "If we are truly serious about broadband as an economic development necessity, we've got to make the financial commitment to make it happen. It's what's needed if Maine - all of Maine - is going to prosper and succeed."

The state's primary fiber-optic network, called the Three-Ring Binder, consists of three loops in southern, northern and Downeast Maine. But many Maine communities, homes and businesses remain unconnected to this 1,100-mile long broadband interstate and will not be able to make use of it until the rest of the network - the off-ramps and local road off the interstate - are in place.

## SVH's Michael Lemieux receives Board Certification

PITTSFIELD - Michael Lemieux, MD, FACC, FACP, has again received his Board Certification in Cardiology. Maintaining one's Board Certification in Cardiology, requires sitting for the exam every 10 years. The exam takes approximately 8 hours - not including the preparation time a physician does on his/her own.

In order to reach Board Certification level, a physician must complete residency in internal medicine after graduation from medical school. The next step is to complete a fellowship in cardiology, usually for three years, and then take the Cardiovascular Disease Certification Examination given by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Lemieux received his Medical Degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine, followed by an internship and residency program in internal medicine at Worcester Memorial Hospital. His cardiology fellowship was at Maine Medical Center.

Dr. Lemieux practiced in Lewiston and Waterville prior to re-joining Sebasticook Valley Health in 2011. By providing consultations, holter monitoring as well as stress testing using Nuclear and Echocardiographic imaging, Dr. Lemieux is able to keep patients in the Pittsfield area. His personalization of each visit has created relationships with his patients that have made him the Cardiologist of choice for many people.

"In many ways, Dr. Lemieux embodies our standards of quality excellence, and by maintaining Board Certification in Cardiology, it demonstrates his commitment to his patients and profession," stated Terri Vieira, President/CEO of SVH and senior VP at EMHS.

Dr. Lemieux welcomes patients in the Specialty Service Department at Sebasticook Valley Health 4 days each week and at Redington Fairview in Skowhegan every other Wednesday. Appointments may be made by calling 487-4040.

For more information, contact Linda Cregnole at 487-4024.

## Center Theater announces Sound of Music youth auditions

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Center Theatre and the Slightly Off-Center Players have announced auditions for their upcoming production of The Sound of Music. This classic production, sponsored by Will's Shop 'n Save, is being performed by an all youth cast. The Sound of Music will be directed by David Murray with performances scheduled for late April.

Auditions will be held at the Center Theatre on Saturday, February 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Monday, February 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in auditioning who can't make those scheduled times should contact Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray can be reached at jazzey@yahoo.com or messages can be left for him at the Center Theatre by calling 564-8943.

Patrick Myers, the Center Theatre's Executive Director, is excited to see this production hit the stage. "The Sound of Music is so widely known either because of the movie or the play it will be wonderful to see it come alive on the Center Theatre stage. We're looking for children pre-k through 12th grade to audition. They can come prepared with a cappella singing piece, but they don't have to and there are non-singing roles as well." Myers also states that anyone interested in getting involved behind the scenes can also drop in during auditions or contact Mr. Murray. Most rehearsals will be held after school at the Center Theatre with some Saturday morning rehearsals planned. Not everyone will be called for every rehearsal.

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# Sheriff's office looking to lease space at old Guilford school

by Mike Lange

DOVER-FOXCROFT — With 62 percent of the calls last year coming from Guilford, Sangerville, Abbot and Parkman, the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department would like to move its patrol deputies closer to these communities.

Sheriff John Goggin and Chief Deputy Bob Young unveiled a proposal at last week's county commissioners' meeting to take over the lease currently held by School Administrative District 4 in the former Piscataquis Community Elementary School.

Superintendent Ann Kirkpatrick would like to terminate the agreement with the town and move her office into one of the existing school buildings, according to Young.

The lease is \$24,000 a year and includes all utilities, snow plowing and building

maintenance. The sheriff, chief deputy and other administrative staff would remain in the current headquarters.

The department has been trying to find a new home since a bond issue that would have paid for the construction of a new headquarters was defeated by voters last fall.

The current sheriff's office was built in the late 1880s with an upstairs apartment since the sheriff was required to live on the premises in those days. Goggin and Young's offices are in two of the rooms, accessible only through a narrow hallway and up a steep staircase.

The squad room, often shared by three or four deputies, is cramped with little or no privacy for interviews and there is little secure storage space for evidence.

After the bond referendum was rejected by voters, other

alternatives were explored; such as having a private firm build a new office and lease it back to the county. But interim County Manager Tom Lizotte said that this arrangement would be much more than the bond would have cost, partially because both firms wanted a 20-year lease. "So instead of paying a grand total of \$715,000 over 10 years (principal and interest), we'd had to pay \$1.2 to \$1.5 million over 20 years," Lizotte said.

But the concept of moving part of the department to Guilford wasn't popular with at least one county commissioner. Chairman Fred Trask said that in his opinion, "The rest of the county is subsidizing the Guilford-Sangerville area," Trask said.

Brownville, Milo and Greenville have their own police departments, Trask said, at

budgets running \$150,000 to \$200,000 year. Guilford, however, purchases a cruiser and uses off-duty sheriff's deputies for limited patrol coverage and their police protection budget is around \$35,000 a year. "Guilford has always had special treatment," Trask said. "Now you're asking to spend \$24,000 a year to help Guilford out even more. Why doesn't the town just give them the space?"

Goggin said that Guilford's reluctance to have its own police department dates back to the tenure of the late Town Manager Bob Littlefield. "He used to come to the public (budget) hearings and ask 'Why are you paying for your own department when you don't have to? The sheriff's department, statutorily, has to provide police protection to these towns that don't have their own department.' And that's how

they've gotten away with it all these years," Goggin said.

Trask said that he agreed with Goggin on some points. "Maybe if we had spread the deputies around the county differently, Brownville and Milo wouldn't have needed a police department," he said. "But it is what it is."

Lizotte said that there are some positive points to the proposal, conceding that it can be a "hot potato" politically. "This gets the patrol function out of a 'glorified living room' in a 130-year-old building and into some space they can use," he said. County officials will meet with Guilford Town Manager Tom Golette this week to get more information and bring it back to the February 16 commissioners' meeting.

## GFWC/Miosac Club Sponsors 2016 Sebec Lake "Ice Out"

SEBEC - The GFWC/Miosac Club is conducting its 2016 Sebec Lake Ice Out Contest. Tickets may be purchased from any club member from February 15 through March 31. Monies raised will be used to maintain a variety of club projects in the Dover-Foxcroft Area. Tickets are available for \$1 each or six for \$5. The person who guesses the closest date and time the ice will go out of the Narrows will receive a check for \$100.

Ice out dates on Sebec Lake have been recorded since May 1879. Research on the dates were released by the Sebec Lake Fish and Game Association with the assistance of Ruth Weatherbee. In the spring of 1976 former GFWC Miosac Club member, Laura Stacy came up with the idea of a Sebec Lake "Ice Out" Guess-a-Day. It is now known as the "Ice Out" Contest. This had become an annual event for the Club since its inception with much anticipation from local residents. This year's judge will be Dennis Hersey.

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# RidgeView Community School and Key Club students raise money

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"Helping the planet by recycling more is already a no-brainer," said Jeff Crowell. "But the fact that we can raise money for the students and their classrooms at the same time is almost too good to be true!"

Participation in this nationwide recycling program, called the Brigade programs, is completely free and TerraCycle pays for all shipping costs. For every piece of waste a group collects, TerraCycle donates two-cents to RidgeView and the Key Club. The collected items are recycled into a variety of affordable environmentally responsible products ranging from plastic decking and park benches to watering cans and recycling bins.

"The TerraCycle Brigade program is certainly a win for everyone involved," added Jeff. "I never thought it could be so easy to help the environment and raise money at the same time."

More than 70,000 schools and community groups around the country have signed up to help collect 31 different kinds of products and packaging accepted by TerraCycle. The participating organizations have collectively earned over \$5 million dollars and helped TerraCycle divert almost 3 billion pieces of waste that would have otherwise gone to landfill.

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# Center Theatre celebrating 10th Anniversary

DOVER-FOXCROFT - 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the Center Theatre's reopening and according to Patrick Myers, the Theatre's Executive Director, there will be celebrations all year long. "We are planning different events and activities during the year to celebrate our Anniversary. The centerpiece will be a special 10th Anniversary Retrospective this summer. We're bringing together current and past performers to present songs and scenes from our favorite theatre productions from the past 10 years."

As the Theatre's founding Executive Director, Myers is especially pleased to be back in that role for this 10th anniversary year. "I couldn't be happier to be back at the Theatre for this anniversary. When the Theatre had its grand reopening in August of 2006 there were some people who didn't think we would be able to make it. Like anything worth doing it hasn't been easy and sometimes it hasn't been pretty, but we are still here and we're going to celebrate!"

Myers also said that several musical performers from past years will also be coming back for concerts in 2016. "We haven't publicized it yet, but Don Campbell will be performing a country Christmas Concert on December 3 and while it isn't confirmed we're expecting to announce a favorite golden oldies band's return to the stage this spring."

With the Anniversary programs along with a full schedule of great movies, community events, and live programming Myers thinks 2016 is going to be a very busy year. "We're hoping to see all our members and friends this year so we can say 'thank you.' We wouldn't be here without the community's support and we're very grateful."

For more information on the anniversary plans or upcoming events at the Center Theatre, please email the Center Theatre at info@centertheatre.org, call the box office at 564-8943 or stop by the Theatre at 20 East Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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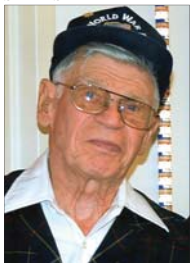
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## GUY OTIS ELLMS

**DEXTER** - Guy Otis Ellms, 96, died February 1, 2016, at his home in Dexter. He was born in Dexter, March 13, 1919, the son of Ralph Otis Ellms and Grace Emma Farrar. He served in the U.S. Army in the European Campaign during WWII, and often marched in the veteran's parades. He was a member of the South Sangerville Grange for 59 years and was a Past State Deputy. Guy was known for the toys and puzzles that he made that pleased so many people. He worked for the Maine Central Railroad, Fay & Scott, and retired from the Dexter School System. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Nancy (Hayes) Ellms of



Guy Otis Ellms

Dexter; 2 daughters, Betsy Burpee of North Anson, and Linda (Paul) Muzoreus of Chicago, IL; 5 grandchildren, Michael (Kathy) Ward of Wadsworth, Brian Ward of Hancock, Peter, Mary and John Muzoreus of Chicago, IL; a great granddaughter; cousins; nieces; and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Almond, Ralph and Earle Ellms. Friends called at Crosby & Neal, 61 Main Street in Dexter, Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Spring burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the charity of your choice. For an online guest register, go to [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com).

## ROSE M. SANTOS

**PARKMAN** - Rose M. Santos, 87 of Parkman died January 29, 2016 at home surrounded by her family. She was born May 10, 1928 in Hartford, CT. Rose was a graduate from St. Mary's High School in East Hartford, CT. She met her husband Bill and they were married September 6, 1952. Together they made a loving home and raised four children in Bolton, CT, before moving to Maine. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and spent time volunteering in the soup kitchen. She knit earnestly and donated hundreds of tiny wool hats to newborns with extended hospital stays. Rose's love for people was always on display in the kitchen, where family and friends gathered to enjoy her homemade, old-world cooking. She enjoyed her time at the Guilford Memorial Library and always had good books close at hand. Active and fit her whole life, Rose was a regular at the Community Fitness Center and kept up with friends much younger than she. Rose was a well-loved wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents John & Rose Annunziata, a brother Anthony and his wife Teresa, a sister Theresa and her husband Al, and a son in law, Dr. Steve Chapman. She is survived by Bill, her husband of 63 years; three sons, Paul and partner Joyce of Oakdale, CT; Gary and wife Tina of Dexter; Frank and wife Tracy of Parkman; one daughter, Debbie Chapman of Dexter, 4 grandchildren, Nicole and husband Jeremiah Shipman of NH, Ethan Santos of Dexter, Jenna Chapman of Tempe AZ and Miriah Chapman of Dexter among many loving nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their gratitude to Pine Tree Hospice and CHC Hospice for their excellent care. At her request there will be no calling hours or services. In lieu of flowers donations in her name can be made to The Guilford Library or Guilford Community Fitness.

## NANCY EVELYN PROVOST

**GARLAND** - Nancy Evelyn Provost, 79, passed away February 5, 2016, at a Lewiston hospital, with her family by her side. She was born in Bangor, February 5, 1937, one of five children, the daughter of Stanley and Avis (Hoskins) White. Nancy was predeceased by her husband, Maurice J. Provost; a brother, Philip White; and a sister, Marion Murray. She is survived by a sister, Clara Lindsay of Sangerville; a brother, Stanley White and his wife, Marion of Dexter; a daughter, Michelle Babine and her partner, Frank of Dexter; 2 sons, Mark Provost of Ripley and Michael Provost and his wife, Jackie of Garland; 3 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to, Dialysis Clinic, Inc., 27 Research Dr., Skowhegan, ME 04976. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Dexter. For an online guest register, go to [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com).

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**EXETER & CORINNA** - Mildred B. Smith, 72, went home to be with the Lord February 2, 2016. She was born September 19, 1943 in Bangor a daughter of Leslie and Gladys (Davis) Bickford. After graduating as a LPN from Thayer Nursing School, she became co-owner of Clyde L. Smith Inc. General Store in Exeter for over 25 years. Mildred later was employed at Sebasticook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Exeter. She is survived by 2 sons, Brent and William; a daughter Melanie Carlson and husband Scott; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mildred was predeceased by her parents; her husband of 51 years, Alan Smith; and her siblings, Fern and Henry Foshay. A memorial service and graveside committal will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal Chapel, 68 Exeter Road, Corinna. Those who wish may leave written tributes at [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com)

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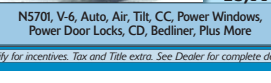
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## GFWC/Miosac Club welcomes 2016

by Minnie McCormick  
DOVER-FOXCROFT - GFWC/MiosacClub met at Thayer Parkway recently for a potluck dinner. Members were welcomed by Elaine Larson and Suzanne Raymond. Members brought casseroles, salads and meats. Elaine and Suzanne provided the desserts.

Carol Kilpatrick gave the treasurer's reports. She later noted that the scholarship applications were available. Carol also noted that she had sent Scholarship money for Aaron Goodine's further schooling. Under old business, the yard sale to take place this summer was discussed. Vicki Moschela, Anne Cress and Rhea Michaud volunteered to be chairman. Athalie Burke said she has an Afghan to raffle off at the yard sale.

Under new business, Vicki noted that we need a nominating committee as we change officers in the summer. She will announce it at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to record volunteer hours. The hours are necessary for GFWC International. Reports of all the programs and projects the club did last year will be written and sent to state chairmen and later to General Federation. Clubs may receive awards with some monetary values. These awards will be presented in the summer at General Federation Convention.

### Births of local interest

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The following births of local interest have been reported to The Eastern Gazette by the staff of Mayo Regional Hospital.

A son, Samuel Gray Moriguchi Cannon, to Amy Fagan-Cannon and Nicholas Cannon of Dover-Foxcroft on January 05, 2016. Wt. 8 pounds 12 ounces.

A daughter, Grace Eileen Anderson, to Kathy Batey and Sean Anderson of Charleston on January 12, 2016. Wt. 7 pounds 6 ounces.

A son, Bryant Robert Brooks, to Brittanny Ware and Damin Brooks of Dover-Foxcroft on January 17, 2016. Wt. 6 pounds 3 ounces.  
A daughter, Sensi Lynn McAfee, to Brea Bentley and Ryan McAfee of Dover-Foxcroft on January 22, 2016. Wt. 7 pounds 4 ounces.

A daughter, LilliAnn Jane Stewart, to Beth and Brent Stewart Jr. of Exeter on January 26, 2016. Wt. 6 pounds 0 ounces.

A son, Ronald Elias-Jonathan Strouse, to Katie Robinson and Ronald Strouse of Dexter on January 28, 2016. Wt. 7 pounds 9 ounces.

# COMPASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**VALENTINE'S DANCE - Harmony Community Center.** 7 - 10 PM. \$10. The Wildwoods Band. Carolyn Lary 683-5237 or Cheryl Ricker 683-5621.

**BAKED BEAN SUPPER - Corinth United Methodist Church.** 4:30 - 6 PM. \$7/adults, \$6/seniors, \$3/under 12.

**CONTRA DANCE - First Universalist Church of Dexter.** \$7/singles, \$12/families. 7 - 10 PM. Jim Bunn 924-3925 or Georgia Prickett 277-3691.

**BAKED BEAN & BBQ CHICKEN SUPPER - Milo American Legion.** 4:30 - 6:30 PM. \$7/adults \$3.50/under 12. Take out and home delivery call Legion member.

**ANNUAL HEART FUND BAKE SALE - Cambridge Town Hall, rte. 152.** 8 AM - Noon.

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETING - Dover-Foxcroft Town Hall Community Room.** 10 AM - Noon. Troy Jackson speaks. Carole Boothroyd 564-0139.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**GUILFORD BICENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH - Valley Grange Hall, Corner of Guilford Center Rd & Butter St.** 11 AM open, Noon lunch, 1 PM presentation. Potluck, bring dish to share.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SANGERVILLE & DOVER-FOXCROFT - Main St., Sangerville.** Piscataquis Community High School Jazz Band. 9:30 AM.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - Corinna United Methodist Church Parsonage.** 4 - 5 PM. 278-7925.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP - Greenville Methodist Church.** 4 PM. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month. 717-8714.

**CAMBRIDGE REPUBLICAN TOWN CAUCUS - Cambridge Town Hall, Rt. 152.** 7 PM.  
**FREE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON - Corinna United Methodist Church.** 11 AM. Lunch at 11:30.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**SOUPER KITCHEN - Ripley United Methodist Church, 12 W. Ripley Rd.** 11 AM - 2 PM. Fiddlehead Chowder by the pint or quart.

**FREE PUBLIC SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON - Unitarian Universalist Church of Sangerville & Dover-Foxcroft.** 11 AM - 1 PM.

**AMERICAN LEGION MEETING - Poulliot-Seavey Post 53 Dexter.** Noon lunch. 1 PM business meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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“...the most qualified candidate to create the political system we should have...”

To the Editor:

I'm voting for Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders on March 6th and if you care about your job or our economy, I suggest you do too.

To quote a recent commentary by Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor...Hillary Clinton "may be the most qualified candidate for president of the political system we now have. But Bernie Sanders is the most qualified candidate to create the political system we should have because he's leading a political movement for change. The upcoming election isn't about detailed policy proposals. It's about power—who will have it or whether the average Americans will get some as well"...Sanders is "leading a grass-roots 'political revolution' to regain control over our democracy and economy." See entire text by going to the internet site below:

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/other-views/7/11/1279694/robert-reich-why-the-2016-election-is-a-political-volcano-in-full-eruption>

In the first week of February, Sanders held a press conference at the same time the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) "free-trade" agreement was being signed in New Zealand by representatives of the 12 participating countries. He strongly voiced his opposition and committed to doing what he can to kill the deal if he is elected president. He remarked during the press conference that, "since 2001, nearly 60,000 manufacturing plants in this country have been shut down and we have lost over 4.7 million manufacturing jobs"...If the workers find new jobs at all, they are usually low-paying. "Trade is a good thing. But trade has got to be fair. And the TPP is anything but fair...As your president, not only will I make sure that the TPP does not get implemented, I will not send any trade deal to Congress that will make it easier for corporations to outsource American jobs overseas."

The entire press conference may be viewed by going to the internet site below:

[https://ourfuture.org/20160204/sanders-vows-to-kill-tpp-if-elected-will-clinton?utm\\_source=progressive\\_breakfast&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=break](https://ourfuture.org/20160204/sanders-vows-to-kill-tpp-if-elected-will-clinton?utm_source=progressive_breakfast&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=break)

If you want to vote for Sanders in Maine's Caucus election of March 6th, you can.

If you are a registered Democrat, you're all ready to go. If you are an unregistered voter or registered but not enrolled in a party, you can register as a Democrat AT THE CAUCUS.

If you are registered and enrolled in any other major party you must RE-REGISTER as a Democrat by February 19th. Please contact your Town Office for information about how your town processes voter registrations.

If you are unable to attend the caucus in person on March 6th, you may also vote by absentee ballot. You can request a ballot online from the Maine Democratic Party ([www.mainedemocrats.org](http://www.mainedemocrats.org)) or by calling their office at 622-6233 ext. 1. You can either print a ballot or be sent one by mail. This needs to be filled out and sent back to the Maine Democratic office at 320 Water Street, 3rd fl., Augusta, ME 04330.

For more information contact Executive Director, Jeremy Kennedy at [jkennedy@mainedemocrats.org](mailto:jkennedy@mainedemocrats.org)

Deadline for the Maine Dem office to receive ballots is March 2nd, 5 pm, so if you know you can't attend, request your ballot today!

Margo Leonforte

Ripple

“...rightful conclusion.”

To the Editor:

Update on the Dover-Foxcroft Community Bill of Rights Ordinance to prevent, by means of citizens' lawmaking, a transnational corporate corridor passing through our town...

During the first two weeks of January 2016, the Piscataquis Observer published The Year (2015) In Review" from which are taken the following relevant excerpts:

...September: "By a 4-3 vote (on Sept. 8), Dover-Foxcroft selectmen opted not to put a community bill of rights ordinance on the ballot, favoring instead to set a series of meetings with supporters of the measure to prohibit corporations and governments from engaging in acquisition of land for, or the siting of, private and public-private transportation and distribution corridors. The town had received a petition carrying over 300 signatures in favor of holding a secret ballot vote on the proposed ordinance. Later in the month (Sept. 14), the panel voted 4-2 to deny the request to put the CBR matter to a public vote."

December: "Representing the committee that has been working on a community bill of rights for Dover-Foxcroft (on December 7th), Dr. Lesley Fernow addressed members of the town's board of selectmen during a special meeting on the ongoing citizen-driven initiative to place a CBR ordinance question on the ballot. "Our goal is still to put an ordinance before the citizens for a vote. We look at it as a community rights issue," she said regarding ongoing private efforts to build a transportation/communications corridor through the region..."

Throughout the year of 2015, there were other such reports in the Piscataquis Observer to inform the public about the work of the Dover-Foxcroft Community Bill of Rights Team that was being persistently rebuffed by the SelectBoard. Other than the collection of the 319 signatures in the Spring and Summer of 2015, the Team never reached the phase of community outreach that includes informational meetings, letters-to-the-editors and press releases by the citizen promoters of the ordinance. Rather, an ongoing desire by the majority of the Team kept the ordinance under wraps—in the singular interest of gaining, first, the approval of the town's elected officials—while the public was being prejudiced against it by the stalwart negative reaction on the part of the town's elected officials.

Since December 7th, after two years and three months, the original Dover-Foxcroft Community Bill Of Rights Team is in dissolution due to the majority of its members having no further desire to enter into the next phase of this process which is, as permitted by law, re-collection of signatures to be submitted to a notary to call a special town meeting election referendum.

However, a few among that former Team's members have re-grouped under a new name—the Dover Community Rights Action Team (DoverCRAT). Following a few weeks of administrative work, re-collection of signatures will be underway as we contact registered voters to read through and discuss the ordinance language together and request the voters to sign (or re-sign in the case of 319 Dover-Foxcroft voters) a new ordinance petition so the townspeople may finally vote, based on bill-of-rights language in our federal and state constitutions, for or against such a private industrial corridor that would irreversibly degrade, and perhaps utterly destroy, our town...

Let us establish in our town a healthy culture of direct democracy by taking on the work of citizen lawmaking for the future well-being of our communities. Maine's Constitution and the U.S. Constitution allow for citizen lawmaking. We need to use all modes of democratic participation available to us so that both direct and representative democracy serves the people to the greatest affect. Please consider getting involved by calling 564-8687. All our welcome. This is our moment to bring this effort to its rightful conclusion.

Sidney Mitchell

Dover-Foxcroft

## 2016 Republican Caucuses

To the Editor:

The Dexter Republican Committee will be holding its 2016 Republican Caucuses on March 5 in Bangor in a new format, the Nominating Caucus, to be held in each county on the same day. Republican voters are eligible to vote for their choices for the Republican nomination for the Presidency at the Nominating Caucuses. Those currently enrolled as Democrats or who are Unenrolled (independent) may also vote in this nominating process. Current Democrats must change their party affiliation no later than February 19 with the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk or a representative will be at the caucus site for one hour prior to the convening of the Nominating Caucus to change the registration of those Unenrolled to Republican.

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MAINE - Maine Forest Service survey reveals that nearly 90 percent of Maine's family woodland owners are happy with the harvesting activity results.

AUGUSTA - Nearly 90 percent of Maine's family woodland owners are happy with the results of recent timber harvesting on their land. That's the key finding of a survey conducted by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Forest Service. The survey was drawn from a random sample of family woodland owners who own less than 1,000-acre ownerships statewide and who had recently completed a harvest on at least a portion of their woods.

"Healthy forests are vital to our economy and way of life," said Governor Paul R. LePage. "Effective strategies for active forest management improve forest health, wood availability, wildlife habitat, water quality,

recreational opportunities and our overall quality of life."

"Farmers and other small woodland owners, particularly in southern Maine, can enhance their surroundings by selectively harvesting trees," said DACF Commissioner Walt Whitcomb. "We're very pleased with the results of this survey," said Maine Forest Service Director Doug Denico. "We found that Maine's family woodland owners are quite satisfied with the outcomes of timber harvesting on their land - including aesthetics, wildlife habitat, recreation and income."

"Timber harvests in Maine are being conducted by a highly professional logging work force, often in consultation with licensed foresters, and the outcomes are largely positive for the customer, the landowner," said Pat Sirois, Director of the Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative. "The good news for landowners is that this

survey indicates a good job occurs on nine out of every ten harvests."

Survey Results: Over 63% of woodland owners were "very satisfied" and over 27% were "somewhat satisfied" with the overall outcome of their harvest.

Nearly 59% were "very satisfied" and over 29% were "somewhat satisfied" with the overall condition of their wood after the harvest.

56% were "very satisfied" and nearly 30% were "somewhat satisfied" with the financial outcomes of their harvest.

78% felt the logger understood their objectives and respected the owner's vision for their woodlands "very well," and 84% said they would work with the same logger again.

77% of woodland owners said they would harvest again, when conditions were right.

**Davis presents sales tax exemption bill**

AUGUSTA - On Wednesday, January 20, Sen. Paul Davis (R-Piscataquis) presented a bill to the Legislature's Taxation Committee intended to assist several Maine industries.

LD 1481, "An Act to Protect Maine's Natural Resource Jobs by Exempting from Sales Tax Petroleum Products Used in Commercial Farming, Fishing and Forestry," exempts petroleum products that run the equipment used in these three agricultural fields. This would include fuel, any lubricating oil, or any other lubricant that is used for the vehicle.

"It is important that we help and protect these three important industries. By doing so, we are helping our friends and neighbors who are earning a living as farmers, foresters, and fishermen. We are helping these industries survive for future generations," said Davis. "This bill would be good news for industries who have had too much bad news recently."

By lowering the tax burden that businesses pay for fuel products, the legislation would free up money for businesses to invest elsewhere, whether that be maintaining their current business, expanding their business, or employing more Mainers, he added.

Thomas Douglas of Guilford, the owner of Thomas Logging and Forestry, testified that if his firm used the amount of fuel that he's projected over the rest of the year, he will pay "approximately \$4,200 in sales tax on petroleum products (that would be) exempt from sales tax if this bill passes. While that does not sound like much, a savings of \$4,200 could make a big difference in my company."

Douglas said that he'd use the money to replace tires on his work trucks and machinery, for example. "Instead of pushing the limits on a tire that is bad, I could replace it ... at a scheduled maintenance interval instead of waiting until it is halfway up the main yarding trail and lose a whole day of work changing the tire," he testified.

A work session on the legislation was scheduled for January 27 in the Taxation Committee.

**Caring for Caregiver event "It's All About You"**

DOVER-FOXCROFT - As part of its ongoing effort to support caregivers through the Caring for the Caregiver Program, Pine Tree Hospice is hosting "It's All About You!" on March 5 at the Charlotte White Center, 572 Bangor Rd. in Dover-Foxcroft.

Caregivers will be pampered through massage therapy, aromatherapy, essential oils, manicures, and guided meditation. Information about caregiver resources will also be available, such as TIP caregiver resources and local transportation services. A lunch by Spruce Mill Farm will be served.

This free event is open to all caregivers, professional and personal, whether in the present or in the past, male or female. One in seven Mainers are taking care of a spouse, parent, friend, or neighbor. These caregivers dedicate themselves sometimes for years at a time and at great personal cost in terms of their own physical, mental and financial well-being. The Caring for the Caregiver program offers several programs throughout the year to educate and uplift area caregivers.

Realizing that it is difficult for caregivers who are unable to leave their family members alone, limited respite resources are available for this event. Pre-register for this event by calling 664-4346 or email [wecare@pinetreehospice.org](mailto:wecare@pinetreehospice.org).

**Maine Educational Opportunity Center free workshops**

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Maine Educational Opportunity Center will be hosting free workshops entitled Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 & over at the following times and locations:

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There will also be two new ordinances proposed, a Holding Tank Ordinance which would establish criteria for the installation of any holding tank, particularly within a recognized shoreland zone, and a Property Maintenance Ordinance, which would establish standards regarding the accumulation of trash, clutter, and other unsightly collections of various materials for health and safety reasons, as well as for preserving neighboring property values.

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 <p style="font-size: 14px;"><b>icomfort</b> Smarter, Cooler, Better™</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Sleep System by Serta®</p>		 <p style="font-size: 14px;"><b>iseries</b> Intelligent Comfort. Individual Support.™</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Hybrid Sleep System by Serta®</p>	
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