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Dr. Ronald Lott, of Orono, who was presented with the Veterinary Service Award by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association. The award recognizes his tireless efforts, through the establishment of shelters, to care for unwanted animals. Dr. Lott began his work with stray animals as an intern at Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital. In 1981, he established the Penobscot Valley Humane Society in Lincoln. Ten years later he founded the Animal Orphanage in Old Town. He also owns and operates Timberland Animal Hospital in Orono. Dr. Lott continues to donate his time to care for animals at the Animal Orphanage. We send our appreciation to Dr. Lott for his kindness to animals and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1)

Rita Wotton, of Littleton, on the occasion of her 95th birthday, December 25, 2002. Mrs. Wotton is the oldest citizen of Littleton and holds the Boston Cane. She has been active in her community and is known as the "community cook." We extend our congratulations to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 2)

the Scarborough High School Football Team, on winning the 2002 State Class B Football Championship: players Joel Valverde, Tucker Gorman, Troy Pelletier, Joe Kingsbury, Adam Libby, Chaz Summers, Steve McNaughton, Andrew Cashman, Drew Crandall, Devin Googins, Marcus Ellison, Michael Ellison, Michael Slovak, Tyler Nelson, Travis Angell, Ryan Webster, Mark Jones, James Mina, Nial Demena, Patrick Needham, Chris McBrady, Andrew McNaughton, Eric Frederick, Ted Bonenfant, Travis Hitchcock, Keith Mercer, Michael Thompson, Alex Couple, Adam Hartley, Josh Heath, Andy Orr, Ryan Carrier, Chris Heuer, Sean Foss, Jason Burke, Andrew Horgan, Josh Galyean, Andy Tremberth, Donald Smith, Jacob Oliver, Robert Wohltjen, Matt Libby, Mike Mullin, Ben Watts, Nate Mulliner, Noah Cohen, James Hides, Jesse Gadbois, Ryan Libby, Devin Butts, Shawn Erickson, Steven Cyr, Sean Gordon, Ben Reichl, Nick Kenney, Matt Whrer and Nick Danton; coaches George Seehagen, Peter Chykaliuk, Jay Vance, Tom Taylor, Randy Hitchcock and Craig McDonald; and Head Coach Jack Flynn. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team and the school on this championship season; (HLS 3)

Walter Litchfield, of Sumner, on the occasion of his retirement after 10 years as Fire Chief of the Sumner Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Litchfield, known to family and friends as Wally, was a founding member of the department and has served the department faithfully for 4 decades. During his tenure, the department has nearly doubled in terms of both equipment and trained membership. We join the citizens of his community in sending to him our appreciation for his dedicated service and commitment to the Sumner Volunteer Fire Department; (HLS 4)

Christopher Hughes, of Oxford, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 196, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this accomplishment; (HLS 5)

Michael Wilhelm, Superintendent of School Administrative District 75, who has been named Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wilhelm on this accomplishment; (HLS 6)

the Lawrence High School Boys Soccer Team, on its winning the 2002 State Class A Soccer Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team and the school on this championship season; (HLS 7)

the Falmouth "Yachtsmen" High School Girls Soccer Team, on its winning the 2002 State Class B Soccer Championship:

players Elizabeth Bruen, Stephanie Gonzales, Meredith McArdle, Chelsea Cote, Sara Farnum, Kristina Grimaldi, Ashley Higgins, Whitney Huse, Melissa Joyce, Emily Mason, Lindsay Monn, Ashley Beaulieu, Arielle DeRice, Emma Grandstaff, Callan Kilroy, Hannah Monn, Amanda Wood, Ashley Dragos, Hannah Jansen, Bridget Hester and Christina Capozza; assistant coach Andy Pappas; and Head Coach Melissa Anderson. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team and the school on this championship season; (HLS 8)

the Falmouth "Yachtsmen" High School Boys Soccer Team, on its winning the 2002 State Class B Soccer Championship: players Justin Armstrong, Patrick Halligan, Chris Keeler, Jon Cronin, Zack Jones, Ben Piper, Kyle Perry, Alex Shaw, Carter Waite, Ray Baston, Hobson Bradford, Chris Davis, Chris Hooper, Mike Thoreson, Alex Urquhart, Jimmy Velas, Chris White, Will Barns, Ryan Bradford, Kyle Burnett, Chris Piper, Thomas Starkey, Ben Rayder, Bryant Barr, Connor Hallowell and Miles Libby; assistant coaches Todd Whitcomb and Matthew Starkey; and Head Coach David Halligan. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team and the school on this championship season; (HLS 9)

the Falmouth "Yachtsmen" High School Boys Cross-country Team, on its winning the 2002 Class B Cross-country State Championship: players Blake Davis, Kirby Davis, Bryan Gattis, Kurt Knudsen, Mike Gaudet, Ben Schnapp, Dan Capaldi, Brandon Bonsey, Trevor Paul, Matt Duddy, Robbie Grygiel, Alex Romanoff, Patrick Hanan, Jon Wilson, Chris Talbot, Chris Kurlanski, Kyle Gowen, Brandon LaPoint, Ben Mercer and Ben Magur; assistant coaches Jorma Kurry and Danny Paul; and Head Coach Bob Gilman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team and the school on this championship season; (HLS 10)

Lorraine Stickney, of Gorham, who is being honored by having the Gorham High School Library named after her. She is receiving this honor for her many years of community service to the town and for her service to Gorham High School as the school librarian. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Stickney for her dedication to the citizens of the State; (HLS 11)

Dean Evans, of Gorham, who is being honored by having the Gorham High School Gymnasium named after him. He is receiving this honor for his many years of community service to the town and for his service to Gorham High School as a teacher and coach. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Evans for his dedication to the citizens of the State; (HLS 12)

Bev Wrigley, of Oakland, for her participation in the Head Start holiday festivities for 36 years, and for all she does to help her community. Bev has worked for the Bureau of Information Services for the past 12 years. She is retiring in August after working for 46 years for the State of Maine. We acknowledge her valuable and dedicated service to the people of the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 13)

Pilots Grill. The restaurant will close at the end of December 2002 after 62 years as a Bangor institution. The restaurant, a family business run by the Zoidis family, has served as the stage for many of the State's most historic events, from end-of-war celebrations to political victory parties. Pilots Grill has been at its current location for almost 50 years, moving from its original site near the runway of the then Bangor Airfield in 1956. Current owner Bill Zoidis took over the restaurant from his father and his two uncles and was a partner with Andy Gass for almost 30 years. We extend our appreciation to the Zoidis family for providing a place of fine dining to the citizens of the State for so many years; (HLS 14)

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Sidney Branson, of Windham, a family doctor in Windham for 45 years. Dr. Branson came to Windham and began his practice in 1940. He served in the United States Army during World War II as captain in the Army Medical Corps, with a 2 1/2-year tour of duty in the Pacific Theater, from New Caledonia to Okinawa. He was a member of numerous fraternal and professional organizations and was president of the Maine Academy of Family Practice and the Portland Medical Club. He was on the attending staff of Maine Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Westbrook Hospital. Dr. Branson was instrumental in starting the Department of Family Practice at Maine Medical Center in 1957, which was responsible for training residents in family practice. He was county medical examiner for 25 years, physician for Maine Correctional Center, college physician for St. Joseph's College, health officer and school physician for the town of Windham and member of the Windham School Board for 2 terms. Dr. Branson was editor and publisher of the Pine Tree G.P., a medical magazine for family physicians. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, colleagues and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 15)

Alice Keene, of Oxford, on the milestone celebration of her 80th Birthday, December 16, 2002, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 16)

the Foxcroft Academy Ponies Football Team, upon its winning the Eastern Maine Class C Football Championship and on its undefeated record (11-0) during the regular season of play. The team demonstrated exceptional effort and sportsmanship, which are a tribute to the academy. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members and coaches of the team on their achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 17)

Theodore R. Tracy, of Hebron, on the occasion of his retirement after 15 years as the Register of Probate for Oxford County. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Tracy for his dedication to the citizens of the State and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 18)

Carol Millett, of Norway, who has been named Employee of the Year for 2002 by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Millett is a 30-year employee of the Town of Norway, starting as clerk and advancing to her current position as administrative assistant to the town manager. She is well-known for her reliability and her expertise involving town affairs. We send to her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 19)

Joseph Cooney, of Norway, who has received the annual Community Service award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his unselfish and tireless efforts to support veterans and their families. Mr. Cooney is the current chair and a founding member of the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee. We send to him our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 20)

Lorraine Demers, of Lewiston, on the occasion of her retirement from John F. Murphy Homes, Inc., a residential care facility for people with disabilities, after 14 years of dedicated service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Demers for a long and happy retirement; (HLS 21)

Bill Jack, of Bowdoin, a member of Boy Scout Troop #639, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Bill on this accomplishment; (HLS 22)

William Matthews, of Gray, a member of Boy Scout Troop #86, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend William for his many hours of dedicated

service to his community and send to him our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 23)

Ann Milliken Hamlin, of East Millinocket, beloved wife of Dr. Irvin E. Hamlin, an active participant in civic organizations and a member of the Maine Harness Horseman's Association. Mrs. Hamlin was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a trustee of MCI and served on the boards of Community Health and Counseling Services, Oak Park Manor and Katahdin Friends. She enjoyed playing pitch and bridge with her friends and had an unending passion for horses. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 24)

the Franklin County Children's Task Force on its 25th Anniversary. The task force performs important work for and is dedicated to the children of Franklin County. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the task force; (HLS 25)

Carl Frye, of Portland, a student at Portland High School, who was named as the 2002 Gatorade Player of the Year, for his athletic achievement. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to him on his accomplishments; (HLS 26)

Jason Pettry, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jason on this accomplishment; (HLS 27)

Ronell F. Harris, of Cape Elizabeth, beloved husband of Betty Lou Harris, a recipient of the Governor's Award for Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education and named Oilman of the Year by the Maine Petroleum Association. Mr. Harris was part of the 3rd generation to run Harris Oil Company. He helped to guide the company successfully through the oil embargo of the 1970s, during which he was an advisor to President Carter. While at Harris Oil Company, he held many industry positions, including membership on the Board of Directors of the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Portland. Mr. Harris was a member of the South Portland Lions Club and had a lifetime Membership at the Greater Portland YMCA. His work at the YMCA included serving on its board as treasurer and director. He also served on the South Portland Board of Education and supported sports programs for youth, including the Sunset Park Girls Softball League and the Tradesmen's Hockey Team. Mr. Harris enjoyed spending time with his family and especially enjoyed his stays at the family summer home on Round Pond Harbor. He and his beloved wife were instrumental in the restoration of the Little Brown Church, getting it listed on the National Historic Register in 1998. Mr. Harris will be greatly missed by his loving family, many friends and those he met while serving his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 28)

Bryan and Breen Bell, of Bell Brothers in Mars Hill, who have been named McCain Foods Champion Potato Growers for Aroostook County for the 5th time. The brothers are the 26th recipients of the revolving Champion Potato Grower trophy. Bell Brothers received this honor for the outstanding characteristics of their potatoes, which include the size, defect level, color and delivery date for each load of potatoes delivered to McCain's Easton french-fry plant. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Bryan and Breen Bell on this occasion; (HLS 29)

Walter Mosher, of Blaine, who has succeeded in his quest to break the world record by completing 308 takeoffs and landings in a 24-hour period by a single-engine airplane on a single airstrip. The previous world record was set by 2 Australian pilots at 297 takeoffs and landings. We send our congratulations to Mr. Mosher on this accomplishment; (HLS 30)

Vaughn A. Martin, of Easton, a teacher at Easton Elementary School, who is the recipient of the Milken Family Foundation

National Educator Award. Mr. Martin has also received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and has been a Teacher of the Year nominee. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Martin for receiving this prestigious award and thank him for his dedication to the students of the State; (HLS 31)

Alta Weeks, of Westfield, who has been recognized by the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community for her dedication and generous contribution of her time to various organizations, communities, children and families. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Weeks for her commitment to the people of the State; (HLS 32)

Majorie Grew, of Mars Hill, who has been recognized by the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community for her dedication and generous contribution of her time to various organizations, communities, children and families. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Grew for her commitment to the people of the State; (HLS 33)

Harold "Harry" S. Faust, of Waterville, a well-known community leader, mentor, educator, advocate and businessman. Mr. Faust was the owner of the well-known FrameMakers picture framing business and a person of many and varied interests, including the redevelopment of Waterville's downtown area and the promotion of local artists. He was also supportive of other community organizations, including REM and the Waterville Intown Business Association. He was an avid bicyclist and participated in 17 of the 18 Trek Across Maine events sponsored by the American Lung Association of Maine. He combined his love of bicycling and his leadership skills to help transform the struggling Bicycle Coalition of Maine into a resilient and diverse organization with many remarkable accomplishments. Mr. Faust, "Harry," will be greatly missed by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 34)

Lt. Curtis D. Jacks, USNC (Ret.), of Sanford, who has been accepted into the distinguished Order of the Silver Rose in recognition of his sacrifice while serving his nation as a member of the Armed Forces. We send our appreciation to Mr. Jacks for his military service and extend to him our congratulations upon receiving this honor; (HLS 35)

Leo W. MacDonald, of Mexico, beloved husband of the late Yvonne Martineau MacDonald and a longtime Oxford County Commissioner. Mr. MacDonald was a veteran of World War II, a U.S. Navy Reservist and a retiree from Boise Cascade. He was a member of American Legion Napoleon Ouellette Post 24 and the Robert Shand Post 1641 of the VFW, and was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church in Mexico. He enjoyed sports and had coached youth basketball. Mr. MacDonald will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 36)

Clara Small, of Caribou, who celebrated her 104th birthday. Mrs. Small was born on December 13, 1898 and is the oldest resident in her community. She had 2 daughters, Evelyn and Helen; 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. We send our congratulations and warmest best wishes to Mrs. Small on this occasion; (HLS 37)

Ashley Gleason, of Medway, who has earned the Silver Award in Girl Scouts. This award recognizes excellence in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Ashley on this accomplishment; (HLS 38)

Keith A. Bennett, of Wayne, beloved husband of Martha Farrar Bennett, an officer in the U.S. Air Force, a Boeing 747 chief ground training instructor and most recently a science teacher at Maranacook Community School. While in the military, Mr. Bennett attained the rank of colonel and was selected to

attend Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. He was the recipient of numerous citations, awards and medals during his career and received the Bronze Star for leadership in combat during the Gulf War. He served as the operations officer of the 511th Tactical Fighter Squadron and later as a squadron commander. He also served as the deputy support group commander at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona and as base commander at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. Mr. Bennett was well-known and liked in his community and will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 39)

Boy Scout Troop #317, of Sanford, on the milestone of being a chartered Boy Scout Troop for 85 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of Boy Scout Troop #317, past and present; (HLS 40)

the Arkhangelsk Oblast Duma, on the occasion of the visit of the Russian-American Rule of Law delegation from the State of Maine January, 2003. The exchange of representatives of our 2 jurisdictions continues to benefit all of our people and improve the ability for us to facilitate the law-making process. We hope that the friendship between our peoples will continue to strengthen. We respectfully send our best wishes to the Arkhangelsk Oblast Duma. Vsego Dobrogo!; (HLS 41)

Josephine Arlene Stone, of Norway, a longtime resident and prominent citizen of Norway. Mrs. Stone, born in East Stoneham, was a graduate of Norway High School. She began work as a clerk in Stone's Drug Store in 1925 and in 1932 began her career as a restaurateur. Her establishment, named Barjo Restaurant in 1936, served the community until 1991. She received the first Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award and the National Grange Service Community Award and was the first woman to receive the National Junior Chamber of Commerce Award. She also received many food service awards at the state, national and international levels. In 1980, she was the first woman to be inducted as Honorary Captain of the Maine State Police and was promoted to Honorary Major in 2000. Mrs. Stone loved basketball and her love of the game included a visit with the Boston Celtics and her favorite player, Kevin McHale. She will be greatly missed by her family, neighbors and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 42)

the Honorable Howard A. Chick, of Lebanon, who faithfully served the citizens of his community in the Maine House of Representatives for 4 terms. His expertise and interest as a farmer, hunter, fisherman and registered Maine Guide made him an invaluable asset to the Legislature and a valued and vital member of the House Standing Committee on Ethics and the Joint Standing Committees on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources. Mr. Chick was active in numerous organizations, including the Springvale Fish and Game Club, the Lebanon Board of Selectmen, the Lebanon School Committee and the MSAD 60 School Board. He was a past president of Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs and the Director of the York County Agricultural Association, which operates the Acton Fair. Mr. Chick and his beloved wife, the late Muriel Chick, had 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson. Mr. Chick will be greatly missed by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 43)

Gwethalyn M. Phillips, of Bangor, who has been recognized by the Maine Democratic Party for her many years of service as the National Committeewoman and the State Party Chair and her dedication to the principles of fairness and equality for all Maine citizens. Ms. Phillips has given generously of her time to various organizations in our State that are working to protect civil liberties and civil rights. We acknowledge her efforts to assist Maine

citizens to become involved in the political process. We send our appreciation to her for her commitment to the people of the State of Maine; (HLS 44)

Geraldine Corey, of Presque Isle, on the special occasion of her 90th Birthday, February 8, 2003. Mrs. Corey is the mother of 3 children and has been an active worker up until recently. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this milestone birthday; (HLS 45)

Tiffany Lundeen, of Mars Hill, recipient of the American Farmer Award given by the Future Farmers of America. Tiffany is the President of the 4-H Club. We extend our congratulations to Tiffany on her receiving the award; (HLS 46)

Jason Woodworth, of Blaine, a sophomore at Central Aroostook High School, who won the 2001 and 2002 Class C County Golf Championship. We extend our congratulations to Jason on this accomplishment; (HLS 47)

Michael J. Roy, of Waterville, Town Manager of Oakland, for receiving the Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year Award, bestowed by the Maine Town and City Managers' Association. Nominated by town officials and employees, Roy has been recognized as being hardworking, dedicated and talented. Over the years, his efforts have secured state and federal grant money for various projects to improve the overall well-being of the community. He has been a tremendous asset to the Town of Oakland and we wish him many years of continued success; (HLS 48)

Goodwin Chevrolet, of Brunswick, recipient of a plaque from General Motors Corporation honoring its 70 years as a family-owned dealership. Since the business was founded by Joseph Goodwin, it has grown from a small automobile repair shop to a 60 million-dollar-a-year enterprise employing 148 people. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Goodwin family on this accomplishment; (HLS 49)

Leo J. Murphy, highly respected funeral director at Plummer Funeral Home in Augusta, on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Murphy has dedicated his life to helping people in very difficult times and we extend our thanks and congratulations to him; (HLS 50)

Goodwill Industries, of Northern New England, recipient of a Community Service Award by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, which is the nation's 4th largest Goodwill. Goodwill manages award-winning brain injury centers, provides employment training and maintains homes for many with special needs. We congratulate them on their achievements and offer our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 51)

the Capital Area Recreation Association, recipient of a Community Service Award by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, whose members have created the CARA sports complex. We congratulate the association of volunteers and extend our best wishes for their continued success; (HLS 52)

Peachey Builders, of Augusta, recipient of a President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Founded in 1947 by George Peachey and his sons Victor and Lafayette, the company originally constructed log homes before moving into commercial construction. We congratulate the people of Peachey Builders on receiving this fine award; (HLS 53)

D.R. Struck Landscape Nursery, of Winthrop, recipient of a President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. This full-service garden store and nursery hosts popular holiday open houses. Its design/build landscapers create beautiful home and commercial environments in central Maine.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to owners David and Robin Struck; (HLS 54)

Augusta Seafood, recipient of a Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce President's Award. The Benedict family has created a friendly business with a great reputation and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 55)

Bill Sprague, Jr., of Sprague and Curtis Real Estate in Augusta, who has been named Business Person of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sprague's management of a very successful business has resulted in sales of nearly \$500 million over a 24-year period. In addition, he has selflessly volunteered in many organizations and received Le Club Calumet's Outstanding Citizen Award in 2000. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sprague on receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 56)

Best Western Senator Inn and Spa, of Augusta, on its being named Business of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Since 1977, owners Vern and Betsy Cook have consistently earned a reputation for good service at the inn, and we extend our congratulations to this exemplary business; (HLS 57)

the Inn at City Hall, Augusta's City Hall for nearly a century, which received a Special Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. This historic landmark is now the riverside home for elderly citizens who can live in a modern affordable complex of apartments. We extend our congratulations to those leaders who undertook this huge redevelopment challenge; (HLS 58)

Michael L. Foreman I, of Rumford, husband of Donna R. Gurney Foreman. For the past 18 years, Mr. Foreman worked in the maintenance department at MeadWestvaco. He also served for more than 10 years as a deputy sheriff for the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. "Mickey", as he was affectionately called, loved his family, karaoke, Grand Lake Stream and playing cards. Mr. Foreman will be sadly missed by family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 59)

International Snowshoe Championship to be held January 31 through February 2, 2003 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. Approximately 500 snowshoers from Quebec, Ontario, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine will attend a weekend of competition and festivities. This international event will be hosted by Le Paresseux Snowshoe Club of Rumford who are celebrating their 75th anniversary. We extend a warm welcome to all those participating in this championship; (HLS 60)

Roger Lord, teacher at Gorham High School, on receiving the 2003 Technology Education Association of Maine/International Technology Education Association Teacher Excellence Award. This award is given each year to one outstanding technology education high school teacher in each state. A teacher for 32 years, Mr. Lord has focused on his goal of technological literacy for all students while meeting the needs of a constantly changing society. We extend our sincere congratulations to him on receiving this distinctive honor and wish him many more years of success; (HLS 61)

John "Jay" Pinkerton, of New Harbor, who has been named Maine's Assistant Principal of the Year for 2003. Jay, who has been the Assistant Principal at Lincoln Academy for 7 years, credits the combination of his discipline, diversity initiatives and community outreach efforts to create an atmosphere in which students are treated with consistency and respect. In addition, his involvement in the Lincoln County Crisis Team, Community Resolution Team and Juvenile Task Force have promoted positive relationships between school and community. We

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acknowledge Jay's accomplishments and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 62)

Bradley A. Beckett, of Cushing, who taught school for 26 years. As a teacher at Thomaston Grammar School, he was often seen keeping score at sports events, filming a school concert or teaching local history on field trips around Thomaston. Bradley, who was recently named Town Historian, volunteered countless hours recording oral history from senior citizens. Bradley Beckett's community will greatly feel his loss; (HLS 63)

Louise M. Cyr, of Millinocket, homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Cyr was renown for her culinary skills and her crafts. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 64)

Justin Leslie, of Springvale, who died as a result of a snowmobile accident. Justin was an outstanding student and athlete and was a highly esteemed member of the Senior Class at Sanford High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society, was captain of the hockey and soccer teams and also ran track. He had pre-enlisted for a medical career in the United States Army. Leslie will be sadly missed by his family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 65)

Dusan Bjelic, of Portland, on his recent peace mission to Baghdad. Mr. Bjelic, who teaches criminology at the University of Southern Maine, spent a week in Iraq with 30 other academics. We send our best wishes to him for his efforts; (HLS 66)

Ethel Bennett, of Lisbon Falls, who served nearly 30 years in the Lisbon School Lunch program. Ethel was best known for her gregarious spirit which she shared with children of all ages. A role model and supporter of athletics, she was lovingly known as "Miss Ginger" by young children and as "Mom" by high school students. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and students; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 67)

Dr. Merrill S. F. Greene, of Lewiston, who served as a medical examiner for Androscoggin County for more than 60 years. He also simultaneously ran a successful medical practice, was named City Physician of Lewiston, served 3 terms as County Physician and was a Republican Party leader. As an intern in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Greene was one of the first to successfully diagnose smallpox at the onset of the greatest epidemic of that disease in over a century. He also assisted in the first surgical operation for pulmonary tuberculosis in the country. Dr. Greene was a generous benefactor to the needy in the Town of Athens, where he lived as a child and where many of his ancestors lived. To show their appreciation, the town named the gymnasium at the elementary school the Dr. Merrill Greene Gymnasium. This highly respected professional will be sadly missed by family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 68)

Chris Zukas-Lessard, of Belgrade, for serving on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Chris's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 69)

Robert Downs, of Pittsfield, for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Robert's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 70)

Ernest Marriner, of N. Monmouth, for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Ernest's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 71)

Anthony Marple, of Whitefield, for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Anthony's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 72)

Chris Hastedt, of Freeport, for serving on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Chris's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 73)

Jan Bondeson, of Yarmouth, for her dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Jan's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 74)

Robert Philbrook, of Portland, for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Robert's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 75)

Edward Rooney, of Brunswick, for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Edward's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 76)

William Perry, of Brunswick, for his dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud William's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 77)

Juliana L'Heureux, of Brunswick, for her dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Juliana's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 78)

Amanda Attridge Henson, of Falmouth, for her dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Amanda's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 79)

Leonard K. Libby, of Scarborough, on the 50 years of service to the community of Scarborough as a member of the Scarborough Lions Club. We acknowledge his dedicated efforts to assist his neighbors and his community over the years and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 80)

Jayson Allen McCutcheon, of Pittston, who died recently after a lifelong battle with cystic fibrosis. A sophomore at Gardiner Area High School, Jayson will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (HLS 81)

Tony Montanaro, of Casco, internationally renowned mime artist. Founder of an international school of mime and theater in Maine, Tony inspired artists in their pursuit of excellence and also shared his art with young people in schools throughout the State. This respected artist will be sadly missed by his beloved wife, Karen, the Montanaro family, friends and all who benefited by his talents; (HLS 82)

Gloria Dugan, of Falmouth, who is retiring after 30 years as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities. We recognize her many years of dedicated service and commitment and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 83)

Fay and Leora Fitzherbert, of Mars Hill, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, January 31. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 84)

Karen Arel, of Kennebunk, on her retirement as Executive Director of the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce for the last 11 years. We recognize her dedication and service to the Towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 85)

Matthew Nadeau, of Winslow, of Boy Scout Troop #436 in Waterville, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 86)

Onofrio and Angela Bruno, of New Jersey, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, February 7th. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on this momentous milestone; (HLS 87)

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Elsie Rogers, of Round Pond, on the occasion of her 104th birthday, February 1. We send our sincere congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 88)

Sarah Jones Brown, of Orland, on the occasion of her 93rd birthday, February 14. She has been an active member of the Orland United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. Other community service memberships include the Alamoosook Grange, the East Orland Community Club and the Orland Women's Extension Group. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 89)

Vesta Wyman, of East Millinocket, who was recently named by the Millinocket Area Rotary Club as a Phil Harris Fellow. This award is given to express appreciation for a substantial contribution to the Rotary Club's humanitarian and educational programs. We recognize Vesta's accomplishment and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 90)

Will Beriau, of Gray, an instructor at Southern Maine Technical College, who is accompanying students majoring in Culinary Arts to IPSAR Petronio di Monterusciello. This Italian school and its Magistrate, Preside Professor Giovanni Ferrara, will host the Maine assembly as they have graciously done in the past. We recognize Mr. Beriau and his students as they travel abroad for this educational experience and extend our sincere appreciation to the Italian citizenry for their very generous hospitality; (HLS 91)

Patsy and Norman Pooler, of Moscow, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 24. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 92)

Jane Gilbert, of Danville, on her retirement after 10 years of service as Secretary of the Maine Higher Education Council. Her dedication and service are greatly appreciated and we extend our congratulations to her on her retirement; (HLS 93)

Maine Association of Broadcasters, of Augusta, for its 40 million dollar contribution to public service and its voluntary adoption of the Amber Alert Program. We recognize their generosity and extend our sincere gratitude; (HLS 94)

Chrystal Gahagan, of Castle Hill, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, January 29. She and her husband John are the parents of Hayes Gahagan, former State Senator, and grandparents of 5 children. We extend our very best wishes to her on her birthday; (HLS 95)

Sally Bryant, of Brunswick, for her dedicated service on the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization. We applaud Sally's spirit of volunteerism and extend our best wishes; (HLS 96)

Timothy Talpey, of Jackman, a member of Boy Scout Troop #497 of Jackman, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 97)

Meredith and Stella Clement, of North Berwick, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, January 30. After a tour of duty in the United States Army, Mr. Clement was employed by the Maine Department of Transportation for 34 years and then drove the school bus for SAD #60 for several years. Mrs. Clement was a homemaker while their 2 children were young and later worked in the hot lunch program for SAD #60. Besides their 2 children, the Clements have 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild. We extend our sincere congratulations to Meredith and Stella on this very special occasion; (HLS 98)

Durward F. Holman, of Cape Elizabeth, highly respected physics and chemistry teacher. He taught and coached baseball and basketball at several schools, including Cape Elizabeth High School where he led the baseball team to 8 championships, winning 50 out of 54 games. Two high school baseball fields are

named in his honor and in 1976 he was inducted into the Maine State Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Holman was known as a tremendously integrated person in every aspect of his life, expecting much of himself and others. He will be sadly missed by his family and the many students whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 99)

the Knot II Bragg Farm, in Wade, for having been chosen by Yankee Magazine's Special Traveler's Edition as the "Editor's Pick...Must See" for the year 2002. A magazine representative declared the farm "The Best of the Region". The farm's owner/operator, Natalia Bragg, is a founding member of the Aroostook County Herb Association and she is known for her homemade soaps. We acknowledge the honor bestowed on the Knot II Bragg Farm; (HLS 100)

United States Air Force Captain David Pratt, of Winthrop, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Stationed at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, the Maine pilot was one of 3 men who received the award for a mission flown in the Persian Gulf in 2001. We congratulate him on his achievement and extend our best wishes; (HLS 101)

William O'Gara, of Westbrook, for over 30 years of exemplary public service to the citizens of Westbrook and this great State. Mr. O'Gara was the Mayor of Westbrook for 10 years and represented his district in the Maine House of Representatives for 12 years and the Maine Senate for 6 years. His leadership as the Chair of the Transportation Committee has helped ensure that the State's roads and infrastructure are safe for all. For the last 3 years he has chaired the Maine Fire Protection Commission. As the first Chair of this commission, he helped advance legislation for the State's fire service. We recognize his outstanding dedication to the people of Westbrook and the State and we extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 102)

Kenneth O. Crandall, Jr., of Oakfield, the husband of Carolyn Drew Crandall. A veteran of the United States Army and a member of the American Legion, he was a potato and tree farmer who was very dedicated to his family. Mr. Crandall will be sadly missed by family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 103)

Helen Spence, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 104)

Bob Boynton, of Millinocket, who has been inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 105)

Kenneth and Agatha May Preble, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 25. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 106)

Mildred Berry, of Bristol, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, March 28. A resident of Bristol since 1938, Mrs. Berry, a nursing school graduate, was the wife of Dr. Clyde Berry and the mother of one daughter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 107)

Kenneth Bunker, Specialist E-4, United States Army (Ret.), of Sanford, who has been accepted into the distinguished Order of the Silver Rose in recognition of his sacrifice while serving his nation as a member of the Armed Forces. We send our appreciation to Mr. Bunker for his military service and extend to him our congratulations upon receiving this honor; (HLS 108)

the Town of St. George on its 200th Anniversary from its separation from the Town of Cushing, February 7. St. George is composed of a large part of the peninsula located at the extreme southern part of Knox County as well as a number of islands that make up the town's approximate 11,000 acres. Villages and settlements comprising the town include Port Clyde, Martinsville, Tenants Harbor, Willardham, Wildcat, Long Cove, St. George

(Wiley's Corner), Glenmere, Elmore (Hart's Neck), Wallston (Gabletown), Clark Island and Spruce Head. We extend our best wishes to the good citizens of this community as they celebrate this special occasion; (HLS 109)

Orman "Sonny" Goodwin, of Camden, on being named "Townsperson of the Year" by the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce. His professional achievement is evident from the success of his business, Monroe and Goodwin Construction. Community contributions include his activity with the Mid-Coast Home Builders Alliance and his service as advisor for the Zenith Program, which helps non-traditional students learn trade skills. We commend Sonny for his vision and many years of service and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 110)

Joan Collins, of Lewiston, recipient of the 2nd Annual Lifetime Service Award. For 35 years, Joan has volunteered as an advocate, director and driver for people with mental retardation. Her dedication and vision have been invaluable assets to this special community. In addition, she serves on numerous boards and committees, including the Board of John F. Murphy Homes, Inc., Maine Friends and Family, the Ethics Committee for Public Guardianship, the Maine Advisory Board, Human Rights and Assurance at Pineland Center and the Advisory Board on Special Education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 111)

Dr. Ralph Powell, of Damariscotta, widely known for his long and distinguished medical career at Miles Memorial Hospital. He selflessly served the health care needs of the Damariscotta region from 1949 through 1985. Dr. Powell's dedication to his patients was officially recognized in 1999 when the hospital's surgical floor was named after him and a colleague. Dr. Powell will be sadly missed by all those whose lives he touched; (HLS 112)

Paul McGonagle, of Brownfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #169 of Brownfield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 113)

the Cape Elizabeth Concert Jazz Ensemble, winners of the 35th Annual High School Jazz Festival at Berklee College of Music in Boston. For the 5th consecutive year, this talented ensemble has won the festival, the largest of its kind in the United States. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to these accomplished musicians; (HLS 114)

the Cape Elizabeth Boys Tennis Team, winners of the 2002 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations to them; (HLS 115)

the Cape Elizabeth High School Mock Trial Team, winners of their first State Championship. Competing against 27 other Maine teams, the Cape students earned the opportunity to compete at the nationals in New Orleans in May. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on their admirable achievement; (HLS 116)

Project GRACE, an organization in Scarborough, which offers assistance to neighbors facing difficult times by providing items such as gifts for holidays and birthdays, back-to-school supplies or winter outerwear. We recognize and commend GRACE on its contribution and civic efforts; (HLS 117)

Benjamin P. Gleason, of Buxton, of Boy Scout Troop #349 of Gorham, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 118)

Portland High School Football Team, winners of the State Class A Football Championship, their first in 20 years. The team also set a new school record with 12 victories. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to the team and its supporters on this championship season; (HLS 119)

Herbie Austin, of Wilton, who was recently elected into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. An outstanding baseball player in high school, he joined the Wilton Loggers after high school and went on to play in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Tournament. Mr. Austin was a perennial all-star in the old Timber League, sporting a 300 plus batting average. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 120)

Doris Smith, of Portland, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, December 31. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 121)

Pat Farnsworth, of Orono, renowned owner of Pat's Pizza. In 1931, he bought the business that would become the University of Maine's landmark restaurant in Orono. The Mill Street business survived the Great Depression, World War II and many other upheavals. The 93-year old icon fended off downtown revitalization in 1985 and would-be robbers 10 years later. Pat worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week until his 90th birthday. Today, 13 franchise restaurants in the State bear the name "Pat's Pizza". We extend our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of this popular and highly respected businessman; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 122)

Richard and Joyce Lyons, of Georgetown, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They are the parents of 2 children and grandparents of 4 children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 123)

Donald W. Macomber, of Hallowell, recipient of an award from the Maine Bar Foundation for his services to the Volunteer Lawyers Project. As "Lawyer of the Day" he referred the most cases during a single shift in 2002. We recognize and appreciate Donald's energy and dedication to low-income Mainers in need of legal aid and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 124)

George R. Hutchings, Sr., of Damariscotta and Inverness, Florida, longtime police chief of the Damariscotta Police Department. In 1967, he joined the police department and in 1971 he became the first police chief sworn in by the town of Damariscotta. He faithfully served the town for 28 years, retiring in 1998 after 31 years as a police officer. Mr. Hutchings will be sadly missed by his family, friends and the citizens of Damariscotta; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 125)

the Sherbrooke Castors on their relocation to Lewiston. With this historic move, Lewiston becomes the only United States-based team for the 16 teams comprising the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Notables instrumental in bringing the team to Lewiston include Roger Theriault, owner of the Central Maine Civic Center; Greg Mitchell, Economic Development Director of Lewiston; and the Lewiston City Council, which voted to secure a \$2 million loan for the renovation of the Civic Center. We extend a warm welcome to the Sherbrooke Castors and express gratitude to those responsible for their relocation; (HLS 126)

William S. Rollins, Jr., of Augusta, who is retiring from the State's Department of Transportation after 55 years of dedicated and talented service. A professional engineer, registered surveyor and experienced project manager, Mr. Rollins has the distinction of being the longest-serving state employee. Because of his diverse skills, he developed advanced methods of analysis that replaced trial and error methods, resulting in improved designs and extensive cost savings to the State. We congratulate Mr. Rollins on a well-deserved retirement and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 127)

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Philip L. Beaulieu, of Durham, a self-employed building contractor who owned and operated The Durham Company for more than 32 years. He was a member of many organizations, including the AMVETS Lincoln E. Clements Post 13 Durham, the Country-side Dancers of Lewiston, the National Association of Homebuilders and Acacia Lodge 121 A.F. & A.M. In addition to being the plumbing inspector, Mr. Beaulieu's diverse civic contributions included membership on the planning board and the ordinance writing committee and he was currently running for a position on the Durham Board of Selectmen. Personal characteristics such as his optimism, his wonderful sense of humor, his strong work ethic and his love of family endeared him to many. He will be sadly missed by friends, family, colleagues and townspeople; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 128)

Lawrence Largay, of Thomaston, a talented artist. His works appeared in several fishing magazines and many books about fly tying and fishing. His artistic career also encompassed advertising design, photography, computer graphics and textbook illustrations. Larry, who easily imitated dialects and languages, was a renowned storyteller. A kind and generous man with exceptional skills, Lawrence will be sadly missed by family and friends; (HLS 129)

Carl Frye, of Portland, winner of the 32nd Fitzpatrick Trophy. The Portland High School running back was chosen to receive the award which is given annually to the State's top senior football player. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 130)

Gilbert and Geraldine Jewell, of Buckfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 27. As requested by United States Senator Susan Collins, an American flag was flown over the United States Capitol in their honor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 131)

Karen Geraghty, of Portland, who spearheaded a February 23rd benefit for laid-off employees of Great Northern Paper Company. The successful event, called One Maine Community Party, which was held at the Portland Expo, raised over \$50,000 for the mill workers. We congratulate Karen, a Portland city councilor, on her humanitarian efforts and extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 132)

Dr. Nancy H. Hensel, of Presque Isle, on her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. Dr. Hensel, president of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, is a most worthy inductee and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 133)

Evan Haddix, of Holden, a member of Boy Scout Troop #21, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his community service project, Evan renovated the old coal bin at the All Souls Congregational Church. After many hours of cleaning and many gallons of rubber cement, it is now a usable storage room. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 134)

Gerald Durgin, of Gorham, nationally recognized as an outstanding Athletic Administrator by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Gerald has worked diligently to improve the town's athletic programs and facilities while enriching the educational experiences of all students attending schools in Gorham. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 135)

Sherwood S. Howes, of Patten, husband of Madelyn Howes for 60 years. From 1943 to 1968, Sherwood was a game warden working in Talmadge, Waite, Princeton and Patten. He and his family also owned and operated a mink farm and the Patten Theater. After retirement, he enjoyed his grounds and bird

feeding. He will be sadly missed by friends and family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 136)

Nancy Millett, of Waterford, on her retirement from the Waterford Post Office. She has been a dedicated employee there for over 30 years, 18 of which she served as postmistress. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 137)

Kim Alexander, of Cumberland, on being named the 2002 Gatorade Maine High School Female Soccer Player of the Year. In addition to athletic performance, the award is based on academic achievements and character. A senior at Greely High School, Kim has also been named to the All New England and All American Teams and has also been selected by the Maine Sunday Telegram as Most Valuable Player. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 138)

Kevin Kirk and Jeff Mann, of Georgetown, rescue workers who risked their lives responding to a 9-1-1 call on New Years's Eve 2002. These 2 brave men plunged into 40 degree surf at sundown in an effort to save Patricia Taylor who had slipped into the icy water when she saw her daughter pinned, with her surfboard, between rocks. Patricia Taylor's son, surfing farther down the beach, tried unsuccessfully to reach his mother and sister as soon as he was aware of their predicament. Ken Roberts, Patricia's spouse of 20 years, ran to alert Park Manager Dan Bell whose call brought rescue personnel and equipment. Kevin and Jeff, clad in wetsuits, were connected to each other, to a boat and to the shore by cable. The surf was breaking too dangerously to bring the teens and their mother ashore, but the rescue workers heroically held them safely in place until the Coast Guard boat arrived. Chris and Karen Roberts were both wearing wetsuits and were unharmed but their mother, clad only in jeans and a sweatshirt, was unconscious. Jeff's attempts to revive her with CPR failed. Kevin was treated for the effects of the cold water caused when waves threw him against rocks that tore open his wetsuit. We acknowledge the bravery of these 2 heroes and extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 139)

David Wallace Taylor, of Thomaston, Director of Public Works in Thomaston for 22 years. For 27 years he was also a heavy equipment operator for George C. Hall & Sons Construction Company. David's civic contributions included being Fire Chief and Constable in Cushing and helping with the organization and construction of the new Cushing Fire Station. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 140)

Reny Remillard, of Old Orchard Beach, who is retiring after 23 years as an electrical and plumbing inspector for his town. Prior to that he had retired from his own business as an electrician and plumber. During World War II, Mr. Remillard served for 5 years as an Army engineer. In 1999, he was chosen Maine's outstanding older worker of the year and he was selected to be Mr. August for the 2000 Senior Workers Calendar. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his country, family and community and extend our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 141)

Brian A. Beeler, of Berwick, recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Presented by the York County Firefighter's Association for outstanding public service, Brian was recognized for his 11 years of service to the Berwick Fire Department and the citizens of Berwick. For 3 years, he has been the Deputy Chief responsible for the department's Training and Safety Programs. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 142)

Richard Levesque, of Sanford, recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Presented by the York County Firefighter's

Association for his outstanding public service, Richard was recognized for his 38 years of service to the Sanford Fire Department and the citizens of Sanford. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 143)

James E. Burrows, of Kennebunkport, recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Presented by the York County Firefighter's Association for outstanding public service, James was recognized for his efforts and countless volunteer hours in the planning and installation of a training site. He has also provided service to the Training Site as a volunteer laborer, advisor and trainer. Additionally, the department recognizes his tireless efforts coordinating and presenting numerous training programs. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 144)

Frank and Loraine Birkomose, of North Waterboro, recipients of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Presented by the York County Firefighter's Association for their outstanding public service, Frank and Loraine were recognized as having served the Waterboro Fire Department and the citizens of Waterboro for 20 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 145)

George Donovan, of Alfred, recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Given by the York County Firefighter's Association for outstanding public service, George was recognized as being a member of the Fire Department for 40 years, currently serving as the Captain. He was also cited as being a founding member of the Alfred Fire Rescue 23 years ago and is still an active member. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 146)

Blaine "Skip" Wood, of Lebanon, recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Presented by the York County Firefighter's Association for outstanding public service, Blaine was recognized for his 36 years of service to the Lebanon Fire Department and the citizens of Lebanon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 147)

Ben True, of North Yarmouth, on being named to the All New England and All American Cross Country Teams. A junior at Greely High School, Ben has also been selected as the State's Most Valuable Player by the Maine Sunday Telegram. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 148)

Amanda Chase, of Cumberland, on being named to the 2002 All Conference Field Hockey Team, on being selected as the 2002 Whitney Class A and Class B Player of the Year, and on being a member of the Regional All American Team. A senior at Greely High School, Amanda has also earned the distinction of being selected as Most Valuable Player by the Maine Sunday Telegram. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to this capable athlete; (HLS 149)

Nancy M. Cochrane, of Cape Elizabeth, a social worker for 25 years. For many years as an employee of the Long Creek Youth Development Center, her caring demeanor and willingness to listen helped many troubled boys. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and community; (HLS 150)

Elizabeth Lovell, of North Haven, who lives to play basketball. A senior point guard, she recently scored her 1,000th career point, becoming the first girl on the island to reach that milestone. We congratulate Elizabeth on her achievements and wish her continued success; (HLS 151)

the members of the Dirigo High School Girls Basketball Team, of Dixfield, who won the State Class C State Championship: Lindsay Clark, Nicole Turbide, Alyssa Burns, Sheena Weston, Ashley Stone, Monique Crawford, Natalie Keene, Angela Fenstermacher, Amanda Law, Brooke Weston, Alexa Kaubris, Mallory Child, Jennifer Harvey, Michelle

Holmquist, Holly Knight, Christina Chow and coaches Gavin Kane, Rebecca Fletcher, Matt Clark and Rob Marcia. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 152)

Lee A. Cockerell, of Orlando, Florida, an employee of The Walt Disney World Company, who has dedicated considerable time and effort to the continuing education and motivation of the young people of our State and our Country. His exemplary commitment to the United Way of Central Florida is characteristic of his generous spirit, which is particularly reflected in his approach to youth. We are most appreciative of Mr. Cockerell's contribution as keynote speaker at the convention of the State National Honor Society Chapter and we extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 153)

Hollis Lake, of Wilton, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, February 11. He and his wife Phyllis, to whom he has been married for 55 years, raised 4 daughters. Hollis is an avid gardener, enjoys berry picking and snowmobiling and makes his wonderful homemade ice cream for family gatherings. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (HLS 154)

Alton and Chrystal Frost Welch, of Wilton, on the occasion of their 66th Wedding Anniversary, February 27. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 155)

Doris Low Payne, of Hallowell, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, March 13. She has traveled extensively from Europe to Russia and China and continues to follow world affairs with great interest. Doris, the mother of 2 daughters and one son, has 9 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 156)

Orman and Darlene Kronholm, of Medway, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 6. They are the parents of 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 157)

the Aroostook Agency on Aging, recipient of the 2002 "Community Partner of the Year" Award by the AARP. This award recognizes outstanding service to the older population of Aroostook County. The agency was specifically cited for its work with AARP in helping people become more aware of benefits and lower prescription drug costs available to them. We recognize the contribution this agency has made and we extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 158)

Richard Boudreau, of South China, who has been selected to represent Kennebec Valley Technical College for the 7th Annual All-Maine Academic Team. The Maine Technical College System recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of 9 students honored at a special ceremony on March 17. We congratulate Richard on this achievement and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 159)

Elspect Johnson, of Wilton, on the occasion of her 95th birthday, February 14. She has been a volunteer at Franklin Memorial Hospital since 1985 performing such tasks as preparing test kits for doctors, collating and filing reports, and assisting with billing. A registered nurse, she began her career in 1929. Mother of 2 children, Elspet also has 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to this special lady on a very special occasion; (HLS 160)

Stanley Durgin, of South Paris, a United States Army veteran of World War II, on the special occasion of being belatedly awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal and the previously approved Prisoner of War Medal for his war experiences. Mr. Durgin is a survivor of the infamous Bataan

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Death March, where only 3,600 American prisoners of war survived out of 36,000 brutally forced to march 67 miles to the sea. He was then incarcerated as a prisoner of war in Japan, until his liberation at the end of the war. Stanley Durgin exemplifies the best of our nation, as someone who served his State and his Nation under hostile conditions. We recognize his valor, courage and sacrifice. We extend to him our congratulations, gratitude and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 161)

Brent H. Colbry, of Lincoln, who is leaving his position as Superintendent of Schools in Millinocket, a position he has held for almost a decade. The former Director of Millinocket's Special Education Program has accepted his appointment as Superintendent of Schools for the 6-town SAD #54 based in Skowhegan. We acknowledge his professionalism and dedication to education and we extend our best wishes to Brent as he faces new challenges; (HLS 162)

Eloise O'Neill, of Lewiston, on her retirement as Executive Director of SeniorsPlus. She has been with the agency for 25 years, 21 of which were as Executive Director. We appreciate Eloise's dedication and service and recognize the importance of the role she played in the development of services for seniors. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 163)

Deborah Munyan, of South Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1430, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Deborah on this accomplishment; (HLS 164)

Jonathan Young, Jr., of Wiscasset, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 165)

Cory Mullins, of Wiscasset, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 166)

Angelia Pressey, of Waterville, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Angelia on this accomplishment; (HLS 167)

Christopher David Violette, of Medway, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 168)

Benjamin Blake, of West Paris, a member of Boy Scout Troop #198, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 169)

Leta Tremblay, of Naples, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1965, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Leta on this accomplishment; (HLS 170)

Ashley Rogers, of Weld, a member of Girl Scout Troop #2217, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this accomplishment; (HLS 171)

Sarah Guethle, of Georgetown, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend

our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah on this accomplishment; (HLS 172)

Ryan Goodman, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop #234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 173)

Ryan Brinz, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop #234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 174)

Matthew Dutton, of Limerick, a member of Boy Scout Troop #336, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 175)

Michael Smith, of Kittery Point, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 176)

Jack Fecteau, of Kittery, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 177)

Michelle MacFarland, of South China, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Michelle on this accomplishment; (HLS 178)

Katheryn Morgan, of Hudson, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Katheryn on this accomplishment; (HLS 179)

Matthew Avery, of Milford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 180)

E. Drew Fayle, of Medway, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 181)

Marissa Iadevaia-Jalbert, of Lewiston, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Marissa on this accomplishment; (HLS 182)

Rebecca Hay, of Georgetown, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Rebecca on this accomplishment; (HLS 183)

Catherine Hughes, of Auburn, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Catherine on this accomplishment; (HLS 184)

Erica Boulay, of Wells, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1905, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Erica on this accomplishment; (HLS 185)

Shannon Smullens, of Wells, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1905, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the

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highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Shannon on this accomplishment; (HLS 186)

Thomas Bouchard, of Orland, a member of Boy Scout Troop #102, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 187)

Ted Harriman, of Orland, a member of Boy Scout Troop #102, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 188)

Lucas Carriere, of Lamoine, a member of Boy Scout Troop #88, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 189)

Scott Ogden, of Waterville, a member of Boy Scout Troop #436, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 190)

Jonathan Lambert, of Biddeford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 191)

Charles Kircher, of Biddeford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 192)

Liam James Kozma, of Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop #672, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 193)

Benjamin Garwood, of Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop #672, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 194)

Amanda Boulgier, of Randolph, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (HLS 195)

Allan Roberts, of Damariscotta, a member of Boy Scout Troop #213, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 196)

Corey Boucher, of Fort Kent, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 197)

Christopher Bouchard, of Fort Kent Mills, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 198)

Ryan Cole, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 199)

John Flaherty, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 200)

Benjamin Gleason, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 201)

James Belanger II, of Glenburn, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 202)

Jason Dionne, of Yarmouth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 203)

Charles Gomez, of Yarmouth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 204)

Mark Reinsborough, of Yarmouth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 205)

Jeremy Naiden, of Yarmouth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 206)

Patrick Kilbourn, of Eliot, a member of Boy Scout Troop #340, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 207)

Andrew Emerson, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop #301, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 208)

Robert Harris III, of Kittery, a member of Boy Scout Troop #307, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 209)

Colin Filliter, of North Yarmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop #58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 210)

Robert Descoteaux, Jr., of Old Orchard Beach, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 211)

Matthew Colby, of Auburn, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 212)

Garth MacDonald, of Auburn, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 213)

Eric Matheson, of Springvale, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 214)

Isaac Stanley, of Owls Head, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 215)

Michael Thayer, of Winslow, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 216)

Daniel Dunbar, of Winslow, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 217)

Christopher McInnis, of Winslow, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 218)

Andrew Hall, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 219)

James Robertson, of New Limerick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 220)

Hillary Griffen, of Presque Isle, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Hillary on this accomplishment; (HLS 221)

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Andrew Crandall, of Smyrna, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 222)

Sarah Francoeur, of Presque Isle, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Sarah on this accomplishment; (HLS 223)

Alex Burns, of Topsham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 224)

Joshua Houde, of Topsham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 225)

Spencer Bush, of Topsham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 226)

Zackary Moore, of Jay, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 227)

Christian Stevens, of Cape Neddick, a member of Boy Scout Troop #301, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 228)

Dustin Mattox, of Cape Neddick, a member of Boy Scout Troop #301, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 229)

Adam Kazimer, of Lisbon Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop #109, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 230)

John Hadwen IV, of North Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop #313, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 231)

Hallie Webster, of South Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1430, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Hallie on this accomplishment; (HLS 232)

Jennifer Perry, of South Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1430, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 233)

Lindsay Guerin, of South Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1430, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lindsay on this accomplishment; (HLS 234)

Jennifer Ferland, of South Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1430, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 235)

Trista Myers, of South Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1430, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. We extend our congratulations to Trista on this accomplishment; (HLS 236)

Edward Spence II, of Fort Fairfield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 237)

Patrick Johnston, of Lincoln, a member of Boy Scout Troop #50, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 238)

Erica Smith, of Mapleton, a member of Girl Scout Troop #517, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Erica on this accomplishment; (HLS 239)

Rebecca Libby, of Scarborough, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1733, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Rebecca on this accomplishment; (HLS 240)

Nancy Reynolds, of Scarborough, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1733, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Nancy on this accomplishment; (HLS 241)

Martin Bazinet, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 242)

Cassandra Kapinos, of Scarborough, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1733, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cassandra on this accomplishment; (HLS 243)

Michael McLaughlin, Jr., of Scarborough, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 244)

Michael Price, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop #39, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 245)

Brian Roy, of Arundel, a member of Boy Scout Troop #330, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 246)

David Valcourt, of Lyman, a member of Boy Scout Troop #399, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 247)

Tyler Ferguson, of Lyman, a member of Boy Scout Troop #345, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 248)

Allen Conant, of Westbrook, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 249)

Michael Brooks, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop #41, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 250)

Matthew Scott, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop #41, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle

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Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 251)

Becky Merrill, of South Portland, a member of Girl Scout Troop #46, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Becky on this accomplishment; (HLS 252)

Allison Wood, of Boothbay, a member of Girl Scout Troop #628, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Allison on this accomplishment; (HLS 253)

Lynnette Adams, of West Boothbay, a member of Girl Scout Troop #628, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lynnette on this accomplishment; (HLS 254)

Kathryn Brunell, of East Boothbay, a member of Girl Scout Troop #628, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kathryn on this accomplishment; (HLS 255)

Sabrina Nager, of Boothbay, a member of Girl Scout Troop #628, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Sabrina on this accomplishment; (HLS 256)

Kara Squillante, of Boothbay, a member of Girl Scout Troop #628, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kara on this achievement; (HLS 257)

Cassie Vaillancourt, of Fort Kent, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cassie on this accomplishment; (HLS 258)

Anna Krisi, of Topsham, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Anna on this accomplishment; (HLS 259)

Andrea Long, of Topsham, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Andrea on this accomplishment; (HLS 260)

Cassie Stearns, of South Portland, a member of Girl Scout Troop #2222, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cassie on this accomplishment; (HLS 261)

Jeremy King, of Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 262)

Christopher Thompson, of Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 263)

Jesse Glasser, of Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 264)

Carl Hagmann, of Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 265)

Daniel Gray, of Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 266)

Jason Blanchard, of Readfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #650, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 267)

Stephen Monsulick III, of Kents Hill, a member of Boy Scout Troop #650, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 268)

Timothy Renner, of Readfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #650, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 269)

Devin Williams, of Readfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #650, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 270)

Scott Butler, of Standish, a member of Boy Scout Troop #875, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 271)

Matthew Warren, of Steep Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop #155, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 272)

Ethan McKenney, of Fryeburg, a member of Boy Scout Troop #155, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 273)

John Freeman III, of Brownfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #169, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 274)

Joshua Shean, of Brunswick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 275)

Benjamin Jones, of Brunswick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 276)

Michael Mulligan, of Brunswick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 277)

Amber Damon, of Alna, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Amber on this accomplishment; (HLS 278)

Benjamin Tweedie, of Houlton, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 279)

Sara Cobb, of New Gloucester, a member of Girl Scout Troop #704, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. We extend our congratulations to Sara on this accomplishment; (HLS 280)

Stephanie Lauer, of Bridgton, a member of Girl Scout Troop #1965, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Through her determined pursuit of toy donations from schools, churches, community and her girl scout troop, Stephanie collected hundreds of toys for the Battered Women's Shelter. We extend our congratulations to Stephanie on this accomplishment; (HLS 281)

Kirsten Petroska, of Harrison, a member of Girl Scout Troop #836, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kirsten on this accomplishment; (HLS 282)

Seth Goepel, of North Bridgton, a member of Boy Scout Troop #149, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 283)

Charles Clark, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #802, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 284)

Trevor Smith, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #802, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 285)

Benjamin Robinson, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #51, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 286)

Jaspens Bishop, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #805, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 287)

Nettie Starkey, of Nobleboro, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, March 13. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special event; (HLS 288)

Russell Boynton, of Waldoboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop #142, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 289)

Brian Hayes, of Jefferson, a member of Boy Scout Troop #216, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 290)

Angela Tarbox, of Bath, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Angela on this accomplishment; (HLS 291)

Cassie Tarbox, of Bath, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cassie on this accomplishment; (HLS 292)

Lauren Holbrook, of Bath, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lauren on this accomplishment; (HLS 293)

Mary Beth Shumaker, of Bath, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Mary Beth on this accomplishment; (HLS 294)

Nicholas Larrabee, of West Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop #613, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 295)

Robert Wells, of Litchfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #698, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 296)

Matthew K. Mank, of West Gardiner, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Matthew, son of Joan and Richard Mank, is a member of Boy Scout Troop #613. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 297)

Steven Whitemore, of Vassalboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop #410, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 298)

the Winslow High School Boys Basketball Team, winners of the Class B State Championship. We congratulate them on their first win since 1939 and extend our best wishes to them; (HLS 299)

Charlotte Cutler Silver, of Portland, firm friend, cherished neighbor and beloved mother and grandmother. An activist in her neighborhood and a lifetime member of the Hadassah Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, she was a caring volunteer at Maine Medical Center, past President of the Center Women's Club and a proud native daughter of Portland, Longfellow's "city that is seated by the sea." She will be sadly missed by family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 300)

Andrew Freye, of Winthrop, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 301)

Jenna Arculeo, of Wayne, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jenna on this accomplishment; (HLS 302)

Elizabeth Carter, of Kittery Point, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Elizabeth on this accomplishment; (HLS 303)

Mervin and Nancy Greene, of Fairfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them as they celebrate this special event; (HLS 304)

the National Wildlife Refuge System of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, located in Old Town, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to this service for continued successes; (HLS 305)

Alice "Sally" Joy DeLaite, of Kingman. She and her late husband, V. Herbert DeLaite, owned and operated DeLaite's Store in Macwahoc for 20 years. She will be sadly missed by family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 306)

Benjamin Everett, of Fort Fairfield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 307)

Fred Hale, Sr., a 112-year old former Maine resident, who is the oldest man in the United States of America. Mr. Hale was born December 1, 1890 in the Town of New Sharon and lived in the State of Maine for more than a century. A member of the Masons for more than 80 years, he worked as a railroad postal clerk, retiring in 1956. When he was 95 years of age he visited Japan and at age 100 he flew to Kentucky to go deer hunting. He was the only member of the hunting party to get a deer. Mr. Hale drove a vehicle until the age of 107. Attributing his longevity to bee pollen and honey, he now resides in an assisted-living community in Liverpool, New York. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 308)

William Michaud, of Friendship, who is retiring after 15 years of working with Big Brother/Big Sister. Through his efforts, the organization has expanded to the 3 counties of Lincoln, Knox and Waldo. He also served for 12 years with the Salvation Army raising money during Christmas and serving the needs of others. We appreciate his commitment to the betterment of those less fortunate and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 309)

Faizann Shamsi, of Presque Isle, who has won the Aroostook County Regional Spelling Bee. This is the 2nd victory in 2 years for the 8th grade student at Cunningham Middle School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 310)

the following members of the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Cheerleaders Team, winners of the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Competition: Randi Arsenaault, Hannah Austin, Michelle Bisbee, Melissa Brown, Cara Brown, Alison Demers, Kelley Groves, Ashley Courington, Karley Estes, Jillian Larrivee, Victoria Linscott, Leona Merk, Dylan Smith, Kimberly Stetson, Mandi Stetson, Shelby Stevens and Coach Deborah Loveless. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 311)

Raymond and Ruth Grover, of Eliot, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, March 28. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special event; (HLS 312)

Shirley Devoe, of Limestone, on being named Woman of the Year by the Maine Agri-Women. For over 55 years, Shirley has farmed with her husband Arthur. During that time she rode the planter, supervised picking crews, cut seed and worked in the potato house during harvest. In addition, she served 2 terms on the Farm Service Agency Advisory Board and currently volunteers for Meals on Wheels. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 313)

Dwayne Leonard Scanlin, career firefighter, fire captain and emergency medical technician of Fairfield. He was employed by the Fairfield Fire Department for 30 years and was a member of the first training class held for Emergency Medical Technicians in 1972. A veteran of the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict, Dwayne was a self-employed mason for 32 years. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his profession, his community, his State and Nation. He will be sadly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 314)

Lance Stuart, of Machias, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 315)

the Hampden Academy Broncos Varsity Hockey Team, of Hampden, for winning the 2003 Eastern Maine Class B Hockey Championship. Under the leadership of Coach Tom King, this is the first championship in the 10-year hockey program. They demonstrated an exceptional team effort during the season and the team is a tribute to Hampden Academy. We extend our

sincere congratulations to the Broncos on this tremendous milestone and on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 316)

Elsa L. Johnson, of Kittery, at her beloved home, Rustlewood Farm, which she and her husband of 61 years, Chester, established and operated. She was the mother of 9 children, grandmother of 21 and she had 3 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson was an active member of her church and she will be remembered fondly for her love of cooking, especially her famous decorated cakes. She was an avid reader and a very hard worker who enjoyed gardening and preserving the items grown in her own gardens. She will be greatly missed by her loving husband, family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 317)

the following members of the Mountain Valley Boys Basketball Team, of Rumford, winners of the Class B Western Maine Championship: Josh Lyons, Marcus Palmer, Byron Glaus, Korey Staires, Craig Milledge, Kevin Gallant, Zach Fergola, Matt McCann, Jeremy Childs, Jesse Theriault, Travis Fergola, Richard Korhonen, Issac Stickney, Jarod Oldham and Coaches Ryan Casey and Scot New. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 318)

the Honorable Richard B. Brown, of South Berwick, recipient of the 2003 Citizen of the Year Award from the South Berwick Rotary Club. Dick's vision for the Town of South Berwick focused on a vibrant downtown. Through his community involvement as Town Manager for 10 years and his membership on the Board of Directors for Camp Agassiz and St. John's Masonic Lodge, he has been able to implement many community projects. He is currently the State Representative for District 4 serving North Berwick and part of South Berwick. We recognize his dedication and service to his community and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 319)

Katie Robinson, of Gorham, who won a gold medal in Original Oration at the Maine Forensic League State Championship. The Cheverus High School sophomore has accumulated enough points to qualify for the Catholic Forensic League Competition in Virginia and the National Forensic League Competition in Georgia. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 320)

Wilfred Mercier, of Livermore Falls, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Wilfred on this accomplishment; (HLS 321)

Nathan Patrick Hamilton, of Livermore, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nathan on this accomplishment; (HLS 322)

Orpha Davis, of Harrison, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, February 11. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special event; (HLS 323)

Larry Harrison, of Washburn, recipient of the 2003 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Since 1977 he has been Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #177 in Washburn and, under his tutelage, 21 boys have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is also an active member of the Lidstone Methodist Church, the American Legion, the Washburn Rotary Club and has twice chaired the annual Washburn August Festival Committee. We recognize and appreciate Larry's spirit of volunteerism and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 324)

Bishop Michael Richard Cote, of Portland, who has been named the new Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut. Born in Sanford to Paul and Alma Cote of Springvale, he graduated from St. Mary's Seminary College in Baltimore and then attended 4 years at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a priest by Pope Paul VI in 1975 and was ordained a bishop in 1995, making him one of the youngest

bishops in the country. He will be leaving his position as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Portland to accept his new position. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bishop Cote on his promotion; (HLS 325)

Brandon Andre Michaud, of Frenchville, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Son of Robert and Jeannette Michaud, Brandon's community service project consisted of organizing and reconstructing the St. Agatha Recreational Park. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his accomplishment; (HLS 326)

Frank and Joyce (Dufour) Martin, of Frenchville, on their retirement as owners of Martin's Service for 30 years. Active members of their community, Frank was a past commander of Cyr Plourde Post #145 and a volunteer firefighter; Joyce was past president of the Women's Auxiliary. They are the proud parents of 3 children and 3 grandchildren. We recognize their business and civic contributions to the people of St. John's Valley and extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 327)

Geraldine Chasse, of St. David, who has been voted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. She was a charter member of the Acadian Cultural Committee and the Maine Acadian Heritage Council. In addition, she founded the Madawaska Historical Society and was instrumental in starting 6 other historical societies in the St. John Valley. She also created the Genealogy Research Center at the Madawaska Public Library and the Acadian Cultural Exchange of northern Maine. In 1970 Geraldine began publication of the Madawaska Historical Society Newsletter and has also published extensively on local Acadian history and folklore. She was a primary organizer of the Annual Acadian Festival, serves on the advisory board of the Acadian Archives and was a member of the St. John Valley Tourist Bureau. Geraldine was the first recipient of the Acadian Achievement Award and was selected as Madawaska's Citizen of the Month by the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce. We recognize her continuing efforts in genealogy and research and extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 328)

Ben Levine, of Rockland, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. The film maker was recognized for his efforts over the past 30 years to document the repression and renaissance of the French culture in New England. He is presently on tour with his latest film "Reveil: Waking up French", an epic story of New England's largest minority. This documentary revisits the people and issues in his 1980 film "Si Je Comprends Bien", which explored language and power in the context of the first Quebec referendum for independence. The film also documents the recent dynamic push among young Franco-Americans to reclaim their ancestral language. Ben is a winner of the prestigious ITVA Gold and Silver Award for corporate communications, the Broderson Gold Award for broadcast public service and the NAGC Gold Screen Award for public information. He has also been recognized by the Maine Commission on the Arts, the Maine Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on receiving this honor; (HLS 329)

Guy Dubay, of Madawaska, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. He is a well-known genealogist, respected historian, writer, international lecturer, educator and administrator. He has been active in many organizations, including historical societies, the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine League of Historical Societies, the Canadian-American Institute, the Acadian Festival Committee, the Stockholm Tri-cultural Committee and the Acadian Archives at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Mr. Dubay's published works include the

historical document "Chez Nous: the St. John Valley" and the play "Justice for All". He was also the presenter for MPBN's "Reflets et Lumieres". We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on receiving this prestigious honor; (HLS 330)

the Michaud Family, whose reunion will be held in Madawaska in June 2003. In 1656 Pierre Micheau, son of Antoine Michel and Marie of Fontenay-Le-Comte in the diocese of Malsais in Poitou, France, came to New France, Quebec, Canada settling in Cote de Beaupre, where he married Marie Ancelin. In the 1700's, the Michaud ancestors had settled in Kamouraska, Quebec and began migrating to other parts of the world, including Madawaska. The Michaud descendants have distinguished themselves in a variety of public and private professions. We extend our best wishes to the Michaud Family as they celebrate family and renew acquaintances and friendships; (HLS 331)

Chief Steve French, of Minot, a member of the Minot Fire Department, who has received the Level One Certified Fire Chief Award from the Maine Fire Chiefs Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 332)

Cindy Williams, of Brunswick, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cindy on this accomplishment; (HLS 333)

Jayne Kennedy, of Brunswick, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jayme on this accomplishment; (HLS 334)

Ryan Michael Celli, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop #15, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. As his community service project, Ryan helped construct and install covered seating at the Brewer pool. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 335)

Elaine Paul, of Eliot, recipient of the Fabyan Drake Good Citizen Award. This award was presented to Elaine for her many years of dedicated public service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 336)

Anthony J. Neves, of Freedom, who recently retired as the State Tax Assessor, after nearly 8 years in that position. A doctoral candidate mathematician, an educator and a professional tax auditor and administrator for over 24 years, Tony is known as a tireless advocate for equitable tax law, effective tax administration and the fair application of the State's tax law to its citizens. His skillful command of Maine Revenue Services has been a major element in the success of tax administration in the State and his departure is noted with great sadness. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Tony is a dry bean farmer, talented marine craftsman, sailor and family man. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him in his well-earned retirement; (HLS 337)

Billi Blanchard, of Presque Isle, who has been selected for the Big East Conference Class A All-Conference First Team. Billi is a Presque Isle High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team member. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 338)

Tim Prescott, of Presque Isle, who has received the Big East Conference Service Award. The Presque Isle High School Boys Varsity Basketball coach, who is a 4-time Coach of the Year, has been coaching for 18 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 339)

Jeff Hudson, of Presque Isle, who has been named the Big East Conference Class A Coach of the Year. Jeff is coach of the Presque Isle High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 340)

Kevin Sjoberg, of Presque Isle, recipient of the 2002 Maine Sportswriter of the Year Award from the National Sportscenters and Sportswriters Association. Kevin has been the sports editor for the Star Herald in Presque Isle and the Aroostook Republic in Caribou for 15 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 341)

Fred Bird, of Presque Isle, who has been selected for the Big East Conference Class A All-Conference First Team. Fred is a Presque Isle High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team member. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 342)

Laurel "Sonny" Green, of Presque Isle, recipient of the 2003 Citizen of the Year Award, presented by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. He worked for the Maine Public Service Company for 41 years, retiring as the energy management services director. Laurel is very active with the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and serves as the chairperson of the Home, Garden and Recreation Show, the organization's largest fund raiser. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 343)

the Katahdin Trust Company, of Presque Isle, recipient of the 2003 Business of the Year Award presented by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. A strong community supporter, Katahdin Trust contributed almost \$60,000 and more than 3000 volunteer hours to local projects as well as helping raise \$7,000 for the American Red Cross and the United Way of Aroostook. We recognize the commitment of Katahdin Trust to the local economy and its people; (HLS 344)

G. Melvin Hovey, of Presque Isle, recipient of the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. He worked for the Maine Public Service Company and was elected its President and CEO. In addition, he has served on numerous boards and organizations, including the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club, First Citizens Bank and the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We recognize Mr. Hovey's leadership, integrity and volunteerism and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 345)

the Winslow High School Girls Field Hockey Team, which won the 2002 Class B State Championship, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievement; (HLS 346)

the Freeport High School Ski Team, winners of the Class C State Championship: Martin Bretigniere, Tyler Callnan, Logan Comber, Tyler Davis, Daniel Enking, Adrian Gross, Max Hames, Nick Heinz, Scott Hendee, Erik Krahn, Benjamin LeHay, Nick Martin, Rusty Milholland, Max Neale, Frank Roy, Daniel Sandberg, Wade Schwanda and Kyle Warren. We congratulate the Freeport Falcons on their second win in 3 years and extend our best wishes to them; (HLS 347)

the Franco-American Heritage Collection at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College. This archival collection originated from a project in 1972 by the students at St. Dominic's High School under the guidance of teacher JoAnne LaPointe. These historical documents soon expanded to become "Centre d'Heritage Franco Americain", and in 1990 were given by the Centre's trustees to the Lewiston-Auburn College. Since that time, due in large part to the work of Madeleine Giguere, the Centre director from 1990 to 1996, and other volunteers, this collection has continued to be preserved, enhanced and made

accessible to all who are interested in the region's rich Franco-American heritage; (HLS 348)

Jeffrey Osborne, of East Millinocket, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jeffrey on this accomplishment; (HLS 349)

Lee E. Perry, of Wayne, who has served as the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife since 1997. Before becoming commissioner, he held various positions at the State's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from 1967-84. While there, he planned and implemented a statewide wildlife management program for game and non-game population management, research and habitat management and also worked with a variety of organizations and agencies at the state and national levels on wildlife issues. In 1984 he began serving the Arizona Game and Fish Department as the assistant director of field operations and then as assistant director of special services. Since being appointed by Governor Angus King, Lee's management skills have been recognized as being instrumental in restoring the department's fiscal integrity and ensuring that constituency concerns were considered in developing scientific wildlife management policies. He has earned the respect of diverse interest groups for his professionalism and for building a strong relationship between traditional sportsmen and other wildlife enthusiasts. We recognize and appreciate Lee's many contributions to the State and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 350)

Fred Hurley, of Wayne, on his retirement from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Known affectionately as "Mr. Fish and Wildlife", Fred started his career as a Regional Biologist in the Augusta area in 1970 and quickly moved to the position of Wildlife Resources Planner. The following year he was promoted to Director of the Bureau of Resource Management. He served as Deputy Commissioner from 1998 to the time of his retirement. We recognize his dedication and many contributions to the State and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 351)

Charles J. Wesley, of Phippsburg, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his community service project, Charles organized, oversaw and worked at the refurbishing and leveling of Cushman Field in Phippsburg. This recreational field is frequently used by the elementary school, the community and the Bath Area Little League. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Charles on his accomplishments; (HLS 352)

Doris Provencher Faucher, of Biddeford, author of a series of historical novels about the evolution of the French presence in North America. The first book in this highly documented series, The Virgin Forest, depicts the early settlement of the St. Lawrence River Valley in the mid-1600's. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Doris on her accomplishments; (HLS 353)

the immigration of the French Canadians to Waterville in 1820. Many from the Beauce region of Quebec followed Jean Baptist Maheaux, the first settler in the area, as they sought work in the textile and shoe industries. We acknowledge their important presence in the Waterville area and applaud their many contributions; (HLS 354)

Joseph D. Silverman, of Portland, the founder of Century Tire Company. He started the Washington Avenue business with no inside service bays and his employees consisted of his 4 brothers. Mr. Silverman built the first retread plant in the State and, in 1947, he became an original director for the New England

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Tire Dealers Association, in which he was active for many years. He also served on the advisory council for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company during the 1950's and eventually became the largest Firestone dealer north of Boston. As further proof of his business acumen, Mr. Silverman built the Minute Man Car Wash on Marginal Way which was the first car wash in the State, and which now houses the automotive service department of Century Tire Company. His civic contributions were numerous and included memberships in many fraternal organizations. He was a member of Temple Beth El, the Riverside Golf Course and the Portland Boys and Girls Club, where he was lovingly known as "Papa Joe". This successful businessman will be long remembered for his many gifts, including his keen sense of humor, his vivacious personality and his generosity. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 68 years, Bertha Visnick Silverman, his family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 355)

the Honorable Paul Tessier, of Fairfield, who is retiring after 12 years as Clinical Director of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. He will assume his new position as President of the Northeast Bio-Tech Corridor. We extend our congratulations to him on his retirement and extend our best wishes to him in his new position; (HLS 356)

Roy E. Barnes, of Wiscasset, for 37 years of service to his community. He has been a selectman, road commissioner and budget committee member. We acknowledge his civic contributions and dedication and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 357)

Ricky Craven, of Newburgh, for his 2nd NASCAR Winston Cup Victory in Darlington, South Carolina. Ricky's victory broke the standing record for closest finishes with his #32 Tide Pontiac Grand Prix edging out driver Kurt Busch by an unofficial margin of two-thousandths of a second. This is the smallest margin of victory since electronic timing was introduced in 1993. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him for continued success; (HLS 358)

Thomas L. Fairchild, of East Monmouth, husband of the late Alice Dennison Fairchild for 54 years. He was an educator and coach at Windham High School and principal of Limington High School and Monmouth Academy. He became superintendent and oversaw additions to Monmouth Academy and the construction of Oak Hill School. After his retirement in 1984, Mr. Fairchild enjoyed woodworking, gardening and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a longtime member of the East Monmouth Methodist Church, a member of the Maine Principals Association, Monmouth Lions Club and the Order of Masons. He was also an active member of the Monmouth Planning Board and served as deputy code enforcement officer. Mr. Fairchild will be sadly missed by his family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 359)

Kenneth J. Smith, of Cushing, who has been named the 2002 Officer of the Year by the Rockland Police Department. A member of the Rockland Department for 4 years, he earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maine and completed the Police Officer Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. We recognize Officer Smith's dedication and appreciate his concern for the safety and protection of all citizens; (HLS 360)

WoodenBoat Magazine and Atlantic Challenge Foundation, of Rockland, recipients of the Special Recognition Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. These 2 organizations collaborated on creating a new waterfront event in which young people from around the world came into Rockland Harbor to be a part of the boating challenge. We recognize their

efforts and extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 361)

Paul Benjamin and Jamie Issacson, of Rockland, recipients of the Economic Enhancement Award. Presented by the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce, the award was given to Paul and Jamie for their significant contribution to the area's economic security by hosting the North Atlantic Blues Festival. We recognize the importance of this world-class event and extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jamie and Paul on their successes; (HLS 362)

Michael Lothrop, of Rockland, recipient of the Youth Volunteer Leadership Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been a selfless volunteer for the Kiwanis Key Club and the Maine Lobster Festival. We acknowledge his hard work and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 363)

Domino's Pizza, of Rockland, recipient of the Community Service Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. Domino's has been a go-to partner for the local Chamber of Commerce and for many other community organizations. This recognition is given in appreciation of Domino's community spirit and can-do attitude and we join the Chamber in applauding their efforts; (HLS 364)

Debbie McKenney, of Owls Head, who has received the Community Spirit Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. Her enthusiastic community action for "Every 15 Minutes" and Project Graduation is appreciated by her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 365)

Kevin Fellows, of Rockland, who has been named the Chamberperson of the Year for 2002 by the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. A community organizer and volunteer, Kevin has diligently worked to support Little League, Tiger Football, the Maine Lobster Festival and the Rotary Winter Carnival. We congratulate him on receiving this honor and extend our best wishes; (HLS 366)

John Vigue, of Thomaston, recipient of the Pride in Place Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. John closed his business, Thomaston Grocery, at the beginning of the 2001 summer season to make important historic architectural improvements to his building, which in turn improved the sales area of this community anchor business. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 367)

Michael Jones, of St. George, recipient of the Roger Strout Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. Michael, an employee of Camden National Bank and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, was recognized for his dedication and energy in improving a positive regional business climate. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 368)

the following cheerleaders and coaches of the Rockland District High School Cheering Squad, winners of their first Eastern Class B Cheering championship: Dianne Grade, Melissa Leiter, Stacia Matthews, Beth Allen, Lindsey Appleby, Charissa Cayouette, Jaime Fogg, Gretchen Appleby, Heather Brown, Sean Curtin, Trevor Davis, Jesse Passmore, Matt Haj, Ryan Curtin and Coaches Mary Sidelinger, Rachel Collamore and Becky Howard. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 369)

the following members of the Rockland District High School Cheering Squad, winners of their first Class B Maine State Cheering Competition: Dianne Grade, Melissa Leiter, Stacia Matthews, Beth Allen, Lindsey Appleby, Charissa Cayouette, Jaime Fogg, Gretchen Appleby, Heather Brown, Sean Curtin,

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Trevor Davis, Jesse Passmore, Matt Haj, Ryan Curtin and coaches Mary Sidelinger, Rachel Collamore and Becky Howard. We extend our congratulations to them; (HLS 370)

Edwin Walden, of Greenville, for his outstanding work for and support of the Greenville Airport from 1949 to the present. Edwin and his late wife Barbara worked tirelessly together for the betterment of the flying community. The late Senator Edmund S. Muskie commended them in 1958 when they helped save an F-102 fighter plane, which had made a forced landing at the Greenville Airport. Edwin remains active in the flying community and also serves on the Greenville Airport Committee. We acknowledge his contributions and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 371)

Joy Realty, of Rockland, recipient of the Commercial Building/Expansion Award from the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. The award was given to acknowledge the thoughtful and beautiful renovation of an existing commercial building. We applaud the foresight and imagination of the management of Joy Realty; (HLS 372)

Brittany York, of Jay, winner of the Patriot's Pin Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3335. A middle school student, Brittany's essay, "My Pledge to America," will be entered in the national competition. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 373)

Kristen Uhuad, of Jay, who has been selected to represent Jay High School at the Maine Youth Leadership Conference in May. The Maine Youth Leadership program, which seeks to identify potential future leaders from the sophomore class, chose Kristen from her essay on leadership. She will join other ambassadors from other high schools in the State to attend a 3-day seminar at the University of Southern Maine. Kristen is a mentor for younger students, is an active member of the math team and participates in field hockey. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to this outstanding sophomore; (HLS 374)

Amanda Castonguay, of Jay, winner of the Voice of Democracy competition sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3335. A student at Jay High School, Amanda's essay was on this year's theme "Freedom's Obligation," and it will be entered in the national competition. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 375)

Nate Hart, of Waterville, who is the recipient of the 2002-2003 Travis Roy Award, which is given annually to a senior ice hockey player at a Class A school and is based on academic achievement, community involvement and playing ability. Nate scored more than 50 percent of the team's goals, completing his high school hockey career as one of the best players from Waterville High School. In 4 years he scored 105 goals and added 100 assists for a total of 205 points, fifth on the school's all-time list. Receiving Maine's top high school hockey honor is a tremendous achievement. We commend Nate for his hours of dedication to the sport and wish him well as he goes on to the University of Maine; (HLS 376)

the Waynflete Girls Basketball Team, of Portland, winners of their first State Class D Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 377)

Waynflete Girls Basketball Team, winners of the Western Class D Girls State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their first State Championship; (HLS 378)

Ronal Patch, of Lebanon, on his retirement as town selectman. We applaud his dedication and years of service to

the citizens of Lebanon and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 379)

Harold F. Hersom, of Farmingdale, for having served his community as a selectman for 34 years. We appreciate his dedication and service and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 380)

Shawn Reardon, of Millinocket, a member of Boy Scout Troop #57, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Shawn on this accomplishment; (HLS 381)

the Nokomis Regional High School Girls Basketball Team, of Newport, winners of the Eastern Maine Class A Championship. The Warriors finished their stellar season with a 20-2 record. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 382)

Charles "Gus" Folsom, of Fairfield, who has been selected for induction into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Folsom is a 1951 graduate of Stearns High School, in Millinocket, where he excelled in basketball and baseball and was instrumental in leading the teams to victories in regional and state tournaments. His excellence in basketball and baseball continued throughout his years at the University of Maine, where he was named captain of the basketball team and was a pitcher and an outfielder for the Maine Black Bears baseball team when it won the State of Maine Series. Mr. Folsom also played semi-pro baseball for the Emerson Pills and later played in local AA leagues. More recently, he coached both the boys' and girls' basketball teams for Lawrence High School, coaching each of those teams to numerous victories. He was named Coach of the Year in 1974 by the Maine State Coaches Association and in 1985 the Lawrence High School Gymnasium was renamed the Folsom Gymnasium in his honor. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Folsom upon his receiving this prestigious distinction; (HLS 383)

Rachel Fairbrother, of Westbrook, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Rachel on this accomplishment; (HLS 384)

Greg Goodness, of Saco, who has been named the State's Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. He has been the principal at Shapleigh Middle School in Kittery since 1997. We recognize the challenges Greg faces daily in his position and we commend him for maintaining consistently high standards; (HLS 385)

Hazel (Austin) Pratt, of Wilton, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. She is a very special mother, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 386)

Mary MacFarland, of China, upon her retirement after 10 years as Executive Director of the Maine Association of Student Councils. She has been a Home Economics teacher at Erskine Academy for a number of years. She has arranged for leadership conferences, advisor's conferences, executive meetings, state conventions and has enthusiastically taken students to national conventions for the past 10 years. We extend our appreciation to Mary for her commitment to the youth of this State; (HLS 387)

Mark Seelen, of Falmouth, who is the recipient of the 2003 Teens Who Care Award. The award is given for outstanding volunteer service. Mark is a Sea Cadet at the Coast Guard Station in South Portland. He is also an EMT with the Falmouth Rescue, a drug awareness coach and is very active with his

church. We extend our congratulations to Mark on his receiving this award; (HLS 388)

the members of the Lawrence High School Drama Club and their director Jeff Watts, on their top place finish in the Division 1 State of Maine Drama Festival. The club is now one of 2 schools which will represent our State in the New England Drama Festival on April 24th - 26th. Special acknowledgement is extended to Dean King, April Ranger and Ricky Normandeau, each of whom received individual recognition at the festival. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the drama club on its outstanding achievements; (HLS 389)

Dolan Henry Miller, of Winn and Newmarket, New Hampshire, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard. He later worked as a Civil Servant at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and at Pease Air Force Base. Mr. Miller will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (HLS 390)

Louise I. Lebel, of Mount Chase, beloved wife of Arthur Lebel, a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who was well-liked as a librarian at Southern Aroostook Community High School. Mrs. Lebel will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 391)

the following Bangor area students: varsity team members, Justin Vroom, David Kleinschmidt, Jue Wang, Ben Weissman, Kayle Shapero, Eric Brown, Janice Gunther and Ryan Willette; and junior varsity team members, Sarah Rodgers, Mike Guevera, Morris Moffat, James Bailey, Ky Krieger, Isabel Herbold and Elizabeth Whitham, who won top honors in the 2003 TEAMS competition sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society. TEAMS is a dynamic academic program and competition that introduces high school students to the world of engineering. These 2 Bangor teams spent numerous hours preparing for this competition by practicing sample test questions and developing teamwork and problem-solving skills. We send our congratulations to Coach Mark Brittelli and the members of the teams on this achievement; (HLS 392)

the Bangor High School Debate and Speech Policy Teams, consisting of David Kelly and Shawn Frauley; and Erik Alquist and John Giebfried, on their victories at the state tournament. The two teams were declared co-champions of this interscholastic event sponsored by the National Forensic League and the Maine Principals' Association. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the co-champions on this achievement; (HLS 393)

the members of the Winslow High School Drama Club and their director Kathy Lauder, on their top place finish in the Division 1 State of Maine Drama Festival. The club is now one of 2 schools which will represent our State in the New England Drama Festival on April 24th - 26th. Special acknowledgement is extended to Sam Cheesman, Allison Hayward and Andrew Mette, each of whom received individual recognition at the festival. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the drama club on its outstanding achievements; (HLS 394)

Lucas Parvin Wade, of Old Orchard Beach, recipient of the Arrow of Light, the highest award given to a Cub Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lucas on this achievement; (HLS 395)

Erik Soren Peterson, of Old Orchard Beach, recipient of the Arrow of Light, the highest award given to a Cub Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Erik on this achievement; (HLS 396)

Sarah J. Hodgins, of Brewer, on the occasion of her receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award. Sarah is a member of Girl Scout Troop #432, is a sophomore at Brewer High School and is the daughter of Keith and Sandra Hodgins; (HLS 397)

Sarah E. Taylor, of Brewer, on the occasion of her receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award. Sarah is a member of Girl Scout Troop #432, is a sophomore at Brewer High School and is the daughter of Nancy Astbury and Don Taylor; (HLS 398)

Tara L. MacLeod, of Brewer, on the occasion of her receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award. Tara is a member of Girl Scout Troop #432, is a sophomore at Brewer High School and is the daughter of Barry and Kathy MacLeod; (HLS 399)

Abbie I. Armstrong, of Brewer, on the occasion of her receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award. Abbie is a member of Girl Scout Troop #432, is a sophomore at Brewer High School and is the daughter of Don and Becky Armstrong; (HLS 400)

Ashley L. Austin, of Brewer, on the occasion of her receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award. Ashley is a member of Girl Scout Troop #432, is a sophomore at Brewer High School and is the daughter of Roanne and Ardane Austin; (HLS 401)

Deputy Fire Chief Christopher White, of Pownal, who is retiring after 25 years with the Pownal Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. White for his commitment to the citizens of Pownal and extend our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 402)

Lester Blake, of Pownal, for his 20 years of dedicated service as Fire Chief of the Pownal Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Blake for his commitment to the citizens of Pownal; (HLS 403)

the members of the Bangor High School Chess Team and its coach Jonathan Dearing on its successful season. The team finished the regular season with a record of 6-3-1, captured the PVC tournament championship and won its second consecutive state title. Members of the team include: Brian Chick, Thomas Jones, Byron Oakes, William Owens and Stephen Wong. We send our congratulations to the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 404)

the Rev. Dr. Patrick Seymour, of Millinocket, who is relocating to Bangor after 16 years as pastor of the First Congregational Church. His ministry has been the longest in the history of the Millinocket church. In his new position, Dr. Seymour will be working with congregations that belong to the American Baptist Church in Penobscot County. We extend our best wishes to him in his challenging new position; (HLS 405)

Father Robert G. Lavoie, of Gray, upon his 50th Anniversary as a parish priest. Father Lavoie was raised in Lewiston, where he decided in grammar school to become a priest. He graduated from the Grand Seminary of Montreal and said his first Mass in Lewiston at his home parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in 1953. Throughout his 50 years in the priesthood, his various church assignments in Maine have touched thousands of families. Father Lavoie has served as pastor at St. Gregory in Gray for nearly 6 years and has no intentions of retiring. His interaction and visits within the community, along with the many responsibilities and needs of the parish, have made him a valued pastor in the Town of Gray. We extend our sincere congratulations to him on his Golden Jubilee; (HLS 406)

Walter and Elizabeth Osgood, of Berwick, on their 61st Wedding Anniversary. Walter and Elizabeth were married March 28, 1942 at Moody Beach. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Walter has served his community as a former Selectman and Chief of Police, as well as having served his country in World War II. Elizabeth, who is now retired from P. Gagnon & Sons, also put her energies into being a mother and homemaker. We join their family and many friends in congratulating Walter and Elizabeth Osgood and offering our best wishes on their 61st Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 407)

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Francesca Orsini, of South Berwick, a member of the Junior Division Team of the United States Figure Skating Association, which recently skated at the Synchronized Team Skating Championships in Huntsville, Alabama. The Junior Division Team won a Bronze Medal and will be assigned to an international competition, where they will represent the United States and the United States Figure Skating Association. We extend our congratulations to Francesca on this remarkable achievement and we extend our best wishes on future competitions; (HLS 408)

Megan Curtis, of Naples, on winning the SAD #61 Spelling Bee held at Lake Region Middle School. The competition among the 30 contestants offered many rounds of difficult words that led to the championship round. We extend our sincere congratulations to Megan on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 409)

Gilbert "Bud" Clifford, of Winthrop, on the special occasion of his 98th Birthday, April 6, 2003. Bud was a Blaine House staff member for Governor Kenneth Curtis. He was a State employee, an employee of the United States Postal Service and a longtime worker at the Bona Fide Mill in Winthrop. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bud on his birthday; (HLS 410)

Beverly L. Ouellette, of Auburn, for her tireless public service to the citizens of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties over the past 20 years. Mrs. Ouellette has capably served United States Senators William S. Cohen and Susan M. Collins as a staff assistant in their Lewiston offices. Mrs. Ouellette has, in that capacity, provided invaluable aid to countless western Maine residents who have sought assistance with problems related to the federal government. She has displayed the best qualities of a public servant - patience, compassion, determination and an extraordinary work ethic. We extend our best wishes on the occasion of her retirement; (HLS 411)

Gabe Paul, of Indian Island, for his participation in the Penobscot Language Program. We join the Penobscot Nation in extending our appreciation to Gabe for his dedicated service to the Indian people and acknowledge his past and present commitment in this unique and very important part of Indian heritage; (HLS 412)

Maulian Dana, of Indian Island, for her participation in the Penobscot Language Program. Maulian is the daughter of Tribal Chief Barry Dana. We join the Penobscot Nation in extending our appreciation to Maulian for her dedicated service to Indian people and acknowledge her past and present commitment in this unique and very important part of Indian heritage; (HLS 413)

Carol Dana, of Indian Island, a teacher of the Penobscot language. She was instrumental in developing the Penobscot Language Program. We join the Penobscot Nation in expressing our appreciation to her for her exemplary service to Indian people; (HLS 414)

Lorraine Dana, of Indian Island, who has served the Penobscot Nation for over 20 years as Tribal Clerk. Mrs. Dana is the mother of Tribal Chief Barry Dana. We join the Penobscot Nation in sending her our appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the Penobscot Nation; (HLS 415)

David Sapiel, Jr., of Indian Island, who has been named Youth of the Year by the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club. David is an inspiring role model for the youth in his community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to David upon receiving this award; (HLS 416)

Alivia Moore, of Indian Island, who has been named Youth of the Year by the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club. Alivia is an inspiring role model for the youth in her community. We send

our congratulations and best wishes to Alivia upon receiving this award; (HLS 417)

Scott Sockbeson, of Indian Island, for his devoted efforts to enhance the lives of the children and others of the Penobscot Nation. Scott has established a semi-pro football team consisting of Native Americans. He is also a dedicated volunteer for the senior citizens in his community. We send our appreciation to him for his leadership, many accomplishments, loyalty and devotion to the Penobscot Indian Nation; (HLS 418)

John Banks, of Bangor, Director of the Penobscot Nation Natural Resources Department, for his outstanding leadership in the protection of the natural resources of the Penobscot Nation. We send him our appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the Penobscot Nation; (HLS 419)

Susan Hammond, of Bangor, for her tireless and outstanding leadership in helping to create the Four Directions Development Corporation, an all Native American financial development institute, the first in New England. We send Susan our appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the people of the Penobscot Nation; (HLS 420)

John Davis, of Indian Island, for his loyalty and devotion to the Penobscot People. John established the Indian Island Veteran Center. We join the Penobscot Indian Nation in extending our appreciation to John for his dedicated service to the tribal veterans and acknowledge his past and present service that has been essential to the progress of the Penobscot Indian Nation; (HLS 421)

Fred Hurley, of Wayne, in appreciation of his years of invaluable service and contributions in securing positive tribal-state relations for the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the State of Maine in his former capacity as Deputy Commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and as a member of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission. We join the tribal nations in sending Mr. Hurley our heartfelt appreciation on the occasion of Wabanaki Day, April 7, 2003; (HLS 422)

John Neptune, of Indian Island, for his devotion, dedication and commitment to enhance the lives of the youth of Indian Island. John is the recreation director. We join the Penobscot Nation in acknowledging his dedicated service to the youth of the Penobscot Nation. We send him our appreciation for his untiring advocacy for Maine Indian people; (HLS 423)

Carla Fearon, of Indian Island, for her loyalty and devotion to the children of the Penobscot Nation. Carla is the Director of the Indian Island Boys and Girls Club. We join the Penobscot Nation in extending our appreciation to Carla for her past and present service and untiring advocacy for Maine Indian people; (HLS 424)

the following members of the Mt. Blue High School Foster Applied Regional Technology Center, of Farmington, who participated in the annual Skills U.S.A. Competition in Bangor: Ben Saviello, Amy Bogue, Jill McMillan, Megan Silkman, Justin Karkos and Jeremy Hamel. Medals were won in General Knowledge, Promotional Bulletin Boards and Forestry. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievements; (HLS 425)

Diane "Di" Francis, of Bath, who gave generously of her time and money to help preserve the city's cultural character. Well-known as a guiding light in the Bath community, she was a co-founder of the Maine Maritime Museum, the Chocolate Church Performing Arts Center and Sagadahoc Preservation Inc., and was involved in numerous organizations that have helped the city preserve its heritage. She was a passionate gardener and her flower garden was a landmark on Washington Street. Mrs. Francis, one of Bath's jewels, will be greatly missed by her family,

many friends and others who benefited from her goodwill; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 426)

Dr. David Glusker, of South China, who is retiring in July as minister of the First Radio Parish Church of America. Dr. Glusker has preached the word of God daily to an estimated 75,000 early morning television viewers for nearly 18 years on a program believed to be the nation's oldest and continued ecumenical broadcast. His "Daily Devotions", engaging fictional stories or personal anecdotes often peppered with a light-hearted humor, reflect his understanding and compassion and appeal to a very broad audience. We recognize the myriad contributions of this on-air personality, producer and writer and extend our congratulations to him on his retirement; (HLS 427)

Kennebec Savings Bank, of Augusta, on being selected for the 2003 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. Incorporated in 1870 as a state-chartered mutual savings bank, Kennebec Savings Bank offers a full range of services to individual as well as business customers. The bank supports local communities and agencies through its Community Dividends program. Its proactive community outreach, its focus on the long-term health of the organizations it supports and its genuine concern for the effect that the assistance has on those who benefit from it exemplify the tenants of "commitment to community." We extend our congratulations to Kennebec Savings Bank on its receiving this award; (HLS 428)

the following members of the Winthrop High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, winners of the Western Class C Championship: Joe Burnham, Rob Michaud, Dustin Harrington, Jason Allen, Joel Weisberger, Chad Garwood, Kyle Knight, Ian McCarthy, Jason Childs, David Poulin, Ryan Thompson, Corey Gillespie, Max Beauregard, Chip Burnham, Coach Tom Hill, Assistant Coach Aaron McClure, Managers Mike Goodale and Matt McCarthy and Scorekeeper Catherine Michaud. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 429)

Kate Woodward, Matthew Sonagere, Benjamin MaWhinney and Caron Eisenstein of the Edward Little High School's Skiers who have qualified for the Maine Nordic Ski Team. They qualified when competing at the New England j2 Cross-Country Skiing Championship in Bennington, Vermont, where they finished second. We extend our sincere congratulations on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 430)

High View Manor, of Madawaska, which received the Business of the Year award by the Madawaska Chamber of Commerce. High View Manor was established in 1960 as the St. John Valley Security Home which opened as a 78-bed nursing and boarding facility. From 1960 to 1964, the home also operated as a maternity ward delivering 435 babies during that time. Throughout its history, High View Manor has cared for 1,381 clients and has expanded services to include Riverview Terrace apartments and Valley Home Health Services. It is the second largest employer in the town, employing 117 workers. We send our congratulations to Administrator Louis Dugal, his staff and the residents of High View Manor on this occasion; (HLS 431)

Philip H. and Grace Elizabeth (Sinclair) Shea, of Ellsworth, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on Sunday, April 5, 1953, in St. Albans. Mrs. Shea attended schools in St. Albans and Hartland Academy; Mr. Shea graduated from Ellsworth High School, was employed for several years by E. L. Shea, Inc., of Ellsworth, and served on the Ellsworth City Council. Mr. and Mrs. Shea have been long-time active members of the Hancock County Republican Committee. They enjoy the community and church activities, as well as spending time with their children and grandchildren. We join their family and many

friends in congratulating Philip and Grace and offer our best wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 432)

Dana Hall, of Berwick, recipient of the 2003 Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Town of Berwick. Dana attended Berwick schools and eventually took over the family business, Hall's Roofing. He has been extremely active in the community by sponsoring ball teams and the Berwick Heritage Festival. In recent years Dana's primary focus has been to attract new business to Berwick by tirelessly donating services to assist with the completion of projects and donating land for future use. He then solicited various businesses to be a part of Berwick. He currently serves as a member of the Town's Economic Development Committee. Dana's commitment to the community goes beyond developing businesses. He continually reaches out to those in need. We commend him for his many dedicated hours and service to this community. We extend our sincere congratulations on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 433)

the Waterville Senior High School Science Olympiad Team, on its 8th consecutive victory in the State Olympiad. Each of the 16 team members won at least one medal and the team won medals in 19 of the 23 events. The school's long-running dominance of the Olympiad Championship has created a culture of success at the school; they will compete next in the national Olympiad in May at Ohio State University. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on their victory and extend our best wishes for their continued success at the national level; (HLS 434)

Ryan Kelly, of Allagash, whose death has shocked and saddened his family, friends and community. Ryan was one of numerous Allagash area loggers who participated in 1998 and 1999 in the blockade of private roads and the U.S.- Canada border in a protest that received international attention. We join Ryan's family and friends in mourning the loss of this young man; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 435)

Ronald Cox, of Augusta, Grand Chef de Gare, Grand du Maine, for his many years of service to the American Legion and as a 40 and 8 volunteer. Mr. Cox joined the American Legion in 1978. Over the years he has held numerous positions including Post Commander, 5th District Commander, Department Chaplain and Hancock County Commander. Mr. Cox also joined the 40 and 8 in 1978 and has served as Chef de Gare Voiture 1596 and Chef de Gare Voiture 1399. He has devoted thousands of hours helping at Togus, including working at Beals House. We thank him for his many dedicated years of service; (HLS 436)

Carla Flaherty, of Gorham, who has ended her college basketball career by making history in attaining 1,143 points as a member of the Bates College Women's Basketball Team. Carla, who will graduate in May with a B.A. in Rhetoric, became the 12th player in the school's history to surpass the 1,000-point mark. She was also named to the NESCAC All-Conference first-team for the second consecutive year and to the All-Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association team. We send our congratulations to Carla on these achievements and extend to her our best wishes in her future endeavors; (HLS 437)

Scott Skibitsky, of Dixfield, who has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, class of 2007. A graduate of Dirigo High School, he is currently attending the New Mexico Military Institute where he has achieved dean's list status. Scott, the son of Eugene and Leslie Skibitsky, received nominations from Senator Olympia Snowe, Senator Susan Collins and former Congressman John Baldacci. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Scott in his endeavors; (HLS 438)

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Brian Kennedy, of Evanston, Illinois, for his heroism in defending the freedom of all Americans. At the young age of 25 years, Brian was one of the first casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Brian attended Purdue University and Texas Tech University majoring in mechanical and petroleum engineering respectively. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1998 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California. Trained as a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter mechanic and crew chief, his superior abilities led to his being selected for the first troop deployment in the war with Iraq. Brian is survived by his mother Melissa Derbyshire of Port Clyde; his father, Mark Kennedy of Houston; his sister, Gretchen; and his stepfather, stepmother and grandparents. We thank Brian for his courageous sacrifice and extend our sincerest condolences to his family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 439)

the Riley Insurance Agency, of Brunswick, on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, April 27th. This agency has been a family business for that entire time period and has faithfully served the citizens and community interests of the Town of Brunswick and the mid-coast region. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Riley Insurance Agency on its anniversary; (HLS 440)

Mark Brian Cote, of Sanford, a senior at Sanford High School, who has been selected to receive the 2003 Maine Principals' Association Citizen of the Year award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. Mark also received the Princeton Book Award in 2002. He was the USA Triathlon All-American in 2001, a 2-time USAT All-American Honorable Mention and a member of the Triathlon Team USA in 2001. Mark participates in varsity swimming, track and cross-country. He is also a member of the concert and marching band, concert and chamber choir and drama club. He is active in student council, peer helpers, student leaders, Friends of Sanford High School, the variety show and homecoming and tutoring math, all while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average. Mark is an outstanding student and athlete. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mark on this occasion; (HLS 441)

the Violence Intervention Partnership, Cumberland County's domestic violence project, which has won a 2003 Acts of Caring Award from the National Association of Counties for its elder advocacy program. The project was selected for its accomplishments and the successful partnership between community volunteers and county government. The Elder Advocacy Program of Family Crisis Services and the Violence Intervention Partnership provide advocacy and support services for elder victims of domestic violence, as well as community education about elder abuse, including training for law enforcement. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Violence Intervention Partnership on this achievement; (HLS 442)

Janet Nesin Reynolds, of Kittery, beloved wife of Keith Reynolds. Janet enjoyed each day to the fullest. She travelled all over the world. She smiled and laughed freely, finding joy in many situations and people. Janet taught school for 23 years. Janet tirelessly advocated for relevant, inclusive education for all students, particularly students with disabilities. In recognition of her contributions to education, she was named Outstanding Middle Level Educator in 2000. She will be greatly missed by her husband, family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 443)

Benjamin F. Chandler, of Portland, beloved husband of Elinor Chandler, a decorated veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a longtime educator who was well-known for his dedication and

commitment to the education and well-being of his students. Mr. Chandler taught at Lincoln Junior High, later moving to Portland High School where he was a teacher and counselor for 20 years. He was a member of the Retired Maine Teachers Association and the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a volunteer for the United Way. Mr. Chandler will be remembered by his loving family, many friends and thousands of students who knew him as a fair and compassionate teacher; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 444)

the Fort Fairfield High School Boys Volleyball Team, the Aroostook League B Division Champions for the 8th consecutive year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following team members: Jon Everett, Alan Cloney, Dennis Rogeski, Kyle Enman, David Ferrier, Jake Rogeski, Cory Washington, Tim Levesque, Aaron Kenneson and Brandon LeVasseur and Coach Tony Levesque; (HLS 445)

the Fort Fairfield High School Girls Volleyball Team, the Aroostook League Division II champions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following team members: Suellen Johnston, Kaylee Searles, Frannie Demerchant, Jenn Wortman, Amanda Doughty, Jennifer James, Stephanie Churchill, Danielle Langley, Ruthie Arato, Eva Balackova, Whitney Langworthy, Jessica Fleming, Lacey Chambers, Amanda Churchill, Dani Searles, Libby Gardner and Ellie Arato; and Coach John McCrea; (HLS 446)

Francis X. Brandon, of Thomaston, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Francis is a member of Boy Scout Troop 214. In addition to his Boy Scout obligations, Francis also serves on the Thomaston Fire Department. Francis's commitment toward his community should surely not go unnoticed. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Francis for achieving this honorable distinction; (HLS 447)

Evelyn M. (Archer) Page, of Lincoln, beloved wife of the late Owen W. Page. Mrs. Page was a homemaker all her life and assisted her husband in his insurance business. She was a member of Ivaloo Rebekah Lodge. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 448)

the Cumberland Club, of Portland, on the honored occasion of its 125th Anniversary. Organized in 1877 and incorporated in 1878 "for the purpose of mutual enjoyment of cultural and social amenities," its alumni include Governors Joshua Chamberlain, Percival Baxter, Horace Hildreth, John McKernan and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas Brackett Reed. Its men and women members of distinction include the authors, attorneys, politicians, professors, social activists, business leaders and proud citizens who made Maine history in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. From its restored sea captain's mansion on High Street, designed in 1800 by Alexander Parris, may its proud traditions long continue toward its 200th year, in Portland, Longfellow's "city that is seated by the sea;" (HLS 449)

Lawrence E. Darling, of Millinocket, devoted husband and father. Mr. Darling worked for 35 years at Great Northern Paper. He was a communicant of St. Martins Catholic Church. He was a kind, sensitive and generous man. He was a friend to many. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 450)

Gordon Lewis Burgess, of Sherman Station, beloved husband, father and grandfather. He served in the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant. He operated an electronics business in Vinalhaven. He set up and taught the computer electronics program at Northern Maine Technical College and also taught part-time at Region III Vocational School. After retiring from teaching, he worked full-time with his wife on their farm, Goldenrod Farm. He was a Past Master and member of

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the Masons and was a private pilot. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 451)

Melanie Jean Kelly, of Millinocket, beloved daughter of Gregory Pete and Joyce Barnes Kelly. Known as "Our Little Princess," she enjoyed making people happy and going camping. She will be greatly missed by her family; (HLS 452)

the Attorney General's Civil Rights Team Project, a school-based preventative program to combat hate violence, prejudice, harassment and bias in schools. Teachers and students work together in a coordinated effort with state and local law enforcement to carry out the project's mission which is to increase the safety of high school, middle school and elementary school students and to reduce the incidence of bias-motivated harassment and violence in schools. Almost 2,000 students, faculty advisors and community advisors from all around the State have registered for the Civil Rights Team Project's 5th Annual Statewide Conference to be held in Augusta on April 15th. We extend our appreciation to all the students, faculty advisors, community advisors and law enforcement for their commitment to making schools a safe and welcoming place for the youth of the State; (HLS 453)

the following members of the Monmouth Middle School Cheering Team: Kristin Freeman, Kerstin Grenier, Khayla Edwards, Shannon Fields, Samantha Stufflebeam, Chelsea Webber-Wing, Jill Armstrong, Breanna Berube, Miranda Holbrook, Samantha Kaplan, Brittany Hilton, Cortney Barrett, Lacey Audet, Katie McAlister, Emily Vachon, Lindsay Scirica, Brittany Scirica, Danielle West, Katea Sebesta and Stephanie Gordon and Head Coaches Pearl Edwards and Colette Robbins and Assistant Coaches DeEtte Martin and Angela Berube, on winning the Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 454)

the following members of the Mt. Blue High School Boys Ski Team, of Farmington, who won the 2003 Class A State Championship: Greg Allen, Tom Aseltine, Eben Bouchard, Buzzy Cyr, Matt Dunlap, Nelson Emerson, Chet Farnum, Luke Ferreira, Nick Gray, Tommy Gopsill, Jake Hanstein, Wes Hines, Tyler Judkins, Alex Martin, Ian McPherran, Hunter Meyer, John Milster, Heman Norris, Ben Prentiss, Ben Saviello, Jordan Stevens and John Tompkins. The coaches of the team are Rick Hardy, Mark Cyr and Jeff Merserve. This is the team's 4th consecutive championship and its 5th championship in 7 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on their achievements; (HLS 455)

Tyler Judkins, of Farmington, who was named Skier of the Year by the Waterville Morning Sentinel. Tyler is a senior at Mt. Blue High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 456)

the Camden Hills Regional High School wrestling team for winning the Class B State Championship. This is the Windjammers' 5th title in the last 6 years and their 4th consecutive Class B title. First year Head Coach Pat Kelly oversaw the team's success, continuing where former Head Coach and brother, John Kelly, left off. We extend our congratulations to the following team members: Derek Young, Jake Rollins, Kyle Sylvester, Levi Rollins, Matt Creamer, Brett Burnside, Harry Pearson, Peter Forst, Nathaniel Bohmer, Kyle Bragg, Jake Rand, Joe McGowan, Keith Drago, Justin Bodamer, Chris Remsen, Kyle Young, Sam Cantlin, Tyler Jones, Sam McNair, Darren Robbins, Bryan Creamer and Russel Moore and Assistant Coach Perry Goodspeed and Managers Heather Sylvester, Jill McCrohan and Megan Martin. We salute the Camden Hills Regional High School wrestling team for their ongoing reign in Class B State wrestling; (HLS 457)

Zachary Labbay, of Bowdoin, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 458)

Lindsay Harris, of Portland, who is the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Maine Financial Services Advocate of the Year Award for 2003. Ms. Harris is assistant vice president of commercial banking for Peoples Heritage Bank. She exemplifies a strong commitment to the interests of small businesses and ventures. Ms. Harris reaches out to and maintains a strong relationship with agencies such as the Small Business Administration, as well as other financing and technical assistance provider partners so that her customers will have access to those partners as needed. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Harris on her receiving this award; (HLS 459)

Ellen F. Golden, of Wiscasset, who has been named the Maine Small Business Administration Regional Women in Business Advocate of the Year for 2003. Ms. Golden is the senior program officer for Microenterprise and Women's Business Development at Coastal Enterprises, Inc. She is committed to creating economic opportunity for women, especially women aspiring to become independent and productive members of society through small business ownership. She is a vigorous and effective advocate for women in business, participating in policy and legislative development and representing a voice for women business owners as a member of boards and commissions. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Golden on her receiving this award; (HLS 460)

James Richard Eaton, of Berwick, who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Administration Person of the Year Award for 2003. Mr. Eaton, President of Little Harbor Window Company, Inc., is a successful business owner and committed community supporter. He enjoys volunteering for his son's elementary school and coaching indoor soccer and football. He has worked with non-traditional methods of hiring and training, using Department of Labor programs to hire dislocated workers and people with disabilities. We send our congratulations to Mr. Eaton on receiving this award; (HLS 461)

Richard J. Larkin and Nancy B. Larkin, of Bangor, who are the recipients of the Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Maine for 2003. Richard and Nancy are the owners of Larkin Enterprises, Inc., a professional and technical personnel firm specializing in the power generation, mechanical and electrical industries. The company supplies technical and support personnel on a contract basis to leading power generation and utility industries in the United States and internationally. We extend our congratulations to Richard and Nancy on their receiving this award; (HLS 462)

David M. Eldridge, of Machias, who is the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Regional Small Business Financial Services Advocate of the Year Award for 2003. Mr. Eldridge is the Vice President of commercial banking for Machias Savings Bank, NA. He has been named both Maine and New England Regional Financial Services Advocate by the Small Business Administration. He is committed and dedicated to small business success and community service. After the events of September 11, 2001, Mr. Eldridge worked long hours helping lobster fishermen learn about the Small Business Administration's disaster assistance. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Eldridge on his receiving this award; (HLS 463)

Janet Yancey-Wrona, Ph.D., of Gardiner, Director of the Maine Technology Institute, who is the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Tibbetts Award for small business innovation research in Maine for 2003. The Maine Technology

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Institute provides technical information and assistance to companies embarking on research and development and promotes the Small Business Innovation Research program across the State. We extend our congratulations to Janet on her receiving this award; (HLS 464)

Russell Dennis, of Presque Isle, who is the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Maine Minority Business Advocate of the Year Award for 2003. Mr. Dennis is the Director of Economic Development for the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. He was selected for this award for his commitment to creating economic development opportunities for Maine's Native American communities. He has worked to create opportunities for the tribe and its members to achieve self-sufficiency. His leadership in the creation of the Micmac Self Sufficiency Assistance Program has provided over \$80,000 in direct assistance to tribal members in obtaining employment or in starting a business. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Dennis on his receiving this award; (HLS 465)

Peter A. Steele, of Lewiston, who is the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Journalist of the Year Award for 2003. Mr. Steele is the creator and editor of Twin City Times, and has years of experience as a seasoned news reporter and editor. His columns have increased public awareness about people, events and actions on a state and local level that affect the community. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Steele on his receiving this award; (HLS 466)

Rodney Thompson, of Caribou, who has been selected as the Small Business Administration's Maine Home-Based Business Advocate for 2003. Mr. Thompson is a Maine Small Business Development Center Small Business Counselor at Northern Maine Development Commission. He operated a home-based entertainment services business for 8 years. For the past 14 years, he has worked as a Maine Small Business Development Center Counselor providing direct assistance to small businesses throughout Aroostook County. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Thompson on his receiving this award; (HLS 467)

Colonel Roland M. Lapointe, of Vassalboro, who is the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Veterans Small Business Advocate of the Year Award for 2003. Colonel Lapointe is the Director of the Bureau of Veterans Services of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. He has developed programs to ensure that veterans engaged in or interested in starting a business have access to relevant and timely information. He was a significant factor in the success of the Veterans FastTrac entrepreneurial training course offered in Maine last fall. We extend our congratulations to Colonel Lapointe on his receiving this award; (HLS 468)

Lucky Hollander, of Portland, who has received the national 2003 Donna J. Stone Award for her work in protecting children across the State. Lucky Hollander is the vice-president for advocacy and prevention services at Youth Alternatives and director of the Cumberland County Child Abuse Neglect Council. Over the years, Lucky has been in the forefront of the effort to bring child abuse prevention and community building to Maine and other areas of the world. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her community and State and the contributions she has provided to preventing the abuse and neglect of children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 469)

Les Taylor, of Gray, Amvets State Commander for 2002-2003, in honor of his diligence and dedication on behalf of Maine's veterans and their families. A 1947 graduate of the former Pennel Institute, and a proud United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he has served in the American

Legion, Amvets and VFW in 3 Maine communities. As department commander he has annually organized State Memorial Day ceremonies at the Augusta, Maine Veterans' Cemetery, in honor of the spirit of sacrifice and service his own career symbolizes; (HLS 470)

Valdemar Skov, of Waldoboro, who has received the 2003 Meenahga Grange #555 Community Citizen Award. Mr. Skov has distinguished himself with his artistic ability and creative talents. He is completing the new dining room chairs for the Governor's mansion, the Blaine House and has also created a new podium for the Maine House of Representatives; (HLS 471)

and honoring the memory of the late Francis W. Peabody, of Portland, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of her birth, April 18, 2003. Frannie greatly enriched many of Portland's leading cultural and civic organizations throughout her lifetime by her commitment and concerns. Many of the architectural treasures of the city have been restored and preserved through her persistent efforts. Frannie Peabody's unending commitment to compassionate and humane treatment for those suffering from HIV/AIDS resulted in the establishment of the Peabody Center, Maine's leading comprehensive service provider for those living with HIV/AIDS. She was the founding force behind the establishment of the first residential facility, Peabody House, a place for those with HIV/AIDS in Maine. Frannie in her lifetime was the 314th recipient of President George H. Bush's Points of Light Award, honoring those whose efforts as volunteers have made major contributions to the quality of life in America. We acknowledge the life of service that Frannie Peabody lived and the impact of her work will be felt by generations to come. We take this opportunity on the anniversary of her birth to declare April 18, 2003 to be Frannie Peabody Day in Maine; (HLS 472)

Sergeant Daniel Francis Cunningham, Jr., formerly of Lewiston, while serving in the United States Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received a posthumous promotion from Specialist to Sergeant. Daniel was born in Lewiston, attended Lewiston schools and was a graduate of Oxford Hills High School. Sgt. Cunningham was most recently stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, in the 41st Field Artillery Regiment until his deployment to Iraq. He had also served with the peace mission in Kosovo and served his country with pride and honor. He is survived by his wife Heather, his son Connor, his mother Nancy Cunningham of Lewiston, his 3 brothers and both grandmothers. We acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice his gave to his country and we extend our sincere sympathies to his loving family, his many friends and his colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 473)

John F. Daggett, of Harrison, a member of Boy Scout Troop #130, for achieving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to John on this accomplishment; (HLS 474)

Marcia Elton, of Berwick, for her tireless public service to the citizens of Berwick over the past 26 years. Marcia has not only capably served as Assessor's Clerk, but serves as a member on the Maine Assessors Association, the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Republican town and county committees and volunteers for the Historical Society. She has displayed the best qualities as a public servant and community activist. We extend our sincere best wishes to her on the occasion of her retirement on June 30, 2003; (HLS 475)

Barbara Martin, of Berwick, in appreciation of her invaluable service and contributions to the Town of Berwick over the past 29 years. Barbara wears many hats in the Town Office, which include Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer, Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant. She also is a member of many associations affiliated with her positions and was recognized as

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Town Clerk of the Year in 1996 and Citizen of the Year in 1995. Barbara's dedication to her job and the community has made her a valued citizen of Berwick. We extend our sincere best wishes on the occasion of her retirement; (HLS 476)

Avon Wilcox, formerly of Alfred and now living in Sanford, on the special occasion of his 100th Birthday, May 20, 2003. Avon was born in Greenland, New Hampshire. For several years, he worked at a sawmill, he worked in the woods with horses and he worked cutting ice. He was also employed by the Portland Stove Foundry for more than 30 years. After retirement, Avon lived in Alfred and later moved to Woods Edge, an Alfred housing complex for the elderly, where he lived for 21 years. He is now living at an assisted living complex in Sanford with his wife of 70 years, Marjorie. Avon is a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. We send him our congratulations on this milestone birthday and we send our very best wishes; (HLS 477)

Christian Oren, of Casco, on winning the Crooked River Elementary School National Geographic Geography Bee. The bee consisted of 48 questions for the 16 contestants from the 5th and 6th grades. We extend our sincere congratulations to Christian on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 478)

Major Thomas E. Crimmins (Ret.), of Brunswick, who served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the Maine Army National Guard, rising to the rank of Major as the State Recruiting and Retention Officer. Service to his community included being a member of the Brunswick Town Council, the Brunswick Lions Club and the Brunswick High School Boosters. He received numerous citations and awards, including the Delta Mu Delta Business National Honor Society Award and an Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. Mr. Crimmins was also a 1990 nominee for the Maine Broadcasting System Jefferson Award. Hobbies included coaching sports, traveling and hunting. Known for his love of country, community and family, he will be sadly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 479)

Naomi Schalit, of Damariscotta Mills, a dedicated journalist since 1985. She began her reporting career writing consumer-oriented stories for national publications, media criticism for American Journalism Review and feature stories for newspapers across the country. She wrote for the Maine Times for 3 years before joining Maine Public Radio as a commentator. Currently a reporter, producer, Naomi has provided exceptional coverage of the state's legislative issues for the past 12 years. We recognize and appreciate the reporting service she has provided to the citizens of Maine and we extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 480)

Lucille Bouchard, of Waterville, who has been selected as Mother of the Year for the Maine Chapter of American Mothers, Inc. Mrs. Bouchard and her husband reared 7 children and have 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She volunteers with a variety of organizations and is known for her compassionate understanding of all generations. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Bouchard on her receiving this distinct recognition; (HLS 481)

Diane Jacques, of Jay, an exceptional and inspirational mother, daughter, sister and friend. For 18 years, this young mother courageously struggled with cancer. First diagnosed with leukemia in 1985, Diane underwent a bone marrow transplant and continued to live life to the fullest. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 but continued to be an optimistic and cheerful cancer activist. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and community; (HLS 482)

Jennifer Swalec, of Hampden, a member of Girl Scout Troop #287, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the

highest award in Cadette Girl Scouts and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 483)

Ben Palubinskas, of Westbrook, on the occasion of his retirement as coach of the Westbrook High School Girls Varsity Basketball team after 17 seasons with the team. Mr. Palubinskas has had a long career leading one of the State's most successful girls basketball programs. He started with the program in 1985, had only one losing season and established an impressive 261-86 record while winning four Western Maine titles. He always gave credit to the players for the program's success, advocated for his players and represented Westbrook athletics in a positive manner. We join the community of Westbrook in sending him our appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the youth of our State; (HLS 484)

Page Keeley, of Augusta, for her exemplary leadership in establishing Cohort 1 of the Maine Governor's Academy for Science Education Leadership. Ms. Keeley has provided unwavering commitment to improving professional development for Maine's teachers. Her efforts to align the State's science curriculum to national standards are truly appreciated. We send Ms. Keeley our thanks and extend best wishes to her for her continued success; (HLS 485)

David Chamberlain, of Wilton, who has been named to the United States ski team that will compete in the Nordic 2003 World Championships in Italy. We congratulate David on his accomplishment and send him our best wishes; (HLS 486)

Reverend Ward Holder, for his service as interim minister at the Wales Presbyterian Church for the past 2 years. His departure marks the close of his 41 year career in full-time ministry and the beginning of at least a partial retirement at his home in Trenton. During his life's work, he has ministered to congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, New Hampshire and Maine. Reverend and Mrs. Holder will be greatly missed by the members and friends of the Wales Presbyterian Church; (HLS 487)

Sean Harris, of Portland, whose photographic exhibition featuring, "A Lebanese Family in Waterville" is currently being displayed in the Governor's State House Gallery as part of the Arts in the Capitol program sponsored by Governor John Elias Baldacci, the Maine State Legislature and the Maine Arts Commission. Sean, who studied at the Art Institute of Boston, has spent much of his professional life attempting to capture the diversity of his community. His work portrays images of people in an attempt to prove that, collectively, we are more alike than we are different. We send our appreciation to Sean for sharing his wonderful portrait of Maine through his photographs; (HLS 488)

Seward Blanchard "Pat" Brewster, of Manchester, beloved husband of Carol Brewster, an attorney and founder of Pine Tree Legal Assistance, who will be remembered for his patience, strength, quiet courage and gentle kindness. Mr. Brewster chaired the Kennebec Valley YMCA board of directors, served on the Maine Peace Action Board and volunteered at the Pine Tree State Arboretum. He was a founder of the University of Maine at Augusta Senior College and was a member of its board of directors. He had a lifelong association with Birch Rock Camp, a boys camp in East Waterford, where he was a camper, counselor, Maine Guide and longtime board member. Mr. Brewster will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 489)

Mary O'Brien, of Augusta, a 3rd-grade teacher at the Manchester Elementary School since 1985, who has earned National Board Certification in Middle Childhood/Generalist

education for Grades 3-6. Mrs. O'Brien is currently a district curriculum cofacilitator for the 3rd grade; previously she facilitated the development of the math curriculum for grades K-12. She also served on the district's Professional Development Committee and is currently involved with a K-3 Manchester Civility Reflective Practice Group. In the summer, Mrs. O'Brien teaches a math course for teachers. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. O'Brien on this achievement; (HLS 490)

Steve DeAngelis, of Readfield, a teacher at Maranacook Community School since 1978, who has earned National Board Certification in Adolescent and Young Adult Science. Mr. DeAngelis has taught a variety of math and science courses throughout his career and has coached the school's Nordic Ski Team since 1985. He is currently serving as a member of the negotiating team for the staff of Community School District 10. He is also currently serving as a mentor with the Northern New England CoMentoring Network and is a Fellow in the Governor's Academy for Leadership in Math and Science. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. DeAngelis on this achievement; (HLS 491)

Ezra Garland Smith, of Winthrop, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, May 1, 2003. Mr. Smith is a real Maine character who places a high value on his outdoor heritage; a sportsman who has spent his lifetime in the fields and forests where he still roams; a husband, father and grandfather who always puts his family first (but who wonders how his 3 children all became lobbyists); a retail businessman remembered far and wide for spending a career at Wilson's Dollar Stores putting his customers' needs first; a craftsman whose decoys and paintings are valued by many; a thrifty scrounger who goes to the dump empty and comes home with a full load; a trader in his retirement years, well known to anyone who has ever sponsored a lawn sale and famous for his annual summer barn sale; and a man who has always exhibited the values, skills and qualities of neighborliness that are the very best that Maine offers; (HLS 492)

Margaret Driggs Vaughan, a prominent and longtime resident of Hallowell. Born in New York City, Mrs. Vaughan grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut, graduated from Westover School and moved to Elm Hill Dairy Farm in Hallowell in 1941 as a new bride. She was married to the late William Loring Vaughan, a former 3-term member of the Maine House of Representatives. Mrs. Vaughan was a lifelong learner, a liberal thinker and a social activist. She supported the movements for civil rights, peace, civil liberties and social justice. As a legacy from her mother, she carried forward family planning and women's issues. Mrs. Vaughan served on numerous boards, including the Hubbard Free Library and Row House in Hallowell, as well as in such organizations as the National Society of Colonial Dames. She was an avid conservationist, a knowledgeable organic gardener, a world traveller and a culinary expert, and she enjoyed her summers on Vinalhaven. She will be greatly missed by her loving family, friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 493)

the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, in Limestone, on the exemplary success of its mission as the State's first charter school. The school was established by the 116th Maine Legislature and is a member of the National Consortium of Specialized Secondary Schools of Science, Mathematics and Technology. The highly developed curriculum, extracurricular activities and success of the students all indicate the major success story occurring in northern Maine. The students and faculty have won state and national awards and commendations and represent all areas of the State of Maine. We welcome the members of the school's chorus and jazz band to the State

House on May 5, 2003 on a trip funded by private enterprise funds and not school funds. We extend our congratulations to all those responsible for the success of Maine's first charter school; (HLS 494)

Vanessa Layton, of Cherryfield, who placed first in the 2002-2003 State "Voice of Democracy" essay scholarship competition and received 3rd place in the 2003 National "Voice of Democracy" Program held in Washington, D.C. The program is held annually and is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary. Vanessa, who is a senior at Bangor Christian Schools, is the daughter of former State Representative James Layton and Valerie Layton. We send our congratulations to Vanessa on these achievements and extend our best wishes to her for continued success in her future endeavors; (HLS 495)

William Grindle, of Franklin, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to William on this accomplishment; (HLS 496)

Alicia Fickett, of Cherryfield, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Alicia on this accomplishment; (HLS 497)

Justina Stubbs, of Addison, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Justina on this accomplishment; (HLS 498)

Ernest "Skip" Willey, of Newfield, on the occasion of his 50th birthday, April 29, 2003. Mr. Willey is one of 11 children. He is an avid hunter and has been hunting since he was 16 years of age. He appears before the Legislature and advocates on behalf of people with disabilities to improve their opportunities to hunt. His dream is to hunt in Canada and out west. We extend our congratulations to him on this special occasion and wish him well in reaching his dream; (HLS 499)

the People's United Methodist Church, of South Thomaston, upon the celebration of its 125th anniversary. It was in 1877 that the church held its first worship in the current sanctuary. Over the years the People's United Methodist Church has developed strong ties to the surrounding community and is committed to making a difference in the lives of its congregation, the life of the church and the life of the world. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the church on this very special occasion; (HLS 500)

David W. Kee, Esq., of Bucksport, on his appointment as the first Director of the Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers. The Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers was established by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to provide assistance to lawyers and judges who suffer from the effects of chemical dependency or mental illness. Attorney Kee is the founding partner of the Bucksport law firm of Fellows, Kee, Tymoczko and Pierson. He was twice elected Hancock County Prosecuting Attorney, served 3 terms on the Maine Human Rights Commission and was President of the Maine State Bar Association in 1993. Additionally, he is a charter member of the Maine Bar Substance Abuse Commission and chaired the Bucksport Area Substance Abuse Information Team. His dedicated efforts earned him the 2002 Volunteer Lawyers Project's Distinguished Service Award. We thank Attorney Kee for his numerous contributions and wish him continued success; (HLS 501)

Bob and Dot Phair, of Limestone, who were named Citizens of the Year for their volunteer work on behalf of education, the local library, youth, the elderly and their church. We acknowledge their dedicated service to their community and to

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their State and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 502)

Will Richard, of Fairfield, a senior at Lawrence High School who is the recipient of the 2003 Principal's Award from the Maine Principals' Association for academic achievement and citizenship. Will has maintained a grade point average of 98 and is 2nd in his graduating class. He has been captain of the soccer, hockey and baseball teams and has also been active in the National Honor Society and the Civil Rights Team. We extend our congratulations to Will on his achievements and our best wishes to him as he begins his studies at Bowdoin College; (HLS 503)

Kevin Adam, of Dexter, who has been named Warden of the Year by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. We extend our congratulations to Kevin on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 504)

Electa "Lecky" McLain Brown, a longtime resident of Gorham, who has established a scholarship to help University of Southern Maine School of Business students. Mrs. Brown has a long history with the university, including her position as bursar for 33 years, retiring in 1976. She remains active in the university, attending Gorham Alumni Association meetings and retired staff and faculty luncheons. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Brown for her generous gift that will help generations of Maine students with their financial needs at the university; (HLS 505)

Robert Tole, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who is the 2003 Class B State Champion in Skiing. We extend our congratulations to Robert on his achievement; (HLS 506)

Lindsey Atienza Barcebal, of Gorham, who is the recipient of a 2003 Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Award was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, United States Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard of the American Institute for Public Service to honor people who go out of their way to make the world a better place. Lindsey fits this description beautifully, with her extensive volunteer work within her community, her church and her school, Cheverus High School. In addition, she has volunteered more than 240 hours of service to her local hospital. We acknowledge Lindsey's generosity to her community and her State, and we extend our congratulations to her on receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 507)

the Gorham High School 4 x 200 Meter Relay Team, winners of the State Class B Indoor Track 4 x 200 meter relay. The team members are Tyson Nason, David Baker, James Sawyer and Nick Corbeau. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 508)

William D. Sewell, of Bath. After having spent many years away, Mr. Sewell and his beloved wife, the late Phebe Buckman, returned to his family home, Stonehouse Farm in Bath. He devoted much of his life in Maine to a variety of civic and philanthropic concerns, such as the restoration of the Winter Street Church steeple in Bath, the new Maine Maritime Museum, the Coastal Humane Society and the Rotary Club. He also cofounded the Sewall Family Fund for the purpose of restoring and preserving Bath's maritime history and artifacts. Some of his favorite charities included the Coastal Humane Society, the Bath YMCA, the Maine Maritime Museum, the Patten Free Library and the City of Bath ambulance service. Mr. Sewell will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends and the many acquaintances he made while serving his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 509)

Moody's Collision Centers, of Gorham and Scarborough, on being selected for the 2003 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. Moody's Collision Centers specializes in collision repair and glass replacement and employs 25 people. Moody's Collision Centers has created a work environment that promotes

creativity, integrity, loyalty and open communications. The company also supports charitable community organizations. We extend our congratulations to Moody's Collision Centers on its receiving this award; (HLS 510)

Kassandra Dominique, of Blaine, a senior in Northern Maine Technical College's nursing program, who has been named the 2003 Northern Maine Technical College Student of the Year. Kassandra is a very active and involved student on campus. She is currently the president of the college's Student Nurses Association, the treasurer of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, an active member of the Student Senate and a working member of the Maine State Student Nurses Association. A nontraditional student, she lives in Blaine with her husband, Steve, and their 2 children. In addition to being a dean's list student and in her community, Kassandra is also involved in her children's school and with the Head Start program. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement and extend our best wishes to her for continued success; (HLS 511)

Ashley Freeman, of Gorham, a member of Gorham High School's Girls Indoor Track Team, who is the 2003 Class B State Champion in the High Jump. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement; (HLS 512)

the Honorable Mary S. Vaughn, of Peru, beloved wife of Milton A. Vaughn. During her long life of civil service, Mrs. Vaughn was town clerk, treasurer and tax collector for the Town of Peru, and town manager of Buckfield until her retirement in 1980. Mrs. Vaughn also served 2 terms in the Maine State Legislature. She wrote the history for the Town of Peru from 1920 on, and was well known as a pianist for the Searles Orchestra and other groups in her area. Mrs. Vaughn will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 513)

Patricia Charette Martin, of St. Francis, beloved wife of the late Rudolph Martin. Mrs. Martin was a longtime teacher at the St. Francis Elementary School, retiring as its principal. She was a member of the Fort Kent Hospital Guild, the Fort Kent Columbiettes, the Ladies of St. Ann, the Maine Teachers Association and the National Retired Teachers Association. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 514)

Luba Lowery, of Cumberland Foreside, for earning 3 gold medals at the United States Disabled Skiing Championships at Big Sky Mountain Resort in Montana. At the age of 15, Luba competed in the women's Super G, giant slalom and slalom, finishing first in the junior division in each event. Prior to competing, Luba was awarded the Diana Golden Cup, which was created in memory of Diana Golden Brosnihan, a former United States Disabled Ski Team member who won 19 National and 10 World Championship medals. Luba continues to set even higher goals for herself as she prepares to fulfill her dream of securing a place on the United States Disabled Ski Team and competing at the 2006 Paralympics in Torino, Italy. We extend our congratulations to Luba for her outstanding achievements and wish her well as she continues her career in competitive skiing; (HLS 515)

Janna Johnson, of Westfield, who has been named Maine's 2003 Junior Miss. Janna, a senior at Presque Isle High School, is a talented gymnast and a scholar. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 516)

Patrick Halligan, of Falmouth, who has been selected as the 2002 Gatorade Maine High School Male Soccer Player of the Year. A student at Falmouth High School, he finished the season

with 21 goals and 10 assists including the winning goal in the state championship game. Patrick was selected All Conference, All Region, All State, All New England and All American Player. The award also factors in academic achievements and overall character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Patrick on receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 517)

Nathaniel J. Crowley, Sr., of Stockton Springs, who has recently been inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. An outstanding football, basketball and baseball player, Nat was captain of the University of Maine basketball team in his senior year as well as the leading batter on the 1941 and 1942 baseball teams. He also distinguished himself academically and was a member of the Senior Skulls. After college, Nat played semi-pro baseball and basketball and met his wife of the last 62 years, Esther. He also served in the United States Air Force during World War II as an aerial gunner aboard B-24s and flew many combat missions. After the war, Nat taught and coached at several high schools, including John Bapst High School, Deering High School and Lewiston High School. He guided his teams to many successful seasons, including the 1960 State Basketball Champions from Lewiston. In addition to his outstanding athletic and coaching achievements, Nat was elected to the 110th Maine State Legislature as Representative from District #112 and served 6 consecutive terms. He distinguished himself as a leader in the State House, serving as the Chair of the Marine Resources Committee, the Economic and Community Development Committee and the Education Committee during his 12 years of legislative service. Nat and Esther have 10 children, 22 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Nat on his most recent recognition and thank him for his many years of service to the people of Maine; (HLS 518)

Talmadge and Frances Allen, of Old Orchard Beach, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, May 25, 2003. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 519)

Owen Maurais, of Old Town, on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Schools for the City of Old Town after 29 years of service to the Old Town School Department. Mr. Maurais was a Special Education Teacher for 13 years, Special Education Director for 16 years and Superintendent of Schools for 9 years. He was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Maine Association of Directors of Services for Exceptional Children in 1988 and, in 2001, he was honored with the Maine School Superintendents Association Outstanding Educational Leadership Award. Not only has he provided support, guidance and leadership to the Old Town school system, but he has been very active in the community. We acknowledge his years of dedication to the children and schools of Old Town and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 520)

Charles A. Greer, of Portland, a longtime math teacher and head of the Math Department at Old Orchard Beach High School, who will be remembered for his dedication and commitment to the education of our youth. Mr. Greer will be greatly missed by his loving family, many friends and the scores of students whom he taught; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 521)

the Town of Raymond on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration on June 21, 2003. The first two settlers arrived in the area of what is now known as Raymond in 1770 and on March 29, 1794 the first deeds were written and recorded for the township of Raymondtown, Massachusetts. On June 21, 1803, Raymond became the 146th town to be incorporated in the District of Maine, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This small

rural town, the boyhood home of the well-known American writer Nathaniel Hawthorne, is located in the beautiful Sebago Lake region of Cumberland County. The town is situated in the western foothills that provide spectacular backdrops for the many lakes, ponds and streams in the area. It has eleven waterways within its boundaries that make it a unique place for fishing and lends itself to the town's motto, "Home of the Landlocked Salmon." We send our congratulations and best wishes to the residents of the Town of Raymond as they celebrate this milestone; (HLS 522)

the Freedom Schooner Amistad, upon the honored occasion of its maiden voyage to Maine, May 7-15, 2003. The original "La Amistad," a Spanish cargo ship, was captured in United States waters in 1839 bearing 53 West Africans into Cuban slavery. Imprisoned and suing for status as human beings, the captives won their freedom in a case pleaded before the United States Supreme Court by former President John Quincy Adams, the first human rights case argued in the American court system. The Freedom Schooner Amistad, an historical replica, now sails as a symbol of tolerance, understanding and justice. Its voyage to Maine, sponsored by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, the City of Portland and the Maine Historical Society, is in remembrance of Maine's abolitionist past and in recognition of its future commitment to the challenge of diversity and equality in the experiment that is America. We honor its symbolic visit to Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 523)

Lottie Murch, of Millinocket, who celebrated her 100th Birthday on March 21, 2003. A nurse in her younger days, Mrs. Murch was born in Bathurst, New Brunswick, moving to Millinocket in 1906, just 5 years after Millinocket was chartered as a town. Since her birth in 1903, she has been witness to a host of dramatic changes locally, nationally and worldwide. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 524)

the Millinocket-based Meals for Me Program, which recently celebrated its 14th Anniversary. Founded in April 1989 by Carmen Brigalli and Raymond Paoletti, the program is one of the sites administered by the Eastern Agency on Aging, which manages sites in 4 counties in addition to the Millinocket site. The program has served in excess of 100,000 meals, including deliveries to shut-ins. We send our congratulations to the Meals for Me Program, its longtime site manager, Nathalie McGibbon and the many people who have helped nurture this program throughout its existence; (HLS 525)

Anthony H. Krapf, of East Madison, on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent for Maine School Administrative District #59 after 9 years of service. He was also Principal of the Madison Area Memorial High School for 7 years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Krapf for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the education of the youth of our state and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 526)

Gregg Christensen, of Greenville, for being named the 2003 Rural Physician Assistant of the Year, an award presented to a physician assistant in recognition of service to rural communities, both as a health care provider and as a citizen. Mr. Christensen has worked at Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital for approximately 18 years. He serves on the hospital's Board of Directors and is also the Director of Provider Relations, working as a liaison between administration and medical staff. Locally, Mr. Christensen has served twice as Master of the Columbia Doric Masonic Lodge and also serves on the Moosehead Area Neighborhood Policing Advisory Committee. We thank him for

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his dedication to this community and wish him continued success; (HLS 527)

Kenneth T. Palmer, Ph.D., of Kittery and Orono, on the occasion of his retirement as a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Maine where he has taught since 1969. Additionally, Professor Palmer served as the department chair from 1980 to 1985, the supervisor of the Congressional Internship Program from 1969 to 2000 and the supervisor of the Legislative Internship Program in 2000. He is the recipient of numerous professional awards and honors, including being named the State Legislative Service Fellow by the American Political Science Association. He has published books, articles, reports, book reviews, conference papers and presentations. His book publications include *State Politics in the United States and Downeast Politics: The Government of the State of Maine*. He also collaborated on many book chapters, including "Maine: The Cutting Edge of Term Limits"; "Maine: Which Way Should Life Be?"; and "Maine: Slow Growth in the Pine Tree State." We send our appreciation to Professor Palmer for his dedication and commitment to the State of Maine and the University of Maine and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 528)

Joshua "Skip" Day, of Lincolnville, on the occasion of his retirement as Town Administrator. Skip has served the Town of Lincolnville in this capacity since 1985. His dedication to improving the town and his numerous contributions have been truly appreciated by all citizens in the community. We extend our sincere thanks and wish him well in the years to come; (HLS 529)

Timothy Hoppe, of St. George, who has been named Thomaston Police Department's Officer of the Year. A native of Middletown, New Jersey, Timothy is the first officer who served in both a full-time and part-time capacity to receive this distinction. Timothy's hard work and dedication helped gain the immediate attention of his supervisors. We extend our congratulations to Timothy and wish him well as he prepares for the 18-week basic police course this fall; (HLS 530)

the Gorham High School Boys Basketball Team upon receiving the Class B Sportsmanship Award for 2002-2003. We recognize players Josh Tanguay, Max Bass, John MacKenzie, Ben Thayer, Brandon Poulin, Scott Marquis, Tim Atwood, Justin Brown, Kurt Randall, David West, Chris Matthews and Justin Spiller; Managers David Toyne, Rob Tole and Kim Hart; and Coaches Chris Crosby, Kelly Littlefield and Kevin Jenkins. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 531)

Royce Howes, of Beaver Cove, for being named Snowmobiler of the Year by the Maine Snowmobile Association. Nominated by the Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club, Mr. Howes is the recognized spokesperson for the club when dealing with state and local officials. As a 3-term past president of the Moosehead Riders, he is known for his diplomacy and problem-solving skills. He was instrumental in the establishment of the new Greenville clubhouse, which was completed in January, 2003. Additionally, the creation of the new ITS trail northbound out of Greenville would not have been possible had it not been for the efforts and dedication of Mr. Howes. As a result, the trail has come to be known as the "The Howes Highway." We thank him for his many years of selfless devotion to the sport of snowmobiling; (HLS 532)

David Edward Cullens, of Lincoln, upon his retirement as the Department Commander of the American Legion of the State of Maine. David was born in Millinocket, raised in East Millinocket and after high school, he was drafted into the United States Army. He served with distinction during the Vietnam War,

earning the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. After returning from Vietnam, David went to work for Great Northern Paper Company, where he has been employed for over 32 years. He joined the Maine Army National Guard in Millinocket and was also a constable for the town of Mattawamkeag, serving under 3 different chiefs. David joined the American Legion's Feeney-Groves Post #13 in East Millinocket in 1972, and was the first Vietnam veteran to be elected Post Commander. He went on to become the 5th District Commander, Department Americanism Officer, Department Vice Commander, Department Second Vice Commander and Department First Vice Commander and is now State Commander. He has held numerous positions on local and national committees, as well. His wife Connie, whom he married right out of high school, and his sons are also strong supporters of the American Legion. We extend our congratulations to him on his longtime and dedicated service to this veterans organization; (HLS 533)

Raymond Paoletti, of East Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Raymond was a United States Army World War II veteran. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 39 years, serving as union representative and president. He owned Millinocket Furniture. He was involved in the community serving as selectman and as a member on various boards and advisory committees. He was an active member of Feeney-Groves Post No. 13, American Legion, was co-founder of the Meals for ME program in Millinocket and was a communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He will be missed by family and friends; (HLS 534)

Ruth K. Lane, of Sherman, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Lane was a Vista volunteer and a nurse in the emergency room at Millinocket Regional Hospital. She served on many boards and councils and was the first woman chairperson of the School Administrative District No. 25 school board. She helped in founding the Patten Ambulance Service, and assisted in writing a grant to establish the Katahdin Valley Health Center in Patten. A woman of many talents, Mrs. Lane was an LPN, served 20 years as a volunteer ambulance attendant and worked as an auxiliary police officer. She was chosen as Woman of the Year for Aroostook County in 2002. She will be missed by her family and all who knew her; (HLS 535)

Gilman and Rachel Clavette, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 28, 2003. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 536)

Dr. James Masi, who is the recipient of the Nelson & Small Award for excellence in the field of engineering. Dr. Masi is a professor at the University of Southern Maine. He has a national and international reputation in magnetics, electromagnetics and materials modification. He holds over 60 patents in areas ranging from semiconductors and communications to polymers and rehabilitation devices. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Masi on his receiving this award; (HLS 537)

Judy and Brian Brown, of Gorham, recipients of 2 national awards for Master Division of Video Productions at the annual Videomasters Convention. The Browns own and operate ABBA Video Productions. We extend our congratulations to them on receiving these awards; (HLS 538)

Justin Kinney, of Fort Kent, a member of Boy Scout Troop #189, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (HLS 539)

Victoria Graffam, of Fryeburg, daughter of Lance and Alicia Graffam, who has been crowned Miss Mini Maine 2003 in the competition held at the Crooker Theater in Brunswick. Victoria competed in 3 categories: introduction, talent and evening gown. We wish her continued success in the years to come; (HLS 540)

Mary E. Bowers, of Hermon and Suitland, Maryland, beloved wife of Wayne Rolland. She was born in Norway, the daughter of Chris and Betty Bowers. She graduated from Bangor High School in 1993 and then attended the United States Military Academy, West Point. She graduated from the University of Maine, magna cum laude, majoring in political science. She worked for a short time with the Presidential Classroom before moving on to work for Senator Olympia J. Snowe, as her state scheduler and assistant to the chief of staff. Mary enjoyed politics, camping and traveling. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 541)

Christopher Sides, of Sherman Mills, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 202, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher on this accomplishment; (HLS 542)

Igor Koslov & Olga Koslova, of Petrozavodsk, Russia, and their 2 daughters Irina and Tatyana, and Michael & Katherine Poland, of Madison, Maine, and their family, on their success with the Project Harmony Exchange Program. Irina Koslova was a student participating in the exchange program when she visited the Poland family in Madison in 1997. They all became immediate friends during that visit. The success of the exchange fulfills the goal of the program, that of uniting our 2 nations in friendship and common interests. The next year, Michael and Katherine's son visited the Koslova family. In 2002 and 2003, various members of the Poland family visited the Koslova family in Petrozavodsk. The Poland family is now looking forward to the Koslova family visit here in the State of Maine to return their generous Russian hospitality. In the name of friendship, we extend our warmest welcome to the Koslova family on the occasion of their visit to the State of Maine; (HLS 543)

Kirk Nelson, of Rumford, a member of the Mountain Valley High School Wrestling Team, who has won the 160-pound weight class at the Western Maine Class B Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations to Kirk on this achievement; (HLS 544)

Ian Venskus, of Rumford, a member of the Mountain Valley High School Wrestling Team, who has won the 103-pound weight class at the Western Maine Class B Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations to Ian on this achievement; (HLS 545)

the following members of the Mountain Valley High School Wrestling Team in Rumford, who are the Western Maine Class B Wrestling Champions: Ian Venskus, Jeff Pelletier, Chris Cayer, Travis Child, Aaron Arsenault, Mallory Thurston, Ben Madigan, Jeff Waugh, Chris Smith, Kirk Nelson, Jason McPherson, Jason Porvencher, Travis Dragoon and Mike Hanson and Coaches Gary Dolloff and Chris Bean. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 546)

Chris Smith, of Roxbury, a member of the Mountain Valley High School Wrestling Team, who has won the 152-pound weight class at the Western Maine Class B Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations to Chris on this achievement; (HLS 547)

J. Donald MacWilliams, of Portland, author, activist and pioneer of Maine Television Broadcasting. Born at "Gorham's Corner," the Irish heart of old Portland, he served in the 18th weather squadron in the European Theatre in World War II and in the post-war period graduated from the WEEI School of Radio

Broadcasting in Boston. In 1953, he began a 40-year television sportscasting career on WCSH-TV, one of Maine's first television stations. A founder and inductee of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame, he was honored as Maine Sportscaster of the Year and the Irish-American Club Man of the Year in 2000. He proudly served on the city council for 18 years and authored 2 books and innumerable articles about his beloved State of Maine and hometown of Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 548)

Michael Katz, of Casco, Campus Director of Camp Sunshine in Casco, for his outstanding job in coordinating the hundreds of people who volunteer their time at the camp. Michael's organization and effectiveness enable him to provide a rewarding experience for volunteers, who in turn provide a relaxing, therapeutic summer camp environment for families suffering from the effects of critical illness in their homes. Children and their families from all around the country attend sponsored weeks filled with activities staffed by professionals, most of whom are volunteers. Since its inception, Camp Sunshine has been a haven for more than 3,400 families from many cultural backgrounds. We extend our appreciation to Michael Katz, his staff and the many volunteers who help provide such a worthwhile program; (HLS 549)

G. Thomas Cox, of Caribou, on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service with the Department of Human Services. Mr. Cox worked for the Division of Support Enforcement, first as an agent then as the supervisor. Under his leadership, Aroostook County's support collections have grown immensely. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Cox for his dedication to the children of this State and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 550)

Phil's Florist and Greenhouse, of Caribou, recipient of the Business Community Service Award presented by the Caribou Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations to Phil and Jackie Doak on receiving this award; (HLS 551)

David Corriveau, of Caribou, who has been named Citizen of the Year by the Caribou Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations to David on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 552)

Steve Arey, of Caribou, owner of Aroostook County Electrical Supply Company, which has been named Business of the Year by the Caribou Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations to Steve on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 553)

Erin Elizabeth Buck, of Caribou, winner of the North America Country Music Association International Competition for 2003 held at the Louise Mandrel Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Steve and Pamela Buck. She is 11 years old and a 5th grader at the Caribou Middle School. She won 1st place as Female Entertainer New Country, 1st place as New Country Duo and 4th place as New Country Female Vocalist. We extend our congratulations to Erin and wish her continued success in the future; (HLS 554)

Regann Mae Buck, of Caribou, who was crowned Little Miss Caribou for 2003. Regann is the daughter of Steve and Pamela Buck and is 8 years old. We extend our congratulations to Regann on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 555)

Jeff Robertson, of Caribou, who is the recipient of a VITA Wireless Samaritan Award, presented by U.S. Cellular and the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association's Wireless Foundation. Jeff, who was at the right place at the right time, played a significant role in saving the life of 15-year old Steven Crowley, who was struck by lightning. VITA, the Latin word for

"life," was chosen to represent the award, which highlights the noteworthy efforts of Americans who by their actions help in times of need and is given to individuals who exemplify the importance of putting safety first. We commend him for his selfless actions; (HLS 556)

Harold L. Randall, of Lebanon, on his retirement as town selectman. Harold's dedication and years of service to the Town of Lebanon and its people are notable. His contributions are very much appreciated, while his experience on the board will surely be missed. We wish Harold well and thank him for all that he has accomplished; (HLS 557)

Bruce Fremont Leavitt, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2003 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to Bruce on his receiving this award; (HLS 558)

the memory of Trooper Charles C. Black, of York, and Constable Maurice D. Beane, of Passadumkeag, and all other law enforcement officials who have given their lives in the line of duty. We take this opportunity during National Law Enforcement Memorial Week to honor these 2 named individuals and all the others who so bravely defended the laws of the State to protect all its citizens; (HLS 559)

Talya Davis-Johnson, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Deering High School. We send our congratulations to Talya on this accomplishment; (HLS 560)

Ruth Misener, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Deering High School. We send our congratulations to Ruth on this accomplishment; (HLS 561)

Philip C. Hastings, of Readfield, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Phil worked for the Public Utilities Commission as the Director of the Electric Efficiency Program and in that capacity became a leader, teacher and facilitator. He was a professional engineer. Phil was a hiker, a camper, a sailor and an avid skier who was active in ski patrol training. He was a member of the Maine National Guard for 25 years. He was tireless in his efforts to help all of his family. Phil was a thoughtful, respected, intelligent gentleman with a delightful sense of humor. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and co-workers; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 562)

Muriel Havenstein, of Nobleboro, a lively fixture in the Maine jazz scene who celebrated her 80th birthday with fellow jazz musicians from near and far. She still talks with a Bronx accent, still plays up a storm, still sits on a pillow if the bench is too low and plays for all occasions. Muriel has played the piano since she was 9, though at the age of 14 her piano teacher stepped down from the job because Muriel kept adding notes to Mozart. With her family's permission, she left school and at 16 became the youngest member of the Musicians Union in New York City. During the war years, Muriel played and toured with the all-woman swing band, "Estelle and her Brunettes." After taking time out to raise a family, she relocated to mid-coast Maine and got back to her music. At Spinnaker's Restaurant in Rockport, she found herself playing for an appreciative Dizzy Gillespie, whose autograph she still cherishes. Muriel continues to play a variety of gigs, enjoying all. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this milestone; (HLS 563)

the following members of the Mountain Valley High School Boys' Alpine Ski Team in Rumford, winners of the Class B State Championship: Chris Lever, Brent Gallant, Ethan Carter, Eric Meader, Corey Moore, Tristan LaPointe, Eric Volkernothy ick, Joshua Burke, Matt Papsadora, Ian Miller Joey Arsenault and Timothy Fournier and Coaches Jarrod Dumas, Seth Fournier and

Al Cayer. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment. We also extend our congratulations to Erin Kelley, who was chosen the Class B State Champion Girls' Skimeister for all 4 events, slalom, giant slalom, classical and skate; (HLS 564)

Donald Mangarelli, of Rumford, beloved husband of Louise Collette, and a member of the Armed Forces who retired in 1984 with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer III. Mr. Mangarelli, a veteran of the Vietnam War, was a Physician's Assistant and served as an instructor and trainer while stationed at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas. Upon his retirement from the military, he worked at a local clinic and at the Maine Veterans Hospital, where he was instrumental in starting the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Unit. Mr. Mangarelli was an active member of the St. Athanasius St. John Church, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion and the VFW. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 565)

John Emerson, of Lewiston, who has been named Citizen of the Year by the Auburn Business Association. Mr. Emerson, the president of Emerson Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac in Auburn, is a chief fundraiser for the St. Dominic Regional High School's current capital campaign and has earned the gratitude of people throughout his community. In addition to the car business, he serves on the board of the Sisters of Charity Health Systems, St. Dominic Regional High School and the Central Maine Technical College's Board of Auto Technologies. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Emerson on this occasion; (HLS 566)

the culinary students of Southern Maine Technical College, of South Portland, for a job well done. We extend our appreciation to the culinary students for providing an excellent and beautifully presented meal for the Legislature on Welcome Back Day; (HLS 567)

David Williamson, of Woolwich, on the occasion of his retirement as assistant superintendent for School Union 44 for 12 years. Mr. Williamson has been in the field of education for 39 years. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedication to the students of this State and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 568)

the Lisbon High School Class of 1953, on the occasion of its 50th Class Reunion, which is being held at Graziano's in Lisbon on July 12, 2003. We congratulate the class members on this milestone and we extend our best wishes to them; (HLS 569)

Robert E. Graff, of South Portland, a devoted husband and father who was generous and unconditional in his love for his family. As a student at Portland High School, he excelled at football, basketball and baseball. At Bowdoin College and under the coaching of Danny McFadden, Mr. Graff led the Polar Bears to 3 consecutive Maine Series titles. For nearly 50 years, he held the record for the best single season batting average for the Bowdoin College baseball team, where in his senior year, he was the recipient of the distinguished Andrew Allison Haldane Cup. After serving in the military, he had a tryout with the Brooklyn Dodgers, where he competed against future Hall of Famer Roy Campanella. In 1990, he became a member of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame, and in 2002, he was the first recipient of the Bob Ganley Award. He taught at Livermore Falls High School and at Portland High School. He was known by his peers, players and students as a first-class sportsman and gentleman who inspired countless students as a longtime football coach and math teacher. In addition to his love of sports, Mr. Graff also enjoyed gardening and spending time in the outdoors, camping and hiking at Isle au Haut with family and friends. He

was a communicant at Holy Cross Church. He will be missed by his family, friends, peers and students; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 570)

Aaron L. Doody, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named one of the Valedictorians of the 2003 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Aaron on this accomplishment; (HLS 571)

Sarah Jane Saucier, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named one of the Valedictorians of the 2003 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send our congratulations to Sarah on this accomplishment; (HLS 572)

James Patrick Mahoney, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named one of the Valedictorians of the 2003 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send our congratulations to James on this accomplishment; (HLS 573)

Kenneth R. Lord, longtime resident of Patten. He was a veteran of World War II and was in the Battle of Anzio. He honorably served with the 101st Armored Infantry in Africa and Italy. He received 4 Purple Hearts with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and a Bronze Star. Ken was a merchant on Main Street in Patten for 50 years. He employed and inspired many young people over the years and was known for his service to the community. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 574)

Mamie M. King, of Millinocket, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who worked extremely hard all her life and retired at age 84 as Great Northern Paper Company's oldest employee. Her family was her greatest joy and she took great pride in all their accomplishments, great and small. Mrs. King was a great cook and was always ready to set an extra place at the table. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 575)

the founders of the Bowdoinham Plant Sale: Leslie Anderson, Billie Oakes, Betsy Steen, Sally (Kelly) Clemens, Audrey Johnson and Gayle Cogan and their family members who were always encouraged to help out. The Bowdoinham plant sale is the oldest continuing plant sale in the State. It was started 30 years ago to raise money for the library building, and brought in \$131.00. Since that first sale, the plant sale has raised up to \$9,756 at one sale. Over the years, the sale has raised over \$139,000 to support the town library. We extend our appreciation to these ladies, their families and the hundreds of people of Bowdoinham for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of the town and the State; (HLS 576)

the following members of the Fryeburg Academy Vocal Jazz Group, winners of the 2003 Division II State Championship at the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival: Caroline Nikazmerad, Vanessa Jump, Renee Strange, Robin Smith, Adrienne Holden, Hailey Dyer, Lori Royer, Katie Ackley, Carly Trumann, Brian Golino, Zach Urgese, Ian Berglund, Josh Strange, Eric Jordan, Matt Climo, Dan Sturdevant, Carol Stewart, Emily Turley, Rahib Amin, Katie Shorey and Jess Banker and Directors C. Brent LaCasce and K. Kelly Muse. All team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication. We wish them continued success in the years to come; (HLS 577)

Theresa L. Richardson, of Windsor, on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Public Safety after 15 years. We extend our appreciation to Ms Richardson for her dedication to the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 578)

Mike Burnham, of Winthrop, who is the recipient of the Bob Leahy Athletic Director of the Year award. Since Mr. Burnham took over as athletic director, Monmouth has built a new high school and jumped from Class D to Class C. He has overseen the addition of several new sports, including JV soccer, cross

country running and skiing, tennis, golf, wrestling, track and hockey. We appreciate his dedication to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 579)

Ashley Lamoreau, of Wales, a senior at Oak Hill High School, who has been selected to receive the 2003 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on this occasion; (HLS 580)

Rebekah Bubier, of Monmouth, a senior at Monmouth Academy, who has been selected to receive the 2003 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Rebekah on this occasion; (HLS 581)

the Cape Elizabeth High School Girls Swim Team, upon winning the State Class A Swim Championship for the 2nd consecutive year. The team's spectacular season, led by Coach of the Year Kerry Kertes and his assistant Ben Raymond, included winning its 3rd consecutive conference championship, setting 3 new state records, receiving top 10 national swimming ranking and qualifying for the national academic GPA Bronze level award. Two members of the team, Taylor McFarlane and Emily Caras, contributed greatly towards the team's success this year, each winning 2 individual events at the state meet and both setting records throughout the season. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on this occasion and extend to them our best wishes for their continued success; (HLS 582)

Cindy Hazelton, of Buxton, recipient of the 2003 William V. Haskell Distinguished Professional Award, which is given annually by the Maine Recreation and Parks Association. Ms Hazelton is worthy of this award for her service as Gorham's Recreation Department Director. In this role, she has exhibited a longtime commitment to park and recreation initiatives and to citizens of all ages in the town. We congratulate Ms Hazelton on this exceptional achievement; (HLS 583)

the Baxter Memorial Library's Expansion Project Steering Committee in Gorham, who have recently completed an expansion of the Town of Gorham's library facility. The library was built in 1908 and was given as a gift to the town by the Honorable James Phinney Baxter, a former Mayor of Portland. The library has served as a landmark of the town's past and is a primary component of the community. After many years of hard work and great effort, these individuals have achieved their goal of improving the library and fulfilling its mission by enhancing the library's role as a center of cultural and educational enrichment. The committee's endeavors will serve as a treasure to the citizens of Gorham and the community at large for many years to come; (HLS 584)

Anthony P. "Tony" Notis, of South Portland, beloved husband of Vasso Notis and the owner of Bridgeway Restaurant for more than 47 years. He immigrated to America from Politani, Greece, after World War II. Always a proud American who cherished the freedoms of his adopted country, he also remained close to his Greek roots. Mr. Notis was an active participant in his church and community. He was a past president of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, a founding member of AHEPA and a past president of the local Politani Society. Mr. Notis was also actively involved in numerous fraternal and service organizations, including the Masons, the Kora Temple Shrine, the Elks Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Eagles Club of South Portland. He was a very active member of the South Portland Lions Club and served

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as the chair for the Lions Club Camp Sunshine fundraisers. Due to his efforts, Governor King proclaimed April 1996 Camp Sunshine month. He enjoyed music, especially jazz, and made the Bridgeway Restaurant weekly "jazz jams" a 30-year tradition that continues on with his spirit. The life of Tony Notis was full and rewarding and will be long remembered by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 585)

Walter Anthony Borkowski, of South Berwick, a devoted husband, father and grandfather who loved his family. He taught at Traip Academy, where he also coached basketball - taking several teams to the state finals - and was assistant football coach. He was a Kittery Point Congregational Church trustee, member of the Kittery Point Boy Scouts Committee and trustee and secretary of the Rice Public Library Board. In 1967 he began teaching and coaching at Exeter Area High School. He served as assistant principal from 1976 to 1978 and as principal until he retired from the school in 1994. He was director of the New Hampshire Academic Decathlon program, mentored school exchanges with Okinawa, Japan; Ploermel, France; High Wycombe, England and negotiated the selection of Exeter as one of the 25 schools chosen for the U.S.S.R.-U.S.A. School Exchange Program. He was an avid sports enthusiast and fisherman. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 586)

the Cape Elizabeth Boys Ice Hockey Team, upon winning the State Class B Ice Hockey Championship. The team finished the season with a record of 19-3 and was led by 8 seniors, who provided leadership, dedication and a strong work ethic. Team member Jeff Croteau was named to the 3rd team all-league, and Dan Rautenberg, Mike Rautenberg, Luke Holden and goaltender Tom Rowe were named to the 1st team all-league. The sportsmanship displayed by its members made the Cape Elizabeth hockey team a great representative of its school and community and a deserving champion. We extend our congratulations to them on this achievement; (HLS 587)

Richard B. Paige, of Pittston, beloved husband of Elisabeth Jenney. Mr. Paige served as a medical technician in the United States Army from 1952 to 1953. He was president of Brunswick Savings Institution and president, chair of the board and chief executive officer of Coastal Savings Bank. After he retired, he raised sheep in Pittston for 12 years. He also served in the Chamber of Commerce of the Bath-Brunswick Region, various Rotary clubs and the Navy League. He provided strong administrative and voluntary skills in many organizations: as a trustee of the Maine Audubon Society, as a trustee and a treasurer of the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, as a director of the New England Solar Energy Commission, as a director of United Way and as a director of Bowdoin College Energy Committee. He also served as chair of the Savings Banks Association of Maine and the Pittston Planning Board and Budget Committee. His favorite involvement, however, was with the Morris Farm Trust, where he was an active trustee and supporter. He will be missed by his family, friends and associates; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 588)

Alan and Joan (Harmon) Fuller, of Carthage, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Mexico on March 27, 1953 with Reverend Thomas DeWolfe officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 589)

Eric Martin, of Presque Isle, a senior at Presque Isle High School, who has been selected to receive the 2003 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our

congratulations and best wishes to Eric on this occasion; (HLS 590)

Evan Richards, of Presque Isle, who has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics by the United States Achievement Academy. The award is given to a student based on academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and a recommendation from a teacher or director. Evan is a student at the Skyway Middle School in Presque Isle. We extend our congratulations to Evan on his receiving this award; (HLS 591)

the Nokomis Regional High School Jazz Ensemble, in Newport, winners of the 2003 Division II, Maine State Jazz Ensemble competition. The Jazz Ensemble is a tribute to the Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our sincere congratulations on this achievement; (HLS 592)

Toni Orestis, of Lewiston, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of service to the citizens of the Androscoggin County area. For 65 years, she worked 7 days a week and often 12-hour days as the owner and operator of Marois Restaurant in Lewiston, making it one of the greatest restaurants in the State. She trained generations of young people in the skills of customer service and provided area citizens with a meeting area. We send our appreciation to Ms. Orestis for her years of dedication, commitment and loyalty to area citizens and extend to her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 593)

Andre Lacasse, of Augusta, who is the recipient of the Club Calumet's Medaille d'Honneur. Andre's involvement with the club includes serving as Chair of the Finance Committee, Festival de la Bastille finance committee, Chairman of Bankers' Night for several years and Director and President of the Educational Foundation, as well as installing officer and master of ceremonies for numerous years. He has also been active within the Augusta community, serving as treasurer of the Heart of Augusta Team, treasurer of the Bread of Life Kitchen and Shelter and member and past president of St. Mary's Parish Council. He is a member of several civic organizations and is a United States Army veteran. We extend our congratulations to Andre Lacasse on his many accomplishments and for receiving this award; (HLS 594)

Barbara R. Pillsbury, of Lyman, on the occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative District #71. We extend our appreciation to her for her 41 years of dedicated service and commitment to the school children and parents of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 595)

the Stearns High School jazz ensemble and show choir, of Millinocket, upon their winning top honors at the Fiesta-Val, held in Williamsburg, Virginia. The groups received the following: an excellent rating for a show choir, first place in the show choir category; best accompaniment, Mike DuBois on piano and Drew Albert on the drums; outstanding saxophone soloist, Aaron Doody; outstanding piano soloist, Brian Raymond; outstanding woodwinds section; outstanding brass section; outstanding rhythm section; first place in the jazz ensemble category; and a superior rating for the jazz band. In all, the students returned home with 6 trophies and 2 plaques. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the jazz ensemble and the show choir on these outstanding accomplishments; (HLS 596)

Marcelle Bisson Nadeau, a lifelong resident of Brunswick, on the special occasion of her 80th Birthday, July 4, 2003. Mrs. Nadeau was also married on July 4th, in 1946, to the late Romeo

Nadeau. She ran a day care in her home for over 30 years. We join her loving family and her extended family of children who were in her care over the years in extending our best wishes to her on this milestone celebration; (HLS 597)

Elizabeth Kathleen "Libby" Szucs Crooker, of Brunswick, beloved wife of Theodore "Ted" Crooker and mother of Adrianna, Abigail and Emily. A nurse by profession, she began her career at Loma Linda University Hospital, later working at Bath Iron Works Clinic and Parkview Adventist Medical Center. She was a lifetime member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and was devoted to its teachings. Mrs. Crooker loved her family and enjoyed all physical activities, including tennis, boating, gardening and playing the piano. She was appreciative of nature and especially enjoyed Agate hunting on Lake Superior. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends; (HLS 598)

Sergeant Brian Keith, of Houlton, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine Army National Guard. Keith was part of Houlton's Guard Unit, Battery B, 1/152nd Field Artillery. He retired from the service as an Ammunitions Sergeant with Battery B. He spent 20 years in the service, including 4 years of active duty with the United States Air Force. We extend our sincere thanks to Sergeant Keith for his dedication to our country and wish him well in the years to come; (HLS 599)

Sergeant First Class George Merritt, of Hodgdon, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine Army National Guard. George was part of Houlton's Guard Unit, Battery B, 1/152nd Field Artillery. He retired from service as a Service Support Sergeant with the unit after 37 years in the United States Armed Forces. George spent 4 years on active service with the United States Navy, 2 years on inactive duty and 31 years with the Guard. We extend our sincere thanks to Sergeant First Class Merritt for his dedication to our country and wish him well in the years to come; (HLS 600)

Sergeant Del Hastey, of Houlton, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine Army National Guard. Del was part of Houlton's Guard Unit, Battery B, 1/152nd Field Artillery, and is retiring from the service as a Communication Specialist. Of the 20 years he was in the service, Sergeant Hastey spent 2 years in active duty with the United States Army with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, one of them in Vietnam. We extend our sincere thanks to Sergeant Hastey for his dedication to our country and wish him well in the years to come; (HLS 601)

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler O. Dalzell, Sr., of Kittery, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We join their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in congratulating them on this milestone anniversary and extending our best wishes to them; (HLS 602)

Staff Sergeant Bruce Campbell, of Patten, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine Army National Guard. Bruce was part of Houlton's Guard Unit, Battery B, 1/152nd Field Artillery. He retired from the service as an Ammunitions Section Chief after spending 20 years in the service, including 2 years in active duty with the United States Army. We extend our sincere thanks to Staff Sergeant Campbell for his dedication to our country and wish him well in the years to come; (HLS 603)

Hector MacKenzie, Jr., of Kittery, upon his retirement from the Eliot Police Department. Hector's dedication and years of exemplary service in protecting the citizens of Eliot are appreciated. In addition to his career as a police officer, Hector was a self-defense instructor at West Point and worked as a security guard at Liberty Mutual. We wish Hector well and thank him for all his efforts; (HLS 604)

Alice M. Whitaker, of Berwick, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, July 10, 2003. Her life in the Berwick area included working hard as a waitress and as a homemaker and mother, teaching values and traditions that have been passed down to her 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was married for 49 years to Raymond Whitaker and together they raised their family. She continues to live in her home of 60-plus years on Second Street in Berwick. We extend our congratulations and join her many friends and family to offer our best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 605)

the Cobbossee Watershed District, in Winthrop, for its successful lake and watershed management and its contributions to improved water quality, increased community awareness of issues concerning lakes, and heightened public appreciation for Maine's great water resource. The Cobbossee Watershed District was established in 1973 and is the oldest watershed district in Maine. It serves the communities of Litchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, Readfield, Richmond, Wayne, Winthrop and Gardiner. The success of the district is reflected in the success of these communities, which all benefit from the clean waters and the increased property values that are a result of well managed resources. We extend our congratulations to the Cobbossee Watershed District on this 30th Anniversary; (HLS 606)

Rachel Wadsworth, of Hiram, who has been crowned Miss Maine for 2003. Rachel has dedicated many hours practicing and working for this competition. We commend her spirit and wish her continued success in the years to come; (HLS 607)

Belva "Dolly" Morris, Limestone's oldest citizen and Boston Post Cane recipient, who was named Woman of the Century by the Limestone Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Morris is a former one-room school teacher and has 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Morris on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 608)

Rachel Hardwick, of Limestone, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Limestone Community High School. We extend our congratulations to Rachel on this accomplishment; (HLS 609)

Traci Weatherhead, of Limestone, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Limestone Community High School. We extend our congratulations to Traci on this accomplishment; (HLS 610)

J. Paul Levesque, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated service as a member of the Board of Directors and Management at Maine Public Service Company. We join Maine Public Service Company in extending our appreciation to Mr. Levesque for his leadership in the community and the many contributions he has made and continues to make in Aroostook County. We extend our best wishes to him in his future endeavors; (HLS 611)

Vicki J. Smith, of Westfield, on being awarded the Certified Financial Marketing Professional designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers, a nonprofit organization sponsored by the American Bankers Association. This designation is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of financial services marketing. Ms. Smith has nearly 30 years of marketing experience, including over 25 years in the financial services industry and 3 years as a partner and account executive with Marketing Advertising & Planning. We commend her for her dedicated efforts in this field and wish her continued success; (HLS 612)

Girl Scout Troop No. 2332, of Glen Cove, which has adopted the Victory Grove, a stand of red pine planted in honor of World

War I soldiers. Located on Maine Coast Heritage Trust's Aldermere Farm in Rockport, Victory Grove was established in 1919 by the late Mrs. Albert Chatfield, Sr., of Rockport. Girl Scout Troop No. 2332 acknowledged the importance of preserving the legacy of honoring those soldiers who fought for our country and has adopted the grove for restoration. We extend our appreciation to Girl Scout Troop No. 2332 and commend them on their undertaking; (HLS 613)

Don and Reta Briggs, of Briggs Lane in Oxford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 24th, 2003. We congratulate them on their commitment to each other and to their community; (HLS 614)

Margaret Merrill, of Dayton, who is the recipient of the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ms. Merrill teaches at the Plummer-Motz Elementary School in Falmouth. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Merrill on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 615)

the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School Chess Team, upon winning its 5th consecutive Maine Elementary State Chess Championship. The team members are Andrew Babbitt, Ian Pelletier, Evan Rollins, Tylor Corriveau, Jay Boyce, Deven Haskell, Joe Brown, Blake Bartlett, Goldie Garcia, Hayden Ciomei, Jason Robbins, Brian Eaton, Sam Grindle and coach Dick Powell. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievements to date, and extend our best wishes to them as they compete in the national championship to be held in Nashville during May; (HLS 616)

the Deer Isle-Stonington Junior High Chess Team, upon winning its second State Chess Championship. The team members are Bryant Ciomei, Collin Ciomei, Shane Eaton, Rob Haskell, Drew Eaton, Max Becton, Tabor Johnson, Garrett Steele, Parker McDonnell, Dean Siebert, Jon Eaton, Ben Haskell, coach Richard Larrabee and assistant coach Dan Larrabee. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievements to date, and extend our best wishes to them as they compete in the national championship; (HLS 617)

Betty Robinson, Ph.D., of Auburn, who is retiring as Dean of the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College. Hired in 1988, she was the first full-time faculty member at the college, and assumed her current position as Dean in 1996. In addition to her duties as Dean, she has taught in the Leadership and Organizational Studies and the Social and Behavioral Sciences bachelor degree programs. Dean Robinson is credited with the establishment of numerous programs and with the addition of new courses during her tenure. Enrollment at the college has increased dramatically during her tenure. She has also been an active member of her community, participating in numerous professional, civic and service organizations. We send our appreciation to Dean Robinson for her years of dedication and commitment to the Lewiston-Auburn College and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of her retirement; (HLS 618)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Lisbon High School class of 2003: Jay Randall Bickford, Samantha Pauline Brissette, Adam Paul Furin, Chase Elliott Hebert, Sarah Angelique Jordan, Brian David LaFlamme, Andrew James Lunt, Lucas James Michaud, Zachary Charles Smith and Christina Beth Taylor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 619)

Sheri Faber, of Gorham, who owns and operates a bookstore, The Bookworm, and who has been named Gorham Businessperson of the Year by the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange. Ms. Faber is active in the Gorham community and is involved with the local newspaper, the Gorham Times. With her

love of books, she has been a strong promoter of literacy, making donations and holding bookfairs in the schools. We send Ms. Faber our congratulations and best wishes for her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 620)

James "Jamey" Warren Polk, of Prospect Harbor, upon scoring his 1,000th varsity basketball point for Sumner Memorial High School on January 24th, 2003. Jamey ended his high school varsity basketball career with a total of 1,093 points. We commend him for his athletic talent and contribution to the athletic program at Sumner Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jamey on this achievement; (HLS 621)

Monica Harvey, of Patten, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Katahdin High School. We send Monica our congratulations on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (HLS 622)

Amy Alexander, of Patten, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Katahdin High School. We send Amy our congratulations on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (HLS 623)

Michael Osgood, of Easton, a junior at Easton High School, whom the United States Achievement Academy has named a United States National Award Winner in the foreign language and the honor roll categories. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude and leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendations from teachers or directors. We extend our congratulations to Michael on his receiving this award; (HLS 624)

Stephanie Bowring, of Ashland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian for the Class of 2003 at Ashland High School. Stephanie is the daughter of Steve and Kim Bowring. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in band, the cross-country ski team, soccer and Girl Scouts of America. She will attend the University of Maine to study animal and veterinary science. We extend our congratulations to Stephanie for this notable accomplishment; (HLS 625)

Robin Kimberly Caron, of Portage, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian for the Class of 2003 at Ashland High School. Robin is the daughter of Roland and Linda Caron. She has served as president of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Maine Principals' Association Award. She will attend St. Joseph's College to study biology and chemistry. We extend our congratulations to Robin for this notable accomplishment; (HLS 626)

Timothy Young, of Brunswick, on the occasion of his retirement as Commander of Support Services for the Brunswick Police Department. Mr. Young served the Brunswick Police Department faithfully for 22 years and will carry that commitment with him as he begins his new duties as Chief of Police for the Town of Topsham. We send our appreciation to Mr. Young for his years of service to the citizens of Brunswick and extend our best wishes to him as Chief of Police for the Town of Topsham; (HLS 627)

Keith Hayward, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of his retirement as the Director of the Presque Isle Recreation and Parks Department. Mr. Hayward has worked for the department since 1968, becoming director in 1981. During his tenure, the department received numerous statewide honors. We send our

appreciation to him for his commitment and dedication to the needs of the Presque Isle community and extend our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 628)

the new National Weather Service office in Caribou, which is the first building in Maine to receive national certification from LEED, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. The LEED program encourages architects to design buildings that not only limit water and energy use, but are also developed and operated in a manner that promotes a healthy workplace and local environment. The building's design is a valuable model for the weather service. We applaud the members of the design team in creating this innovative building and extend our congratulations to the National Weather Service on its new office building; (HLS 629)

Frances Lee Stearns, of Freeport, the first woman to tie flies for L.L. Bean. Nationally recognized for her tying skills, Mrs. Stearns began working in the fly-tying room at Bean's in 1936, and later taught the store's first fly-tying class. Her husband, Lawrence Stearns, fished with Leon Leonwood Bean and others, and they always used her flies. A strong and determined woman, Mrs. Stearns used her tying skills to help cope with the effects and stress associated with her ongoing struggle with breast cancer, beating the odds against her diagnosis, made 53 years ago. Mrs. Stearns was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church of Freeport and a member of Mizpah. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends; (HLS 630)

the top 10 graduating students in the Dirigo High School class of 2003: Allison Beckler, of Canton; Monique Crawford, of Peru; Amy Dolloff, of Peru; Natalie Keene, of Canton; Alison M. Kerr, of Dixfield; Isak Arthur Porter, of Peru; Billie Jo Putnam, of Peru; Kathleen Anne Shields, of Dixfield; Jenna St. Pierre, of Peru; and Sheena Marie Weston, of Dixfield. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 631)

Elvie Gower, of Fairfield, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, May 29, 2003. Mrs. Gower was born in Athens and has lived most of her life in Fairfield, where she and her late husband Alton raised their 7 children. She is proud to have 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She has devoted her time to caring for her family. She enjoys the outdoors and handiwork and gardening. She is a person who can be counted on when needed to assist with or cook at functions held by the American Legion or the VFW. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 632)

the Town of Kennebunkport, the 5th oldest town in Maine, on its 350th Anniversary. First settled by Europeans in the early 17th century and named Cape Porpus, it had abundant fishing grounds offshore and was thickly forested. The early settlers incorporated Cape Porpoise in 1653. In 1818, the town was called Arundel, a name it kept until 1821, when it became Kennebunkport. At the mouth of the Kennebunk River, it has long been known for its fishing, shipbuilding, farming and industry. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Kennebunkport on this anniversary; (HLS 633)

Caitlin Kekacs, of Bradford, a senior at Corinth High School, upon receiving the 2003 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our sincere congratulations to Caitlin on receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 634)

Paula Baronas, of Scarborough, on the occasion of her retirement after 25 years as a secretary for the Scarborough

school department. She is described as the most outstanding school secretary ever, able to do many things at one time from answering the phone to treating bloody noses to fixing the copy machine to laminating items. She began her career as a second grade teacher in Massachusetts. Paula's teaching experience provided her with an understanding of teachers' needs, and as a secretary, she capably supported and assisted them. There is no better person to represent her school than Paula. The staff, parents, students and community have relied and depended on her every day. We extend our appreciation to Paula for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her the best in her retirement; (HLS 635)

Joseph A. "Tony" Poirier, of Rumford, who has been named Citizen of the Year. Mr. Poirier has been volunteering for over 40 years. He has given thousands of hours as a volunteer to his community, and he served his country during World War II in the European Theater of Operations. Mr. Poirier has been there for his family, his church, his friends, his neighbors and his country. He was named the Maine Credit Union League's Outstanding Credit Union Volunteer in 1987, and last year the Oxford Federal Credit Union named a training room after him. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Poirier for his dedication and commitment to the people of his community and congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 636)

the United States Small Business Administration, Maine District Office, for 50 years of service to Maine's businesses and entrepreneurs. During this period, over 11,000 small businesses have accessed over one billion dollars of capital and thousands of others have benefited from the advice and training available at the Maine District Office. We extend our congratulations to the employees of the United States Small Business Administration past and present for their dedication to this State and to the members of the Maine Congressional delegation for their support of these programs that are so vital to this State's economy; (HLS 637)

Joseph Grondin, of Saco, for his generous and creative initiative to increase access to prescription drugs for elderly Mainers. He established a volunteer-staffed program to provide information and referral services to those in need of specific free or low-cost prescription drug resources, whether public or private. As a result of his leadership, Catholic Charities of Maine has adopted the program and will establish similar services throughout the State. Mr. Grondin epitomizes the best of Maine values in reaching out to help his neighbors. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Grondin for his dedication and commitment to the people of the State; (HLS 638)

Sue Frosch, of North Bridgton, for her 34 years of dedicated teaching. Having taught in England and Brunswick, Maine, Ms. Frosch came to SAD #61 an experienced teacher of 14 years. Ms. Frosch began her career as a Reading Specialist in Casco and Sebago, transferring later to the Bridgton Schools as a Title I teacher. Students under Ms. Frosch's instruction left her classroom well prepared for future challenges. We thank Ms. Frosch for providing a fun learning environment for our children and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 639)

Donna Beveridge, of Windham, for her 26 years of dedicated instruction at Bridgton Elementary School. Beginning her career in 1977 as a teacher assistant, Ms. B., as her students refer to her, was hired the following year to teach 3rd grade, which she taught the next 13 years. Her passion for reading led her later to become a reading specialist, or Title I teacher. Earning the respect and admiration of her students and her students' parents, Ms. B. has had a significant impact not only on her classes, but also on the entire school. We thank Ms. B. for providing a fun

learning environment for our children and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 640)

Sara Sprague, of Bridgton, for her 30 years of dedicated instruction at Bridgton Elementary School. Beginning in 1973, Mrs. Sprague spent 23 years teaching 2nd and 3rd grade. With a deep appreciation for learning, she instilled a thirst for knowledge in those students privileged to be in her class. Mrs. Sprague's quiet, caring demeanor will be forever remembered. We thank Mrs. Sprague for touching the lives of over 600 students and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 641)

Theodore Dana Mitchell, of Indian Island, for his tireless and outstanding volunteerism and community service with the elderly and with the children at the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club. We send him our appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the Penobscot Nation; (HLS 642)

Mildred Knowles Obrey, of Eliot, on the occasion of her 95th birthday, June 7, 2003. A native of South Berwick and product of Maine schools, Mildred graduated from Boston University in 1931. She began her teaching career in 1932 at the Titanic School in South Berwick. She went on to teach in Connecticut and New York for a short time, returning to Maine to teach English and history in Eliot. Mildred instituted a hot lunch program and coached the debate team, archery club and motorcycle club. A wing at the Eliot Elementary School was named in her honor when she retired in 1976. Upon retirement, she began 16 years of service on the board of School Administrative District No. 35, serving as chair for many years. A founder of the Retired Teachers Association of York County, she continues to be an active member. She has always found time to support her church, its members, Project Share and the William Fogg Library. Mildred has been honored as the Town of Eliot Fabian Drake Citizen of the Year and the South Berwick Rotary Club Citizen of the Year. Widowed after over 50 years of marriage, she remains the center of her family. Her 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren are the focus of her life. She is still reading 3 to 5 books a week and continues to be an incredible asset to the community of Eliot. We honor this outstanding citizen of Maine and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 643)

Joseph A. "Joey" DiPietro, of Portland, beloved husband and father, businessman and proud public servant. He began his business career at age 10, making sandwiches in his parents' grocery store. A 1960 graduate of Portland High School, he made DiPietro's Market a community gathering place and neighborhood landmark for over 35 years. As a community activist, he served as President of the Italian Heritage Center, President of the Portland Lions Club and as a member of the Portland Boys and Girls Club Alumni Association. He also served as elected President and trustee of the Portland Water District for over 15 years. He will be greatly missed by his customers, family and large circle of friends in Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 644)

Elizabeth Althea Millett Maxfield, of Waterford, on her 90th Birthday, May 18, 2003. Mrs. Maxfield was born and raised on Plummer Hill in Waterford and graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1930. She married Harold Maxfield in 1932 and has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Maxfield is a past member of the Harrison Rebekahs and a member of the Harrison VFW Auxiliary. She attends the Norway Baptist Church and has been residing in Waterford since 1985. We extend our congratulations to her and join her many friends and family to offer our best wishes on her 90th birthday celebration; (HLS 645)

(HLS 646) appeared in error.

Sandra Straubel, of Littleton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her 225-member class at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Mrs. Straubel maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout her college career, all while the wife of the pastor of Littleton United Baptist Church, the mother of 5 children, 4 of whom are school age, and serving her church as a member of the choir and as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent and while working part-time at Cary Library and as a substitute teacher. She received a B.S. in Secondary Education with a major in Social Studies and History. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Straubel on this honored occasion; (HLS 647)

E. Patricia Salem, of Millinocket, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Salem and her husband Fred own and operated Salem's Grocery Store for 42 years. She was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and a past Regent of the Little Flower Circle Daughters of Isabella No. 392. She worked on the cemetery commission and assisted with the March of Dimes and Multiple Sclerosis Society. She helped to deliver food baskets and clothes to those in need. She worked for her church as the chair of suppers, speakeasy minstrel and bazaars. She will be missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 648)

Beth Anne Nielsen, of Clinton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Lawrence High School. She is a member of the Spanish Club, the Civil Rights Team and the Lawrence Theatre Company. She is President of the National Honor Society and manager of the basketball team and softball team. She is a volunteer tutor for junior high math students. She will be attending University of Maine at Orono. We extend our congratulations to Beth on these achievements; (HLS 649)

the following members of the graduating class of 2003 at Schenck High School, who obtained a grade of 87 or higher for 4 years: Lindsey Nicholson, Valedictorian; Ellen Surrrette, Salutatorian; Christopher Violette; Michael Rossignol; Beth Chasse; Chelsey Swazey; Angela Hebert; Alyssa Federico; Krista Cole; Heather Duprey; Aaron Rideout; Chad McLaughlin; Kayla Hathaway; and Jodi King. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements and our best wishes in their future endeavors; (HLS 650)

Josh Galyean, of Scarborough, who has been named Maine's Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Josh, a senior at Scarborough High School, was nominated by a club leader and then went on to a final round table interview process. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity lacrosse team, the varsity football team, the jazz band and student rescue. Josh plans to further his education at the University of New England and study in the pre-med program. We extend him our congratulations and wish him well as he travels to New York City to compete in the Northeast regional competition; (HLS 651)

Ashley E. Leighton, of Glenburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at John Bapst Memorial High School. We send our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement and extend to her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 652)

Zachary D. Jones, of Glenburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at John Bapst Memorial High School. We send our congratulations to Zachary on this achievement and extend to him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 653)

Chief Boatswain's Mate Frank P. Makson, of Rockland, United States Coast Guard Officer in charge of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Tackle (WYTL 65604), for his service to the State from June 18, 2000 to July 20, 2003. We send our appreciation to Chief Petty Officer Makson for his dedication and commitment to maintaining the aids to navigation in and around the Penobscot Bay area and to keeping the Penobscot River clear of ice during the harshest of weather to insure the flow of oil and waterway traffic to the City of Bangor. We send our best wishes to him as he assumes his new duty in Florida; (HLS 654)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Winthrop High School class of 2003: Kyle Knight, Valedictorian; Stephanie Green, Salutatorian; Caitlin Mary Blanchard; Rebecca Elizabeth Cobb; Mark Russell Dennett; Rebecca Kathleen Moore; Kristin C. Pietroski; Tara Beth Schultze; Joel Weisberger and Katie Eve Wing. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 655)

the Honorable Carroll and Muriel Minkowsky, of South Monmouth, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 9, 2003. They have 6 children, Michael, James, Steven, David, Ann and Stacy. They are leaders in their community and have devoted a lifetime to public service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 656)

William M. Nugent, of Yarmouth, on the occasion of his retirement as Commissioner of the Maine Public Utilities Commission. Nominated for the office by Governors John R. McKernan, Jr. and Angus S. King, Jr., he has served 2 full terms at the commission, spanning 12 years. Determined that utility regulation devise solutions that best fit the State's economy and bring better service at fair prices, he traveled extensively throughout the State to listen to residential and business consumers. Shortly after joining the commission, Mr. Nugent began a series of informal public hearings, "PUC on the Road," in which he met with members of the public throughout the State to listen to their concerns. He belonged to numerous professional organizations and served as the President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as a member of its Executive Committee. He also cochaired the association's Working Group on Public Benefits, was a member of the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and chair of its Regulatory Strategies Subcommittee, participated in the governance and administration of the association and represented the organization in discussions with both the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mr. Nugent also testified before Congress on electric restructuring issues. We send our appreciation to Mr. Nugent for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the citizens of Maine and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 657)

John N. Reed, of Gorham, who died unexpectedly at home. Mr. Reed was a graduate of the former Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, where he majored in Culinary Arts, Carpentry and Criminal Justice. He was also a graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He joined the Gorham Police Department in 1974 and was still a member of the department at the time of his death. He also was employed by the R. W. Herrick Company and the Gorham Transportation Department as a school bus driver. As a police officer, he was a bicycle safety officer, school bus safety officer, bike patrol officer and cruiser maintenance officer and the organizer of the police athletic league. Mr. Reed was coordinator of the Gorham adult men's basketball league for the Gorham Recreation Department and was a co-founder and secretary of the Southern Maine Karting

Association. He had a variety of interests and gave unselfishly of his time. He exemplified the best of the Maine spirit by his public service career and his devotion to his family and to his community. John Reed was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and his family will feel his loss deeply. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his profession, his community and to his State; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 658)

United States Marine Corps Corporal Eric McCue, of South Portland, a graduate of South Portland High School and the son of Betsy Maxwell and Jeffrey McCue. Corporal Eric McCue was serving with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines when he was deployed to Kuwait in January 2003. He participated in fighting near Nasiriyah during the war in Iraq and was seriously wounded by a land mine. He is now recovering from his injuries and has been the subject of an outpouring of good wishes for a speedy recovery. We gratefully acknowledge his dedicated service to his country, and we wish him well in all his future endeavors; (HLS 659)

David Wilbur, of Gray, on his retirement after 30 years at the helm of the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. Dave, who began as a gatekeeper, has marshaled the wild kingdom into sound financial times. The park is growing and adding programs, which are realized through sound management of volunteers, donations and gate fees. His efforts can be seen through the upgraded, modernized and beautified animal exhibit areas that attract people from all over the world. We extend our best wishes to Dave on his retirement and thank him for his dedication to the development of the Maine Wildlife Park; (HLS 660)

Erin Moakler, of Houlton, on her 2nd consecutive Maine Principals' Association State Girls Singles Tennis Tournament championship. Erin is a senior at Greater Houlton Christian Academy. We commend her efforts and wish her continued success. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Erin on this occasion; (HLS 661)

Matt and Kevin Hancock, of Casco, recipients of the 2003 Down East Environmental Award. Matt and Kevin Hancock, owners of Hancock Land Company and Hancock Lumber, provide a business model of land stewardship. They have combined conservation techniques and good business practices by working with environmental groups on a series of easements that preserve thousands of acres of prime forest land and ensure the future of their companies. We extend our sincere congratulations on their achieving this distinctive and well-deserved honor; (HLS 662)

Frank Rackliff, of Spruce Head, who at 90 years of age is still lobstering and tending his traps every day. He is still going strong and we commend him for his many years of contributing to his community. Mr. Rackliff exemplifies the Maine spirit of hard work and independence and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 663)

Arnold Poland, of Dover-Foxcroft, who is the recipient of the Hall of Fame Award by the Music Educators Association. This award recognizes music educators who, by virtue of their contributions, are the most highly regarded professional leaders in music education in the State. As an active music educator at Foxcroft Academy, Mr. Poland has not only made a significant contribution to the school's music program, but he has been an inspiration to the students. We extend our congratulations to him on his achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 664)

the Town of Dixfield as it celebrates its bicentennial anniversary. The town was founded in 1789 by Colonel Jonathan Holman and was called Holmantown until its incorporation on June 21, 1803. Colonel Holman and wife Hannah Sibley's children are attributed with the actual settlement, having built

their log homes on the common and later building 2 large stick-built frame homes and one brick home. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Dixfield on this anniversary; (HLS 665)

Christine Alessi, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. During her time at Mattanawcook Academy, Christine has been a strong contributor to the Math Team, earning the MVP award in grades 10 and 11. In the State Math Meet she placed 2nd in grade 11 and 4th in grade 12. She has also been active in the Mattanawcook Academy ski team, the National Honor Society, the Mock Trial team and the school musical. Christine is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist who plans to attend Cornell University in New York, majoring in biometrics and statistics. We extend our congratulations to Christine on these achievements; (HLS 666)

Cayle Pietras, of Chester, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. During his time at Mattanawcook Academy Cayle has been active in the National Honor Society and served as president of the Student Council and as editor of the school yearbook. He has also been a member of the math team, a member of the cast of the school musical for 5 years and has lettered in cross-country, indoor track and tennis. Cayle has been elected to the All-State Chorus for the last 2 years. He has recently been honored as a recipient of the Herff Jones National Principal's Leadership Award. He plans to study Liberal Arts at Columbia University in New York City. We extend our congratulations to Cayle on these achievements; (HLS 667)

Erika LaForge, of West Enfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. She is the recipient of the United States Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award, the Outstanding Senior Portfolio, the Four-year Orchestra Award and Pin, the President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award and Pin and the Voice of Democracy Merit Award. We extend our congratulations to Erika on these achievements; (HLS 668)

Edward Bernard, of West Enfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. He is the recipient of the United States Air Force Recruiting Math and Science Award, the United States Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award, the President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award and Pin and the Voice of Democracy Merit Award. We extend our congratulations to Edward on these achievements; (HLS 669)

David Buzanoski, of Newport, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. David is the son of Edward and Monique Buzanoski. We send our congratulations to David on this achievement and extend to him our best wishes in his future endeavors; (HLS 670)

Heather Meyers, of Corinna, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. Heather is the daughter of Thomas and Cynthia Meyers. We send our congratulations to Heather on this achievement and extend to her our best wishes in her future endeavors; (HLS 671)

Raymond B. Hart, of Sandy Point, on the occasion of his retirement from School Administration District #63. Ray has worked tirelessly since 1996 to promote education in SAD #63 and was instrumental in the building of the Patricia A. Moore Wing of Holbrook School. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 672)

Henry and Miriam Leino, of Harrison, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 5, 2003. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 673)

the Reverend Ken Smith, of Parsonsfield, on his retirement as United Methodist Minister in Newfield. Reverend Smith has served the ministry in Maine and Massachusetts and has been very active in his community. He has served as treasurer of the Parsonsfield Public Library and auditor of the Newfield Historical Society, worked with the Co-operated Food Bank and been committed to keeping toxic waste out of Maine. Reverend Smith is a veteran of the United States Air Force. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his church, to his community and to the State of Maine and we extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 674)

Martha Huff, of Hollis, upon her retirement as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Martha's dedication and years of service to the Town of Hollis have earned the respect and gratitude of her fellow citizens. Her contributions to the town's bicentennial celebration in 1998, along with her many hours of diligent work on the Poland Spring T.I.F. were remarkable. Martha was also instrumental in the establishment of the Hollis Municipal Fire Department. Her caring demeanor was clearly evident in the formation of Santa Helpers, through which she actively recruited help from town businesses so that there would be no child without a gift on Christmas morning. We wish Martha well and thank her for all that she has accomplished; (HLS 675)

the Town of Bristol on having the Pemaquid Point Light selected as the design for the Maine quarter. Built in the early 1800s above spectacular cliffs, the lighthouse is the subject of countless paintings and photographs and the site of many marriage ceremonies. We extend our congratulations to the Town of Pemaquid for being chosen to represent Maine in the 50 State Quarters Program; (HLS 676)

J. Franklin Howe, of Bath, a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and a member of the United States Air Force Reserves for many years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He worked for 30 years with the Bath Savings Institution. He was elected to 2 terms of the office of Sagadahoc County Commissioner and retired as chairman. He was a trustee and office manager of the Davenport Trust Fund. Mr. Howe was a member of numerous civic and fraternal organizations and enjoyed helping people at the Patten Free Library, Bath YMCA, Bath Alumni Association and the Plant Memorial Home. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 677)

Steve Hunter, of Readfield, a senior at Maranacook Community School, who has been named Maine Student of the Year for the second year in a row by the American Association of Teachers of German. He was honored in a ceremony held at the Blaine House with Governor Baldacci. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Steve on his future endeavors; (HLS 678)

Roland W. Smith, of Wayne, at the age of 74. This farmer and logger was working in the woods, doing what he loved best, when his heart gave out. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 37 years, Allene; his 3 children, Laurie, Darrell and Brenda; his 3 grandchildren, whom he adored, Maria, Garrett and Megan; and all his siblings, friends and relatives; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 679)

the Destination Imagination Team from Holbrook School in Holden, on its outstanding achievement in placing 8th in the world at the global finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. Team members include students Danny Wheeler, Ricky Adams, Brian Cowan, Michael Sekera, Kylie Hopkins and Kristy Kerns and

Coaches Don Spencer and Anne Marie Wheeler. The team competed in the Theater Arts at Middle Level (6-8) in the instant challenge portion of the competition. We congratulate the team on its accomplishments at this "Once in a Lifetime Educational Event"; (HLS 680)

the Destination Imagination Team from Holbrook School in Holden, on its outstanding achievement in placing 42nd in the world at the global finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. Team members include students Anthony Castiglia, Sam Swanton, Sam Rioux, Nick Gramlich and Nat Hewett and Coach Yolanda Castiglia. The team competed in the Once Improve a Time at Middle Level (6-8). We congratulate the team on its accomplishments at this "Once in a Lifetime Educational Event"; (HLS 681)

Paul A. Penna, of Portland, on his retirement as Assistant Principal of Portland High School after 16 years of service to the most religiously and ethnically diverse high school community in Maine. A proud native of Portland, he graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1981 and the University of Southern Maine with a Master of Science in Education in 1985. Beginning his public service as a South Portland police officer, he served as a guidance counselor at Oxford Hills Junior High School and at Portland High School. In 1993 he was appointed Assistant Principal of Portland High School. For a decade he has served as advisor, advocate, firm counselor and friend to thousands of students. We salute him as he enters new challenges on his own road of life; (HLS 682)

the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon Team, who have won the State Title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following members: Mike Mack, Tim Waterhouse, Will Orr, Ellen Thornton, Brian Vautin, Paul Jameson, Noah Cohen, Chris Buttarazzi, Jake Oliver, Michael Gill, Eric Pons and coach Ellen K. Ross; (HLS 683)

the following members of the Scarborough High School Girls Swimming Team, who have won the Class B State Championship: Tina Maples, Emily Kipp, Erika Diodati, Elizabeth Grotton, Kate Danforth, Kristen Davis, Jehna Flint, Stephanie Bragdon, Ashley Wheeler, Amanda Chamberlain, Maria Risbara, Sarah Russell, Ellen Thornton, Christina Dell'Olio, Ali Ronca, Katie Cella, Jenn Flaherty, Kelsey Bean, Kelly Clark, Seana Bamford, Brittany Quirk, Amanda Brown, Carrie Chykaliuk, Laura Wood and Jackie Maples. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 684)

Stephen T. Malcom, of Millinocket, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 57, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Stephen on this accomplishment; (HLS 685)

HTC Navy Chief John Oliver Brown, beloved father and friend and a founder of the town of Long Island, Maine. Born into a Navy family at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., he was a proud veteran of World War II, serving in China, Guam and ports in the Pacific. For over 40 years, he served his country as a Naval Recruiter in Maine and New England, retiring in 1987. Always active in his community, he was a member of the Bowdoinham Fire Department and a life member of VFW Post 9605, Long Island and the Fleet Reserve Association of South Portland, and he served on the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District. He was one of the founders of the Town of Long Island in Casco Bay in 1993, and was proudly elected "Mr. Long Island 2002" on the 4th of July in that year. He will be sadly missed by his family, fellow townspeople and wide circle of friends around his beloved Casco Bay; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 686)

Leona Wentworth, of Otisfield, on the special occasion of her 100th Birthday, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 687)

Martin Wiley, of Otisfield, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 688)

Charles Millett, of Mechanic Falls, who has been awarded the title of "Marine of the Year" by the Western Maine Detachment of the Marine Corps League for 2003. We extend our congratulations to him on this honor; (HLS 689)

Michael K. McGovern, of Cape Elizabeth, for his 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Cape Elizabeth. Mr. McGovern began in 1978 as Administrative Assistant and was promoted to Town Manager in 1985. He was named Manager of the Year. He has served as president of both the Maine Town and City Management Association and the Maine Municipal Association. He has been a member of various state, local, and regional task forces, planning committees and boards, including the Greater Portland Council of Governments, the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Committee, the United Way, the Red Cross, the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club and the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McGovern for his commitment and dedication to the people of Cape Elizabeth; (HLS 690)

Della Holt, a longtime resident of Norway, beloved wife of the late Stephen E. Klament and a 30-year employee of the J.J. Newberry store. Mrs. Klament was an active member of the Stone-Smart Post #82 American Legion Auxiliary and the Universalist Church of Norway and was a proud Republican. During World War II, she was a volunteer driver for the American Red Cross. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (HLS 691)

Terry Buchanan, of North Monmouth, on the occasion of her retirement at the conclusion of a 20-year teaching career. Ms. Buchanan has spent the last 17 years teaching in the Monmouth School System. We extend our appreciation to her for her commitment to the youth of Monmouth and wish her the best as she begins this new phase in her life; (HLS 692)

Richard Charity, Sr., of Benton, who will receive his diploma from Lawrence High School 60 years after earning it. Drafted during his senior year, he missed his high school graduation due to World War II. Mr. Charity was a member of Company B, 326th Glider Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army's 13th Airborne Division and was the recipient of numerous awards including the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, an American Theater Campaign ribbon, a European, African and Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon, an Expert Infantry badge, an Expert Rifle Sharpshooter Carbine badge and a Glider badge. His graduation will be shared with his grandson, Richard Charity, III, who is a member of the 2003 graduating class at Lawrence High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to both of these graduates on this milestone in their lives; (HLS 693)

Nicholas Foley, of Naples, on his being accepted to participate as a member of the Maine People to People Student Ambassador Program to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales this summer. He is an eighth-grade student at Lake Region Middle School. By participating in this 21-day program of exchange with government officials and other students, Nicholas will earn academic credit because of the educational elements. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on his being selected as a member of this program and wish him the best in this rewarding experience; (HLS 694)

Kamden Burke, of Naples, who is the recipient of the Silver Medal at the Whistler Cup International Ski Competition. Twenty-

six countries sent their best 13-year-old and 14-year-old racers to compete in the Whistler Cup. Kamden is the top-ranked 14-year-old ski racer in the United States and now is ranked 2nd in the world. We extend our congratulations to Kamden on this notable accomplishment in an international competition and wish him the best in future ski events; (HLS 695)

Christopher Duperry, of Waterville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 436, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher on this accomplishment; (HLS 696)

Ann L. Smith, of Rockland, who is retiring as a teacher at Rockland District Middle School, a position she has held since 1981. We send our appreciation to her for her dedication and commitment to the education of the youth of our State and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 697)

Daniel W. Andrews, of Northport, who is retiring as a teacher at Rockland District High School, a position he has held since 1978. We send our appreciation to him for his dedication and commitment to the education of the youth of our State and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 698)

Patricia D. Snow, of Owls Head, who is retiring as a teacher at the Gifford Butler School in South Thomaston, a position she has held since 1978. We send our appreciation to her for her dedication and commitment to the youth of our State and extend our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 699)

Maxine Jordan, of Thomaston, who is retiring as a teacher at the MacDougal School in Rockland, a position she has held since 1974. We send our appreciation to her for her dedication and commitment to the education of the youth of our State and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 700)

Donald J. Kanicki, of Rockland, who is retiring as the Superintendent of Schools for M.S.A.D. #5, a position he has held since 1991. We send our appreciation to him for his dedication and commitment to the district and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 701)

Thomas G. Cox, of Camden, who is retiring as a teacher at Rockland District High School after 39 years of dedication and commitment to the education of the youth of our State. We send Mr. Cox our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 702)

Karina B. Snow, of Spruce Head, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Rockland District High School. We send our congratulations to Karina on this achievement and extend to her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 703)

Amanda Pierce, of Owl's Head, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Rockland District High School. We send our congratulations to Amanda on this achievement and extend to her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 704)

Steven Fellows, of Rockland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at the University of Maine. Steven, Valedictorian of his 1999 Rockland District High School graduating class, majored in finance and economics and plans to establish a career in money management and investment. We send our congratulations to him and extend our best wishes for a very successful future; (HLS 705)

Harding O. Wentzell, of Mexico, who died in the line of duty while responding to a fire call. Mr. Wentzell, a 1986 retiree from the Oxford Paper Company, was the beloved husband of Edith

Taylor Wentzell. He was a longtime firefighter with the Mexico Fire Department and in recent years had served as the Captain of the Traffic Squad. He belonged to the Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters and was a member of the Hawks Search and Rescue Team. In 2003, he received the George Downes Memorial Fire Fighter of the Year Award. Mr. Wentzell was a World War II veteran, and served in England, Germany and France. He belonged to the Rumford Baptist Church and the Mexico Baptist Church, serving as a deacon in both churches. He was active in all aspects of Youth Fellowships and during the 1950s and 1960s was an Assistant Scout Master of Virginia Troop #181 and a member of the Order of the Arrow. Mr. Wentzell will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 706)

Phyllis Craige, of Bath, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, June 28, 2003. She is a devoted mother, friend and excellent role model. She took a typing course at Bailey Evening School when in her 70s and she worked in the Sagadahoc County Probate Court for about 12 years until she retired. She is an avid bridge player and cribbage player and plays weekly at the Senior Center. She attends the Corliss Street Baptist Church and belongs to the Grange and a book club. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 707)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Mt. Ararat class of 2003: Joel Witmer, of Topsham; Jessica Mayo, of Bowdoin; Melinda Favreau, of Topsham; Jennifer Mayo, of Bowdoin; Megan Karonis, of Topsham; Allison D. Labbe, of Topsham; Orissa Moulton, of Bowdoin; Emily Geis, of Topsham; Vivien Kim Chinnapongse, of Topsham; and Audrey Erickson, of Topsham. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 708)

Retha Dunn, of Gray, who has been recognized by the People's Regional Opportunity Program, an organization that coordinates the foster grandparent program, for her 30 years of dedicated commitment as a foster grandparent helping generations of children in Gray. Mrs. Dunn and her husband raised 4 children and welcomed a number of foster children into their home. During the past several years, as part of the foster grandparent program, Mrs. Dunn has volunteered in the second grade class at the Russell Elementary School. Currently 94 years old and affectionately referred to as Grammy Dunn by all, she plans to continue volunteering. We send our thanks to Mrs. Dunn for her 30 years as a foster grandparent; (HLS 709)

Elizabeth Edgecomb, of Limestone, who has been crowned Miss Maine 2003. In addition to this honor, Elizabeth represented Maine as the Cherry Blossom Princess at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. in April. Despite her busy schedule, Elizabeth continues to pursue her degree in music education, with a piano concentration, at the University of Southern Maine. The new Miss Maine will travel to Washington, D.C. September 5, 2003 to lobby legislators for her platform, "Empowering Youth Through Music." She will also participate in the Miss America pageant on September 20, 2003. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Elizabeth on this occasion; (HLS 710)

James Chico Hernandez, of Washburn, for capturing 2 World Wrestling Championships at the Sixth Annual AAU World Ironman Wrestling Championships held at Knoxville, Tennessee on May 23 to 26, 2003. Having won 9 fights in a row, both in the Senior Open divisions and the Masters division, Chico has accumulated 31 National AAU All-American titles as well as 9 world titles. This past year, Chico was featured on the back of Wheaties Energy Crunch breakfast cereal as an Everyday

Champion. We extend our congratulations to Chico for this notable accomplishment; (HLS 711)

Clint W. P. Carter, of Crouseville, who has earned the distinction of being named co-Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Washburn District High School. Clint is a DARE role model and a member of the National Honor Society, the Civil Rights Team, the French Club and various varsity sports. He is the recipient of numerous awards including a listing in Who's Who Among American High School Students and the School Citizenship Award. Clint also has achieved the highest academic average in physics, college biology, physical education and algebra I. He will attend the University of Maine at Orono and major in Landscape Horticulture. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Clint on his achievements; (HLS 712)

Kristi Lynn Fitzpatrick, of Wade, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Washburn District High School. Kristi has served as Senior Class President and Secretary/Treasurer of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award and was a Dirigo Girls State Delegate. She is a Maine Principals' Association award recipient and plans to attend the University of Maine at Presque Isle to major in Business Management-Management Information Systems. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kristi on her achievements; (HLS 713)

Ashley Dawn Thibodeau, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named co-Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class of Washburn District High School. Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society, the French Club and the Drama Club. She is involved with the Christian Youth Ministry and does community service. She is the recipient of various awards, including the Computer Education Award, the Poetry Award and the School Citizenship Award. She will attend the University of Maine at Presque Isle to major in Behavioral Sciences and minor in Criminal Justice. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her achievements; (HLS 714)

Peggy Day, of Gray, on her retirement from the Board of Directors of Westbrook's Mission Possible Teen Center. Ms. Day is a longtime Mission Possible board member and volunteer. She has recently served as secretary of the board and has been a key force in its Annual Gala and Talent Shows. Her skills and dedication have been wonderful, particularly in helping new board members learn their roles. She has worked with the center's teens on arts and crafts projects, cooking and homework. She has been a mentor, a chaperon and best buddy and friend and has played games with the youth at the center. Peggy has quietly contributed in many unseen ways to Mission Possible. We extend our appreciation to Peggy for her generosity and her "can do" spirit; (HLS 715)

Peter Curran, of South Portland, on his retirement from the Board of Directors of Westbrook's Mission Possible Teen Center. Mr. Curran represented the interests of Westbrook's high school students on the original Mission Possible Board. He brought with him the experience of working with youth and years of experience in board governance. He is a former member of the House of Representatives, serving in the 107th and 108th Legislatures. Serving as a founding director since 1996 and treasurer since 2000, he has devoted countless hours to the center. His integrity and questioning nature have served the board well. Peter also was honored with a WCSH Six Who Care Award for his work with Mission Possible and many other volunteer projects, including the Boy Scouts and the Westbrook Food Pantry. We extend our appreciation to Peter for his service and judgment in making

Mission Possible a safe space for the youth of Westbrook; (HLS 716)

Bruce Dyer, of Westbrook, on his retirement from the Board of Directors of Westbrook's Mission Possible Teen Center. Mr. Dyer is the founding president of Mission Possible. In 1996 he brought together a board that represented many interests in Westbrook. Through the entire process, he never wavered in his faith or dedication. Bruce was the recipient of a Jefferson Award for his community work with Mission Possible. We extend our appreciation to Bruce for his conviction, service and dedication to the idea and reality of Mission Possible; (HLS 717)

Lieutenant Steven Edmondson, of Topsham, on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years as a police officer with the Topsham Police Department. We acknowledge his unselfish dedication to the town and people of Topsham and extend our very best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 718)

the Northern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Committee in appreciation of its efforts in establishing the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Caribou. We express our gratitude to committee chair Peter F. Miesburger for his exemplary leadership and to the members of the committee for their tireless efforts in making the cemetery a reality; (HLS 719)

Anna Toner, of Fairfield, on being named the 2003 winner of the Secretary of State's Good Citizen Award at Lawrence High School. Anna is an honor roll student and participates in athletics and drama. She has volunteered many hours for the school's Channel 3 news team, the Civil Rights Team and fund raising activities for the American Heart Association. She is a very positive role model in her school and community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Anna on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 720)

Avery W. Kelley, of Beals, who passed away peacefully at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts surrounded by his loving family. His brother-in-law Lessie White had donated part of his liver to Avery to give him more needed time with his family. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, proudly serving in the United States Army as a Private First Class. Following that, he served in the United States Coast Guard Reserves for 10 years as a Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class. His greatest love was the ocean and he was an avid storyteller and historian. He was a member of the American Legion of Jonesport, the Beals Historical Society and several fraternal organizations. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 721)

Richard Read, of Lewiston, on the occasion of his retirement from the Lisbon School District. He has worked as an administrator and principal of Lisbon High School since 1975, a career he can reflect on with pride. Richard is a man of principles, a truly moral man whose honesty and integrity are unquestioned. Although the work of an educational leader is challenging and time-consuming, Richard always finds time for parents, students and others who need to see him, whether to complain or to praise. He exemplifies loyalty, dedication and commitment to education and his students. We extend our sincere thanks for his efforts on behalf of Maine's students; (HLS 722)

the Reverend James Doherty, of Saco, Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish Community, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood as a member of the Order of the Holy Cross, on June 10, 1978. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this anniversary; (HLS 723)

Cedric and Emily Shaw, of Littleton, for their efforts to collect and preserve the historical artifacts that have become the core of

the collection of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum and for their work to ensure the long-term success of the museum. We extend our thanks and congratulations to them; (HLS 724)

Walter B. Sleeper, of Woolwich, who, 58 years after leaving high school to serve in the military, has received his high school diploma. A retired pipe fitter from Bath Iron Works, Mr. Sleeper was a student at Mechanic Falls High School in 1945 when he felt a call to serve his country during World War II. He received his well-deserved diploma in a special ceremony at Poland Regional High School on February 26, 2003. We send Mr. Sleeper our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 725)

Germaine DeGruttla, of Lewiston, who served the City of Lewiston as a social welfare worker, assisting the needy and underserved. During her tenure, she also served as the president of the Lewiston Municipal Association and as the chief steward for the Maine State Employees Association Local 5, City of Lewiston. A politically active Democrat, she was recognized in Who's Who of American Politics. She was a member of the State Democratic Committee for 3 terms, chairperson of the Androscoggin County Democratic Committee for 2 terms as well as treasurer for 2 terms. She was the chairperson of the Androscoggin Women Democrats for 4 terms and served as the Maine chairperson for several state and local fundraising events, including receptions for former President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter and Senator John Glenn. She served on many committees, especially those representing charity efforts, and she was initiated as a woman Elk of the local lodge. She will be remembered as a dedicated mother and grandmother, a loyal friend and a compassionate, giving and unique woman; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 726)

the life of Evelyn Dixon, of Sanford, on the occasion of Flag Day ceremonies held at Sanford Health Care Facility in "Mayor" Dixon's honor. Evelyn Dixon was a resident of the Sanford Health Care Facility for 5 years prior to her death on April 23, 2003. Loved by all, she was known as the "Mayor of Sanford Health Care" because she greeted everyone who walked through the doors of the facility. She was a joy to all and her smile was as big as her heart. She cared for everyone and will be greatly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 727)

the Catherine McAuley High School Girls Basketball Team, winners of the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following members: Regina Champagne, Elizabeth Clark, Kara Ebrahim, Sarah Marshall, Gabby Stone, Marissa Berne, Danielle Gagnon, Chelsea Goslin, Vanessa Lux, Laura Ridge, Tara Beaulieu, Kelly Ebrahim, Courtney Powers, Carolyn Freeman and Elyse LaFond; assistant coaches Will Smith, Julie Volger and Rachel Knox; Managers Katie Foster and Margo Roy; and head coach Elizabeth Rickett; (HLS 728)

Priscilla Schumm, of Springfield, on the occasion of her retirement as Pastor of the Springfield Congregational Church which she has served since 1993. In her 40 years of ministry, Pastor Schumm has served communities in Germany and throughout the United States. Committed always to faithfully and compassionately caring for all of God's children, she has focused her ministry on the importance of family values, often using her own strengths in music and storytelling to foster spiritual growth. J.S. Bach's motto, "Soli Deo Gloria," "to God alone be the glory" could well be hers. We send Pastor Schumm our appreciation for her years of ministering to people throughout the world and extend to her our best wishes in her retirement; (HLS 729)

the memory of the late Honorable Tony Tamaro, of Baileyville, upon the renaming of the Washington County portion of Route 9 as the Tony Tamaro Memorial Highway. Tony, an effective state legislator and member of the Baileyville Town Council, was passionate about improvements to Route 9. He was also a longtime sports officiator and in 1994 was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. This highway designation is a fitting tribute to a gentleman so well-known and respected throughout his community and state; (HLS 730)

the Honorable Theodore H. Heidrich and Eleanor R. Heidrich, of Oxford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Lakeview, New York at the Church of the Good Shepard on June 13, 1953. They are both very active in their family, community and church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 731)

the George E. Jack School Odyssey of the Mind Teams. Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that fosters students' creativity and team-building skills. We extend our congratulations to the "A Scene From Above" Team, which captured 2nd place, and the "Fooled Ya" Team, which placed 5th at the State Tournament; (HLS 732)

Alton Hawk II, of China, member of the 2003 graduating class at Erskine Academy, who has had a perfect attendance record throughout his school years. In addition to his unblemished attendance record, Alton has been a member of the Latin and German clubs and the choir and is a member of the Destination Imagination Team. He is also a martial arts student and works part-time at a local furniture store. We send him our congratulations on this achievement and extend our best wishes to him in his future endeavors; (HLS 733)

the Honorable Ian MacInnes, of Bangor, a man who was well known for his dedication to the law and to the courts of Maine, which he served for 50 years. Affectionately known by many as "Judge Mac," he was appointed to the District Court bench in 1962 and later elevated to the Superior Court bench, where he continued to hear cases until the late 1990s. Judge MacInnes was highly respected for his integrity, work ethic and judicial temperament. He was active in community affairs, and he particularly liked helping young people. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, former colleagues and many friends; (HLS 734)

Colon J. Peasley, of Clifton, a veteran of the United States Army, who served in the Philippines during World War II. He was an ardent outdoorsman and he loved to hunt, fish and grow his own vegetables. He was also a pilot who loved to fly his own small plane. He exemplified the Maine spirit of independence, self-reliance and honor and he will be greatly missed by his wife of 35 years, Penny, his daughter Jane and his son John; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 735)

Edward Kallop, Jr., of Wayne. His 2 years of exhaustive research led to the writing and creation of the book Johnson's Kingdom, a history documenting the rise and fall of a small industrial empire founded by Holman Johnson and located on the millstream in the Town of Wayne. Mr. Kallop worked at Cooper Union Museum in New York and as the first curator for the Statue of Liberty and the Museum of Immigration prior to relocating to Wayne. We send our appreciation to him for his dedication and commitment in writing this local history; (HLS 736)

Levinsky's, in appreciation of 84 years as a significant retail mainstay of downtown Portland. The family-owned company was founded in 1919 by Philip Levinsky and his son Jacob. Levinsky's is well-known for many firsts, including being the first regional retailer of a chino style pant called "Dickies" and being

the first large Maine retailer to be on the Internet. The discount retailer was consistently a local leader in fashion trends. We send our thanks to the Levinsky family for their longtime commitment to Portland and extend to them our best wishes for their continued success at the Windham Mall; (HLS 737)

Odelle Bowman, of Portland, and A Company of Girls, recipients of "The Coming up Taller Awards" bestowed by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. We congratulate them on their theatrical success; (HLS 738)

the members of the Knights of Columbus Council #680, in Millinocket, who will be honoring the widows of their deceased members on June 22, 2003. We send out best wishes to the members of the council and the honorees; (HLS 739)

James and Lorraine Hartley, of Millinocket, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 10, 2003. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 740)

Samuel L. Beder, of Cape Elizabeth, beloved father, friend and faithful activist. Born in London, England, he emigrated to the United States in his boyhood and became a citizen of Maine in 1980. An artist and an inventor, his products were marketed nationally by L.L. Bean. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a proud charter member of Veterans for Peace and served as its first national treasurer. A passionate advocate for peace and social justice, he was active in Pax Christi and Peace Action Maine and was a founder of the Greater Portland Martin Luther King Day celebration, today the largest such celebration in northern New England. He will be missed by his wide circle of family and friends inspired by his lifelong mission to "beat swords into plowshares, and study war no more"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 741)

Jack Mara, of Jefferson, who is retiring as the Superintendent of M.S.A.D. #11, which serves the towns of Gardiner, Pittston, Randolph and West Gardiner. Previously Mr. Mara served the towns as the assistant superintendent and the director of technology. He has been involved in education for 31 years, teaching at all levels. He was the principal at Miller School in Waldoboro, a basketball and track coach at Lincoln Academy and a facilitator and teacher in Harvard University's Leadership and the New Technologies program. His involvement in schools has helped them earn top recognitions, including Maine's Blue Ribbon Schools Award, the U.S. Department of Education's National School of Excellence Award and Redbook Magazine's America's Best Award for one of the 50 best schools in America. Mr. Mara is well-known for his effective leadership in numerous professional and service organizations, including the Board of Directors for the Family Violence Project, the Board of Directors for Maine ASCD, the Maine Superintendents Association Legislative Committee, the Maine Superintendents Association Technology Committee, the Capitol Area Vocational Center Board of Directors, the Board of Directors for the Maine Math and Science Alliance, the Board of Directors for MSMA Insurance Dental Trust, the Board of Directors for the Northeast Islands and Region Technology Education Consortium and the Maine Substance Abuse Services Commission. We send Mr. Mara our appreciation for his years of dedication and commitment to the education and well-being of the youth in our State and extend to him our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 742)

the Town of Newcastle on the occasion of its semiquincentennial anniversary celebration on June 20th, 21st and 22nd. It was the first town to be established by the provincial government within the territory of Sagadahoc, being erected from the Sheepscot Plantations in 1753 and named for the Duke of

Newcastle, the King's principal secretary and a friend of the American Colonies. The first settlement was made on the Neck, on the Sheepscot side of the peninsula. Among the early settlers were the English and a few Dutch. Desolated by 2 Indian wars, Newcastle remained in ruins for years. Re-established as a settlement by people of Scottish and Irish descent, the settlement thrived and was incorporated as a district in 1753 and in 1775 as the 30th town in the province of Maine. The town continues to thrive and is the home to 1,750 people. We send our congratulations to the good citizens and friends of Newcastle as they celebrate this milestone and extend our best wishes to the town for the next 250 years; (HLS 743)

Kirk William Turner, of Harrison, a member of Boy Scout Troop #156 who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Kirk on this accomplishment; (HLS 744)

Anastasia Teresa Antolini, of Cushing, who has earned the distinction of being named Co-Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Georges Valley High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Anastasia on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 745)

Michael O. Hahn, of Thomaston, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Georges Valley High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on this achievement; (HLS 746)

Meredith McCrossin Bately, of Thomaston, who has earned the distinction of being named Co-Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Georges Valley High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Meredith on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 747)

the Envirothon Team of Cony High School in Augusta, for placing first in a competition among 15 teams, the top 3 teams from 5 regions of the State. With this win, the Cony competitors have proven that they know the most about land, water and trees. The members of the team are: Brian Miller, Jason Laptewicz, Bobby Greig, Dana Storer, Chris Berry, Derek Barnett, Garrett Luszczki and team advisors Jeff Cook and Mark Nordberg. We commend the members of the team for their dedication and hours of study and extend to them our best wishes in future competitions; (HLS 748)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Mt. Abram High School class of 2003: Amanda Goodwin, Erin Ashley Daggett, Danielle Catherine Adams, Friday J. Dyar, Jenna A. Raden, Jesse Floyd Howard, Meghan C. Buxton, Raechell Angelia Luce, Sara L. Martin and Stanley John Ellicott. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 749)

the following top 10 students in the Mt. Blue High School class of 2003: Anne Turcotte, Brandon Gene Schanz, Erin Archard, Heidi Wheeler, Jason Ramsey, Jessie M. Christie, Kara D. Tripp, Kristina Hines, Meghan G. Willing and Scott Walmer. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 750)

Noyes and Rae Lawrence, lifelong residents of Lisbon, who have been selected as the King and Queen of the 20th Annual Moxie Festival in Lisbon. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are well known for their outstanding service, loyalty and dedication to their community. The medieval festival pays tribute to the late Dr. Augustin Thompson of Union, who created Moxie in 1884. Originally, Moxie was touted as a patent medicine guaranteed to cure almost any ill. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the reigning couple on this occasion; (HLS 751)

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Jessica Belhumeur, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Caribou High School. We send Jessica our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 752)

William Barker, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Caribou High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to William on this achievement; (HLS 753)

the Town of Gray on the occasion of its 225th Anniversary. Originally known as New Boston, the town was incorporated as the Town of Gray on June 19, 1778. An early settler named Samuel Shaw Mayall, now considered the father of the American woolen industry, built in Gray what is believed to be the first woolen mill in this country. Fleeing England, Samuel Mayall smuggled looms by ship to America. He found the farmland in this region good for raising sheep, and soon he built the Mayall Mill, on Collyer Brook in North Gray. Collyer Brook provided waterpower and a route down to the Royal River and the sea. Today citizens of Gray enjoy a diverse and historically rich community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of the Town of Gray as they celebrate this milestone and extend our best wishes to the town for its continued prosperity; (HLS 754)

Lindsey Desjardins, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Lee) Desjardins of Madawaska, a 2003 graduate of Madawaska High School who distinguished herself by maintaining the school's 2nd highest cumulative grade average throughout her secondary career. She was a member of the National Honor Society, HIV Team, Math Team, Science Club and Yearbook Club. Her athletic activities included basketball, softball, tennis and volleyball. She plans to major in pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. We send our congratulations to Lindsey on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to her on her future endeavors; (HLS 755)

Alexandra Plourde, daughter of David and Merilda (Deschaine) Plourde of Madawaska, who earned top honors at the 2003 Madawaska High School graduation for maintaining the school's highest cumulative grade average throughout her secondary career. Alexandra also received the English Award for maintaining the highest grade ranking in English classes during her high school career. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Flag/Dance Team, WOWL, Drama Club, Foreign Language Club and BEAM. During her junior year, she was a delegate to Girls State. Her athletic activities included soccer, basketball, volleyball and tennis. She plans to major in history at the University of Maine in Orono. We send our congratulations to Alexandra on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to her on her future endeavors; (HLS 756)

Ronald and Marian Bagley, of Bowdoinham, on their retirement as shopkeepers for the Bowdoinham Country Store for 22 years. They always anticipated and accommodated the needs of local patrons and stocked their shelves accordingly. The Bagleys had a reputation for promoting community service by such goodwill gestures as the free delivery of groceries and, in particular, their generosity with school activities. Townspeople will have a chance to express their gratitude to the Bagleys at a tea hosted by the community in recognition of their benevolence. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 757)

Abby Spector, of Waterville, a 6-time Maine Women's Amateur Golf Champion. Having played golf since she was 4 years old, Abby competed nationally by the time she was 13. She won 4 consecutive high school titles, 6 Maine Amateur titles and a New England title. Abby recently completed her collegiate

golfing career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, playing among the top 5 on the team and helping the Tar Heels reach the NCAA Tournament championship round for the first time since 1996. Considered a local hero, Abby is also a true role model. We commend her for the countless hours of dedication to the sport of golf and wish her the best in her pursuit of the game; (HLS 758)

Robert Sprague, of Stockholm, who is retiring after 28 years as a dedicated educator, 15 of those years in the Caribou School System. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 759)

Mildred Bennett, of Washburn, who is retiring from the Caribou School System after 23 years as a dedicated educator. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 760)

Robert Roy, of Caribou, who is retiring from the Caribou School System after 36 years as a dedicated educator. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 761)

Charlotte Doak, of Caribou, who is retiring from the Caribou School System after 37 years as a dedicated educator. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 762)

Virginia Benner, of Caribou, who is retiring from the Caribou School System after 34 years as a dedicated educator. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 763)

the members of the Stearns High School Baseball Team in Millinocket, who were runners-up in the Eastern Maine Class C Baseball Tournament. The team finished the regular season with 13 wins and 3 losses. We send our congratulations to the team on its excellent baseball season; (HLS 764)

Margaret (Meg) Cook, of Winthrop, a teacher of Latin at Winthrop High School for 30 years who has been named the 2003 Foreign Language Association of Maine Foreign Language Teacher of the Year. Her vibrant program is known for its lively activities related to Roman life and the resulting excitement of students for learning. Her students attain high achievement on the annual national Latin examination. She involves all her students in the Maine Junior Classical League and American Classical League activities. We send Mrs. Cook our appreciation for her commitment to her students and her devotion to excellence in teaching and extend to her our congratulations on this occasion; (HLS 765)

Will Murphy, of Scarborough, who won the 2003 Maine State Geography Bee held on the campus of the University of Maine. Will competed against 99 other competitors at the event after winning his school's geography bee. Will was presented with a globe, \$100.00 and a plaque for his school by National Geographic. He went on to compete in the National Geography Bee against the winners from states and territories throughout the nation. We commend Will for his knowledge of world geography and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 766)

the University of Maine at Presque Isle on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary. On March 20, 1903, the Maine State Legislature approved and Governor John F. Hill signed a bill authorizing the establishment of the Aroostook State Normal School in Presque Isle. It was the 7th such school established in the State, part of a national movement begun in the 19th century to train teachers. But its establishment was not an easy task. A handful of community leaders, led by the vision of Rev. George M. Park, worked for over 6 years to bring this dream to fruition. Only after the City of Presque Isle purchased and donated the St.

John's School for Boys to the State, did the normal school for central Aroostook County become a reality. In 1968 the college joined the newly created University of Maine System, becoming the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Since then, it has increased its enrollment to 1400 students and expanded its acreage and buildings. The university has also expanded its academic programs, now offering degrees in the liberal arts and professional training as well as teacher preparation. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the University of Maine at Presque Isle on this milestone; (HLS 767)

Rotarian Beverly Beaucage, of Augusta, outgoing President of the Rotary Club of Augusta. Currently the President of Kennebec Valley Federal Credit Union, she has been a Rotarian for 12 years and has continued to bring tremendous and honorable distinction to the Rotary Club of Augusta by exemplifying Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Bev is also a Paul Harris Fellow. Bev has been an effective club president as she is able to consider both sides of an issue before offering a solution that is agreeable to all. Bev's gentle demeanor and positive attitude contribute to her strong leadership. We thank her for her dedication and many contributions to the community; (HLS 768)

Father Coleman O'Toole, of Portland, who is leaving after 16 years as pastor at St. Patrick's Church. He was ordained by Bishop Daniel J. Feeney on February 2, 1961 and since then has served as pastor from Kennebunkport to Houlton. Father O'Toole's vigorous and encompassing ministry has extended beyond the comfortable confines of the church walls and reached out to all in need. Starting July 1, 2003 he will be serving the parishioners at St. Margaret's Church in Old Orchard Beach. Father O'Toole will be missed by his parishioners at St. Patrick's. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the community and State; (HLS 769)

Norma Morin, of Madawaska, on the occasion of her retirement as an education technician at Madawaska Elementary School after more than 29 years of excellent service. In 1973 she began her work with elementary students and teachers, holding the position of elementary education technician until her retirement. She always enjoyed working with young children, especially in Special Education and first grade. In her long career, she worked with 11 different teachers. She will be missed by all the people she worked with. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Morin for her commitment to the youth of Madawaska and wish her well in her retirement; (HLS 770)

Lorraine Talbot, of Madawaska, on the occasion of her retirement as a bus driver and custodian in the Madawaska School Department after 13 years of excellent service. She began working for the department in 1990. She became a favorite with children and adults, winning them over with her warmth, caring and diligence. She especially enjoyed working at Evangeline School and thoroughly enjoyed being around children. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Talbot for her commitment to the youth of Madawaska and wish her well in her retirement; (HLS 771)

Eldon Gendreau, of Madawaska, who retired after 23 years of excellent service as a custodian in the Madawaska School Department. He thoroughly enjoyed his work and the company of his co-workers. He will long be remembered as the helpful and personable janitor of the night shift. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Gendreau for his commitment to the Madawaska School Department and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 772)

Linda Palmer, of Madawaska, on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of exemplary service as an elementary school teacher in the Madawaska School Department. In 1969

she began her illustrious career in the Madawaska elementary schools, in most of them as a kindergarten teacher. She started up the Pre-K Early Childhood Program and spent the last years of her career teaching in the wonderful world of enthusiastic 4 year olds. Ms. Palmer will long be remembered for her Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea Parties and Father's Day Gatherings. She made an indelible mark on thousands of children, who are fortunate to have had her excite them about learning. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Palmer for her commitment to the youth of Madawaska and wish her well in her retirement; (HLS 773)

Danielle L. Ouellete, of Sinclair, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class of Wisdom High School. Danielle excelled in many academic areas and has received top scholar awards in United States History, Human Physiology and Anatomy and Computer Applications. Besides being named the Most Dedicated Student in English and receiving the Maine Scholars Achievement Award her junior year, she also participated in various clubs and committees, including Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, Jobs for Maine's Graduates, Prom Committee and Drama Club. As a sophomore, she served as class council secretary and was class president her senior year. Danielle will be attending the University of Southern Maine to pursue a degree in social work. We extend our congratulations to Danielle on these accomplishments; (HLS 774)

Sue Pooler, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service as an elementary and middle school teacher in the Madawaska School Department. In 1971 she embarked on her long career in Madawaska, teaching at the former Acadia School, at the new Madawaska Elementary School and finally at the Madawaska Middle School, where she taught in the French Immersion Program. She will long be remembered for organizing the annual 5th grade visits to the Shrine Circus and providing laughter and enjoyment wherever she worked. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Pooler for her commitment to the youth of Madawaska and wish her well in her retirement; (HLS 775)

Rosanna Gendreau, of Madawaska, on the occasion of her retirement as a teacher at Madawaska Elementary School after 33 years of outstanding service to the Madawaska School Department. She was hired in 1970 as a guidance secretary at Madawaska High School. She then worked as a substitute teacher and education technician until she began teaching in 1985. Always a demanding but helpful instructor, she became one of the mainstays of the French Immersion Program. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Gendreau for her commitment to the youth of Madawaska and wish her well in her retirement; (HLS 776)

Roy Dumond, of Madawaska, who retired after 23 years of exemplary service as a bus driver and custodian in the Madawaska School Department. A favorite with students and adults alike, Mr. Dumond always appreciated children, teachers and co-workers. Professionalism and excellent driving were his trademarks and form his enviable legacy. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Dumond for his commitment to the Madawaska School Department and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 777)

E. Stuart Fergusson, of Whitefield. He was born in Germany of parents who had suffered as a result of World War I, and who subsequently immigrated to the United States in 1922. He joined the United States Navy during World War II, where he taught radar navigation, a term that he coined. After the war, he attended Columbia University, where he earned a bachelor of

science degree and a master's degree in physics. While at Columbia University, he helped build the first Cyclotron, an atom-smashing device. During the 1950s, he performed many services here and abroad for the United States Government. He also worked at Harvard College Observatory, where he designed the Harvard Radio Meteor Tracking Project. In the 1960s, he started his own business as an Independent Data Communications Consultant. He became a member of the American Standards Association, where he served on numerous committees, including one that developed the ASCII code. He is credited with adding the # and * keys on the telephone keyboard and the development of computers with detached keyboards. He also played an integral role in the development of the NASDAQ computer system. He retired in 1971 and moved to his family farm in Whitefield. He was appointed by Governor Brennan to the Governor's Task Force on Long Term Care for Adults and was very active with AARP. In 1995, he received a Juris Doctor degree for his tireless work on the AARP Utility Project. Known as a technician with a good heart, he will be greatly missed by his loving family and his many friends, who will long keep him in their hearts; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 778)

the Gray-New Gloucester High School Girls Softball Team, winners of the State Class B Softball Championship. This is the team's 2nd championship in 3 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following team members: Caitland Mason, Hannah Beebe, Emily Baker, Nichole Blanchard, Kristin Burke, Lynn Gallagher, Rebecca Hutchins, Jenna Goldstein Walsh, Korey Pendexter, Kristy Morrison, Kelly Bregman, Dawn Ross, Katie Skilling, Lea Garneau, Megan Farynaz, Mia Fischer, Mallory Emmertz, Allison Galland, Coach John Moody and Assistant Coaches Dr. Robert Beebe, Sarah Deluca and Deborah Ross. Girls, you are the champions! You have made your schoolmates, your teachers and coaches, and your families and towns very proud; (HLS 779)

Andrew Shuttleworth, of Portland, who graduated from the University of New England with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, at 17 years of age. He is the youngest person ever to graduate from the university. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement and we wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 780)

the Sacopee Valley Junior-Senior High School Girls Softball Team, of Hiram, for winning the Class C State Championship. All team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication: Shaila Delea, Colleen Donovan, Carla Mixer, Felicia Libby, Nicole Reynolds Danielle Dunne, Katie Pike, Bonnie Johansen, Ann Marie Day, Melissa Verrill, Jen Federico, Elyse White, Michelle Libby and Mallory Barrows and Manager Katie Kimball and Head Coach Tim Vacchiano and Assistant Coaches Heather Marden and Kelly Libby. We wish them continued success in the years to come; (HLS 781)

Philip T. Martin, of Scarborough, for his 34 years of dedicated coaching in the Scarborough school system. Coach Martin accumulated more than 300 victories as a baseball coach and has had a positive influence on hundreds of young men over the years. The lessons he taught them about baseball and about life will surely help prepare them for any future challenges. In addition to his coaching achievements, Coach Martin earned the distinction of becoming a member of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. We thank Coach Martin for his many years of service to the Scarborough community; (HLS 782)

Mary Ann Tarr, of Gorham, for her 25 years of dedicated instruction at the Lake Region Vocational Center. As a Business Education Teacher, Mary Ann would always put forth the extra time and effort needed so that all students might succeed. We

thank Mary Ann for her commitment to those students under her tutelage; (HLS 783)

the Town of Long Island, upon the honored occasion of the 10th anniversary of its independence and its incorporation as a town, 1993-2003. Part of the original Plymouth Company grant to Sir Ferdinando Gorges of the Province of Maine in the 1600s, settled by pioneer fishermen and farmers in the 1700s, by the 1890s and early 1900s, Long Island was famed for both its grand seaside hotels and its hardy fishing villages. During World War II, Long Island served as a seaplane base, submarine facility and one of the largest United States naval oil storage terminals in the world, serving as convoy staging ground for the allied invasion of North Africa in 1943 and the landing at Normandy, France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Today, Long Island faces the 21st century proud of its past, hopeful for its future, distinguished by its contributions to history and dedicated to self-reliance and independence that is the spirit of American democracy. We salute Long Island, one of the newest towns in Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 784)

George Henry Millay, a community leader of Bowdoin. George attended the Millay one-room school and graduated from Coombs High School. He graduated from the University of Maine with degrees in mechanical engineering and agriculture and a master's degree in education. He received a master's degree in mathematics from Bowdoin College in 1973. He served in the United States Navy from 1944-1946 and was a veteran of World War II. From 1948-1965, he ran the Millay homestead dairy farm, which was the first dairy to sell milk in gallon containers. He became a teacher in 1965, in Lisbon Falls, then at Brunswick High School from 1967-1981 and at Mt. Ararat High School from 1982 until he retired in 1986. He continued to substitute teach until his illness. George was also a member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1963-1965. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. He wanted to be remembered for his contribution to math, for raising his children and for his love and respect for his land. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his students, his community, his State and his Nation. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 785)

Dwight Grover, beloved father, friend and lifelong resident of Stoneham. A 1942 graduate of Norway High School, he was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific from 1944 to 1946. He married his beloved wife Mary Wright Read in 1945. A pioneering lumberman whose career began in the era of horse-drawn logging, Mr. Grover built the Crooked River Dowel Mill and the Grover Lumber Company, 2 of the largest privately owned saw mills in Oxford County. He personally worked with his woods crews until his retirement in 1994. An avid horseman and sportsman, generous to his church and community, he deeply loved the lakes and mountains of his native town. He will be sadly missed by his family, wide circle of friends and all who share his love of the woods of Maine, "The Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 786)

Lieutenant Herbert Morse, of Hermon, upon his retirement from the Maine State Police. Lieutenant Morse served in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960. In May of 1961, he began his career with the Maine State Police, patrolling the Maine Turnpike. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1970 and was assigned to Troop A in Kittery. In 1976, he was promoted to Lieutenant and he was then assigned as Troop Commander for Troop I in Orono. Since 1982, he has been Troop Commander for Troop E. We thank Lieutenant Morse for his long-standing dedication for the safety of Maine's citizens and wish him well in the years to come; (HLS 787)

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Adam Vachon, of Gray, upon attaining the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Adam is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 86. We commend him for his service to his community and the many dedicated hours that went into building benches and gear storage boxes for 3 local schools: Russell School, Burchard A. Dunn School and Memorial School. We extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Adam on this occasion; (HLS 788)

Edward Molleo, Jr., of Gray, upon attaining the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Edward is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 86. We commend him for his leadership in organizing the site preparation for the Burchard A. Dunn School playground and erecting the swing set, ensuring a safe play area for the children. We extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Edward on this occasion; (HLS 789)

Francis and Lorraine Caruso, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 10, 2003. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 790)

Harold and Therese McLaughlin, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 29, 2003. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 791)

Dwight Glidden, of Dresden, who is retiring as Postal Clerk in the Town of Damariscotta. A military combat veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart, Mr. Glidden has served with the U.S. Postal Service since 1985. We send him our appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the postal service and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 792)

Dwight Wendell Rideout, of Millinocket, the beloved 16-year-old son of Laurie J. Osgood and Richard W. Rideout, whose death has saddened his family, friends and community. A member of the junior class at Stearns High School, he was an excellent student and a fine athlete and musician, participating in a variety of sports including basketball, baseball and tennis, as well as participating in both the jazz and concert bands at his school. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially boating with his family, fishing and snowsledding. He was also fond of coaching and refereeing in the local basketball program. Dwight, who enjoyed many friendships with his teachers, his coaches and his peers, will be greatly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 793)

Clarence "Cap" deRochemont, of Rockland, for his public service and commitment to the citizens of Rockland. He has a love and passion for Rockland and all of the Knox County area. He has an enthusiasm for public service and is known for being a philanthropist with the Salvation Army, the church and health care. He has great faith, which is built around love, service and community pride. He was involved in the founding of the Penobscot Bay Medical Center and the Owls Head Transportation Museum. He has served on numerous boards as a president, a director or a trustee. We join the Town of Rockland in extending our appreciation to Mr. deRochemont for his commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 794)

the memory of Robert "Bob" Gagnon, who has posthumously been named Outstanding Citizen of Rockland. A former mayor and member of the city council, Mr. Gagnon will forever be remembered for his extraordinary contributions to the citizens of the City of Rockland; (HLS 795)

Valerie Osborne, of Old Town, who has been named Librarian of the Year by the Maine Library Association. Valerie, known for her dedication and commitment as librarian of the Old Town Public Library, was instrumental in the expansion of that library and is also well-known for her advocacy for libraries

throughout the State. We send her our congratulations and best wishes upon her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 796)

Basil R. Swan, of Westbrook, beloved brother, father and friend. Born in Greenwood, Oxford County, when he was one year old his family moved to a poultry farm at Pride's Corner, Westbrook, where he lived the rest of his life. A proud veteran of the National Guard, he served in the Civil Service in World War II and was a longtime member of the Masonic Lodge of Maine. A skilled mechanic, he was foreman of the Williams Brothers Company and Gowen Marine on the Portland waterfront. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and sharing the beauties of Maine with his family at the camp he built for them on Little Sebago Lake. Generous, patient and kind, he will be sadly missed by his sisters, children and wide circle of friends across Maine, his beloved "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 797)

Frederick and Annela Thomas, of Caribou, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 30, 2003. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas on this occasion; (HLS 798)

Cecile Guerrette, who has attained the distinction of being the oldest citizen of Caribou. Mrs. Guerrette celebrated her 98th Birthday on February 11, 2003. She is the mother of Raphael and Reginald Guerrette, the grandmother of Monte Lee and Michelle Guerrette and the great-grandmother of Jeremy Guerrette. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 799)

the descendants of Peter Selberg, as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of his immigration to America from Sweden at a family reunion on Cousins Island, Yarmouth, Maine on July 26, 2003. Peter, his wife and young daughter landed at Ellis Island on July 18, 1903, joining millions of other immigrants to make a better life in America. He made his home in Maine and became an established carpenter in Portland, raising his growing family. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the descendants of Peter Selberg and to his surviving children, Alice Sanders, Hilda Peterson, Inga Merriman and Carl Selberg, as they celebrate this noteworthy centennial; (HLS 800)

the following members of the Buckfield High School Softball Team, who have won the 2003 State Class D Softball Championship: Marci Litchfield, Danielle Buswell, Colleen Violette, Lindsay Marston, Emily Johnson, Mandy Roy, Heidi Darling, Charlee Hayes, Lesley Workman, Desiree Brackett, Tiffany Dunn and Shayna Shackford; Coach Dan Jack; and Assistant Coaches Gerald Buswell, Gerard Gagnon and Ted Dunn. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team and the school community on winning this championship; (HLS 801)

the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Henrietta D. Goodall Hospital in Sanford. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the hospital community at this notable anniversary; (HLS 802)

John and Mary Mackin, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 11, 2003, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 803)

Michael Cocco, Jr., of Kittery Point, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 307, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on this achievement; (HLS 804)

Beniah Harding, of Thomaston, who has been honored by the trustees of Thomaston Academy for his years of dedicated service to his community of which even at 84 years of age, Mr. Harding continues to be an active member. After graduating from

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Colby College, he proudly served his country as a naval officer during World War II and until January of 1949. He then worked at the local cement plant for more than 3 decades as its sales office manager and distribution manager. Mr. Harding has been actively involved with various boards and committees, including the Thomaston School Committee, the board of the Watts Hall Trustees, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Maine State Chapter of Retired Officers. In 1988 he received the Community Service Award from the Weymouth Grange and in 2001, he was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Medal. We send our appreciation to Mr. Harding for his many contributions to his community and extend to him our congratulations on being honored by the trustees of Thomaston Academy; (HLS 805)

Newell Potter, a longtime resident and business owner of the City of Portland, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, July 18, 2003. We send Mr. Potter our congratulations and best wishes on his birthday; (HLS 806)

the Town of Wilton, which has been a center of agriculture, commerce and industry since 1803. Wilton's town history is rich and varied. The original white settlers traveled up the Kennebec River to make the area into a farming community. These original settlers cut trees to build farmhouses and barns. Sheep were raised for meat and wool. Apples and dairy products soon became important cash crops. One of the earliest farms, the Hall Farm, which is in its 8th generation as a family farm, currently produces milk and maple products. The water power of Wilson Stream powered the Wilton Woolen Mill, the town's first shoe shop, and a tannery. Main Street grew to support a variety of shops, businesses and churches and Wilton Academy. After a devastating fire, the town was rebuilt and in 1905 became home to the Bass Shoe Company, which became the town's biggest employer. The plant has since been transformed into a restaurant, an art gallery and a medical transcription service, with more plans in the works. Life in Wilton is typical of other small towns in America that have a strong sense of community, with shared values and relationships among its citizens. School tournaments, scouting events, extension meetings, celebrations, suppers, worship services and events sponsored by its fraternal organizations are an integral part of the town's history. The town is one of those thousand points of light former President Bush referred to during his presidency, a phrase worth repeating again to underscore the strength and support for American values reflected in towns like Wilton for 200 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens and friends of the Town of Wilton as they celebrate the town's 200th Birthday; (HLS 807)

the Auburn Suburban Little League on being named Maine State Champions of the Senior Division Little League for 2003. Members of the team include: Tyler Snowe, Tyler Dorsis, Chris Merrill, Derek Doucette, Justin Ciszewkse, Robie Leighton, Nick Leblanc, Kevin Pontbriand, Brian Erickson, Kyle Giguere, David Lutz, Brandon Elie and Alex Washington; Manager John Tarr; and Coaches Bob Flynn and Bob Taylor. We send our congratulations to the team on this outstanding accomplishment; (HLS 808)

Doris Cushman, of Wilton, for her dedication and commitment to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service for 25 years. We send her our appreciation for her years of service; (HLS 809)

Theodore W. Sylvester and Natalie Wall Sylvester, of Ash Point, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 2, 2003. They are the parents of sons Stuart, Steven and Scott.

We send Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester our congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 810)

Margaret "Peg" Britt Golden, of Rockland, on her 80th Birthday, August 14, 2003. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Golden is dedicated to her family, church and community. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 811)

Heather Allen, a member of Girl Scout Troop #655 in Brooklin, who has earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. The award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive, recognizes excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Heather on this achievement and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (HLS 812)

Raymond and Lenora Tilton, of Wilton, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton were married on June 27, 1953 in the North Chesterville Church. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 813)

James Cote, of Wilton, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, who was elected Governor for the 2003 Boy's State. We send James our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 814)

Basil W. Seguin, beloved father, friend, bookman and scholar. Born in Webster, a descendant of the family for which Seguin Lighthouse is named, he was a 1946 graduate of Bliss Business College and as a young man served proudly in the Maine Forest Service and the Sabattus Volunteer Fire Department. A lifelong advocate of education, he taught at Bliss Business College in Lewiston and Andover College in Portland, and served on the Bliss College Board of Trustees and the Sabattus School Board. In 1963, he married his beloved wife, Starr D. Dupee and they opened the Moll Ockett Antiques and Book Store in Bryant Pond in 1969. Mr. Seguin was a devotee of Gilbert and Sullivan and an expert on Maine railroad history. His shop was famous for good books, good company and good conversation. He will be sadly missed by his family, his wide circle of friends and lovers of literature. An avid believer in reincarnation, Basil Seguin admired Ben Franklin's epitaph, "to appear once more, in a new and more perfect edition, corrected and amended by the author"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 815)

Yvonne Boutaugh, of Millinocket, beloved wife of the late William Boutaugh and a longtime member of the Daughters of Isabella. She was admired, cherished and respected by her family and the members of her community and will be greatly missed by all; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 816)

Edward Kallop, Jr., of Wayne, author of Johnson's Kingdom, a history documenting the rise and fall of a small industrial empire founded by Holman Johnson and centered on the millstream in the Town of Wayne, and A History of the North Wayne Tool Company. The tool company operated for more than 100 years, producing scythes, sickles, axes and other edged tools, including 10,000 sword blades during the Civil War. In the mid-1800s, the tool company was the largest scythe producer in the world. Mr. Kallop worked at Cooper Union Museum in New York and as the first curator for the Statue of Liberty and the Museum of Immigration prior to relocating to Wayne. We send our appreciation to him for his extraordinary contributions to the Town of Wayne's history through his two books; (HLS 817)

Simone Antworth, of East Vassalboro, on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of service to the State and the citizens of Maine. Of those years of service, Simone was Administrative Secretary of the Law and Legislative Reference Library for more than 25 years. Her accuracy and attention to detail in record keeping and financial processing are second to none, and her

courtesy and helpfulness are unfailing. Well known for her good humor, she has helped her coworkers through many challenges throughout the years. We send Simone our appreciation for her commitment and dedication to the Legislature and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 818)

Canaan R. O. Morse, of Manchester, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 622, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Canaan on this achievement; (HLS 819)

Mike Hart, of Dixmont, and Northern Log Homes for donating a building to be used by the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association Chapter 1. The contribution made by Mr. Hart and Northern Log Homes has made it possible for this youth group to meet. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hart and Northern Log Homes for their commitment to assisting the youth of this State; (HLS 820)

International Paper Company for its donating land on Pickerel Pond in Township 32 for use by the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association Chapter 1. The generous donation by International Paper Company has made it possible for this youth group to meet. We extend our appreciation to International Paper Company for its commitment to assisting the youth of this State; (HLS 821)

Dale J. Curry, of Enfield, devoted husband and father. Mr. Curry dedicated 38 years to the Town of Lincoln school system working as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and athletic director. He was a member of the Horeb Lodge No. 93 Af&AM in Lincoln. He served on the MPA Track Committee and the MIAAA, of which he was a past member of the Executive Association representing Class C East. Dale served as a member and past president of the Teachers Association in Lincoln and also belonged to the Association of Retired Teachers and the Eastern Maine IAABO for basketball. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Edith, sons John and Scott, and other family members and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 822)

Sharon and Bud Rainey, of Wilton, on reaching 40 years as owners of Dutch Treat, a local landmark and family restaurant in their community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this milestone; (HLS 823)

Steve and Rhonda Jones, of Dryden, who have received the Rotary Club's Service Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2003. They have owned and operated Steve's Market in Dryden for 22 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 824)

Robert McCloskey, author and illustrator of the beloved children's books, Make Way for Ducklings, Homer Price and Blueberries for Sal, at age 88 in Deer Isle. The Maine known and loved by many Americans, of blueberry fields, islands, small boats and even smaller towns, was immortalized by Mr. McCloskey. For nearly 60 years, he lived in and around Deer Isle, primarily on Scott Island off Little Deer Isle and in Blue Hill. It was those areas, the East Penobscot Bay communities, that he portrayed in his books. In all he wrote and illustrated 8 picture books. His book Make Way for Ducklings was translated into 13 languages, sold more than 2 million copies and won the Caldecott Medal for the best American children's picture book. A bronze sculpture of the mother duck and her 8 ducklings is a popular attraction in Boston. Honored by the Smithsonian Institution in 2000 as a living legend, he will forever be remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 825)

Reverend Kevin and Lynda Smart, who were recognized by the Maine State Police for their quick response and actions that saved the life of a driver involved in a serious 2-car accident that

occurred near the North Sedgwick Baptist Church parsonage. Reverend Smart was honored by the Maine State Police for his bravery in pulling a teenager from a blazing wreck while Mrs. Smart and another passerby called the fire department and administered aid to the other crash victims; (HLS 826)

Floyd L. Harding, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday. Mr. Harding, the son of Judson and Grace Harding, was born August 26, 1923, and was one of 12 children on a farm in Albion. He served in the armed forces during World War II, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and spent half a year as a prisoner of war in Germany. He attended Colby College and attended Boston University Law School. He was admitted to the Massachusetts and Maine Bars in the fall of 1949 and soon afterward was hired as Credit Manager of and Assistant General Counsel to the Maine Potato Growers. In 1954, he began his private law practice in Presque Isle and was later joined in practice by Alan F. Harding, Jefferson Ashby and Francis Bemis. He and his wife, Jean Harding, are the parents of 9 children. He is actively involved in numerous church, civic and fraternal organizations, including the Grant Memorial Methodist Church, the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club, the Board of Directors of A.R. Gould Memorial Hospital, the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce and the Live Wire Club. He also served his community and State as a member of the State Senate, serving as the Senate Majority Leader from 1965 to 1967 and as Senate Minority Leader from 1967 to 1969. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Harding on his 80th Birthday; (HLS 827)

Malissa Carter, of Sedgwick, who was recently presented the Joan McGoven Award by the Maine Education Association for her excellence as an educational support person. Ms. Carter is the secretary for the Sedgwick School. We send our congratulations to her on this occasion and extend our appreciation to her for her commitment to the education of the youth of our State; (HLS 828)

Bernard A. "Snigg" Larlee, of East Millinocket, the son of the late Bernard and Mable Larlee. Mr. Larlee is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan Gates Larlee; a sister, Dorothy Birt; his son, Peter Larlee, and Peter's wife, Susan; his daughter, Eloise Larlee Boss, and her husband, Donald Boss; 6 granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews. He was raised in Millinocket, graduating from Stearns High School in 1943 and subsequently enlisting in the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Pacific Fleet during World War II. He attended Ricker Preparatory in Houlton before going to Boston to study aviation mechanics at Wentworth Polytechnical College. He later returned to East Millinocket, where he managed a service station before becoming the town's postmaster. Neighbors and friends could hear "Snigg" whistle his way to work each day. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church in East Millinocket, serving on numerous boards and committees. He was also a longtime member of the Nollesemic Lodge of Masons. He was an avid Schenck sports fan, working as a member of the Boosters' Club and helping to host many sports banquets through his participation in the Chamber of Commerce. All who knew him will remember his "good--better--best" outlook on life. Mr. Larlee will certainly be missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 829)

John K. Moulton, of Portland, beloved grandfather, friend, scholar and author. A lifelong advocate of education, he served as a respected teacher of mathematics at Brookline High School in Massachusetts, and at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. He received an honorary doctorate from Bowdoin College in 1970. An avid historian, he wrote many books about the history and heritage of the islands and people of Casco Bay,

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and the classic text on the 1807 Portland Observatory, the last remaining signal tower on the east coast of the United States. He proudly served on the Portland Observatory Restoration Trust, which resolved and restored the landmark in the 1990s. As an educator, author and community activist, Mr. Moulton created a legacy that will continue to inform and inspire all who love Casco Bay and Portland, Longfellow's beloved "City that is Seated by the Sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 830)

Fernande Rodrigue, of Lewiston, who immigrated to the United States from Quebec, Canada in 1912, and is celebrating her 95th Birthday on September 14, 2003. As a young woman living in Lewiston, she became a wife and mother of 3 sons while working as a seamstress and stitcher in local shoe shops. Later, she and her husband, Paul Rodrigue, owned and operated The Grande Cafe Restaurant. Her contributions to Lewiston, the Franco-American community and to women are numerous. She overcame discrimination toward French-speaking people by learning English and gaining the respect of her community and she overcame discrimination toward women by ignoring the boundaries and breaking barriers faced by women of her time. It is for these contributions that she is being honored; (HLS 831)

Dr. Charles M. Lyons, of Scarborough, on the completion of 30 years of distinguished service in the University of Maine System, including a term as Interim President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle and 5 years as President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent, as he begins his 3rd year as President of the University of Maine at Augusta and as Vice Chancellor of the University of Maine System. We send President Lyons our heartfelt appreciation for his years of dedication and commitment to the university system and extend to him our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 832)

Derek M. Carey, of South Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop #338, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend Derek for his many dedicated hours of service to his community and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 833)

Jason Partridge, of Corinna, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 65, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jason on this achievement; (HLS 834)

Eleanor and Sulo Pulkkinen, of Oxford, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, January 15, 2003. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 835)

Fernand Hemond, of Scarborough, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Hemond had a great passion for making candy. He was born in West Warwick, Rhode Island and came to Maine in 1953 as a college student, working as an apprentice at his father's business, Len Libby's Candies. In 1956, he opened his own satellite candy store in Portland, which remained open for 38 years. He served in the armed services, assigned to the 82nd Airborne in Munich, Germany. In 2002, Fernand received the Retail Confectioners International's highest award, the title of "Master Confectioner Emeritus." He served the Town of Scarborough as a reserve police officer, as an original member of the rescue, as a member of the town's finance committee and as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hemond was past president of the Scarborough Lions Club. He also contributed to the Scarborough Public Library and attended the St. Louis Roman Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren, a brother and a sister. He will be missed by his family, and his community will feel his loss for years to come; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 836)

Linwood E. Graffam, beloved husband, father, friend and public servant. A native of Westbrook and graduate of Westbrook High School, Mr. Graffam was a proud United States Army veteran of World War II, having served 3 years in India in the Asian Theatre. Postwar, he founded several popular businesses in the Westbrook and Gorham area, including Graffam's Ice Cream and Graffam's Grocery Store, a neighborhood landmark. A dedicated public servant, he served in the Maine Senate in the 106th and 107th Legislatures and served 12 years as Cumberland County Register of Probate. Active in community affairs, he was a longtime member of the American Legion, the Kora Shrine and the Warren Phillips Masonic Lodge. For over 25 years, his famous vending wagon in Monument Square, Portland was a center of good food and good conversation. He will be sadly missed by his family and wide circle of friends across Maine, his beloved Pine Tree State; (HLS 837)

the 150th Anniversary of the dedication of the Greek Revival Church Building, known as "The White Church," of the United Methodist Church of Round Pond. We congratulate the congregation and members of the United Methodist Church and extend our very best wishes to them as they celebrate this milestone on September 14, 2003; (HLS 838)

Leo and Yvonne Lamontagne, formerly of Morse Street and now living at the Betsy Ross House in South Portland, on their 66th Wedding Anniversary. They were married July 3, 1937 and lived in Greenville and Brownville Junction for a time, and moved to South Portland in 1947. Leo retired from Maine Central Railroad at age 62 and has enjoyed 27 years of retirement. The Lamontagnes have 3 daughters: Louise, Diane and Lucie; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lamontagne on this special anniversary; (HLS 839)

Gene A. Stewart, 45, of Millinocket, whose unexpected death has saddened all who knew him. Gene was a 1975 graduate of Stearns High School and was a veteran of the United States Navy. He will be missed by his wife of 20 years, Donna, his loving family and many friends; (HLS 840)

Lawrence and Hilda Caldwell, of Turner Center, on the occasion of their 67th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were high school sweethearts who began dating in 1934. After a delay because of the Flood of '36, their wedding was held on March 23, 1936 at the Universalist Parsonage in Turner Center. In 1944 they purchased a farm, a year later their first team of horses and in 1947 their first tractor. Today, they have 150 milking-age Holsteins, 150 young stock, 100 natural beef cattle and 50 organic beef cattle all on approximately 1300 acres. Together they raised 2 sons, Lawrence II and Ralph. We extend to them our best wishes for many more happy moments with friends and family; (HLS 841)

George Ferland, a lifelong resident of Millinocket. He was a 1937 graduate of Stearns High School and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific in the United States Army Air Corps as a medic. Following his service to his country, he attended and graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. His career as a pharmacist spanned 46 years and he retired in 1995. George was a member of numerous fraternal organizations. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 54 years, Betty, his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 842)

Josiah Plummer, of Limington, a member of Boy Scout Troop #315, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project dealt with the restoration of the old Town Hall in Limington. We commend him for his many

dedicated hours and service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 843)

David Siegel, of Portland, who is leaving his position as Executive Director of the Maine Innkeepers Association. Mr. Siegel received the International Society of Hotel Association Executives Awards of Excellence in Government Affairs and Communications and the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Portland 2003 Recognition of Service Excellence Award. During his time as executive director, the association received 2 national membership awards from the American Hotel & Lodging Association. Mr. Siegel was a leader in establishing a permanent nonlapsing Tourism Promotion Marketing Fund for Maine. He fully computerized the office, dramatically enhancing the association's consumer-oriented, database-driven web site, which received an Award of Excellence from the International Society of Hotel Association Executives. He improved the association's monthly newsletter, created the Stars of Industry employee recognition program and created the 501c3 tax-exempt Maine Innkeepers Education Foundation to oversee the association's annual scholarship program. Mr. Siegel is returning to his home state of Minnesota to work in that state's tourism industry. We acknowledge his dedication to the Maine tourism industry and to the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 844)

Ralph J. McGarvey, of Portland, beloved father, friend and faithful community activist. A native of Eastport, he was a 1952 graduate of Portland High School and a proud veteran of the United States Navy. An avid lobsterman, he spent many hours on the waters of Casco Bay with family and friends in all times and all seasons. A founder of Portland's Parkside Neighborhood Association, in the most densely populated and ethnically diverse square mile of Maine, he fought for safe streets, fair housing and family values in a challenged and changing community. Proud of his own Irish ancestry, a deep reader of Maine history, he aided and befriended many refugees fleeing their war-torn homelands to make a new start in a new country, offering a ready hand and strong heart to all who were beset by the difficulties of life. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends and by all those of many faiths and nationalities for whom he was "the conscience of the Parkside Neighborhood"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 845)

Lt. Christopher Barrows, of South Portland, of the United States Coast Guard Group Portland, who was decorated with a Bronze Star Medal for his actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving as the commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Wrangell. According to the Department of Homeland Security, Lt. Barrows earned the Bronze Star for his "impressive tactical skill and unparalleled leadership" during escorts of shipments to Umm Qasr that ensured the expeditious flow of food and medicine to Iraq. His ship was one of 8 U.S. Coast Guard patrol boats deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, and his crew conducted coastal security patrols and provided protection for mine hunters in the waters of Iraq. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lt. Barrows for his dedicated service to his crew, his ship and his Nation; (HLS 846)

Timothy James Wiles, beloved father, friend, scholar and distinguished professor of English Literature. A native of Norway, Maine, he was a 1964 graduate of Gould Academy, Bethel, earning his B.A. degree from Antioch College and his Ph.D. from Stanford University. For 30 years, as teacher of English and Comparative Literature at Indiana University, he inspired thousands of students with his contagious and enthusiastic love

of the English language and its history and heritage on both page and stage. An avid internationalist, he taught at the University of Ghana and the University of Hamburg and helped found the American Studies Center at Warsaw University, Poland. As longtime Director of the Polish Studies Center of Indiana University, he was awarded the Distinguished Medal of Service from Warsaw University for preserving Polish culture in the days of struggling Solidarity and the newly independent nation of Poland. A founder of the Bloomington Playwrights Project, he was a longtime member of its board of directors. An accomplished son of the Pine Tree State, he will be sadly missed by his family, international circle of friends and all who he inspired to share his love of literature, theater and the written word. As Shakespeare wrote: "The beauty of the mind is nobleness"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 847)

Francis Henry Larkin, of Millinocket. He was born in Millinocket and was a 1940 graduate of Stearns High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. Francis was an employee of Great Northern Paper Company for 31 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of numerous fraternal organizations and was a former member of the Millinocket School Board. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 61 years, Josephine, his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 848)

Raymond W. Poulin, of Waterville, on his retirement as the Chief of the Waterville Fire Department after over 30 years of service to his profession. Chief Poulin was one of the first certified fire chiefs in the State, and has been instrumental in many initiatives in his department, such as adding jet-ski and snowmobile rescue apparatus as well as a new fire truck and building a fire station. He has been a resourceful chief and a dedicated firefighter. We acknowledge his service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 849)

John J. Pullen, of Brunswick, beloved husband, brother, honored historian and distinguished Maine man of letters. He was born in Amity, graduated from Ricker Institute and was a 1935 graduate of Colby College. Mr. Pullen was a proud United States Army veteran of World War II and served as a Captain in the 65th Division of the Third Army in General Patton's race across the Rhineland in the spring of 1945. He was present at the joining of the Soviet and American armies at the Elbe River. A writer at heart, he began his career at the Kennebec Journal in 1935 and 1936, and rose to be vice president of the N.W. Ayer and Sons Agency in Philadelphia. In 1957, he published his first book, *The Twentieth Maine: A Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War*, recounting the heroism of a forgotten Maine general, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, at the battle of Gettysburg. Nominated for a National Book Award, this book began the modern revival of national scholarship and recognition of one of Maine's most remarkable citizens. The author of six books, Mr. Pullen received honorary degrees from Ricker College, Bowdoin College and Colby College, and letters of praise from President Truman. He was dedicated to the written word and the encouragement of young Maine writers, historians of the future Chamberlains of Maine and his beloved "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 850)

Laura L. Goss, of South Gardiner, on her retirement as a Law Library Associate following more than 33 years of State service, more than 30 years of which were at the State Law and Legislative Reference Library. Laura was instrumental in the development of the newspaper clippings collection, making it a vital part of the library's services. Her knowledge of current and

historical news events is unmatched and will be greatly missed by the library patrons and her colleagues. Laura is well-known for her artistic talents and for her loving care of the plants in the library. We send our appreciation to Laura for her years of public service and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 851)

Reverends Arden and Brenda Cross, of Brunswick, on their 25th Anniversary in the ministry. They have served in the Brunswick/Bath area for 20 years. As associate pastors, they have been very active in community as well as church activities. Presently, they are pastors at a 2-year-old church meeting in the Quaker Meeting House in Durham, waiting for a permanent residence in Brunswick. We acknowledge their dedicated service and commend them for being excellent ambassadors to the community and State; (HLS 852)

the Brunswick Cal Ripken 11-year-olds, who recently won the State Championship in Fryeburg. This is the first state championship for a Brunswick 11-year-olds team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following members of the team: Matt Peabody, Johnny Seeley, Anthony Viola, Steven Carter, Justin Rosner, Conor Kelly, James Cejka, Carl Sickel, Will Geohagan, Bryan Wilson and James Waring; manager Tony Viola; and coaches Mark Mazzerole and Dean Waring; (HLS 853)

the Brunswick Cal Ripken 12-year-olds, who recently became the District 4 Champions in playoffs in Harpswell and went on to become the State Champions. This is the first time a Brunswick 12-year-olds team has won the state championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following members of the team: Evan Morrell, Duncan Lowe, Adam Totman, Robbie Basquez, Brad Stallings, Ryan Dishman, Matt Liscovitz, Jon Simmons, Kevin Wilson, Chris Tucker, Hansen Mason and Kyle Craig; manager Dana Totman; and coaches Steve Liscovitz and Carey Wilson; (HLS 854)

Stephen and Myrna Orach, of Gorham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple were surprised with a party given by their children. We extend our congratulations and wish them many more happy years together; (HLS 855)

William R. Randall, of East Winthrop, for his participation in the democratic process as a citizen activist. Mr. Randall has devoted countless hours during his retirement to researching issues, communicating with legislators, testifying at hearings, attending meetings and providing assistance to legislators. His work has included advocacy for conservation, the outdoors, wildlife and the environment and in many other areas. His volunteer efforts in civic responsibility are a shining example for Maine citizens and we appreciate his continued work as a citizen activist; (HLS 856)

Donald and Jeannine Jacques, of Sanford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 7, 2003. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques are members of Holy Family Church and are upstanding members of their community. Donald worked as a self-employed businessman and served on the school board, while Jeannine raised their 4 children and volunteered at Goodall Hospital. Their 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren are now truly their pride and joy. We extend our congratulations and wish them many more years of happiness together; (HLS 857)

Lieutenant Frank Melcher, of Scarborough, for his 72 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Scarborough. Having become a member of the Scarborough Fire Department in 1934 at the age of 17, Lt. Melcher served in every capacity within the Department, including as Chief of the Oak Hill Fire Company. His years of experience contributed to his expertise as a public safety officer through which he developed measures for removing trapped individuals from accident scenes. The formation of a Fire

Police Unit to assist with traffic direction and control at public safety scenes was another of his initiatives and he served as the unit's first Captain. Lt. Melcher's positive contributions to the Town of Scarborough truly reflect his tenacious dedication to ensuring the safety of its citizens. We, the members of the House and Senate, thank Lt. Melcher for his many years of personal commitment to the Scarborough Community; (HLS 858)

the Underwood Memorial Library, of Fayette, on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary. Founded on August 28th, 1953, the library was first opened in the Starling Grange Hall and is now housed in one of the town's original one-room schoolhouses. The library is known for its extensive collections of children's literature and historical photographs of the town. Many citizens have volunteered at the library over the years, including the librarians Nettie Mitchell, Miriam DeArmott and Suzanne Rich, and all deserve our appreciation for their efforts. We extend our congratulations to them and to the citizens of Fayette on this occasion; (HLS 859)

Dr. Michael Stevens, of Pemaquid Point, on his retirement. Dr. Stevens, who is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and holds a doctorate from Hartford Seminary, has served 40 years in the ministry and as the pastor at the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle for the past 5 years. We send our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes to Dr. Stevens; (HLS 860)

Richard N. Simoneau, of Thomaston, member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 116th and 117th Legislatures, on the occasion of his retirement as a Certified Public Accountant from the firm of Simoneau, Norton, Masters & Alex. We extend our congratulations to him and we wish him well on his retirement; (HLS 861)

Robert Lewia, of Kennebunk, who is retiring after 19 years as MSAD #71 Business Manager. We appreciate his commitment to family and we acknowledge his dedicated service to the communities of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 862)

Corey Smith, of West Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop #613, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (HLS 863)

the University of Southern Maine on the occasion of its 125th anniversary. The University was founded December 26, 1878 with the official opening and dedication of the Western Maine Normal School in Gorham. Coinciding with the University's 125th anniversary milestone will be the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of Portland Junior College, today the University's Portland campus, and the 15th anniversary of the creation of the University's third campus, Lewiston-Auburn College. While increasing in size, the University has also broadened its educational, cultural and economic focuses to fulfill the needs of our region and State. The University of Southern Maine has been recognized regionally, nationally and internationally for the many diverse offerings and programs that it possesses. We extend our sincere congratulations to the University of Southern Maine and our best wishes for its future growth and success; (HLS 864)

Timothy J. O'Leary, of Gorham, who has been selected to serve as an umpire in the 2003 Cal Ripken Baseball World Series. Mr. O'Leary has dedicated his time and effort for many years to his community and State. He has been active in both civic affairs and athletics and specifically has had a positive effect on our local and state baseball programs. Mr. O'Leary has been involved in baseball as Gorham's local youth league president, league commissioner and umpire and as the Maine Cal Ripken

League Umpire-in-Chief. We congratulate Mr. O'Leary on this outstanding achievement and well-deserved, internationally recognized honor; (HLS 865)

Louise Flagg, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 55 years. She joined the Grange on May, 1948. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this anniversary; (HLS 866)

the Old Town Canoe Company on the production of its one millionth canoe. The first Old Town canoe was built by A.E. Wickett in 1898 behind George Gray's hardware store, and they have been made ever since with an eye for detail and a passion for quality. As early as 1906, records show that Old Town Canoe was producing 200 to 400 boats per month. The spirit of canoeing and craftsmanship is truly alive and well at Old Town Canoe. We extend to the Old Town Canoe Company our congratulations and best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 867)

the Oxford County Agricultural Fair, on the occasion of the Opening Ceremonies, upon the return of harness racing to the events. In 1842, the Oxford County Agricultural Society became incorporated and the first Agricultural Fair and Cattle Show was held. In the late 1800s, horse racing for sport became very popular at the grounds, and pari-mutuel racing was introduced in 1940. The fair continued on the grounds until 1964, which was the last year for the pari-mutuel racing. In 1969, the Oxford County Agricultural Fair reopened its gates on new grounds located in the Town of Oxford, where it has continued to promote agricultural and home arts through the years. There has been recent interest in reviving horse racing at the fair, and by December 2002 \$150,000 in donations along with \$100,000 of in-kind donations had been raised by area residents and businesses to make the dream a reality. On May 24, 2003, the new half-mile Harness Racing track was debuted, with its sweeping 12% banked turns. On September 10, 2003, the Oxford County Agricultural Fair welcomes back pari-mutuel harness racing on the fairgrounds after nearly 40 years; (HLS 868)

Thomas A. Parenteau, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop #39, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send Thomas our congratulations on his achieving this honorable distinction; (HLS 869)

Lannes (Bill) Williams, of Winthrop, who has received several long-overdue medals for his World War II service. Mr. Williams was an aerial gunner, radioman and radarman for the U.S. Naval Air Force. He flew 50 missions against the Germans in a 4-engine B-24 Liberator from a small base in southern England. Then, after having only a 30-day leave in the States, he flew 6 more missions in island-hopping raids in the Pacific against the Japanese. The newly awarded honors include 2 Distinguished Flying Cross medals for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight above and beyond the call of duty and 8 Air Medals. Mr. Williams previously received 13 medals for his wartime service in the European and Pacific theaters. We send our appreciation to him for his outstanding contributions to our Nation and for his valor and heroism in carrying out his duties throughout his military service; (HLS 870)

Brian Van Dam, Jr., of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop #39, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send Brian our congratulations on his achieving this honorable distinction; (HLS 871)

Timothy Mason-Osann, of Gorham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #73, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his service project, Timothy, a musician and member of the Gorham High School Band, Jazz Band and Jazz

Combo, constructed and installed a performing stage and acoustical panels at the local Coffee House/Teen Center in Gorham. We send our appreciation to him for his dedication and service to his community and extend to him our congratulations on his achieving this distinguished honor; (HLS 872)

Richard Habeeb, who was among 6 men from Caribou who enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps more than 60 years ago. Three of the men gathered recently to reflect on their experiences in World War II and on their good fortune in returning home alive. The men were all stationed with the 1st Marine Division, with orders to conquer the Japanese and break the hold they had on the island of Guadalcanal. August 7, 2003 marked the 61st anniversary of the United States' defeat of the Japanese at Guadalcanal. We send our appreciation to Mr. Habeeb for his service during World War II and extend to him our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 873)

Warren Pelletier, who was among a group of 6 men from Caribou who enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps more than 60 years ago. Three of the men gathered recently to reflect on their experiences in World War II and on their good fortune in returning home alive. The men were all stationed with the 1st Marine Division, with orders to conquer the Japanese and break the hold they had on the island of Guadalcanal. August 7, 2003 marked the 61st anniversary of the United States' defeat of the Japanese at Guadalcanal. Mr. Pelletier served 43 months in the Marine Corps, achieving the rank of sergeant before his discharge from the service. We send our appreciation to him for his service during World War II and extend to him our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 874)

Eddie Disy, who was among a group of 6 men from Caribou who enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps more than 60 years ago. Three of the men gathered recently to reflect on their experiences in World War II and on their good fortune in returning home alive. The men were all stationed with the 1st Marine Division, with orders to conquer the Japanese and break the hold they had on the island of Guadalcanal. August 7, 2003 marked the 61st anniversary of the United States' defeat of the Japanese at Guadalcanal. Mr. Disy served 51 months in the Marines, achieving the rank of master sergeant before his discharge from the service. We send our appreciation to him for his service during World War II and extend to him our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 875)

the Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville, on the celebration of its 80th Anniversary. Originally chartered on June 23, 1923, the Waterville club is a member of the New England District within the International Organization of Kiwanis Clubs. The organization is dedicated to serving children of the world and improving the quality of life for children and families worldwide. Throughout the years the Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville has supported countless programs in the community, including constructing the pool on North Street and buildings at the Pine Tree Camp. It is also a supporter of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, the Salvation Army, youth hockey and baseball leagues, Boys State, Girls State, "Y" Camp, food pantries, Hospice, the Alford Center, Kennebec Valley Community College and numerous other programs. We send our appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville for its commitment to improving the lives of children and families and extend to its members our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 876)

Amanda McHatten, of Connor Township, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and recognizes excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. We send our congratulations to Amanda on this achievement and extend our best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 877)

Dr. Rachel Albert, of Eagle Lake, Associate Professor of Nursing and Director of the Division of Nursing at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, who has been selected by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing to serve as an evaluator for other nursing programs at schools throughout the United States, and to spearhead the institutional assessment during the upcoming New England Assessment of Schools and Colleges visit at UMFK. Dr. Albert is an alumna of the UMFK nursing program and acquired her master's degree in emergency nursing/education from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. In 2001, she obtained her doctorate in nursing science at Case Western Reserve University's Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in Ohio. Dr. Albert has participated in numerous professional programs and has presented her research findings to a number of local and national forums. Her research has been featured on CBSHealthWatch.com and on the cover page of Advances in Nursing. She has been published in several other journals, including the Journal of Emergency Nursing and the Journal of Professional Nursing. Dr. Albert has served on many advisory boards on campus as well as in her community. In 1997, she was named to Outstanding Young Women of America and received the UMFK Outstanding Faculty Award. She also was named to Who's Who among American Teachers in 2002. We send our appreciation to Dr. Albert for her dedication and commitment to the University of Maine at Fort Kent and to the nursing profession and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 878)

Evan Travis Fesq Bonney, of New Sharon, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to Evan on this accomplishment; (HLS 879)

Lita Dionne, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lita on this accomplishment; (HLS 880)

Julie Gendreau, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Julie on this accomplishment; (HLS 881)

Valerie Medlin, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Valerie on this accomplishment; (HLS 882)

Lillian Morrow, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lillian on this accomplishment; (HLS 883)

the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Rumford Lodge #862, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary on September 20, 2003. Founded on July 23, 1903, the lodge is one of thousands throughout our nation, all subscribing to the principles of Elkdom: "Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity." Known for its national as well as local programs, this very patriotic organization supports veterans and Flag Day ceremonies. It is also the proud supporter of education through its donations to high school graduates and Project Graduation activities. The organization annually sponsors a national free throw competition and a

national youth week. We send our congratulations to the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Rumford Lodge #862 as it celebrates this milestone and extend to them our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 884)

Roxanne Mooradian Stackhouse, of Portland, beloved wife and mother and faithful community activist. Born in East Parsonsfield, she was the youngest daughter of parents who came to America, after escaping the tragic Armenian genocide of the early 20th Century. She graduated from Parsonsfield Seminary and the Wilfred Academy School of Cosmetology in Boston. For 2 generations of clients, her salon on Deering Street was famed for its good cheer, good company and good conversation. Proud of her immigrant ancestry, she was a founder of the Parkside Neighborhood Association, in the most densely populated and ethnically diverse square mile of Maine, and was a champion of safe streets and family values in a challenged and changing community. She will be sadly missed by her loving spouse and family, her wide circle of friends and all those touched by her bright smile and kind spirit in Portland, Longfellow's "City that is seated by the Sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 885)

John W. Griffin, beloved husband and father and faithful community activist. A native of "Gorham's Corner," the Irish heart of Portland's West End, he was a proud 1959 graduate of Portland High School and a 1993 graduate with honors in Applied Science from Central Maine Technical School. A lifelong advocate for organized labor, he rose to the position of business manager of local 217, United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters serving from 1979 to 1988 and again from 1994 to 1996. From 1996 to 1999 he served as Chairman of the New England Pipe Trades Association and was the organizer for the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters until his retirement in 2001. A staunch community activist, he was president of the Portland Fraternal Order of Eagles and served as president of the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Association. He was appointed to the State Commission on Safety and Health by Governors John McKernan and Angus King. He was proudly elevated to the office of Portland City Councilman At Large in November 2002, a post he held at the time of his passing. Mr. Griffin will be sadly missed by his family and his wide circle of friends and by all for whom he selflessly labored in Portland, Longfellow's "City that is seated by the Sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 886)

Denise Card, of Orono, recipient of the KidsPeace Spirit Award. Denise works with the KidsPeace Program in Orono. When Great Northern Paper Company shut down, Denise helped the students from the towns affected by the shutdown to attend their senior proms. Denise, with the assistance of Shelly Anderson, solicited donations from area businesses to purchase prom dresses and tuxedos for the students. We extend our appreciation to Denise for her commitment to improving the lives of children and extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this award; (HLS 887)

Marguerite Lawler-Rohner, of Portland, who has been named the 2004 Maine Teacher of the Year for her excellence as a teacher and for being an outstanding role model in the field of art. Ms. Lawler-Rohner is a middle school art teacher at Wescott Junior High School in Westbrook. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and has a Master of Fine Arts degree from City University of New York. We acknowledge her exemplary teaching qualities and extend our congratulations to her on achieving this fine distinction. We wish her well as she goes on to compete in the selection of the National Teacher of the Year; (HLS 888)

the Honorable Ruel Parkman Cross, of Dover-Foxcroft, the beloved husband of Jacqueline Jenkins Cross, an effective leader in local and state government and a lifetime hunter and fisherman. Mr. Cross and his wife owned and operated both the Braeburn Hotel and the H. Douglass Company, an independent grocery. He was for many years in charge of quality control and manufacturing scheduling for Guilford Industries. His experience in town government encompassed years as a member of the Guilford town budget committee and as a selectman for the town. He was a founding member and president of the Guilford Kiwanis Club, a Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #117 and a member of the board of trustees of the Universalist Church of Guilford. He was also a member of the Conner Trafton Post of the American Legion. Mr. Cross served 12 years as the town manager of Monson, during which time he was also a member of the Piscataquis County budget committee, and served on the Maine Municipal Association executive and legislative policy committee and as a member of the Maine Department of Transportation technology transfer committee. Elected to the State House of Representatives in 1992, he served 4 terms during which he was a member of the committees on Corrections, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation. He also served as a Piscataquis County Commissioner since 2002. The Honorable Ruel P. Cross will be greatly missed by his loving family, his colleagues and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 889)

Judy Williams, of Chelsea, who is retiring as Director of the Bureau of Family Independence after 31 years with the Department of Human Services and taking a position with the Department of Labor. Ms. Williams has been a career public servant, working for the State of Maine since 1972. She has shown great leadership skills and has helped streamline many important programs within the department. She has served on numerous legislative committees, studying such issues as child care, homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, medical access, education and workforce development. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the department and to the people of the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to her on her retirement from one job and we wish her well in her new position and all future endeavors; (HLS 890)

Patrick J. Dorney, Jr., of Portland, beloved husband, father and faithful advocate for Maine's veterans. A proud and decorated veteran of the Korean War, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 17, beginning a lifetime of advocating for those who have served their country in uniform. He was a lifetime member of Amvets Post #25 and V.F.W. Post #6859, both of Portland. Mr. Dorney served as State Department Commander of the Maine Amvets, as the President of the Amvets Service Foundation and as Maine State officer of the Amvets National Executive Committee. For 30 years, he was a professional truck driver for Portland area firms, rising to Business Agent for Teamster's Local Union #340. For many years he organized benefits for the Special Olympics. He will be remembered for his dedication and devotion to his community and will be sadly missed by his family, his wide circle of friends and by all those touched by his generosity in Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 891)

the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum, upon the honored occasion of the 10th Anniversary of its founding. Symbols of Yankee practicality and ingenuity, Maine narrow gauge trains, which were just two feet wide between the rails, carried passengers, produce, timber, slate and other freight on five rail lines from Wiscasset to the Rangeley Lakes region

from 1879 to 1942. In 1993, a volunteer fleet of antique Maine trucks returned the remaining historic Maine rail equipment home from museums in Massachusetts. Today the nonprofit Trust for the Preservation of Maine Industrial History and Technology maintains almost all existing original Maine narrow gauge railroad locomotives, cars and memorabilia at the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum within the historic Portland Company complex on Fore Street, along the Portland waterfront, as a living museum and working rail line to entertain and educate rail fans of all ages. We salute the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad volunteers, past and present, whose dedication, devotion and stewardship have preserved the unique history and heritage of the grand era of steam for future generations in Maine, the proud Pine Tree State; (HLS 892)

Andrew George, of Bangor, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 893)

Rachele Catell, of Rockport, who has earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. Rachele is a member of Girl Scout Troop #428 and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Girl Scouts and to her community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Rachele for achieving this honorable distinction; (HLS 894)

Benjamin Alden Poole, of Camden, a member of Boy Scout Troop #200, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Benjamin directed the completion of the stairs to reach the start of the snow tube slide on the slopes of the Camden Snow Bowl. Benjamin is also directly involved in community activities, serving as student representative on the board of his community's school district. Benjamin plans to attend a New England college next fall as a pre-med student. We send our congratulations to Benjamin on this achievement and extend to him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 895)

Rob Jones, of York, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. To achieve this goal, Rob worked diligently on his community project to benefit youth and families in York. At the local skating rink he put siding on the hut and built benches, doors and a ramp. We commend Rob for his many dedicated hours of service to his community and extend to him our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 896)

Daniel Walter Bahr, of Sebago, a member of Boy Scout Troop #82, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend Daniel for his many dedicated hours and service to his community and extend to him our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 897)

Myles M. Farrell, of Sebago, a member of Boy Scout Troop #82, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend Myles for his many dedicated hours and service to his community and extend to him our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 898)

the Envirothon Team, of Cony High School in Augusta, for its outstanding performance at the International Canon Envirothon held at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Competing against championship teams from 41 states and 6 Canadian provinces, the team claimed 4th place in the 20-minute oral presentation and placed 14th overall. As representatives of our State, the team members competed on tests in forestry, fresh water ecology, soil science and wildlife and farmland conservation and preservation. Members of the team included: Brian Miller, Bobby Greig, Dana Storer, Chris Berry and Derek Barnett. We congratulate the members of the team on these accomplishments and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in future competitions; (HLS 899)

Chris Stevens, of York, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. To achieve this goal, Chris helped to clear public walking paths along the York River and Wiggly Bridge. We commend Chris for his many dedicated hours of service to his community and extend to him our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 900)

Gilles Auger, of Sanford, for his 20 years of service as Town Meeting Moderator (1970-1979 and 1994-2003). Mr. Auger will be the last person elected to serve in this position, as Sanford will have a new charter beginning next year. Having earned the respect of his peers and co-workers, he was appointed to Sanford's former Board of Registration in 1974 and was made chair in 1978. His untiring work encouraging young people to participate as a segment of the overall electorate has resulted in his personally registering more than 2,000 Sanford High School students to vote. A recipient of the 2003 Lorraine M. Fleury Award, Mr. Auger was given due recognition by the Secretary of State for his outstanding contribution to the election process in Maine. We join the citizens of Sanford in thanking Gilles Auger for his many years of tireless service to his community and to his State; (HLS 901)

the Wiltona Woman's Club, of Wilton, on its 75th Anniversary, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to the members of this organization; (HLS 902)

Kimberly Horth, of Orland, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kimberly on this accomplishment; (HLS 903)

Haylee Deans, of Orland, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Haylee on this accomplishment; (HLS 904)

Thomas "Skip" Chappelle, of Veazie, who has been inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Chappelle qualified for the honor under 3 categories, but was inducted based on his play at Maine Central Institute. He was chosen for All-State and All-New England teams at Old Town High School. He set 15 basketball records at the University of Maine and is one of only 4 players in the 27 years of the conference to make first team All-Conference 3 years in a row. He coached men's basketball at the University of Maine from 1968 to 1988. He was Coach of the Year in 1972 and 1988. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Chappelle on his receiving this honor; (HLS 905)

Army Lieutenant Michael May, of Old Town, who has been awarded the Bronze Star for Valor in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also received the Army Achievement medal for meritorious service in Operation Enduring Freedom while serving in Kuwait. We extend our appreciation to Lieutenant May for his commitment to his country and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 906)

the Midtown Community Policing Center, in Portland, upon the honored occasion of the opening of its new headquarters to the service of the citizens of Portland. One of the first community policing centers in the State, it is a proud joint partnership of the Portland Police Department and Goodwill Industries of Northern New England. Located in the Bayside neighborhood, one of the most densely populated and ethnically diverse square miles of Maine, the center serves the needs of one of the most challenged and rapidly changing parts of a growing city. We salute the center for its commitment to the community, dignity and

independence that are the hallmarks of public service in Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 907)

Ward Sherwood, of Portland, for his 30 years of volunteer service to the Reiche Elementary School Community. A member of the Portland school committee that in 1969 voted to consolidate 6 West End schools into a modern educational facility for a growing city, he helped build the school he now serves. Today Reiche School serves the most ethnically and religiously diverse square mile of Maine, educating students speaking 40 different languages and dialects. Mr. Sherwood proudly serves them all as a foster grandparent, providing support, guidance and good cheer to all those starting on the road of life. We salute his dedication, diligence and spirit of sharing extended to the children and community he loves so dearly in Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 908)

Sergeant Curtis Mills, of Shapleigh, a team leader with the 1st Detachment, 94th Military Police Company, partially based in Saco, who was seriously wounded in Iraq during a night patrol. Sergeant Mills has been on duty since December 7, 2002. We acknowledge the sacrifices he has made for his State and his Nation, and we extend our best wishes for a fast and full recovery from his injuries; (HLS 909)

the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Maine, upon the honored occasion of its 129th annual state convention. Founded in Bangor in 1874, the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union was of the first state chapters in the nation, chartered to "Promote just laws, to promote good citizenship and to inform society regarding the value of total abstinence through providing scientific facts about the nature and effects of beverage alcohol upon our society and our children." Under the leadership of Mainers such as Lillian N. M. Stevens of Stroudwater, who rose to national prominence, the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union was among the earliest crusaders for women's suffrage, prison reform and educational equality. We salute the Women's Christian Temperance Union's diligence, dedication and steadfast efforts against substance abuse from the 19th century and now into the 21st century in Maine, "the Pine Tree State;" (HLS 910)

Katelyn Peakall, of Calais, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 911)

Kaileigh Jo Deacon, of Calais, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 912)

Stephanie Ramsey, of Calais, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 913)

Kelsey Ramsey, of Calais, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 914)

Ashley Mclean, of Calais, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 915)

the Millinocket Church of the Nazarene on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the congregation and their friends as they celebrate this milestone; (HLS 916)

Dr. Peter B. Aucoin, of Rumford, on the special occasion of his 100th Birthday, December 14, 2003. Dr. Aucoin is a retired family physician, who dedicated 42 years of service to the community of Rumford. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Aucoin on his centennial celebration; (HLS 917)

the South Portland Lions Club for its part in sponsoring the 2003 Trucking for Kids Convoy. The convoy builds positive community relations between local and interstate truckers and Maine residents as they raise money to benefit programs that provide services for critically ill children and their families. We extend our appreciation to the South Portland Lions Club for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 918)

the Maine Mall for its part in sponsoring the 2003 Trucking for Kids Convoy. The convoy builds positive community relations between local and interstate truckers and Maine residents as they raise money to benefit programs that provide services for critically ill children and their families. We extend our appreciation to the Maine Mall for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 919)

the Thornton Heights Lions Club for its part in sponsoring the 2003 Trucking for Kids Convoy. The convoy builds positive community relations between local and interstate truckers and Maine residents as they raise money to benefit programs that provide services for critically ill children and their families. We extend our appreciation to the Thornton Heights Lions Club for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 920)

the Maine Professional Drivers Association for its part in sponsoring the 2003 Trucking for Kids Convoy. The convoy builds positive community relations between local and interstate truckers and Maine residents as they raise money to benefit programs that provide services for critically ill children and their families. We extend our appreciation to the Maine Professional Drivers Association for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 921)

the South Portland Police Department for its part in sponsoring the 2003 Trucking for Kids Convoy. The convoy builds positive community relations between local and interstate truckers and Maine residents as they raise money to benefit programs that provide services for critically ill children and their families. We extend our appreciation to the South Portland Police Department for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 922)

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Robert and Jeanette Stevens, of Temple, who were the Guests of Honor at the Town of Temple's Bicentennial celebration in August, 2003. Robert Stevens had been a longtime selectman for the town, and Jeanette Stevens served as town clerk and treasurer for 12 years. We acknowledge their dedicated service to their community and to the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on being chosen for the honor of Guests of Honor; (HLS 924)

Joshua Daigle, of Fort Kent, who is the recipient of the Gold Medal of Achievement Award of the Royal Ranger program, a religious civic organization that teaches outdoor skills, first aid,

citizenship and a solid religious foundation. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joshua on his receiving this high honor, and we extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 925)

Robert Philbrook, of Portland, beloved spouse and father and faithful friend to all in the struggle to build a better world. Born in Portland and raised in Ellsworth, he began his career as a watchmaker, enchanted by the intricacy of making things work. To the repair of social injustice he devoted the same diligence, dedication and patience. For almost 40 years, he labored as a dedicated community activist, devoted to the betterment of Maine people and serving as an able advocate for social justice, human rights, racial equality and the dignity of every human being. Founder of We Who Care, one of the first grassroots advocacy groups for low-income causes, he served on the boards of the Maine Association of Interdependent Neighborhoods, the Maine Equal Justice Project, the People's Regional Opportunity Program and the Dirigo Alliance. He also served on the National Board of the American Friends Service Committee. For a lifetime of such service, he received the Jefferson Award, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Service Award and the Catholic Charities Award. His greatest reward is in the lives of all those beset by the difficulties of life to whom he always offered a ready hand and strong heart. He will be sadly missed, and his memory forever cherished, by his loving family, his many friends and all those with whom he labored to achieve a just society in his beloved Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 926)

Roger A. Caouette, a lifelong resident of Topsham and an active participant in civic affairs in that town. Mr. Caouette served as selectman for the town for 6 years, 2 years as chair. His service has always been in the best interests of those in the community as is evident by the many issues he campaigned. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Caouette for his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Topsham; (HLS 927)

Eric Taylor Field, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop #603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. To achieve this goal, Eric replaced the aging and unsafe railroad-tie retaining wall in front of the American Legion Post #205 with a new cement-block retaining wall. Additionally, his project upgraded the handicapped-accessible ramp with vinyl lattice and paint. To complete his project, Eric did the design, estimation and coordination of the workforce, logging in over 227 hours. We commend him for his many dedicated hours and for his service to this community and we extend our congratulations to Eric on his achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 928)

Specialist Christopher Kotch, of Brunswick, a team leader with the 1st Detachment, 94th Military Police Company, partially based in Saco, who was seriously wounded in Iraq during a night patrol. Specialist Kotch has been on duty since December 7, 2002. We acknowledge the sacrifices he has made for his State and his Nation, and we extend our best wishes for a fast and full recovery from his injuries; (HLS 929)

Durward Lang, of Buxton, for his 50 years of dedicated service to the town. Mr. Lang has always been an active participant in civic affairs in the town. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lang for his commitment to the citizens of Buxton; (HLS 930)

the Town of Industry on the occasion of its Bicentennial. Named for the character of its people, Industry, like its citizens, is a hardy, strong and self-reliant community that has stood the test of time. This picturesque town of 21,000 acres with a 2,000 acre pond is situated in the heart of Franklin County. Its land area is protected by the New Vineyard Mountains, nurtured by shady woods abundant with maples and pines, fed by the pure spring-fed waters of Clearwater Pond and majestically decorated by the

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beautiful 75-foot Rainbow Cascade, by the bold Bannock and Boardman Mountains and by the gloriously colored array of wildflowers that blanket its nearby meadows. The Town of Industry was declared legally incorporated on June 20, 1803, and its citizens called their first formal meeting as a town on October 20, 1803. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of the Town of Industry as they celebrate this milestone anniversary; (HLS 931)

the memory of the late Arvin "Ge" Erskine, of South Portland, who is having a city park named after him. Ge Erskine was the longtime Director of the South Portland Public Works and was known throughout the city for his devotion to his profession and to the city. He had the ability to make his visions for the city come true, such as the beautiful bridge across Mill Creek pond and the gazebo in Mill Creek Park. We acknowledge this man's dedication to his community on the occasion of the dedication of a South Portland city park as the "Arvin 'Ge' Erskine Memorial Park"; (HLS 932)

the Winthrop Ambulance Service, serving the towns of Winthrop, Wayne, Readfield, Mount Vernon and Fayette, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. The service was started in April 1978 with a completely volunteer staff, and was coordinated by its first director, Donald Chase. Currently, the service has 49 staff members, including director John Dovinsky, 15 paramedics, 6 intermediate emergency medical technicians and numerous other basic emergency medical technicians. Throughout the years, other directors have included Lee Gillman, Vern Cramm, Charles McCarthy, Jerry Doughty and Joseph Young. We send our appreciation to the Winthrop Ambulance Service for its years of dedicated service and commitment to the citizens of our State and extend our congratulations to the service on this milestone anniversary; (HLS 933)

Laura Bragg, of Lebanon, on being named the 2003 Rookie of the Year by the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association. As town clerk, Laura has brought vitality and professionalism to the Lebanon community. Laura's willingness to go above and beyond her routine duties gives citizens the comfort of knowing she is always there to help. Laura, the town's former recreational director, continues to find time to organize fund-raisers for local youth sports programs. We send our best wishes to Laura and congratulations on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 934)

the community mental health center movement on its 40th anniversary, dating from the introduction of the federal Community Mental Health Center Act in 1963 under the Kennedy administration. The Aroostook Mental Health Center, which has been in operation for 30 years, is a part of that movement. The goals of the community mental health center movement, as well as of the Aroostook Mental Health Center, are to work to promote the well-being of the citizens of the State by providing healthcare and social and educational services. We extend our appreciation to the community mental health center movement for its commitment to clients, community and employees; (HLS 935)

Scott Leighton, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Scott on this achievement; (HLS 936)

Craig William Greene, a prominent botanist of Mount Desert Island and professor for more than 20 years at the College of the Atlantic. Well-known for his love of the outdoors, Dr. Greene was an enthusiastic and dynamic professor, inspiring many of his students to devote their careers to environmental sciences. He was a naturalist who cared deeply about preserving the planet. The beloved husband of Sara "Bo" Forrestel Greene and the devoted father of William Orion Greene, he will be greatly missed

and forever remembered by his loving family, friends, colleagues, scores of students and the Bar Harbor community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 937)

Maureen Goudreau, of Rumford, French teacher at Mountain Valley High School, for being named one of four finalists for 2003 Maine Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this commendable accomplishment; (HLS 938)

Elizabeth G. "Betty" Stevens, beloved wife, mother, homemaker and activist in the cause of Maine's veterans. Born in Sumner, she was a proud 1942 graduate of Lewiston High School. In 1946 she married her beloved husband, Harley T. Stevens and moved to South Paris, where she lived and worked her entire married life. Devoted to the assistance of Maine's veterans, she was president of Post 9787 Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as the organization's treasurer for over a decade. Famous for her homemade cakes and pastries, she was always pleased to help families in the auxiliary and friends in the South Paris Universalist Church. She was a member of the Tri-County Riders Association. The prize horses raised by her and her family led the Memorial Day parades in Norway and South Paris for forty years. She will be sadly missed by her beloved husband of 57 years, by her large and loving family and by the wide circle of friends touched by her kind smile and generosity across Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 939)

Catie Gould, of Winterport, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 940)

Cassandra Thomas, of Calais, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this achievement; (HLS 941)

Francis Brown, of Calais, a well-respected lawyer who loved Calais and the Down East region of Maine. He was a mentor and freely gave his time to serve and help others. Mr. Brown was a member of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and the University of Maine Foundation, a trustee of the United Methodist Church in Calais and a member of the Calais Rotary. He had a distinguished military career, retiring with the rank of major. Mr. Brown was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Jefferson Public Service Award, the University of Maine at Orono Presidential Achievement Award and the Distinguished Service Award, and the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He will be greatly missed by his family, many friends, colleagues and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 942)

the Honorable Jane Saxl, of Bangor, who is being honored by the Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, the City of Bangor and Keep Bangor Beautiful in appreciation of her dedication and commitment to public service. Jane's accomplishments are numerous. During her term on the Bangor City Council she helped establish a recycling program that has become a model for other communities. She has been a champion of the east-west highway, successfully sponsoring legislation during her years as a member of the Maine State Legislature. Jane's commitment to public service has been expressed through her work with Wellspring, the Mable Wadsworth Women's Health Center, League of Women Voters of Maine, Bangor-Brewer Area League of Women Voters, Greater Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, Bangor Beautiful, Bangor Convention and Visitors

Bureau, Bangor Mental Health Institute, Family Planning Association of Maine, Maine NOW, Maine Health Access Foundation, Arcady Music Society, Congregation Beth El and the Governor's Health Committee. We send our appreciation to Jane for her years of service to the citizens of our State and extend to her our congratulations on this occasion; (HLS 943)

Robert L. Wilcox, of Saco, a member of Boy Scout Troop #51 in Windham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achieving this honor; (HLS 944)

Christopher Bourgoin, of Saco, a member of Boy Scout Troop #371, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achieving this honor; (HLS 945)

Doris M. Paradis, of Fort Kent, who owned a family restaurant in town for 45 years. She will be greatly missed by her loving family, her friends and neighbors and her established customers; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 946)

Adriana Liberty, of Gray, upon placing first in the World Championship English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor, 13 and under, in the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show on October 10, 2003, in Oklahoma City. During competition in the horse show, Adriana also placed 3rd in Grand National English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 12 & 13. All of her 16 competitors were within the 12-to-14-years-of-age range. During the past year, Adriana placed first in 4 New England Morgan horse shows. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Adriana on this outstanding achievement of being a world-class champion; (HLS 947)

Evelyn Barker Churchill, of Orland, as she celebrates her 95th Birthday, November 6, 2003. Evelyn was born and raised in Enfield, Maine. She and her husband of 52 years, Neil E. Churchill, raised their family in Orland. She has one daughter and 2 grandchildren. Evelyn is a lifelong member of Narramissic Grange #224 and she is currently a member of Castine Grange #250. She attends the Orland United Methodist Church and belongs to the church's women's group. Evelyn Barker Churchill is Orland's oldest citizen and is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. We extend our congratulations to her on this special occasion and we join her family and many friends to offer our best wishes to her; (HLS 948)

Team 8-4, of Gardiner Regional Middle School, for the team's social studies project on American History that recognizes the contributions to our country of America's veterans, from World War II to the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We extend our congratulations to Team 8-4 for its efforts to increase awareness of the contributions made by members of our armed forces; (HLS 949)

Lowell F. Brookings, of New Gloucester, on his 90th birthday, October 20, 2003. Brookie, as he is lovingly called by all, was born and raised in Cape Elizabeth. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married 58 years and raised their family on Merrbrook Farm in New Gloucester. The couple have 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. We join Brookie's family and many friends in sending our congratulations and best wishes to him on the occasion of his 90th birthday; (HLS 950)

the City of South Portland, on the special occasion of the first Veterans' Day Parade to be held in the city since World War II. The First Annual Veterans' Day Parade in South Portland is to honor the veterans of South Portland who have served in the Armed Forces of this Nation. There are currently 4 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried in South Portland. We acknowledge Roger Sabourin for his hard work and leadership in organizing this event, as well as the role of the

United States Coast Guard, Portland Division, the Training Ship Nicholas FFG47, the South Portland American Legion Post #35 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #832 of South Portland. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all citizens of the City of South Portland on this occasion; (HLS 951)

Matthew J. Grenier, of Waterville, a member of Boy Scout Troop #460 in Fairfield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 952)

Todd Leighton, of Enfield, for his role in saving the life of Tad Proudlove, whom he helped from the frigid waters of Pond Farm on October 25, 2003. Todd Leighton and Jessie Dicker rescued Mr. Proudlove from the water after he had capsized his kayak. Todd tied his and Jessie's 2 small canoes together to bear the incapacitated Mr. Proudlove. Todd and Jessie then paddled in sync for several hundred yards, breaking ice along the way until they reached shore. Todd gave Mr. Proudlove his gloves because Mr. Proudlove's hands were totally numb. We congratulate Todd for his role in the daring rescue of Mr. Proudlove. His courage and bravery will be long remembered; (HLS 953)

Jessie Dicker, of Lincoln, for his role in saving the life of Tad Proudlove, whom he helped from the frigid waters of Pond Farm on October 25, 2003. Jessie Dicker and Todd Leighton rescued Mr. Proudlove from the water after he had capsized his kayak. Jessie pulled Mr. Proudlove into his one-man canoe, which began to fill with water because of their weight. Todd quickly tied his canoe to Jessie's, and they paddled in sync for several hundred yards, breaking ice along the way until they reached shore. We congratulate Jessie for his role in the daring rescue of Mr. Proudlove. His courage and bravery will be long remembered; (HLS 954)

Spencer Trott, of Richmond, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 610, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Spencer on this achievement; (HLS 955)

Volunteer Fire Chief Alden "Pete" Peterson, on his retirement after almost 50 years of service to the Town of Greene. Chief Peterson has lived a life dedicated to his country, community and the town. After serving in the United States Navy, he worked for New England Telephone until his retirement in 1988. Pete has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for 9 years and has been on the Budget Committee for over 40 years. Also, he currently serves as the town's Emergency Management Director and Addressing Officer, and has been the moderator at Greene's Annual Town Meeting for many years. Pete was a vital part of the Greene Volunteer Fire Department over 50 years ago and he was appointed as the town's first Chief. He remains active in the Androscoggin County and statewide public safety programs. He was actively involved in establishing the E-911 system in the Town of Greene and was appointed by Governor McKernan to serve on the statewide E-911 Committee. We acknowledge his numerous contributions to his community and to the Town of Greene and extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 956)

Elizabeth Sedgwick, of Berwick, on the occasion of her 101st Birthday, November 19, 2003. Elizabeth was born and raised in Van Buren. Her family moved to North Berwick in the 1920s. She married and became a homemaker. Elizabeth was very active in 4-H and ran a 4-H program during the 1950s and 1960s. She was a member of the Grange in Somersworth, New Hampshire for more than 40 years and was a supporter of Camp Waban in Sanford, the St. Charles Orphanage in Rochester, New Hampshire and the Homemakers of Strafford County. Elizabeth

is a member of Our Lady of Peace Church in Berwick. We join Elizabeth's many friends and loving family in sending her our congratulations and best wishes as a centenarian celebrating her 101st Birthday; (HLS 957)

William D. Johnson, of Saco, as he completes a career of distinguished public service for the City of Saco, including 4 years as City Councilor and 6 years as Mayor. Mayor Johnson has presided over a period of unsurpassed progress in Saco and will be remembered for his wisdom, leadership and civility. We extend our appreciation to Mayor Johnson for his dedication to the citizens of Saco and to the State; (HLS 958)

Darryl N. Rugg, of South Paris, a member of Boy Scout Troop #130, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Darryl on this achievement; (HLS 959)

Carroll Dinsmore, Jr., of Newcastle, on the occasion of his retirement after working 60 years in the field of photography. Mr. Dinsmore has been an expert in the subject of glass plate negatives. He has a strong interest in local history and is vice-president of the Newcastle Historical Society, as well as being an avid amateur archaeologist. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Dinsmore on his retirement; (HLS 960)

Brandon Collett, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his service project, Brandon constructed an 84-foot raised walkway over a marshy area. He built a system of trails, to be named Cook's Hardware Trail, to connect the new pathway to the existing Gorham Trails system. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, and we extend our congratulations to him on his accomplishments; (HLS 961)

Claire "Fitzy" Fitzpatric, of Wilton on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of coaching hundreds of girls in the games of basketball and field hockey in Wilton, Jay, Farmington and Livermore. With her love and aptitude for sports, she was the obvious choice when Wilton Academy needed a coach 40 years ago. We send our appreciation to Coach Fitzpatric for her dedication to the youth of our state and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 962)

Roger Bolduc, of Farmington, who is retiring as the defensive coach for the Mt. Blue High School Cougars football team after 19 seasons. We send our appreciation to Coach Bolduc for his dedication and commitment to the youth of our State and extend to him our best wishes in his future endeavors; (HLS 963)

the Dexter High School Field Hockey Team upon winning the 2003 Class C State Hockey Championship. This is the 5th state title for the Tigers since 1998. This win is the team's 62nd win in a row, extending its state record for consecutive wins. We send our congratulations to the following members of the team on their victory: Brittany Veazie, Keriann Patterson, Courtney St Germain, Sarah Goudreau-Wyman, Cindy Koschielny, Sonja Smith, Meagan Fogarty, Nikki Chapman, Brandi Alton, Kristina Temple, Sam Pomelow, Holly Malo, Vanessa Hartford, Nicci Burton, Ashley Wakefield, Caitlin Hanlon, Emily Drew, Kellie Wilson, Alicia Marquis, Kelsee Lancaster, Brandi Reynolds, Jessica Willey, Colleen Pingree, Katie Poirier, RoseAnna Stewart; managers Shari Nickerson and Katie Day; Coach Margaret Veazie and assistant coaches Sheila Truman and Barbara Herring; (HLS 964)

the Dexter High School Golf Team, which captured the 2003 Class C State Golf Championship. We send our congratulations to the following members of the team on the team's victory: Skye Dillon, Brett Towle, Tim McCarthy, Matt Murray, Barry Brown, Eric Keyte, Quinn Dillon, Tim Smith, Andrew Webber and Josh Whalen; (HLS 965)

Russell V. Smith, on the occasion of his 95th Birthday, November 30, 2003. Russell is a lifelong resident of East Monmouth, a lifelong farmer and a never-ending source of inspiration to his friends and family. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his birthday; (HLS 0966)

David Norwood, of Ellsworth, who has received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in recognition of his excellence as a physical education teacher. Mr. Norwood teaches at the Dr. Charles C. Knowlton School in Ellsworth where he is known for having a genuine concern for the fitness and health of his students. He leads by example, transforming himself through his own physical fitness program and education and then promoting healthy habits in his students' lives. He emphasizes that there are many skills and activities that a student can use to become physically fit. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Norwood in honor of his receiving this well-deserved recognition as a great educator and an advocate for active and healthy children; (HLS 967)

the Cape Elizabeth High School Golf Team, which captured the 2003 Class B State Golf Championship. We send our congratulations to the following members of the team on their victory: Andrew Gibson, Jeff Croteau, Alex Moran, Joe Geoghegan, Matt Bernstein, Ron Kelton, Ross Negele, Matt Reid, Scott Caras, Aaron Dulac, Ben Poirer, David Gardiner, Steve St. John and Coach Paul Jackson; (HLS 968)

Melanie Bradbury, of Millinocket, a member of Girl Scout Troop #413, who has successfully completed the requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Melanie on this accomplishment; (HLS 969)

Jessica Speed, of Millinocket, a member of Girl Scout Troop #413, who has successfully completed the requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Jessica on this accomplishment; (HLS 970)

Gayle Shepard, of Stonington, a Senior Girl Scout of the Abnaki Council, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This award is the highest award a Senior Girl Scout can receive. The award recognizes excellence in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Throughout the 6 counties that comprise the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, fewer than 20 Girl Scout Gold Awards are presented each year. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Gayle on this accomplishment; (HLS 971)

Jon Patten, Cubmaster of Gorham Pack 74 and Cub Scout Training Chair, who was presented with the District Award of Merit by the Casco Bay District. The award is presented to an adult for noteworthy service of exceptional character to the district youth. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Patten on his receiving this award; (HLS 972)

Clifton and Margaret Wormwood, of Gorham, who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on August 30, 2003. The couple, known as "Grammy and Grampy" to family and friends, have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 973)

Benjamin Bustard, of Bucksport, upon receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement from the Royal Ranger Ministry. The ministry is a faith-based camping program for boys offered in

more than 70 countries with a current enrollment of more than 150,000 boys. This is truly a commendable achievement as Benjamin is only the 30th boy from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to receive this award in the 45 years the Royal Rangers have been in existence. This ministry strives to meet the moral, spiritual and physical needs of the boys while they do their best to serve God, the church and their fellow man. We commend Benjamin on his dedication and service and wish him continued success in his endeavors; (HLS 974)

Amelia Katherine French, of Damariscotta, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, December 23, 2003. She and her husband Louis have been married 65 years. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 975)

Christopher Joseph Davis, of Falmouth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Christopher is a senior at Falmouth High School and is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the student council and co-captain of the championship soccer team. He is also on the track team, is a member of the chorus and is involved in theater. We acknowledge his many accomplishments and we extend to him our congratulations on his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; (HLS 976)

the Foxcroft Academy football team, the Ponies, for winning the 2003 Class C State Championship, on November 22, 2003. The Ponies ended the season with a 12-0 record and their first state title since 1996. Finishing with a perfect season is a tribute to coach Paul Withee and an exceptional team. We extend our congratulations to the Ponies; (HLS 977)

Benny and Marilyn Terrio, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 978)

Marilyn Robinson, of Presque Isle, for her 30 years of dedicated service to the Aroostook Agency on Aging. Ms. Robinson began her work on August 13, 1973 as the agency's financial and office manager. We send our appreciation to her for her dedicated work and commitment to the agency; (HLS 979)

Bill Flewelling, of Leeds, who has provided 30 years of dedicated service as a family nurse practitioner to the Russell Medical Center and the citizens in the surrounding communities. Mr. Flewelling received an award from the National Health Service Corps for the duration and quality of his services as a family nurse practitioner. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Flewelling for his commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 980)

William C. Pierce, a longtime resident of West Baldwin. Mr. Pierce was a graduate of Bowdoin College and received his law degree from Harvard Law School. He was a member of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell and retired as a partner in 1972. He was also a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy. Mr. Pierce was a president of the Maine Historical Society, vice-president of the Board of Trustees of Bowdoin College and treasurer of the Brown Memorial Library. He was also a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the West Baldwin Grange and the Cumberland Club. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 74 years, Elizabeth Neall Gay, and by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 981)

and honoring the memory of naval aviator Lieutenant Michael Timothy McCormick, who, along with his bombardier/navigator Lieutenant Junior Grade Robert A. Clark, was reported missing in action on January 10, 1973 while engaged in a night strike against a surface-to-air missile site deep in North Vietnam.

Shortly after receiving his commission in the Navy, he commenced his career as an aviator, quickly establishing himself as one of the most competent aviators assigned to Attack Squadron 115 aboard the USS Midway (CVA-411). He was awarded the Silver Star Medal for action during a night strike and was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 4 individual action Air Medals, 13 strike/flight Air Medals and 4 Navy Commendation Medals. In 1978, Lieutenant McCormick's and Lieutenant Junior Grade Clark's status was changed to presumed killed-in-action. Only recently have Lieutenant McCormick and Lieutenant Junior Grade Clark posthumously returned home to America; (HLS 982)

and honoring the memory of bombardier/navigator Lieutenant Robert Alan Clark, who, along with naval aviator Lieutenant Michael Timothy McCormick, was reported missing in action on January 10, 1973 while engaged in a night strike against a surface-to-air missile site deep in North Vietnam. In his brief naval career, Lieutenant Clark flew over 200 combat missions, earning the Silver Star, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Star with Combat V, Purple Heart, 13 strike/flight Air Medals and one individual action Air Medal, 9 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V's, the Navy Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He always loved flying and had earned his private pilot's license during his college years. In 1978, Lieutenant Clark's and Lieutenant McCormick's status was changed to presumed killed-in-action. Only recently have Lieutenant Clark and Lieutenant McCormick posthumously returned home to America; (HLS 983)

Carlton Jones, of Millinocket, on the occasion of his retirement from the Millinocket Police Department after nearly 2 decades of dedicated service. We send Mr. Jones our appreciation for his public service and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 984)

Alex Moro, of Rockport, on being selected as the Camden Hills Regional High School 2003 candidate for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. Having been chosen as one of 3 seniors by the high school staff on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, Alex's class voted him as the school's overall winner. In addition to this honor, Alex has participated in various sports, including soccer, basketball and track. He is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is also a member of the symphonic band and chorus. We send our congratulations to Alex for being selected to receive this distinctive honor; (HLS 985)

Krystle Catell, of Rockport, who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Krystle, a member of Troop No. 428, has clearly demonstrated a strong commitment to the Girl Scouts and her community. By obtaining the necessary skills in leadership and personal development, Krystle was able to achieve this honorable distinction that few girls have achieved. We send our congratulations to Krystle on this notable accomplishment; (HLS 986)

Tom Edwards, of Freeport, upon his retirement after 8 years as the principal at Freeport High School. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Edward for his commitment to the students and to the community. We wish him best in his retirement and in his future endeavors; (HLS 987)

Robert Lyman, of Freeport, upon his retirement after 20 years in the Freeport school system. He started working in Freeport as an elementary school principal in 1983 and became superintendent in 1987. His dedication and commitment to the students and the school system are reflected in the changes that have occurred during his tenure with the Freeport school system.

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We extend our congratulations to him and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 988)

Lois Soucy, of Old Orchard Beach, upon her retirement after 9 years as a teaching principal with the Mast Landing School's Spring Hill Program. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Soucy for her dedication and commitment to the students and to the community. We wish her best in her retirement and in her future endeavors; (HLS 989)

Ronald Barnes, of Fort Fairfield, who has been named the 2004 Young Farmer of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. Mr. Barnes is a 4th-generation Fort Fairfield farmer. He and his wife Megan grow 236 acres of potatoes while raising their children, Kara and Nathan. Mr. Barnes is active in many civic and industry-related activities. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Barnes on his being named Young Farmer of the Year and wish him continued success; (HLS 990)

Richard Lyons, of Hampden, Superintendent of School Administrative District No. 22, who has been selected Maine's 2004 Superintendent of the Year. Mr. Lyons was nominated by members of the district's board of directors for his outstanding educational leadership. The award is testament to the school administrative district's high performance. Mr. Lyons has been involved in Maine public education for more than 28 years and continues to draw on his experience to provide workshops, conferences and seminars for superintendents, assistant superintendents, teachers and administrative district citizens. He is currently on the American Association of School Administrators Advisory Board, the Maine Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education. We extend our sincere congratulations on his achieving this distinctive and well-deserved honor and wish him success as Maine's representative for the 2004 National Superintendent of the Year; (HLS 991)

Jeannette Peters, of Fort Fairfield, recipient of the Maine Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. In recognition of her receiving this award, the Fort Fairfield Town Council declared November 12th "Mrs. Jeannette Peters Day." She has been a physical education teacher for 36 years and is known as an innovative educator. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Peters for her dedication and commitment to the youth of this State and send her our congratulations on her receiving this award; (HLS 992)

Margaret Sawyer, of Gray, upon her receiving the Lifetime Service Award, presented by the Gray Town Council. This award celebrates her lifetime achievements as a volunteer and community member of Gray. She is a 3rd-generation family member of Gray and to this day still lives in the very family home in which she was born. She has given many years of service to the town, notably through the Gray Historical Society. Her commitment and dedication to preserving Gray's history, as a volunteer, will be appreciated by many generations. We extend our thank yous and congratulations to Margaret on this well-deserved Lifetime Service Award; (HLS 993)

William E. Speed, of Edgecomb, a member of Boy Scout Troop #201, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (HLS 994)

Matthew J. Ferland of Peru, the 13-year-old son of Tammy and Edward Ferland, for the heroic rescue of his father, whose car had rolled on top of him while he was working on it at home. Matthew's quick thinking and courageous actions saved his father from a potentially fatal outcome. His ability to respond calmly is commendable and will serve him well in the future. We

send our congratulations and best wishes to Matthew on this occasion; (HLS 995)

Robert "Bob" and Muriel Tupper, of Fairfield Center, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Bob and Muriel were married on December 26, 1943. Two days later, Bob left for service in the Pacific Theater, where he participated in several island captures. He also served as a member of the occupation forces in Japan. When Bob returned to civilian life, he and Muriel settled on a farm in Fairfield Center where they still reside. Their family consists of 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Bob and Muriel are well-known and respected in their community, where they have both actively participated in various organizations. Among these organizations has been the Victor Grange, where Mr. Tupper was recently honored as a 75-year member, after having served the last 56 years as its treasurer. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tupper on this milestone in their lives; (HLS 996)

Byron and Phyllis Harnoise Rogers, of Westbrook, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this milestone; (HLS 997)

the Skowhegan High School Field Hockey Team upon winning the 2003 State Class A Field Hockey Championship. We send our congratulations to the following members of the team: Jessie Corson, Michelle Farley, Hayley King, Megan Sevey, Jessica Dorman, Stacy Pinkham, Jackie LaGasse, Chelsea Hoskins, Michelle Tibbetts, Katy LePage, Jennalee Tracy, Kayla Madore, Leah Provost, Whitney Fortier, Carlee Evans, Elizabeth Perkins, Andria Laroche, Mallory Shute, Courtney Veinotte, Bethany Sevey, Zara Saydjari and Becca Roy; managers Randi Dyke and Chelsea Hertlein; and coaches Paula Doughty, Heather Merrill, Tammi Veinotte and Norma Hurlbutt; (HLS 998)

Helen Davis, of Gray, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, December 31, 2003. Mrs. Davis is a life-long citizen of the Gray-New Gloucester area, where she raised her family. She is a proud mother of five children, and has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She has been an active co-chair for the Tree Lighting Ceremony since the tradition began 8 years ago. Mrs. Davis has diligently worked on the veterans' inscription on the Civil War Soldier's Monument by doing research at the National Archives in Maine and Massachusetts as one of her many projects with the Gray Historical Society. We acknowledge her dedication to her community and to the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her 80th Birthday; (HLS 999)

David N. Boynton III, of Waldoboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 142, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to David on this accomplishment; (HLS 1000)

the Maine Air National Guard 101st Air Refueling Wing, of Bangor, which actively supported the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The wing processed more than 58 million gallons of jet fuel in 2003, compared to the highest active duty base, McConnell Air Force Base, which processed 38 million gallons. Additionally, for nearly 2 years, the wing's security police have participated in the detainee transport missions bringing detainees from Afghanistan to Cuba. We send our sincere appreciation to the members of the 101st Air Refueling Wing for their many contributions towards the national defense of our country; (HLS 1001)

Senior Associate Justice Robert W. Clifford, of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, who was awarded the prestigious McKusick Award by the Maine Trial Judges Association. The award was created to recognize persons who have contributed

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substantially to the administration of justice and the delivery of judicial services to the people of Maine. Justice Clifford was recognized for his years as a highly respected trial judge and for his work on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Clifford, who lives in Lewiston, was first appointed to the Superior Court in 1979 and was its first Chief Justice. He has been an Associate Justice on the Supreme Judicial Court since 1986 and served as the court's interim Chief Justice in 2001. We send our congratulations to Justice Robert W. Clifford on this occasion; (HLS 1002)

Ernest K. Crie, of Rockland, on the occasion of his 100th birthday, January 7, 2004. Mr. Crie is the oldest living Maine Guide. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Crie on this very special occasion; (HLS 1003)

Robert T. Ramsey, of Topsham, on the occasion of his retirement from the Brunswick Police Department. Officer Ramsey served the Brunswick Police Department faithfully for over 20 years. He was the 1st K-9 unit officer with the department. We send our appreciation to Officer Ramsey for his years of service to the citizens of Brunswick; (HLS 1004)

Brett R. Strout, of Topsham, on the occasion of his retirement from the Brunswick Police Department. Officer Strout served the Brunswick Police Department faithfully for 21 years. He was the 1st youth aide officer and the 1st D.A.R.E. officer for the department. We send our appreciation to Officer Strout for his years of service to the citizens of Brunswick; (HLS 1005)

the Maine Jewish Film Festival, as it celebrates its 7th year of presenting innovative, exciting and high-quality films to the public. The festival draws thousands of visitors to Portland every year from around the northeastern United States and highlights Portland's reputation as a leading center for the arts in New England. The festival works to enrich, educate and entertain the community about the diverse and varied Jewish experience and encourages understanding of other cultures, exploring the common ties that bind us all. The festival offers free programs for students and seniors and has made significant contributions to the community by bringing internationally acclaimed films, directors and actors to theaters in Maine. We extend our appreciation to the Maine Jewish Film Festival on its contributions to the State and wish it continued success; (HLS 1006)

John Patrick Conroy, of Portland, beloved husband of Mary McCann Conroy, an outstanding athlete and a well-known and respected teacher, coach and counselor. Mr. Conroy was fondly known as "the Giant," a nickname that represented the esteem in which he was held by both teammates and adversaries during his years of competition in football, basketball, baseball and track. Highly regarded for his athletic accomplishments and for his effective leadership, he was an original member of the Fordham University legendary "seven blocks of granite," one of the greatest lines in all of intercollegiate football history. He was named an Honorable Mention All-American and was elected to the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and to the Fordham University Sports Hall of Fame. Upon his retirement from Portland High School, where he spent 43 years of his life, an award was established in his name. The Award is presented annually to a Portland High School graduate who has been active in athletics, has maintained good grades and has rendered service to the school. Mr. Conroy, "the Giant," will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1007)

Gertrude Mary Jewett, of Westbrook, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, January 11, 2004. Mrs. Jewett was born in Windham and was married to Percy Jewett. The mother of 2 sons, she has 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 6

great-great-grandchildren. She worked for 46 years and retired in 1968, and was recognized as the oldest citizen in Westbrook in 2002, and given the Boston Post Cane. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Jewett on this centennial celebration; (HLS 1008)

Earl Robert Rogers, of South Paris, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 130, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Earl on this achievement; (HLS 1009)

George Henry Martin, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved husband of Geraldine Ann Martin. Mr. Martin was a longtime employee of the Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1985. Known affectionately as "Buster," he was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in Northern Ireland during World War II. He earned the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Donald V. Henry American Legion Post. Mr. Martin was also a communicant of the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. He coached Little League for a number of years and in 1966 he led the Millinocket Little League All Stars to the Maine State Championship. Mr. Martin will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1010)

Henry J. Deabay, of Millinocket, beloved husband of Yvette Deabay. Mr. Deabay was a longtime employee of the Great Northern Paper Company and a volunteer in his community. After entering the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Deabay rose through the ranks, serving as a battery clerk, a battery supply sergeant and a battalion supply sergeant. He was relieved from active duty with the rank of 1st Lieutenant and joined the reserves. He was a life member of the Bernard Coro Post No. 22 DAV and the American Legion Post No. 80 and was a member of the VFW Post No. 4154. He served as Commander of the American Legion Post No. 80, in addition to serving as the County Commander for Aroostook County and as a District Commander. Mr. Deabay was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, where he served on the Church Council and on the Finance and Administration Commission. He volunteered his time preparing income tax returns for the elderly and also volunteered his services for beano at his church and with the American Legion. Mr. Deabay will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1011)

Charles Paul Bonis, of Millinocket, beloved husband of Catherine Galvin Bonis. Mr. Bonis was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and served for 5 years during World War II. He was a longtime employee of the Great Northern Paper Company and belonged to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Mr. Bonis was an athlete and had played semi-pro basketball with the original "Emerson Pills." He also played on intramural basketball and golf teams during his army career. Mr. Bonis was involved in bringing the Little League program to Millinocket and had coached the "Tigers," one of the original teams. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1012)

Derek DiFrederico, of Millinocket, who attained his 1000th point in basketball on December 20, 2003, making him the 5th Stearns basketball player to earn this honor. We send our congratulations to Derek on this milestone and extend to him our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1013)

Paul Begin, of Jay, who is a life member of the George Buntin American Legion Post 10 and has belonged to it for over 37 years. Mr. Begin is also active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3335 in Jay. Mr. Begin can be found at the Post on

Wednesdays helping with the bingo games. Mr. Begin has given a great deal through the American Legion to improve the lives of everyone he meets. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Begin for his many years of dedication to the veterans and the communities of the State; (HLS 1014)

Robie Wagner, of Livermore Falls, who is a life member and past Post Commander and Second District Commander of George Bunten American Legion Post 10. He joined the American Legion in 1945. He was the Post finance officer for almost 30 years and worked at bingo games, benefit suppers and chicken barbecues. He served in military funeral details for over 50 years. He worked his way up in the 40/8, an Honor Group of the American Legion, to become the State Commander of the group. He has been placing the flags on veterans' graves from Jay to Leeds since 1945. Mr. Wagner has given a great deal through the American Legion to improve the lives of everyone he meets. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Wagner for his many years of dedication to the veterans of the State; (HLS 1015)

Laura Alvino, of Livermore Falls, who is a life member and past President of George Bunten American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10. Mrs. Alvino has been a member for 59 years. She has been a Second District President and member of the Androscoggin County Executive Board of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is also a life member of the King's Daughters and a member of St. Rose of Lime Church. Mrs. Alvino has given a great deal through the American Legion to improve the lives of everyone she meets. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Alvino for her many years of dedication to the veterans and the communities of Jay and Livermore Falls; (HLS 1016)

Benjamin A. Mayo, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his Leadership Service Project, Ben landscaped a park around a pond at the Wells Recreation Center. We extend our congratulations to Ben on this achievement; (HLS 1017)

the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), which is hosting the first Nonprofit Day at the State House on January 15, 2004. The association is the only statewide organization that represents the full spectrum of the State's nonprofit organizations. Founded in 1994 by a core group of 7 nonprofit organizations, the Maine Association of Nonprofits is committed to advancing and strengthening Maine's nonprofit sector. Its membership consists of more than 500 nonprofit members and 55 business and individual supporters. Its mission is to strengthen the leadership, voice and organizational effectiveness of nonprofit organizations throughout the State so that they can better enrich the quality of community and personal life throughout the State. We congratulate the Maine Association of Nonprofits for its excellent work on behalf of the nonprofit organizations and extend our thanks for organizing the first Nonprofit Day at the Maine State Legislature; (HLS 1018)

Brittany Veazie, of Dexter, on being named Miss Maine Field Hockey. The Maine Field Hockey Coaches Association selected Brittany as the State's top senior field hockey player from a field of 3 finalists. During her senior year, Brittany scored 25 goals and attained a total of 38 assists. She was a four-year starter for the Dexter Tigers, a team that Brittany helped lead to its 2003 Class C State Field Hockey Championship. We congratulate Brittany for all that she has accomplished as an athlete; (HLS 1019)

the Wilton Early Childhood Center in appreciation of providing a decade of early childhood education to children in its community. The nonprofit program started as a playgroup just 2 mornings each week with 7 families participating. It now serves

60 families. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Wilton Early Childhood Center on this occasion; (HLS 1020)

Paul Fox, of Monmouth, on his retirement as Chief of the Monmouth Fire Department. Mr. Fox joined the department in 1957, the year he moved to town. He has held all positions within the department, and he was elected Fire Chief in February, 1995. During Fire Chief Fox's tenure, the Monmouth Fire Department has seen wonderful successes, including acquiring vital equipment such as thermal imaging cameras and a new fire engine. We acknowledge Fire Chief Fox's years of dedicated service to this department, his community and the State and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1021)

the 100th Anniversary of the Monmouth Fire Department. On December 8, 1903, the citizens of Monmouth voted at a special town meeting to authorize the creation of the Monmouth Fire Department. Today, we celebrate the dedication and courage of the many men and women who have committed themselves over the last century to the honorable purpose of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Monmouth. The members of the department continue to ensure that their neighbors and fellow townspeople benefit from the presence of a modern, well-equipped, fully trained and highly experienced fire department; (HLS 1022)

the following members of the Hampden Academy Mock Trial Team, winners of the 2003 Maine State High School Mock Trial Competitions: Grace Cushing, Eric Kelmenson, Christopher Woodcock, Amy Dumont, Lauren Hartz, Katie Lawler, Courtney Parsons, Caroline Samp, Morgan Silva, Scott Simpson, Jennifer Swalec, John White, Rebecca Workman, Paige Clifton, Melissa Cox, Lauren Sturdivant, Sophie Kelmenson, Lauren Swalec and Stefanie Veneziano, Coaches William Devoe and James McCarthy and faculty advisor Kathryn King. The team's victory is Hampden Academy's 3rd triumph in the last 4 years. All team members should take great pride in their accomplishment. Their hard work and perseverance are most worthy of acknowledgement. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team's 19 members as they go on to represent Maine in the National Mock Trial Competitions in Orlando; (HLS 1023)

Robert C. Bell, of Bridgton, who served for 32 years as Chief of the Bridgton Police Department. Chief Bell received the Maine Humanitarian Award from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, which reflected the respect he earned from both the people in his community and his law enforcement associates. His deep knowledge and experience as a law enforcement officer prompted Chief Bell to serve as a president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Bell was instrumental in bringing the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics to Maine. His service on the Board of Directors of the New England Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics led to his induction into the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Hall of Fame. Chief Bell was the first to receive an award from the Special Olympics of Maine for dedication to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, and the organization named the award in his honor. As he now retires to spend time with his wife Janice and their 2 children, he leaves knowing that his community holds him in high regard. We extend our appreciation to Chief Bell for his contribution in preserving the quality of life in the Town of Bridgton; (HLS 1024)

Gail Howe Tarr, of Bridgton, who honorably served the citizens of Bridgton, Casco, Harrison and Otisfield during the 107th and 108th Legislatures. Born in Bridgton, Gail graduated from Bridgton High School and later studied at Maine General

School of Nursing, where she became a registered nurse. She gave a significant amount of her time to political activity and aided in the efforts of the Republican State Committee, the Long Lake Region Women's Republican Club and the Maine Federation of Republican Women. Her hard work for and dedication to her constituents are testament to her upstanding character. We recognize Gail for the contribution she made in serving the public and wish to offer our sincere condolences to her surviving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1025)

Philip Waterhouse, of West Paris, who is the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year for 2003. Mr. Waterhouse joined Maine Machine Products Company in March of 1966 has not missed a day of work in 35 of his 36 years there. He has always placed the customer first. His work ethic and work habits have truly separated him from the pack and make him a constant example to point the way for others. He has been an employee that the company counts on to create an environment that fosters understanding. He is not only a loyal employee but a friend. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Waterhouse on his receiving this award; (HLS 1026)

Mae Beck, of Gray, recipient of the 2002 Lifetime Service Award presented by the Gray Town Council. This award celebrates her lifetime of achievements as a volunteer and community member of Gray. Ms. Beck's work on numerous committees as a community volunteer has earned her this award. She has given many years of service to the town through her presence on the Town Council. Her commitment and dedication to town leadership issues, the Dry Mills School renovation and her church community as a volunteer will be appreciated for many generations. We extend our appreciation and congratulations to her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1027)

Beverly L. Prince, of Gray, on her being named the 2003 Volunteer of the Year by the Gray Town Council. This award is a tribute to her dedication to strengthening the community through her commitment of time and energy. She has given the town many years of service through the American Legion Auxiliary, recently as First District President. Her dedication to Gray will be appreciated for many generations. We extend our appreciation and congratulations to Beverly on her receiving this well-deserved recognition; (HLS 1028)

Andrea Burns, of Oxford Hills, co-recipient of the Community Service Award given by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Burns has been a devoted advocate of the communities of Oxford Hills for over 30 years. She retired from her position as an elementary school teacher in 1996, after more than 20 years of educating our youth. She has served on numerous education committees and task forces. She helped to organize the restructuring of the Stephens Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, created a vital resource of books and research materials for the citizens of Waterford and Oxford County through her work with the Waterford Library Association, worked to establish the McLaughlin Foundation and helped to envision Western Maine University. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Burns for her dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1029)

the Foster Vocational Technical Center at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington. The center has completed its 3rd-year fire fighter program. The fire fighter class included 14 high school students and 3 adults from 8 surrounding communities. The program instructs students in the basic fire fighter skills necessary for Structural Fire Attack Certification. We extend our appreciation to the students, mentors, sponsors and staff for their contribution of effort and time to better serve Maine's citizens; (HLS 1030)

Roscoe and Shirley Shane, of Naples, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 1, 2003. Shirley, originally from Bridgton, and Roscoe, a lifetime resident of Naples, settled and raised their children in Naples. Mr. and Mrs. Shane enjoy their community and like spending time with their 8 children, 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We join their many friends and family in congratulating them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 1031)

Scott Nile, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Scott on this accomplishment; (HLS 1032)

Chrystal Welch, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 70 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this anniversary; (HLS 1033)

Edith Masterman, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 55 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this anniversary; (HLS 1034)

Bernal Allen, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 55 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this anniversary; (HLS 1035)

Lincoln Flagg, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 50 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this anniversary; (HLS 1036)

Alton Welch, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 70 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this anniversary; (HLS 1037)

Thelma Frost, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 65 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this anniversary; (HLS 1038)

Gladys Masterman, of Wilton, who has been a member of the Franklin Grange for 60 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this anniversary; (HLS 1039)

Ellis Stone, of Otisfield, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, February 5, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Stone on this very special occasion; (HLS 1040)

Myron Pierce, of South Paris, co-recipient of the Community Service Award given by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Colonel Pierce is retired from the United States Army and served his country through times of war and peace. Colonel Pierce has served voluntarily on behalf of veterans' issues from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. He was instrumental in bringing the Maine Veterans' Home to South Paris and continues to be one of 2 veterans involved in activities surrounding the Maine Veterans' Home, including serving its on the Board of Trustees and participating in the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee. He is a retired school teacher who began his career as the Business Education Teacher and then became head of the Business Education Department at Oxford Hills High School. His involvement with young people continues even today. He has also been an active Shriner. We extend our appreciation to Colonel Pierce for his dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving the award; (HLS 1041)

Angela Dow, of Washburn, who has been nominated to participate in the 2004 International Mission on Medicine. Ms. Dow was selected for her commendable academic record and strong leadership potential. Her desire to help others through medical care is testimony to her good character. We extend our best wishes to Angela as she goes abroad to expand her knowledge on a full range of medical treatments; (HLS 1042)

Fire Chief Wayne Dube, of Canton, for all his efforts in assisting the families who were affected by the recent floods. We

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extend our appreciation to Chief Dube for all his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Canton; (HLS 1043)

Ethel Byard, of Sedgwick, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane as the oldest citizen in town. Mrs. Byard, born in 1908, has spent much of her life as a homemaker and is known for her doughnut-making ability. She has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Byard is a member of the Eastern Star and Sedgwick Baptist Church. Her father-in-law, Edward Byard, held the same cane until his death in 1969. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1044)

Gary Lanoie, of Gorham, and Bev Bisbee, of Saco, for their innovative ideas and successful efforts in organizing a student team to assist other students with computer-related questions and technological troubleshooting. Mr. Lanoie, who supervises the use of computers in the schools located in Cape Elizabeth, initially thought of organizing a team of students to help with the daunting task of assisting the large number of students receiving laptops in the middle school. Ms. Bisbee teaches 7th grade at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School and has taken the lead in this project along with Mr. Lanoie. Known as the iTeam, because of the students' use of iBooks, the team also assists Mr. Lanoie and Ms. Bisbee in trying new software for the area's schools. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Lanoie and Ms. Bisbee, the concept of a student tech team is catching on in other parts of the State. We send our appreciation to Mr. Lanoie and Ms. Bisbee for their dedication and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our best wishes to them for their continued efforts in helping other schools throughout the State to organize their own student tech teams; (HLS 1045)

Steve Kahl, of Old Town, who is president-elect of the National Institutes for Water Resources. Professor Kahl is a geochemist and director of the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research at the University of Maine. He also coordinates Maine's federally funded water resources research program. It is noteworthy that a president of NIWR is from Maine because the position has historically been held by water research directors from western states. There has been only one other president in the past decade from an eastern state. Professor Kahl feels that his new role will be an opportunity for the University to raise its national visibility and open doors to research funding agencies. We extend our congratulations to Professor Kahl on his being appointed to this prestigious position; (HLS 1046)

Franklin Savings Bank, of Farmington, which is rated the most financially stable bank in the State by Weiss Ratings, Inc. The rating is based on first-quarter earnings in 2003 and takes into consideration a bank's assets, income, capital, liquidity and stability projections. Weiss Ratings, Inc. annually ranks some 15,000 banks and lending institutions and Franklin Savings Bank has consistently ranked in the top tier since 1999. We extend our congratulations to Franklin Savings Bank on its earning this distinguished recognition; (HLS 1047)

Jon Millett, of Augusta, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Jon was named State Champion and Record Holder of the 100-yard breast stroke in 1983 and 1984. He also holds the record for the 200-meter breast stroke at the University of Maine. He holds the Peaks to Portland Swim 2.5 mile course record, and won that swimming race in 1983 and 1989 through 1991. He is currently the coach for the Kennebec Valley YMCA and Cony High School. We send

our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1048)

Dr. Bob Shelton and Candy Shelton Hill, of Winthrop, who have been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of their hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. They have won more than 100 whitewater canoeing titles including both state and New England titles and they have won 5 National Whitewater Canoeing Championships. They set the mixed pair record in the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race in 1978, a record that still stands. Candy was named the Maine Sports Hall of Fame Outstanding Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1978. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 1049)

Dick Turner, of Augusta, who has been posthumously inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of this Augusta baseball coaching legend on this occasion; (HLS 1050)

Stan Cowan, of Moody, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Stan is an outstanding track and cross-country coach and has led his teams to 35 State Championships. He coached at Maranacook Community School for more than 20 years and is currently a teacher and coach at York High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Cowan on this occasion; (HLS 1051)

Dave Poulin, of Readfield, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Coach Poulin led the Winthrop High School Boys' Varsity Basketball team to 2 State Championships and in 10 consecutive seasons his teams reached the Western Maine Semifinals. Since 1960 he has led his team to more wins than any other team in the State. He has also coached teams to 3 State AAU championships and one team to the National AAU tournament. Coach Poulin is the current director of the Gold Rush Basketball Team Camp. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1052)

Maureen McNally, of Pittston, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Maureen is a veteran coach of 25 years and is currently the field hockey coach at Gardiner Area High School, leading that school to the Class A State Field Hockey Championship in 1987. She was named the Maine State Coach of the Year in 1985 and 1987. She was also named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for 1987, 1999 and 2003. She was inducted into the New England Hall of Fame in 2001, is president of the Maine Field Hockey Association and has been honored by having a state field hockey tournament named in her honor. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 1053)

Bob Whytock, of Farmingdale, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work

and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Bob was both an offensive and defensive player for the University of Maine and earned a spot on the Yankee Conference All-Star Team. He was a well-known football coach at Cony High School and was a scout for the University of Maine. He was a top referee and officiated state championship basketball games for more than a decade. He was also the Director of the Western Maine Basketball Tournament for 30 years and was the Principal of Cony High School for 13 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1054)

Ralph Thomas, of Augusta, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Mr. Thomas has competed in 23 marathons and has won 5. In one year he won 19 consecutive road races. He placed 44th in the 1975 Boston Marathon and he has won the Lake Champlain race 3 times. He holds the "Maine One Hour Run" record, having run more than 11 miles. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1055)

Ed Coffin, of Augusta, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. For more than 20 years, Mr. Coffin has coached for Augusta East Little League, church league basketball and the YMCA High School League. The founder of Coffin Engineering, Mr. Coffin has coached many championship teams at the youth and high school levels. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1056)

Jim Clark, of Augusta, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Mr. Clark has been involved in athletic endeavors for many years. At the age of 16 he set pins for the YMCA. He has coached youth leagues at the YMCA, for the Cony High School Junior Varsity team and for church leagues. He served on the Kennebec Valley YMCA Board of Directors and is a past President of the Augusta Rotary Club. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1057)

Dick Hunt, of Augusta, who has been posthumously inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Dick was a coach at Cony High School from 1962 to 1973 and his teams won 2 state championships and made the Augusta area well-known and respected for its basketball. His overall record at Cony High School was 183-48 and he coached the team to its victory at the 1976-77 CIAU National Basketball Championship. Many coaches still use Coach Hunt's plays. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of Dick Hunt on this occasion; (HLS 1058)

Bud Folsom, of Augusta, who has been inducted posthumously into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Bud was a standout varsity football, basketball and baseball player during

his years at Cony High School. He was a Church League and youth basketball coach and was the Director of Farrington and Northend playgrounds for the City of Augusta. He was also the Kennebec Valley YMCA Physical Education Director and Youth Leader, supervising all boys' activities, girls' swimming and the teenage club. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of Bud Folsom on this occasion; (HLS 1059)

Holly Stevens-Davis, of Augusta, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Holly was selected 3 times as her high school's Most Valuable Player and once as the most valuable player at her team's state championship game. She was a 4-time All-New England Pitcher and a member of the World Series National Championship Softball All-Tournament Team. She was the only collegiate player (male or female) to pitch 2 consecutive perfect games and she has coached 2 State Championship ASA Teams. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 1060)

Chrisanne Burns, of Augusta, who has been posthumously inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Chrisanne was a member of the 1989 Class A State Championship Cony High School Girls Basketball team and a member of the Cony Girls Softball Eastern Maine Finals team. Chrisanne was a motivational force behind athletics for girls at Cony High School and in appreciation of her commitment and dedication, a Cony High School scholarship is named after her and the Chrisanne Burns Memorial Basketball Tournament is held in her honor. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of Chrisanne Burns on this occasion; (HLS 1061)

Sam McCall, of Augusta, who has been inducted posthumously into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Sam started the famous Church Basketball League. His Kennebec Valley YMCA volleyball teams won the state championships for more than 20 years. He designed all of the City of Augusta's playgrounds and served as the Executive Director of the area's YMCA for 40 years. The Sam McCall Pool, named in his honor, continues to serve youth and families in this area. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of Sam McCall on this occasion; (HLS 1062)

David Parquette, of Augusta, who has been posthumously inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. David was the holder of all individual career basketball scoring records at Cony High School, including most points scored with 1,303; most field goals with 536; most free throws with 229; and the best scoring average with a 4-year average of 20.6. The Colonel David Parquette Memorial Fitness Center is named in his honor. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of David Parquette on this occasion; (HLS 1063)

Bob Browne, of Vassalboro, who has been inducted posthumously into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Bob was a

member of the 1958 Augusta Babe Ruth State Championship Team. He was a youth basketball coach and a leader in his community. He was a Natanis Club Champion and led the club's expansion from a 9-hole to a 36-hole golf course. Bob was also the president of the Maine Golf Superintendents Association. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of Bob Browne on this occasion; (HLS 1064)

Normie Merrill, of Augusta, who has been inducted posthumously into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Normie played professional baseball, first with the Boston Red Sox and later with the Cleveland Indians. He was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977 and the Sports Hall of Fame of Maine in 1979. He was a member of the 1932 Cony High School State Championship Football team and held the freshman football scoring record of 114 points. He was the founder of the Augusta Boosters Club and helped to run it for more than 30 years. He was named Le Club Calumet Citizen of the Year in 1972. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the family of Normie Merrill on this occasion; (HLS 1065)

Tom Maines, of Waterville, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Tom was an Erskine Academy basketball star during his high school years. He is currently the varsity basketball coach for Madison Area Memorial High School. Previously he coached varsity teams in Mexico, Waterville and Bath schools. Coach Maines has 337 career wins to date and is the only coach in the State's history to win 3 consecutive Class A State Boys' Championships. He is the founder of the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1066)

Colin Roy, of Hallowell, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of his hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Colin played on 2 Gardiner American Legion State Championship teams, pitched for 16 years on fast-pitch softball teams with an overall record of 331-73, including 10 no-hitters. He has won 6 state championships, one New England championship, has participated in 13 national tournaments and was twice named to the All-American team. He has coached football, basketball, baseball and softball for 22 years, is the President of the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference and serves as Athletic Director at Mt. Ararat High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1067)

Jane Diplock, of Manchester, who has been inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame, an award sponsored by the Kennebec Valley YMCA, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication to sports, which have raised the aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley. Jane was a member of the University of Maine All-Maine Basketball and Field Hockey teams for 4 consecutive years. She is a 5-time winner of the Women's Maine State Golf Association Senior Championship, is an 11-time winner of the Super Senior State Tournament and a 10-time winner of the Augusta Country Club Championship. She has been involved with coaching for 22 years and has coached girls' basketball, softball and field hockey at Cony High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 1068)

Gemma Granger, of Sabattus, on her retirement after 22 years of dedicated service with the State. Gemma started as a receptionist for Governor Joe Brennan. She worked as a field representative in Congressman Brennan's Augusta District Office. In 1989, Gemma moved to the legislative branch as the House Majority Office's legislative aide. She is known in the Majority Office as the "constituent service queen" and has mentored many legislative aides. Gemma has served as a tremendous resource to all. We extend our appreciation to Gemma for her dedicated service to the State and wish her many exciting adventures in her new phase of life; (HLS 1069)

Polaris Industries, makers of the ever-popular snowmobile, which is celebrating the occasion of its 50th Anniversary during 2004 and has selected the Town of Millinocket as one of its 4 anniversary sites. Polaris Industries has a long history with the Katahdin Region. Soon after Polaris co-founder, David Johnson, built the first snowmobile, the company began testing its Sno-Traveller machines in this region. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Polaris Industries and the citizens of the Town of Millinocket as they commemorate this milestone with festivities on January 30th and 31st; (1070)

Dawn M. Ego, of Winslow, a member of the Oakland Police Department, who has been named the 2002-2003 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Waterville Exchange Club based on her outstanding service to the citizens of the Town of Oakland. We send our appreciation to Officer Ego for her dedication and commitment to the Oakland Police Department and extend our congratulations to her upon receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1071)

Trooper Robert Chandler, of Scarborough, on his retirement from the Maine State Police. Trooper Chandler joined the 35th Training Troop in January 1979, and after graduating from the Maine State Police Academy, he was assigned to a rural patrol in Scarborough's Troop B. In the early 1980s, he became one of the lead instructors for the Academy's OUI program. In 1987 Trooper Chandler was assigned to the training unit as Cadre for the Municipal County Basic Police School and was promoted in 1988 to Trooper-Specialist. He was reassigned to the State Police Academy in 1994 prior to the 43rd Training Troop, where he served as Cadre/Academic Curriculum Specialist. In 1995, he was reassigned as the Bureau's Principal Firearms Instructor. We acknowledge Trooper Robert Chandler's dedicated service to his profession and to the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1072)

Edgar Franklin Hamm, Sr., a lifelong resident of East Millinocket. With his wife Laura, Edgar took over his family's business, the Union Hotel, in 1947. The first hotel in town, the Union Hotel opened in 1907 and has remained in the Hamm family. In 1963, the hotel burned and was replaced in another location by The Hamlet, which is now run by Edgar and Laura's son; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1073)

Glen Daigle, whose businesses, Daigle's Furniture and Appliance and Daigle Sport Center, have each been named the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Mr. Daigle, a longtime community activist, has been involved in the completion of Interstate 95, the Top of Maine Mountain Bike Race and the Acadian Festival and is President of the International Snowmobilers Festival. We extend our congratulations to Glen Daigle on his receiving this award; (HLS 1074)

the descendants of Pierre Gendreau and Marie Garnier, who will be in Madawaska from July 1st to July 4th to celebrate their heritage and contributions to the United States and Canada since

the 17th century. Five brothers from the fifth generation of Gendreaus in North America, Eugene, Pascal, Francois, Edouard and Pierre, migrated from their native parish of Cap-Saint-Ignace, Quebec to St-Basile, New Brunswick in the upper St. John Valley in the early 19th century. Edouard put down roots and made a home and livelihood among the Acadians in Madawaska in 1829. In 1844, he married Eleonore Belanger and started a proud and bountiful family that is now in its fifth generation. The many descendants of the Gendreau family have dedicated themselves to responsible citizenship and public service throughout the continent of North America, displaying perseverance, hard work, ingenuity and dependability in whatever they have undertaken; (HLS 1075)

Philip "Blackie" Marston, of Freeport, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Marston served in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean War. He also served in the Army National Guard and retired as a warrant officer after 27 years. He enjoyed sports and helped to organize the L.L. Bean Sportsman. He played drums since he was 12 years of age and played in a variety of bands throughout the years. He also taught drums and mentored young people in the community for 40 years. He was the first inductee to the Maine Percussion Hall of Fame. In March 1999, the Freeport Music Department honored him for his many years of service to the music students of Freeport and the "Blackie Marston March" was written in his honor. Mr. Marston was active in many civic and community organizations and was well-known for helping to organize parades and Memorial Day activities in the community. He was a member of the Freeport Fire Department, a member of the Battery G. 240th Coast Artillery Corps Association and the 240th Coast Artillery Corps Regiment Association. He received the American Legion Service Award for his work with children and the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Cumberland County Extension Association. Mr. Marston will be missed by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1076)

Lawrence E. and Marion L. (Fowler) Boss, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, February 13, 2004. They are lifelong residents of the Katahdin area and active in the Calvary Temple Assembly of God in East Millinocket. Mr. and Mrs. Boss have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1077)

Alex Nichols, of South Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop # 338, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Alex's leadership project was creating a stencil that he used to paint the message "Dump No Waste-Leads to River" on signs that he posted near storm drains throughout South Berwick. The intention was to make the citizens aware that the drains did not go to a sewage treatment plant, but rather into the river. We commend him for his dedication to this environmental project for his community and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (HLS 1078)

the Sea Cadets, of Mahoney Middle School in South Portland, the League Cadets of CG Group Portland Division and T/S Nicholas FFG and their leaders, Lieutenant Roger A. Sabourin and LCDR G. David Carchia, on the occasion of their 3rd Annual Inspection. The Sea Cadets and their leaders have been outstanding citizens and have participated in many forms of community service, from the laying of 4000 wreaths at the Togus National Cemetery to raking leaves for the senior citizens in South Portland. We extend our appreciation to them for their dedication to the State and to the City of South Portland; (HLS 1079)

Theresa "Tessie" Libbey, of Mattawamkeag, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, February 5, 2004. Mrs. Libbey has been an active, respected member and officer in the Order of the Eastern Star. She has been a kind and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her immediate family and has extended her love, kindness and generosity to many others who have adopted her as a second mother. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Libbey on this very special occasion; (HLS 1080)

Russell L. Sansbury, of Auburn, a longtime employee of the U.S. Botanic Gardens in Washington, D.C, who retired as a foreman at the gardens' Poplar Point Nursery. In the 8 greenhouses with a crew of about 8 men, he had the care of the azalea collection between showings at the conservatory, also caring for many other varieties of plants and shrubs. Mr. Sansbury was also the principal grower for all the cut flowers and flowering plants shown at the conservatory and used by Congress and other governmental functions. After retiring to Auburn, he was one of the directors of the S.P.C.A., serving on several committees for the maintenance of the shelter. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, a member of Friends of the Auburn Public Library and a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church where he served as the financial secretary and cared for the church's planter. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his generous, thoughtful, caring nature and for his sense of humor. We send our sympathy to his wife, Doris Clifford Sansbury, and his many nieces and nephews; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1081)

Anthony "Tony" Lekakos, of Biddeford, who has been named the Great Person of the Year by the Courier newspaper. Mr. Lekakos is a custodian at the Saco Middle School and is well-known for his dedicated work ethic and his willingness to take on more than his primary custodial duties. Well-liked by all, he is truly a people person and he cares greatly for the students in his school. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1082)

Donald Daigle, of Fort Kent, beloved husband of Francoise Daigle, a special education teacher for 30 years at Fort Kent Community High School and a coach of both basketball and track and field. Mr. Daigle was a member of the C.O.F. and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1934. He was a member of several professional organizations, including the Maine Education Association and the National Education Association. In 2002 he received the Who's Who Among Teachers Award. Mr. Daigle will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends and colleagues and especially all of his students whom he cherished and adored; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1083)

Roland Donald Pelletier, of New Limerick, beloved husband of Viola (Fongemie) Pelletier, father and grandfather, son and brother. Mr. Pelletier was born in Sinclair and was raised in northern Aroostook County. He was employed by the Maine Warden Service for 22 years and retired in 1988. He was recently working as a United States Immigration Inspector. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to the State and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his peers and colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1084)

James F. Dore, of Lyman, for his 24 years of service with the Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue. During his tenure, James served as a fire officer from 1982 to 1995 and as a forest fire warden since 1984. He served several terms as its corporation president and was a member of its board of trustees. As a past president of the Fire Investigators of York County and current member of the board of directors, James' strong sense of commitment toward public safety remains firm. James also lends his knowledge and

expertise to the Maine Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, of which he is a charter member. We wish to thank James for his ongoing devotion toward keeping the public safe and secure; (HLS 1085)

Gary R. Sawyer, of Winthrop, on the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of dedicated state service. Mr. Sawyer retired from the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services as Department Information Service Manager on January 30, 2004 after 22 years of distinguished service with that department. In 1962, he started his career as a groundskeeper and by 1966, he was the Planning Assistant for the Highway Commission. He next served with the Maine Criminal Justice and Planning Assistance Agency, before moving to the department from which he retired. His loyalty, dependability and knowledge will be greatly missed. We extend our sincere congratulations and join his many friends and family in wishing him a well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1086)

C. Brewster Earle and Genieve (Wallace) Earle, of Northboro, Massachusetts and Boothbay Harbor, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 19, 2004. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 1087)

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 8, of Bangor, which are celebrating the Pack's 25th Anniversary on January 31, 2004. The First United Methodist Church of Bangor chartered the Troop and the Pack. There are currently 36 boys in the Cub Scout Pack, and over the 25 years 22 boys have achieved the high rank of Eagle Scout through the Troop. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the past and present members and we thank Cubmaster Glenn E. Mower for his dedicated service; (HLS 1088)

John W. Powell, Jr. and Anne B. Powell, of Madison, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, February 12, 2004. They have 2 children and one grandchild. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1089)

David Shields, of Kennebunk, for almost 30 years of service as a Selectman of the Town of Kennebunk. He also served as a Kennebunk firefighter from 1961 to 1994 and retired as Assistant Fire Chief. The Kennebunk Fire Rescue is honoring him as a charter member of the department's Wall of Honor. We acknowledge David Shields' many years of service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1090)

John Thyng, of Kennebunk, for 42 and a half years of firefighter service, and for being named "Unicel Firefighter of the Year." He is being honored by Kennebunk Fire Rescue as a charter member of that department's Wall of Honor. We acknowledge his many years of dedicated service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1091)

Willis Wilson, of Kennebunk Lower Village, for 38 years of firefighter service in the Washington Hose Fire Company. The oldest serving member, he is being honored by Kennebunk Fire Rescue as a charter member of the department's Wall of Honor. We acknowledge Willis Wilson's years of dedicated service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1092)

Richard Carter, of Bethel, for his many years of dedication and service to his community. Mr. Carter is considered to be one of the Town of Bethel's most outstanding citizens. He was a member of the class of 1933 at Gould Academy and since his graduation he has continued to work on his family's dairy farm. Richard Carter became a certified tree farmer and helped Albert

Nutting and Spike Leonard mark one of the first woodlots in the State to be selectively harvested. He has served as a selectman for his town and has served 10 years on the Oxford County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. We send Richard Carter our thanks for his commitment to Oxford County's agricultural community and extend our best wishes to him for his continued success and health in the future; (HLS 1093)

Brock Arthur Bessey, of Ashland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 179, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brock on this accomplishment; (HLS 1094)

Larry W. Higgins, of Auburn, husband of Lorraine Lefebvre Higgins, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a well-known local retailer. Mr. Higgins was the owner and operator of Higgins Sports Center, Incorporated of Auburn. He was a member of numerous clubs and organizations, including the Auburn Exchange Club, Ducks Unlimited and the Auburn Skeet Club. He was also a charter member of C.A.D.A. and a life member of the National Rifle Association. Mr. Higgins will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (HLS 1095)

Kris Doody-Chabre, of Caribou, who has been selected to receive the Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion, the second-highest award bestowed by the Chapel of Four Chaplains. The award is given for outstanding contributions to the well-being of others at the national or world level, to world peace or to interfaith and interethnic understanding. Ms. Doody-Chabre, the CEO of Cary Medical Center, was chosen for her work in the veterans' community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Kris Doody-Chabre on her receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1096)

the Caribou Utilities District, which has received the Outstanding Operation Award by the Maine Rural Water Association. The award is presented to a facility that has made significant improvements to its facility to better serve its customers and to protect public health and the environment. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Caribou Utilities District on this occasion; (HLS 1097)

LaForest A. Gardiner, Sr., of Sherman Mills, a prominent potato farmer for more than 50 years. Mr. Gardiner served as a selectman for the Town of Sherman and was the chairman of Sherman Olde Home Days. He was a 57-year member of the Molunkus Lodge No. 165 and for many years was a member of AF&AM of Sherman and the Anah Shriners of Bangor. Mr. Gardiner will be greatly missed by his family and many friends; (HLS 1098)

February 12, 2004, as YMCA Alliance of Maine Legislative Advocacy Day. Assisting Maine children, families and communities is part of the heritage of YMCAs throughout the State. The YMCA Alliance of Maine, representing 17 nonprofit, charitable YMCA facilities, is proud of that heritage and continues to strive for excellence in serving Maine communities. In keeping with their motto, "We build strong kids, strong families and strong communities," the YMCAs serve Mainers of all ages, abilities, income levels and faiths. They provide scholarships, exceptional child care and after-school care programs and epitomize volunteerism. We extend our appreciation to the YMCAs of the State for their continued dedication to the citizens of the State of Maine; (HLS 1099)

Gary Adams, of Lewiston, for his hard work and commitment to the City of Lewiston on the occasion of the Lewiston Ramada Inn's 30th anniversary. Over the years Gary has served the City of Lewiston in many capacities. He has been a city councilor, president of the Rotary Club and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He has worked tirelessly to promote the city that he

refers to as a "jewel." We thank Gary for his dedication to the City of Lewiston and its citizens; (HLS 1100)

Kevin Jenkins, of Gorham, on the occasion of his 300th win, in his 20th season as head coach of the Gorham High School varsity boys' basketball team. Mr. Jenkins has served his school and community as a coach, teacher and school administrator. Mr. Jenkins has compassionately touched the lives of those he has worked with in all of his volunteer and professional endeavors. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Jenkins for his commitment to his students and community, and congratulate him upon his achievements; (HLS 1101)

George Howard Dyer, 98, of Otisfield, on the occasion of receiving the Boston Post Cane as the town's oldest citizen and for his lifelong dedication to his community. Mr. Dyer was born in Otisfield and has been very active over the years as Treasurer, Tax Collector, Constable, Selectman and School Board Member. He has been a volunteer at the Market Square Health Care Center. He is also a member of the East Otisfield Free Baptist Church, where he serves as Deacon Emeritus. Town law requires perambulation of the boundaries every 10 years, and as a gift to the town Mr. Dyer has twice walked the 34-mile Town of Otisfield's boundary line, once at the age of 39 and more recently at the age of 95. We acknowledge Mr. George Howard Dyer's remarkable dedication to his community, and we congratulate him on his receiving the Boston Post Cane; (HLS 1102)

Agnes LaPlante, a lifelong resident of Fairfield, on the special occasion of her 90th Birthday, February 21, 2004. Mrs. LaPlante was one of 10 children and is now the only surviving child of her family. She has been a homemaker, a secretary and an employee of Keyes Fibre Company and is a former Town Clerk for the Town of Fairfield. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her birthday; (HLS 1103)

Aviation Machinist Mate First Class Petty Officer Jeffrey Troy Tilton, of Richmond, on the occasion of his retirement as an instructor at the Naval Air Station, Naval Air Reserve Center in Brunswick. Petty Officer Tilton began his military career in 1984 as an aircraft engine mechanic for Patrol Squadron 92 P-3 Orion Aircraft stationed at the Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, Massachusetts and later served as a Quality Assurance Representative at that same station. He joined the Safety Department for the Fleet Logistics Squadron 62 C-130 Hercules Aircraft while stationed at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick and remained in that position until he assumed his current duty as an instructor. We send our congratulations to Petty Officer Jeffrey Troy Tilton on his retirement and extend to him our best wishes in his future endeavors; (HLS 1104)

Richard Batt, of Wilton, President of Franklin Memorial Hospital, who has earned a triple-play in Maine-based awards. During the summer of 2003, he received the Dan Hanley Leadership Award. In receiving this honor, Mr. Batt was recognized for his passion for community health, promoting investments in the health of the whole community and providing access to health care to those who can least afford it. In September of 2003, he was named to the MaineBiz Next List, which recognizes people in the State who have shaped the future of Maine's economy. The third award, the Ruth S. Shaper Memorial Award, given by the Maine Public Health Association, was presented to him for his demonstrating a broad orientation to health promotion and disease prevention that has affected so many lives. We send our appreciation to Mr. Batt for his dedication and contributions to the citizens of his community and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on his receiving these awards; (HLS 1105)

Melvin "Mickey" Boutilier, of Gorham, recipient of the 3rd annual Lifetime Service Award, sponsored by the John F. Murphy Homes, Inc., for his lifelong dedication to people with mental retardation. Mickey, who is the founder of Special Olympics in Maine, continues to be involved with that organization. He was the first chair of the Consumer Advisory Board and served in that capacity for 23 years. He continues to be a CAB volunteer correspondent. He also chaired the Maine Advisory Committee and served in that capacity for over a decade. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to him for his many years of leadership and advocacy on behalf of persons with mental retardation; (HLS 1106)

the Foxcroft Academy "Ponies" wrestling team, of Dover-Foxcroft, for winning the Class C State Championship on February 7, 2004. It was the first time a Foxcroft Academy wrestling team won the coveted title and is a fitting tribute to Coach Luis Ayala and his exceptional team. We send our congratulations to the Ponies on being crowned the Class C State Wrestling champions; (HLS 1107)

Owen Pratt, of Dover-Foxcroft, on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the town. Mr. Pratt will retire as Town Manager on February 27th, after a history of commitment throughout his distinguished years of service to the community. He is a Dover-Foxcroft native and began his town service as the Parks & Recreation Director on August 2, 1974. He was town manager for 26 years. His leadership over that time established a strong record towards the community's progress through involvement in numerous major events that changed the face of the community. He also was a strong supporter of education, which resulted in the Penquis Higher Education Center, a major resource for the region. His role in the town government reached well beyond policies and procedures, into the very heart of Dover-Foxcroft. We extend our sincere congratulations and join his many friends and family in wishing him best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1108)

Patricia Cress, of Eliot, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, on her retirement February 20, 2004, after 24 years of service to the town. Ms. Cress was hired in 1978 as a clerk in the Town Office, and in 1987 she became Deputy Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Motor Vehicle Agent. In 1995, she became the Chair of the Board of Voters and the Registrar of Voters and was promoted to Town Clerk and Tax Collector. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her community and to the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1109)

Mary Blenk, of Cumberland, who took blue-ribbon honors at the Maine State Pie Championships held in Augusta. Ms. Blenk's one-of-a-kind apple pie recipe has earned her the chance to compete at the 2004 Pillsbury Bake-Off to be held June 26th to 29th in Hollywood, California. In addition to winning first prize in the apple category, she took second prize for her blueberry pie recipe. Having entered her baked goods at agricultural fairs around the State, Ms. Blenk won first place with her apple pie at the Cumberland Fair in 2003 and also garnered another triumph for her blueberry pie at the 2003 Union Fair's Wild Blueberry Contest. Ms. Blenk will be one of only 100 contestants selected from across the country to compete at the biannual Bake-Off in Hollywood. We extend our best wishes to Ms. Blenk as she represents Maine at this national competition; (HLS 1110)

Constance Georgia Hartwell Cincotti, of Otisfield, who celebrated her 92nd Birthday on January 5, 2004. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 1111)

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Mike Maberry, of Mechanic Falls, who is the recipient of the Americanism Award for Citizenship from the American Legion Post 150 of Mechanic Falls. Mr. Maberry is honored for his initiating and following through on a proposal to bring the Pledge of Allegiance into Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Maberry on his receiving this award; (HLS 1112)

Peter Sprague, of East Millinocket, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Peter on this accomplishment; (HLS 1114)

James E. Murray, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, a prominent and active member of his community. Mr. Murray served in the United States Army and later in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He received his law degree from the Maine School of Law and was employed by Allstate Insurance Company for 30 years, serving as Senior Market Claims Manager. After his retirement in 1987, he worked as an insurance consultant for Commercial Union Insurance. He was on the Board of Selectmen in Cape Elizabeth and was a member of the school board. He was a member of the advisory board for the Cape Elizabeth Fort Williams Advisory Commission. He also was past president and founder of the Cape Boosters and past president of the Little League. Mr. Murray was on the building committee at St. Bartholomew's Church and also volunteered at the soup kitchen on Preble Street in Portland. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 49 years, Marjorie, and his family, friends and neighbors; (In MEMORIUM) (HLS 1115)

Spencer Hawkes, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Spencer on this accomplishment; (HLS 1116)

David Proctor, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to David on this accomplishment; (HLS 1117)

Joanna White, of Strong, who has been recognized by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards as a Distinguished Finalist for her impressive participation in community service. Joanna is a senior at Mt. Abram Regional High School. She performs a wide variety of volunteer tasks that benefit her community. She participates in substance abuse education programs, mentors needy children, teaches classes in life skills, helps at Red Cross blood drives, collects donations of food for needy families, raises funds for community projects, works for the Maine Foster Care program and participates in faith-based mission projects and other education initiatives. We are proud to recognize her dedication and selfless commitment to her school and community; (HLS 1118)

the members of the Mt. Blue High School wrestling team, who captured the Eastern A regional championship and placed 6th out of 22 schools in the 2004 State Class A Championship. Members of the team include Gary Begin, Shane Webber, Kyle Gilley, Nick White, Chris Embleton, Seth Webber, Kateleen Roberts, Josh Haines, Nate Childs and Hazen Pingree. Shane Webber, Seth Webber and Chris Embleton placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in their weight classes at the state championship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its fine season; (HLS 1119)

Thomas T. Downey, of Vienna, Legal Proofreader in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes of the Legislature. Tom, who was recently named the first president of the Maine State Association of Legislative Employees, was an accomplished and inspirational teacher, writer and editor. He held a bachelor's degree in philosophy and history from the University of Southern Maine and attended the graduate program for religious study at Temple University, where he was the Russell Conway Scholar.

Tom was an openhearted, loyal and beloved friend of many, known for his compassion, wit and sense of humor. His coworkers in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes deeply feel the loss of Tom's professional skills, his wise advice and his spirit of playful camaraderie. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, to his profession and to the State of Maine. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife, Colleen, and their children, his loving parents and sisters, his extended family, his colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIUM) (HLS 1120)

Amanda York, of Milford, who has been chosen as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program. This program fulfills the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. Under the program, Amanda will travel to Australia and New Zealand to meet with other students and government officials. Amanda is active in many school and community activities and is currently a sixth grader at the Lewis S. Libby School. We acknowledge her dedicated service and commend her for being an excellent ambassador to the State and Country; (HLS 1121)

Amber L. Baxter, a student at Lisbon High School, who was named as a Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. We congratulate Amber on this academic accomplishment; (HLS 1122)

the members of the Lisbon High School Football Team, who won the Campbell Conference Championship, the Class C Western Maine Regional Championship and were runners-up in the 2003 Class C State Championship. Members of the team are: Carl Grady; Andrew Dubois; Chris Brunick; Maxx Hathaway; Andrew Caron; Chris Kates; John Tefft; Derek Roy; Levi Ervin; Eric Jeffords; Nate Dostie; Tony Walker; Nick Harmon; Matt Powell; Sean Unterkoeffer; Josh Neagle; Cale Chattick; Elijah Treffts; Steve Ross; Jacob Sprinkle; Josh Stevens; Chris Waters; Ryan Strout; Shawn Fitzgerald; Robbie Tietjen; Randy Chaloux; Mitch Harmon; Nick Adams; Dan Cornell; head coach Dick Mynahan; assistant coaches John Murphy; Stacen Doucette; Randy Ridley and managers Lisa Chaloux and Kristina Giguere. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1123)

Anne Stauffer Behnke, of Lewiston, for her 35 years as a teacher at the auburn schools. Ms. Behnke is also a dedicated Hospice volunteer. We send our appreciation to her for her commitment and dedication to the youth and other citizens in the State; (HLS 1124)

Richard Mynahan, of Lisbon, coach of the Lisbon High School Football Team, who has been named Campbell Conference Class C Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Coach Mynahan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1125)

John Tefft, a member of the Lisbon High School Football Team, who has been named a Campbell Conference All-Star and the Class C Football Player of the Year and who is the recipient of the Taglienti Award. We extend our congratulations to John on these accomplishments; (HLS 1126)

the members of the Lisbon High School Men's Cross Country Team, who won the 2003 Mountain Valley Championship, the 2003 Class C Western Maine Championship and the 2003 Class C State Championship. Members of the team are: Kaleb Boucher; Troy Clark; Tyler Clark; Jared Cloutier; Justin Cornell; Ken McCoy; Philip Morlock; Wayne Smith; Dan Suthers and head coach Hank Fuller. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1127)

Charlie Stambach, a member of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the 2004 Class C State Championship in the 119-pound weight class. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Charlie on this accomplishment; (HLS 1128)

Justin Cornell, a member of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the 2004 Class C State Championship in the 112-pound weight class. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Justin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1129)

Derek Giusto, a member of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the 2004 Class C State Championship in the 135-pound weight class. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Derek on this accomplishment; (HLS 1130)

Nate Hix, a member of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the 2004 Class C State Championship in the 130-pound weight class. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Nate on this accomplishment; (HLS 1131)

Troy Clark, a member of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the 2004 Class C State Championship in the 140-pound class. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Troy on this accomplishment; (HLS 1132)

the members of the Lisbon High School Competition Cheering Team, who won the 2003 Class C Western Maine Championship and were named runners-up at the 2003 Mountain Valley Conference. Members of the team are: Lynn Adams; Nikki Strople; Heather Proctor; Heather Rendall; Andrea Piela; Kristen Treadwell; Sabrina Bucher; Kim Campbell; Allison DeChamplain; Heather Sansone; Ashley Proctor; Robin Littlefield; Kristen Johnson; Rebecca Wierzbicki; Angela Lackner; Allison Faulk; Brianne Delcourt; head coach Kristina Doughty; and assistant coach Christina Almy. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1133)

the members of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, on their being named the 2004 Class C Western Maine Champions, the 2004 Mid-State League Champions and the 2004 Class C State Championship runners-up. Members of the team are: captain Nate Hix; captain Derek Giusto; captain Troy Clark; captain Mitch Harmon; manager Sam Hayslip; Tyler Clark; Justin Cornell; Charlie Stambach; Tim Sewall; Josh Dubois; Ian McKeage; Turner Huston; Rob Tietjen; Jacob Sprinkle; Elijah Treffts; coach Mark Stevens; and assistant coaches Bob Earle, Ted Albasini and Shawn Johnson. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1134)

Robert Giguere, in appreciation of his 25 years of commitment and dedication as Chaplain at the Androscoggin County Jail. Affectionately known as Pastor Bob, his ministry goes far beyond the confines of the jail. He assists with the needs of the families of the offenders and provides some follow-up once the offender is released from custody. He is also responsible for coordinating all religious services and special presentations at the jail and is available for weekly counseling with offenders. Pastor Giguere resides in Lewiston where he and his beloved wife, Beverly, have raised 5 children. He is the senior minister of the Fellowship Church, an independent nondenominational ministry located in Greene. We send our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Giguere for his ministry at the Androscoggin County Jail and extend to him our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1135)

South Portland Coast Guard Station, recipient of the Kimball Award for "Exceptional Readiness." We extend our appreciation to them for their dedication and service to the State and to the City of South Portland and send our congratulations on their receiving this award; (HLS 1136)

Wayne Latham Jackson, of East Baldwin, formerly of Westbrook. Mr. Jackson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Maine and was a Service Forester for the Maine Forest Service in South Paris from 1958-1964, where he managed the Forest Unit Productivity Project, one of 3 in the United States. In 1964, he began employment with S.D. Warren Paper Co. as a Senior Forester, and continued for 32 years at their Bingham and Westbrook locations. Mr. Jackson retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and Military Policeman with 30 years of Reserve service. He was a member of the American Legion and the Order of Masons - Paris Lodge #94. He served on the Westbrook School Committee and, when he and his family moved to Baldwin in 1992, he became very active in that community's affairs, serving as a trustee of the Baldwin Brown Memorial Library, a member of the Baldwin Historical Society and the Baldwin Appeals Board. Mr. Jackson also was a member of Small Woodlot Owner's Association of Maine and helped coordinate Tree Farm Family Field Days throughout southern Maine and exhibits at the Fryeburg Fair. He was a member of numerous sporting and professional organizations and was a true Maine sportsman in every sense of the word. We acknowledge Mr. Jackson's dedicated service to his communities, to his profession and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 47 years, Millie, his loving family, his colleagues and peers and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1137)

Alberta Wentworth, of Wells, a former Member of the Maine State Legislature and a former Town Clerk of Wells. Mrs. Wentworth moved to Wells in the early 1940s and ran a grocery store on Route 1 for many years. She started a nursery school, which, along with Wentworth Cabins, she ran for 7 years. She was the Town Clerk of Wells from 1959 to 1978 and she also served as Selectman for several terms. She served in the Maine House of Representatives during the 109th-114th Legislatures. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her community and to the State. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1138)

Laura Newman, of Portland, a member of Portland Trails, upon the honored occasion of her receiving the distinguished Community Partnership Award from the Department of Education and the KIDS Consortium of Lewiston. Founded over two decades ago to promote and preserve public green spaces, Portland Trails proudly assists Portland elementary and middle school students in service-learning projects to improve trails and develop a sense of public service. We salute Laura Newman for her unselfish sharing of grantwriting skills, her community partnership recruiting and her commitment to the potential of young people in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1139)

Richard Libbey, of Auburn, and Wilbur Libbey, of Westwood, Massachusetts and Bridgton, for their gift to the Gray Community Endowment of 45 acres of land in the Libby Hill area of the Town of Gray. The Libbey family, formerly Libby, were some of the first settlers in Gray, and the parcel of land has been in the family for 200 years. The sharing of these family assets with the Town of Gray will ensure the protection and use of this land for outdoor recreation and educational opportunities for generations to come. The Libbys' forested land is contiguous with the existing Libby Hill Forest Trails and will support expansion of the network of trails. We acknowledge the very generous act of these gentlemen and we commend them for their thoughtfulness and community spirit. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them both; (HLS 1140)

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United States Army Sergeant Nicholes D. Golding, 24, of Addison, who died February 13, 2004 while in service to his Nation, in Ghanzni, Afghanistan. Nicholes, known as Nick, was assigned to Company C, 2/87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York. Nick made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and he will long be remembered by his grateful State and Nation. He had an enduring devotion not only to the military and to his country, but to his family and friends. He married his high school sweetheart, Heidi Christiansen, in 1998 while home on leave after basic training and was the father of 2 young children, Christopher Nicholas Golding and Bailey Nichole Golding. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife, Heidi, his beloved children, his parents, his family and his many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1141)

William "Bumper" White, of Durham, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Collaborative Learning and School Success Program (CLASS) at the University of Southern Maine, Lewiston-Auburn College, who is a recipient of the 2004 Donald Harward Faculty Award for Service-Learning Excellence. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1142)

Phil Bourassa, of Old Orchard Beach, a senior at Biddeford High School, who is the recipient of the 33rd Fitzpatrick Award. This annual award is given to Maine's best high school football player. The winner of the award, who is chosen by sports reporters and coaches from around the State, must also be an outstanding student. Phil was also named this year's Maine Gatorade Player of the Year and the Portland Press Herald's Player of the Year. He also won the Dave Allen Trophy for being the best football player in the Western Maine Conference. We extend our congratulations to Phil on all his accomplishments and for his receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1143)

Joshua Jones, of Lamoine, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 88, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this accomplishment; (HLS 1144)

Seth Gayne, of Madison, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Seth on this accomplishment; (HLS 1145)

Gregory McDonald, of Orrington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Gregory on this accomplishment; (HLS 1146)

Alfred Haskell, III, of Orrington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 44, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Alfred on this accomplishment; (HLS 1147)

Matt Quimby, of Orrington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 44, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matt on this accomplishment; (HLS 1148)

Samuel Douglas Madore, of Turner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 187, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Samuel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1149)

Timothy Curtis, of Raymond, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Timothy on this accomplishment; (HLS 1150)

Nicholas DiFiore, of Windham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on this accomplishment; (HLS 1151)

Joseph Brinkman, of Windham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this accomplishment; (HLS 1152)

Andrew Bates, of Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this accomplishment; (HLS 1153)

Brian Wilson, of Auburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 137, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brian on this accomplishment; (HLS 1154)

Jonathan Paul, of Auburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 111, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jonathan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1155)

Joseph Robert Kester, of Auburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 111, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this accomplishment; (HLS 1156)

Joshua Delano, of Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 313, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this accomplishment; (HLS 1157)

Isaac Forbes, of Glenburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 21, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Isaac on this accomplishment; (HLS 1158)

Byron Oakes, of Glenburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 628, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Byron on this accomplishment; (HLS 1159)

Paul Beaupre, of Brownfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 169, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Paul on this accomplishment; (HLS 1160)

Gordon Bell, of Rumford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Gordon on this accomplishment; (HLS 1161)

Randall J. Dowdy, of Edgecomb, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 222, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Randall on this accomplishment; (HLS 1162)

Emily Brunell, of East Boothbay, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 579, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Emily on this accomplishment; (HLS 1163)

Nathan Alan Craig, of Oakland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 454, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nathan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1164)

Brandon Bonney, of Lamoine, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 88, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this accomplishment; (HLS 1165)

Charissa Ingersoll, of Birch Harbor, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 752, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Charissa on this accomplishment; (HLS 1166)

Sean Dixon, of Whitefield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Sean on this accomplishment; (HLS 1167)

Benjamin Gray, of Windsor, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1168)

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Timothy Weeks, of Whitefield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Timothy on this accomplishment; (HLS 1169)

Mark Zwetsloot, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop #300, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Mark on this accomplishment; (HLS 1170)

Tyler Brownell, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop #300, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this accomplishment; (HLS 1171)

Kevin Knight, of Dixfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 544, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Kevin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1172)

Noel Brennan, of Robbinston, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Noel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1173)

Jeffrey Vincent, of Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 313, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jeffrey on this accomplishment; (HLS 1174)

Gwynne Hunter, of Lisbon Falls, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 225, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Gwynne on this accomplishment; (HLS 1175)

Ryan Stackpole, of Orland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 102, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1176)

Michael Appleby, of Kittery, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (HLS 1177)

Anna Bartlett, of Caribou, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Anna on this accomplishment; (HLS 1178)

Joel Hatfield, of Palermo, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1179)

Amanda Wing, of Caribou, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (HLS 1180)

Carl Leighton, of Shapleigh, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 320, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Carl on this accomplishment; (HLS 1181)

Jared Cascio, of Shapleigh, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 320, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jared on this accomplishment; (HLS 1182)

Nathaniel Bacon, of Naples, a member of Boy Scout Troop #156, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nathaniel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1183)

Ross Larrabee, of Sebago Lake, a member of Boy Scout Troop #875, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Ross on this accomplishment; (HLS 1184)

Stephen Gnade, of Sanford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Stephen on this accomplishment; (HLS 1185)

Michael Michaud, of Presque Isle, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (HLS 1186)

Justin Benson, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1187)

Tyler Robinson, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this accomplishment; (HLS 1188)

Meghan Bowen, of Topsham, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Meghan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1189)

Jennifer Waterhouse, of Topsham, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 1190)

Jennifer Crosby, of Topsham, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 1191)

Garrett Michaud, of Randolph, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Garrett on this accomplishment; (HLS 1192)

Max Sherer, of Stockton Springs, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Max on this accomplishment; (HLS 1193)

William G. Yates, of Raymond, who has received the Boy Scout Eagle Award, the highest award in Boy Scouting. William attended the Jordan-Small Elementary School in Raymond through 6th grade and is currently a senior at North Yarmouth Academy. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop #800. His Eagle Scout Project was to construct two dugouts on the back baseball field at the Sheri Gagnon Park in Raymond. In this endeavor, William designed the dugouts, obtained donations of money and materials and led the building of the dugouts. Included in his project was also the refurbishing of benches for each dugout and spreading sand floors to battle the annual mud problem. William was able to bring together many community businesses, citizens and members of the troop in support of this worthwhile project that has benefited all. Receiving this award is truly a significant honor and we extend to William our best wishes for continued success within the community; (HLS 1194)

Chad Shaw, of Sanford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Chad on this accomplishment; (HLS 1195)

Jason Clark, of Sanford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jason on this accomplishment; (HLS 1196)

Leonard Duncan, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Leonard on this accomplishment; (HLS 1197)

Benjamin Kolko, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1198)

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Michael Quinn, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (HLS 1199)

Adam Roberg, of Buxton, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Adam on this accomplishment; (HLS 1200)

Samuel Niman, of Buxton, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Samuel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1201)

Andrew Shea, of South Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 338, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this accomplishment; (HLS 1202)

Emily Crippen, of Kennebunk, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 695, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Emily on this accomplishment; (HLS 1203)

Vincent Janney, of Westbrook, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Vincent on this accomplishment; (HLS 1204)

Brandon Riva, of West Bath, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this accomplishment; (HLS 1205)

Steven Marchessault, of North Waterboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 336, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Steven on this accomplishment; (HLS 1206)

Brandon Violette, of Limerick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 322, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this accomplishment; (HLS 1207)

Scott Tibbetts, of East Waterboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 336, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Scott on this accomplishment; (HLS 1208)

Ashley Richards, of Sabattus, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this accomplishment; (HLS 1209)

Christopher Martineau, of Sabattus, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this accomplishment; (HLS 1210)

Joan Estabrook, of Monmouth, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Joan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1211)

Alicia Roussin, of Newport, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Alicia on this accomplishment; (HLS 1212)

Jennifer Fortin, of Newport, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 1213)

Kali Hill, of Newport, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is

given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kali on this accomplishment; (HLS 1214)

Jacob Spinney, of Corinth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 53, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this accomplishment; (HLS 1215)

Benjamin Brown, of Charleston, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 53, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1216)

Brent Emery, of Westbrook, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brent on this accomplishment; (HLS 1217)

Paul Michael Curtis, of Durham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 145, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Paul on this accomplishment; (HLS 1218)

Arunabha Chakravarty, of Brunswick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 633, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Arunabha on this accomplishment; (HLS 1219)

Kelly Doherty, of Brunswick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1277, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kelly on this accomplishment; (HLS 1220)

Kate Turner, of Brunswick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1277, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kate on this accomplishment; (HLS 1221)

Heather Mildenstein, of Brunswick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1277, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Heather on this accomplishment; (HLS 1222)

Daniel Moyer, of Kennebunk, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 304, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1223)

Shawn Jones, of Bridgton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 149, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Shawn on this accomplishment; (HLS 1224)

Brian Franklin, of Thomaston, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 214, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brian on this accomplishment; (HLS 1225)

Brian Floster, of Bridgton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 149, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brian on this accomplishment; (HLS 1226)

Adam Noel, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 802, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Adam on this accomplishment; (HLS 1227)

Scott Miele, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 866, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Scott on this accomplishment; (HLS 1228)

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Daniel Wyatt, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1229)

Garret Bergey, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 41, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Garret on this accomplishment; (HLS 1230)

Nathaniel Oz, of Rangeley, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 500, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nathaniel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1231)

Joel Barker, of Stoneham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 155, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joel on this accomplishment; (HLS 1232)

Nathan Moore, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nathan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1233)

Michael Waterman, of North Yarmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (HLS 1234)

Matthew Doudera, of Camden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 200, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment; (HLS 1235)

Norman Hamann, of Lyman, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 399, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Norman on this accomplishment; (HLS 1236)

Justin Colby, of Lyman, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 399, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1237)

Benjamin Swank, of Wade, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 177, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1238)

Patrick Merchant, of Camden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 200, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Patrick on this accomplishment; (HLS 1239)

the members of the Deering High School Football Team, who won the 2003 Class A State Championship. Members of the team are: Alex Adelsen; Eric Bobinsky; Nick Cantrell; Dan Dewever; Keith Doiron; Sam Dykes; Ryan Fogg; Cory Girard; Drake Grant; Randy Hansen; Steve Hill; Steve Johnson; John Joyce; Tim Legage; Eric Lelansky; Chris McDonald; Sam Shorr; Alex Verrillo; Dan Manning; Kevin Ly; Kyle Allen; Al Axelsen; Bryson Braasch; Mike D'Andrea; Jarrod Dyke; Ryan Flaherty; Mike Joyce; Nick Kroot; Shawn Lamour; Mike McGovern; Jordan O'Donal; Ryan Piacentini; Alex Pritchard; Paul White; Chris Arich; Adam Bishop; Zach Braasch; Jason Dunn; Neil Esposito; James Exley; Josh Gainey; Josh Haddadi; Tyler Holden; Nick Killinger; Marty Larsen; Chris Marcisso; Joe Marsh; John Marshall; James McDonald; Joe Melcher; Matt Nichols; Ray Peare; Jon Presby; Ryan Reid; Rob Sampson; Mike Smaha; Kyle Young; varsity coach Greg Stilphen; junior varsity coaches Shawn Burns and Jon Gallant; freshman coaches Bill Presby and Richard Johnson; and assistant coaches Bill Leroy, Stephen Stilphen and Dean Stilphen. We send our best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1240)

Eric Matthews, of Steep Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 315, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Eric on this accomplishment; (HLS 1241)

Robert Doehler, of Steep Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 99, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Robert on this accomplishment; (HLS 1242)

Matthew Small, of Standish, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 76, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment; (HLS 1243)

Paul Morrow, Jr., of Brewer, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Paul on this accomplishment; (HLS 1244)

Shane Sickles, of Bangor, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Shane on this accomplishment; (HLS 1245)

Jessica Barnes, of Bowdoin, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jessica on this accomplishment; (HLS 1246)

Eric M. Young, of Brewer, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Troop One in Brewer, Maine, and he earned 23 Merit badges and served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. He also completed a major community service project, building a ramp for disabled people at the Brewer Historical Society museum. We send him our congratulations; (HLS 1247)

Rebekah Mary Cox, of Jonesboro, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Rebekah on this accomplishment; (HLS 1248)

Shawn Boucher, of Madawaska, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Shawn on this accomplishment; (HLS 1249)

Benjamin Turner, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Benjamin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1250)

Thomas Gainey, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on this accomplishment; (HLS 1251)

Christopher Love, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this accomplishment; (HLS 1252)

Brian Morin, of Brunswick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brian on this accomplishment; (HLS 1253)

Christopher Wilkins, of Brunswick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this accomplishment; (HLS 1254)

Matthew Kegler, of Saco, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment; (HLS 1255)

Maranda Duval, of Brunswick, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend

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our congratulations to Maranda on this accomplishment; (HLS 1256)

Ashley Couture, of Lewiston, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this accomplishment; (HLS 1257)

Kymerly Horth, of Orland, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kymerly on this accomplishment; (HLS 1258)

the Georges Valley High School "Buccaneer" Boys Basketball Team, for its receiving the Western Maine Class C Good Sportsmanship Award for the 2003-2004 season. This well-deserved honor was presented to this fine group of accomplished young men by the Maine Principals' Association. It is the first time in 20 years that the award has been bestowed upon the school. Under the direction of Coach Nick Depatsy, the team has participated in the Western Maine Class C finals twice in the last 3 years and has established itself as a formidable squad on the basketball court. Members of the team include: Sam Rector, Ryan Holbrook, Brett Hutchinson, Nicholas Miller, AJ Staples, Richard Philbrook, David Wilgus, Mark Chamberlin, Max Johanson, Matt Judkins, Tommy Rogers and Zach Thorbjornson. We send our congratulations to this group of skilled athletes and extend to them our best wishes in their future endeavors; (HLS 1259)

Elizabeth W. Gerry, of Brewer, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Gerry was born March 9, 1904 in Littleton. A registered nurse, she worked in the operating room and also as a public health nurse. Mrs. Gerry was also associated with the Bangor District Nursing Association. Wife of Wyman P. Gerry, she has been a resident of Brewer for 60 years, now residing at the Ellen Leach Home. We congratulate her on this tremendous milestone and send along our best wishes; (HLS 1260)

Dr. Helene Reeves, of Auburn, who studied internal medicine and pediatrics and practiced public health medicine as a State of Maine District Health Officer for more than 20 years. She was born and raised in Vienna, Austria, where she was a serious student and gymnast, later pursuing a career in medicine and graduating from the University of Vienna Medical School. She fled Austria to Italy in 1939 and later sailed to America. She and her husband, Dr. Edward Reeves, eventually made their home in Auburn. She was renowned for her devotion to family as well as her warm hospitality to others, often hosting dinner parties graced with Viennese cooking, pastries and cakes. She loved to travel abroad, read poetry and garden and was noted for her courage, intelligence, boundless optimism and strength of character and her love for her granddaughter, Lara. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1261)

Roger Smedberg, of Oxford, for his 21 years of dedicated service to the town as a selectman. We wish him well and thank him for his many years of dedicated service; (HLS 1262)

Andrew Dolloff, of Gorham, Principal of Scarborough High School, who has been named 2004 Maine High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Dolloff was cited for his leadership abilities, community participation, ethics, commitment to school improvement and professional growth as well as for his excellent rapport with students. He received his Bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Maine at Farmington and his Master's degree in administration from the University of Southern Maine. Mr. Dolloff taught at Dirigo High School and Lewiston High School and was Assistant

Principal at Wiscasset High School. Mr. Dolloff was also director of student activities and athletics at Scarborough High School for 4 years. We extend our congratulations on his achieving this distinctive honor and wish him many more years of success; (HLS 1263)

the Dexter High School Women's Basketball Team, which has won the 2004 State Class C Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team: players Mallory Ames, Brittany Veazie, Nikki Chapman, Tracy Mountain, Nicci Burton, Meagan Fogarty, Sabrina Cote, Vanessa Hartford, Brandi Alton, Keriann Patterson and Ashley Ames; and Coach Margaret Veazie, JV Coach Lloyd Connors and managers Sonya Smith, Shari Nickerson and Ashley Wakefield; (HLS 1264)

Anthony Major, of Orono, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Anthony on this accomplishment; (HLS 1265)

Kelly Swindlehurst, of Orono, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kelly on this accomplishment; (HLS 1266)

Constance Marie Coleman Flanagan, of Portland, beloved wife, devoted parent, world traveler and lifelong learner. Born in Brewer and a graduate of Bangor High School, she attended the United States Navy nursing program at Massachusetts General Hospital and proudly contributed to the war effort in World War II as a nurse at Eastern Maine General Hospital. After the war, she raised 8 children, instilling in all an eagerness for the challenge of life and a respect for civic and academic achievement. Over 30 years after World War II, she proudly achieved her Bachelor's of Nursing degree from St. Joseph's College in Windham and returned to her medical career at Mercy Hospital in Portland. Proud of her children's varied achievements in life, she devoted her later years to world travel and avid reading in world literature and American history. She will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her husband of 58 years, Thomas S. Flanagan, by her large extended family and by all who were touched by her love of nature, sense of justice and questing spirit; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1267)

the members of the Gorham High School Boys Indoor Track Team, who are the 2004 Class B State Champions and the 2004 Class B Western Maine Conference Champions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1268)

the members of the Gorham High School Competition Cheering Team, who were named the 2004 Class B State Championship runners-up. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1269)

the members of the Gorham High School Boys Basketball team, who are the 2004 Class B Western Maine Conference Champions and on being named the 2004 Class B State Championship runners-up. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1270)

the members of the Gorham High School Girls Basketball Team, the 2004 Class B Western Maine Conference runners-up and winners of the State Class B Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1271)

the members of the Gorham High School Football Team, who won the 2004 Western Maine Conference Championship and were named the 2004 Class B State Championship runners-up.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1272)

the members of the Gorham High School Girls Indoor Track Team, on their being named the 2004 Class B State Championship runners-up and the 2004 Class B Western Maine Conference Championship runners-up. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1273)

Carol Snow, of Wayne, on her retirement after 20 years as school bus driver for Union #42 and Community School District #10 schools. She has also served as a substitute teacher and a janitor and has worked in the kitchens. Ms. Snow organized a core group of bus drivers to a volunteer group known as "The School Bus Safety Group" to present school bus safety programs throughout the district. She and the group have lectured before the State School Bus Conference and traveled throughout the State to other school districts. It is through her efforts that school buses have reflective tape for enhanced safety. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her profession, her community and to the State of Maine and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1274)

Dr. Walter A. Reiter, Jr., of Wayne, for his 13 years of service as a volunteer lake monitor on Pocasset Lake. In addition to monitoring the water quality of the lake, Dr. Reiter has participated in the Invasive Aquatic Plant Patrol training workshops and he has also hosted a local educational workshop about the threat of invasive species. He is a model of effective citizen involvement in the protection of Maine's lakes and ponds. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1275)

JoAnn Pike, of Auburn, on her retirement as Executive Director of the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The Good Shepherd Food Bank began in JoAnn's home in 1981. As founder, she learned food banking by doing it and taking her vision to provide services to nonprofit agencies and individual clients. It has grown substantially in every way: the quantity of food distributed, the degree of service provided, the public relations and recognition throughout the statewide community, along with a stable staff and volunteer force. The Good Shepherd Food Bank now distributes food to 468 nonprofit agencies throughout all 16 counties in the State. We commend JoAnn for her vision, dedication and commitment to serving others throughout the State and extend our sincere best wishes to her on the occasion of her retirement; (HLS 1276)

the Bangor Fire Department for its efforts to save the Bangor Masonic Temple Building throughout the weekend of January 16, 2004. Firefighters attempted to save the 135-year-old building by working around the clock, for more than 3 days in subzero temperatures. The 5-story building was built in 1868, and in 1990 the Bangor City Council designated it as part of the Main Street Historic District. It was the home to the Masonic Temple and its affiliated organizations, the Rising Virtue Lodge #10, St. Andrew's Lodge #83 and Scottish Rite Valley of Bangor and Bangor's chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of DeMolay the Order of the Rainbow, as well as the Masonic Learning Center, which offered free tutoring for children with dyslexia. Firefighters also worked to save 2 area businesses, the historic Yankee Shoe Repair and the Riverside Art Gallery. We commend the hard work of the Bangor firefighters who tried to save this vital piece of Bangor's history in those difficult conditions. While they were unable to save the building, they did contain the fire, saving the rest of Bangor's downtown buildings; (HLS 1277)

Herbert Libby, Jr., of Mattawamkeag, who has been inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. He played with the semi-pro Mattawamkeag Merchants. He also guided the Mattawamkeag Little League Team to 5 Northern Penobscot League Championship. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Libby on this accomplishment; (HLS 1278)

Peter Warren, of Steep Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 875, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Peter on this accomplishment; (HLS 1279)

Troy Hawkes, of Standish, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 875, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Troy on this accomplishment; (HLS 1280)

Robin Wilhelmi, a student at Portland High School, who has achieved the high honor and literary distinction of winning a 2004 Longfellow Sonnet Writers Award, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and coordinated by the Fine Arts Boosters of Portland High School. The Longfellow Awards recognize high levels of literary attainment in sustained classic forms by aspiring young writers. We salute Robin for continuing the tradition of youthful achievement in poetic letters in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the Sea"; (HLS 1281)

Sophia Gardner, a student at Portland High School, who has achieved the high honor and literary distinction of winning a 2004 Longfellow Sonnet Writers Award, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and coordinated by the Fine Arts Boosters of Portland High School. The Longfellow Awards recognize high levels of literary attainment in sustained classic forms by aspiring young writers. We salute Sophia for continuing the tradition of youthful achievement in poetic letters in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the Sea"; (HLS 1282)

Colin Anderson, a student at Portland High School, who has achieved the high honor and literary distinction of winning a 2004 Longfellow Sonnet Writers Award, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and coordinated by the Fine Arts Boosters of Portland High School. The Longfellow Awards recognize high levels of literary attainment in sustained classic forms by aspiring young writers. We salute Colin for continuing the tradition of youthful achievement in poetic letters in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the Sea"; (HLS 1283)

Milton and Ersul Chasse, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 16, 2004. They were married by Father Quinn in the St. Martin of Tours Rectory. They have 4 children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Chasse on this very special occasion; (HLS 1284)

Earl Haines, of Bowdoin, on the occasion of his retirement as a selectman for the town. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Haines for his years of commitment and dedication to the citizens of Bowdoin and send him best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1285)

Nancy Hutto, of South Portland, who has been nominated for Teacher of the Year. Ms. Hutto received her degree in education from the University of Southern Maine in 1989. While working on her degree, she was a substitute teacher in South Portland and also tutored anorexic teens at Maine Medical Center and the Jackson Brook Institute. She has been working since 1989 in the middle schools for the City of South Portland. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Hutto for her dedication to the youth of the State and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1286)

Marie Laverriere-Boucher, of Biddeford, for her 3 years of outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine in the House of Representatives during the 120th and 121st Legislatures. She exemplifies everything a Legislator should be.

While a Legislator, she fought for the citizens of the State who were in need. We send our appreciation to her for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the democratic process and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (HLS 1287)

Deputy Chief Scott Birkemose, of Waterboro, recipient of a Firefighter of the Year Award. As part of the Waterboro Fire Department, he is known to always go beyond the call of duty, whether it be helping out at local bean suppers or tending to any of Waterboro's fire equipment. Deputy Chief Birkemose takes on each task to the best of his ability and shares his expertise with his colleagues. He has proven to be a role model for other firefighters with his dedication to the betterment of his community. We thank him for his efforts; (HLS 1288)

Gary M. Hill, of Hollis Center, recipient of a Firefighter of the Year Award. Mr. Hill has been involved in fire service for over 32 years. In spite of working more than 40 hours a week at an out-of-town job, he is always first on the scene, first setting up the fire engine and first inside the burning building. His knowledge and expertise are unmatched, as are his dedication, attitude and spirit. Mr. Hill has proven to be a role model for other firefighters and we thank him for his decades of service; (HLS 1289)

Captain Richard McGlincey, of Newfield, recipient of a Firefighter of the Year Award. Captain McGlincey has been a member of the Newfield Fire Department for 38 years, joining as a junior member and working his way up through the ranks. He has also held the rank of Rescue Chief since 1977, when the Newfield Rescue Department was formed. Additionally, he is active in the York County Rescue Chief Association and is a Deputy Forest Warden for the Town of Newfield. He has proven to be a role model for other firefighters, and we thank him for his dedication; (HLS 1290)

the Houlton High School Cheerleading Squad who have won the Class C State Championship. Cheering is a very competitive sport requiring precise athleticism and vigorous practice. The Houlton squad displayed an outstanding performance at the finals and all team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication. We wish team members Sarah Putnam, Kristin Lincoln, Jodi Anderson, Amie McPartland, Whitney Thompson, Jessica Swimm, Brittaney McGary, Mallory McPartland, Liz Sewell, Theresa Harvey, Lexi Bennett, Elyse Peters, Brandi Hill, Taylor Rutledge, Katie Fitzpatrick, Anna Schools and Laurie Bissonnette; and manager Molly Dunn and coach Julie Dunn-Brown continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1291)

the Houlton High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team who have won the Class C State Championship. 1930 was the last time the Houlton Boys had appeared in a state basketball tournament game and after 74 years were able to bring home the gold ball. All team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication. We wish team members Jay Myers, Matt Cummings, Tim Bossie, Dustin Edwards, Brett Miles, Rob Anderson, Jordan Hill, Danny Bartlett, Mark Socoby, Ryan Duff, Adam Miles, Matt Campbell, William Lloyd and Collin York; managers Adam Brown, Megan White, Adrienne Butler, Sam Hiscoe and Sarah Harbison; varsity coach Sean Callahan; JV coach Todd Willard and athletic director Wayne Quint continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1292)

Daniel Mooers, of South Portland, recipient of the Service Above Self Award, the highest honor given by Rotary International. Mr. Mooers has been and still is very active in the Rotary Club. Mr. Mooers has a long history of political activism, working to improve life for citizens of the City of South Portland and the State. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Mooers for his

dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1293)

Carolyn Grierson, of South Thomaston, for her 26 years of dedicated service at the town office. It was in 1977 that Mrs. Grierson began working as a part-time employee, and within a few years she became town clerk. A Rockland native and graduate of Rockland High School, Mrs. Grierson became a South Thomaston resident following her marriage. Her devotion and institutional knowledge will be missed, as Mrs. Grierson has watched the town's population nearly double during her tenure. We thank Mrs. Grierson for all that she has accomplished in maintaining the operations of South Thomaston's municipal office; (HLS 1294)

Fred Parsons, of Presque Isle, who has been named Citizen of the Year by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Parsons is a firefighter, emergency medical technician, volunteer and musician. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Parsons for his commitment to the people of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1295)

Honorable David Griffiths, of Presque Isle, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Griffiths is a District Court Judge and a volunteer. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Judge Griffiths; (HLS 1296)

Maine Public Service, of Presque Isle, recipient of the Economic Development Award given by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Maine Public Service has always been committed to economic development in Aroostook County. It is the founding member of the Aroostook Partnership for Progress. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Maine Public Service; (HLS 1297)

Floyd Rockholt, of Presque Isle, who has been named Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member of the Year. Mr. Rockholt is the owner and operator of Eagle Hill Stamp and Coin. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1298)

Presque Isle High School Key Club, recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate the members of the club on their achievements and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1299)

Curves for Women, of Presque Isle, on its being named Business of the Year by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Curves is operated by Ken and Sandra McCallum. We extend our congratulations and wish them continued success; (HLS 1300)

the Brunswick High School Speech and Debate Team, coached by Josh Obptande, Rick Wilson, Robert Goddard and Greg Bussiere, on its highly successful 2003-2004 season, which included winning the prestigious State School Championship Debate Award sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and the Maine Forensic Association. Team members are: Varsity members Nicole Hill, Sylvanus Polky, Kyle Thompson-Westra, Megan Skillman, Matt Lea, Pat Randall and Rebecca Seder; Junior Varsity members Ben Estabrook, Gabe Seder, Geneva Wilgus, John Coombs, Tyler Braun and Zack McConnell; Novice members Doug Noe, Henry Mills, Sara Jochem, Lyndsy Cejka and Nate Wohlrabe; Public Forum (Ted Turner) Debate members Denise Taylor, Andrew Baer, Andrew Dalrymple, James MacDonnell, Hunter Higgison and Tom Kelley; Student Congress Debate members Ryan Fisher, Sara Hubert, Brittanie Partridge and Jeremy Herrick; and Speech members Alison Kemmerle, Santana Polky, Bonnie Paige, Amber Farnham and Alyssa Shellenbarger. We send our congratulations and best wishes to

the members of the team on their many accomplishments this year; (HLS 1301)

Danny Labrie, of St. Agathe, on his retirement as selectman after 21 years of service to his community. The son of Louis and Lorette (Boucher) Labrie, he joined the family potato-growing business as a youngster and is now the senior owner of Labrie Farms. He received a B.S. degree in teaching from the University of Maine at Fort Kent and a Masters in Education from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and taught several years at Wisdom High School in St. Agathe before turning to potato growing full time. Over the years, he has accumulated several honors, including being a National Science Foundation winner. He has been a director and president of the St. Agathe Federal Credit Union and a director on the National Potato Council, the St. John Valley Soil and Water District, the Maine Potato Growers and the Maine Agriculture Bargaining Council. He is a lector and Eucharistic minister at the St. Agathe Catholic Church. He is married to the former Roberta Hebert of St. David. He is the proud father of 3 sons and the grandfather of Sylvia, Kyle, Jacob, Gavin and Carson. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Labrie for a happy retirement; (HLS 1302)

Gerald R. Silva, of Jefferson, Director of Emergency Management, Communications and Recycling for Lincoln County, whose career in public safety spanned more than 40 years. Mr. Silva began his public service in 1963 as a town police officer, later he was appointed as a federal police officer with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Upon relocating to Maine, he was appointed to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department until being selected to run the county's Emergency Management Agency and the Recycling Program. He was later also appointed to the position of Director of Communications for the county. Mr. Silva worked closely with all the towns in Lincoln County to enhance their response to emergency situations. He was involved in numerous professional organizations and was a member of many local and state committees. He especially enjoyed his membership in the National Emergency Number Association and looked forward to his service as a member of the recently organized Homeland Security Task Force. Mr. Silva served as the Constable, Truant Officer and Dog Officer for his town. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends and colleagues throughout the State; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1303)

the Houlton High School Girls Basketball Team, upon winning the 2004 Class C Sportsmanship Award at the State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1304)

American Legion Post #57, of Old Orchard Beach, on the occasion of its 1st annual Fire, Rescue and Police Appreciation Night. The American Legion is sponsoring an event to show its appreciation to the dedicated fire, rescue and police personnel of the town who risk their lives on a daily basis to make the State a safer place for its citizens. We extend our appreciation to the Old Orchard Beach American Legion for its honoring these selfless individuals and join in commemorating them for their commitment to making the State a safer place; (HLS 1305)

Bessie Hersey, of Crouseville, who has received the Boston Post Cane. As the oldest citizen in her community, Ms. Hersey has endured many trials with a strong spirit including World War I and World War II and the Great Depression. She earned an associate degree from Aroostook State Normal School, which is now the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Ms. Hersey taught at several schools during her teaching career and remains active in her local church in Washburn. We recognize Ms. Hersey for her reaching the seasoned age of 97 and wish her many more years of continued happiness; (HLS 1306)

Thomas Marshall Kester, of Auburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 111, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend him for his dedication and service to his community. We extend our sincere congratulations to Thomas and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1307)

the memory of Anneliese Hesser. Ms. Hesser was the cousin of Hannelore Ann Vaughan and lived in the Pfdelbach-Wuerttemberg area in Germany. She was born on April 4, 1925 in Stuttgart/Wuerttemberg and worked and lived during World War II on a farm located in Soellbach/Wuerttemberg. Her "crime" was one of association. She fell in love with a Polish guest worker working at the same farm and became pregnant. She served time in jail until the birth of her child. She was sent to the concentration camp at Ravensbruck near Peenemunde in the Baltic Sea area, where it is believed medical experimentation caused her death. We join the family members of Ms. Hesser in honoring her memory on this occasion; (HLS 1308)

the members of the Mt. Blue High School Boys Ski Team, in Farmington, who won the 2004 Class A State Championship. This is the team's 5th consecutive championship and its 6th championship in 7 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on their achievements; (HLS 1309)

Nathan Kinney, an 8th-grade student at Phillips Middle School, who has won for the second time the school championship in the annual National Geographic Bee. Nathan won after a deadlock that lasted through 4 more questions. We extend our congratulations to Nathan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1310)

Brian Grew, of Mars Hill, a senior at Central Aroostook High School, on his scoring his 1,000th point in Varsity Basketball. We extend our congratulations to Brian on this achievement; (HLS 1311)

Northeastern Log Homes, of Kenduskeag, which was awarded a silver medal by the Bangor Region Wellness Council for promoting healthful behaviors at work. We extend our congratulations to Northeastern Log Homes on its winning this medal; (HLS 1312)

Bishop Joseph J. Gerry, of Portland, who is retiring after 15 years as the Bishop of the Diocese of Portland. Born in Millinocket, he graduated from St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire and then pursued 4 years of theological studies at the abbey seminary. He was a member of the faculty of St. Anselm College from 1958 to 1986, teaching philosophy and humanities. He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, New Hampshire by Bishop Brady on June 12, 1954. On February 21, 1989, he was installed as the 10th Bishop of Portland. As the executive secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee of the American-Cassinese Federation, he was instrumental in bringing the renewal of Vatican Council II to bear on American monastic communities. We extend our congratulations to Bishop Gerry on his retirement and send our best wishes to him at St. Anselm monastery; (HLS 1313)

Jane M. McCormack, of Portland, beloved sister and aunt, devoted educator and beloved member of the Reiche Elementary School family in Portland. Born in Portland the youngest of 7 children, and a 1982 graduate of Deering High School, she was an avid outdoorswoman and golf enthusiast. In 1999 she began her career in education as an Ed. Tech at Reiche Elementary School, the most ethnically and culturally diverse elementary school in Maine. Committed to children, she achieved the ambition of her lifetime by returning to college 20 years after she completed her undergraduate degree and graduating Summa Cum Laude in Education from the University of New England in 2003 among the top 5 students in her class. She returned to

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Reiche Elementary School that year and was adored by her second-grade students who were drawn from all cultures and countries of the world. Her sense of humor, ready smile and joyful embrace of the grand possibilities of life will be deeply missed by her large family, wide circle of friends and devoted students and colleagues in Portland, Longfellow's city "that is seated by the Sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1314)

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton L. Parker, of Gorham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 30, 2004. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have 4 sons, 5 granddaughters, one grandson and 2 great-grandchildren. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Parker on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 1315)

Virginia H. Curtis, of West Gardiner, who was born November 12, 1910, the daughter of Frank and Nellie (Pinkham) Hescock. The day before her graduation from Hallowell High School in 1927, Virginia went to work for Central Maine Power Company, where she worked for 16 years. She married Howard Curtis in 1928. In 1943, she delivered milk for Arthur Gosline and took her infant daughter with her on her route. In 1945, she started working for the Cobbosseecontee Telephone and Telegraph Company, and operated the switchboard from her home for 25 years. In this 24-hour-a-day job, she became better known to members of her community as "Ginny." She continued to work for the telephone company as a bookkeeper and bill collector until her retirement at age 88. Mrs. Curtis held the town clerk and excise tax collector positions for the Town of West Gardiner for 41 years, retiring in 1985. After her retirement, she held the position of deputy town clerk and presided over the ballot box for each election. She also served on the school committee from 1952 - 1959 and was the town correspondent for the Kennebec Journal for many years. She was an active member of the Old South Congregational Church in Hallowell where she served as secretary and sang in the choir. She was an active member of the Cobbosseecontee Grange 100, the Rainbow Club at the Cohen Center and the Cacklers Club, a bridge club that met weekly for many years. Mrs. Curtis enjoyed gardening, watching animals and birds, playing cards, watching a Red Sox ballgame, eating pie with ice cream or just going for a ride. She will be greatly missed by her loving family, her many friends and her community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1316)

the following members of the Cape Elizabeth High School Girls Swim Team, who have won the 2004 Class A Swimming and Diving State Championship: Coach Kerry Kertes, captain Schuyler Armstrong, captain Sarah Groff, Becky Kempton, captain Taylor McFarlane, Halley Sprague, Katherine Alexander, captain Emily Caras, Devany Carroll, Sarah Croft, Ali Mehlsak, Kaley Skapinsky, Chelsea Kotch, Tara Gallant, Jess Danielson, Abby Delahanty, Alice Evans, Rebecca Holt, Emily LaPoint, Chelsea Stephenson, Lisa Tarbox, Abby Theriault, Laura Williamson, Alexandra Ciraldo, Emily Doliner, Katherine King, Lauren Pelzer, Kinsey Tarbell and Maureen Kertes. Taylor McFarlane was named Swimmer of the Meet. This is the team's 3rd consecutive state championship and its 4th consecutive conference championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1317)

the Otisfield Community School for raising the educational standards of its children by means of assisted therapy. Principal Linda Park, a certified handler of the assisted therapy dog Rudy, has implemented a very successful program called the Reading Education Assistance Dog Program "R.E.A.D." This program has significantly raised the reading levels and confidence of the students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Park and commend

her for her continued enthusiasm in educating the youth of the State; (HLS 1318)

the members of the Spurs basketball team, of Millinocket, who won the Little Pro Basketball League Championship after an undefeated season. We extend our congratulations to the team: Alex Waller, Connor Stevens, Travis Baker, Dustin Harvey, Mark Lyons, Jonathan Dumas, Brian Plourde, Colby Baker, Jeremy Bolduc, Jared McGreevy, Jared McGillicuddy, Dillan Beach and Charlie Tapley; and coaches Richard Waller and Don Bolduc; (HLS 1319)

Richard Waller, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award, given by the Katahdin Area Rotary Club. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Waller on his receiving this award; (HLS 1320)

Brian Sullivan, of Patten, a senior at Katahdin High School, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Brian on this occasion; (HLS 1321)

Kelly Dinsmore, of Millinocket, a senior at Stearns High School, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Kelly on this occasion; (HLS 1322)

Gertrude York, of Millinocket, who will celebrate the occasion of her 90th Birthday. We send Ms. York our congratulations and best wishes on this observance; (HLS 1323)

Vicki Dill, of West Gardiner, for her assistance in organizing a farewell ceremony for the members of the Gardiner unit of the 133rd Engineering Battalion of the Maine National Guard. The Maine National Guard is currently experiencing its largest deployment since World War II, and Maine has the 3rd highest rate of deployment in the nation. As members of the 133rd Engineering Battalion prepared to head to the Middle East, members of the Gardiner community raised the spirits of all who gathered to say goodbye to the men and women who were answering the call to duty. The rally stations that were organized along the convoy route as the vehicles headed out of Maine left these guard members with a great sense of pride, letting them know that their neighbors stand firmly with them as they go overseas to defend our freedoms. We extend our appreciation to Vicki for making a very difficult day for our friends and neighbors a little bit easier; (HLS 1324)

Chip Clary, of West Gardiner, for his assistance in organizing a farewell ceremony for the members of the Gardiner unit of the 133rd Engineering Battalion of the Maine National Guard. The Maine National Guard is currently experiencing its largest deployment since World War II, and Maine has the 3rd highest rate of deployment in the nation. As members of the 133rd Engineering Battalion prepared to head to the Middle East, members of the Gardiner community raised the spirits of all who gathered to say goodbye to the men and women who were answering the call to duty. The rally stations that were organized along the convoy route as the vehicles headed out of Maine left these guard members with a great sense of pride, letting them know that their neighbors stand firmly with them as they go overseas to defend our freedoms. We extend our appreciation to Chip for making a very difficult day for our friends and neighbors a little bit easier; (HLS 1325)

Mark Luken, of West Gardiner, for his assistance in organizing a farewell ceremony for the members of the Gardiner

unit of the 133rd Engineering Battalion of the Maine National Guard. The Maine National Guard is currently experiencing its largest deployment since World War II, and Maine has the 3rd highest rate of deployment in the nation. As members of the 133rd Engineering Battalion prepared to head to the Middle East, members of the Gardiner community raised the spirits of all who gathered to say goodbye to the men and women who were answering the call to duty. The rally stations that were organized along the convoy route as the vehicles headed out of Maine left these guard members with a great sense of pride, letting them know that their neighbors stand firmly with them as they go overseas to defend our freedoms. We extend our appreciation to Mark for making a very difficult day for our friends and neighbors a little bit easier; (HLS 1326)

Steve Hanley, of Gardiner, for his assistance in organizing a farewell ceremony for the members of the Gardiner unit of the 133rd Engineering Battalion of the Maine National Guard. The Maine National Guard is currently experiencing its largest deployment since World War II, and Maine has the 3rd highest rate of deployment in the nation. As members of the 133rd Engineering Battalion prepared to head to the Middle East, members of the Gardiner community raised the spirits of all who gathered to say goodbye to the men and women who were answering the call to duty. The rally stations that were organized along the convoy route as the vehicles headed out of Maine left these guard members with a great sense of pride, letting them know that their neighbors stand firmly with them as they go overseas to defend our freedoms. We extend our appreciation to Steve for making a very difficult day for our friends and neighbors a little bit easier; (HLS 1327)

Brandon Sirois, a student at Gardiner High School, who is the recipient of the Good Citizen Award from the Samuel Grant Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Gardiner. This award is given to high school seniors selected by their schools for having good citizenship qualities. We acknowledge Brandon's exceptional contributions to his community and to his State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brandon on his receiving this award; (HLS 1328)

the members of the Fryeburg Academy Boys Hockey Team who have won the Class B State Championship. All team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication. We wish team members Domenic McAulliffe, Frederick Apt, Kris Charloug, Josh Burkett, Joshua Carter, Pakapol Praphonphan, Luke Ray, Mitchell Brown, Jordan DeLong, Nick Lawrence, John Nesbitt, Ryan Pacheco, Darren Lim, Joseph Mango and Andrew Jump; assistant coach Ralph Capachietti; and head coach Fred Apt continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1329)

Lexie McPhee, a student at Edward Little High School, who has achieved the high honor and literary distinction of winning a 2004 Longfellow Sonnet Writers Award, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and coordinated by the Fine Arts Boosters of Portland High School. The Longfellow Awards recognize high levels of literary attainment in sustained classic forms by aspiring young writers. We send our congratulations to Lexie on this achievement; (HLS 1330)

Raynor Large, a student at Edward Little High School, who has achieved the high honor and literary distinction of winning a 2004 Longfellow Sonnet Writers Award, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and coordinated by the Fine Arts Boosters of Portland High School. The Longfellow Awards recognize high levels of literary attainment in sustained classic forms by aspiring young writers. We send our congratulations to Raynor on this achievement; (HLS 1331)

Kevin Bui, a student at Edward Little High School, who has achieved the high honor and literary distinction of winning a 2004 Longfellow Sonnet Writers Award, sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and coordinated by the Fine Arts Boosters of Portland High School. The Longfellow Awards recognize high levels of literary attainment in sustained classic forms by aspiring young writers. We send our congratulations to Kevin on this achievement; (HLS 1332)

Teresa George, of Standish, who is one of the recipients of the Above the Call Award given by the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1333)

Rob Caron, of Standish, who is one of the recipients of the Above the Call Award given by the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1334)

Ross Larrabee, of Standish, who received the Junior Firefighter of the Year Citation from the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1335)

Aaron Riley, of Standish, who is one of the recipients of the Above the Call Award given by the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1336)

Kristina Coffin, of Standish, who has been named EMS Person of the Year by the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1337)

Jason Webster, of Standish, who is one of the recipients of the Above the Call Award given by the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1338)

Kevin Leeman, of Standish, who received the Most Loyal Firefighter Award given by the Standish Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1339)

Reverend Peter Remick, of Orland, on receiving the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Hans Honders award for public service. Reverend Remick earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from the University of Maine at Machias and later received his Master's in Divinity Degree from the Bangor Theological Seminary. He is being honored for his lifetime of service to numerous organizations including the Grange, 4-H, scouting groups and churches. We commend Reverend Remick for his dedication and commitment to his community and send him our sincere congratulations on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 1340)

Phillip "Butch" Osborne, of Bucksport, on receiving the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year" award. Mr. Osborne has spent many years in the plumbing and heating industry, forming his own company in 1993. Osborne's Plumbing and Heating, Incorporated has grown to be one of the largest heating and plumbing companies in the region. We commend Mr. Osborne for his dedication and commitment to his community and send him our sincere congratulations on achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 1341)

Sean Leary, of Fairfield, a senior at Lawrence High School, who has been named the Waterville Morning Sentinel's Boys Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year. He also received the Ray Winship Award given to an athlete for dedication and leadership of his team. Sean is the State Class B Champion in the 55 and 200 meters. Sean is a 3-sport athlete, participating in football, baseball and track. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on these accomplishments; (HLS 1342)

Rita Saucier Dubé, of Lewiston, who has been elected to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. She and her husband Paul

owned and operated Dubé Travel Agency, where their bilingualism was a real asset, as it was when they traveled the globe. As a member of the board of St. Mary's Church, Rita has raised funds for the Franco-American Heritage Center. The Heritage Center, a former church in the heart of "Petit Canada," was built by the French-speaking immigrants in the early 1900s. It will now be a museum, performing arts center and education center to pay tribute to those immigrants who were a vital part of the industrialization of Maine. These individuals brought their language, culture, Catholic faith, work ethic, strong family values, patriotism and good citizenship to the building of a better society. Rita, a mother and grandmother of 3, is a very important part of the effort to preserve the French heritage, language and culture. Rita and the Franco-American Heritage Center pay tribute to her ancestors' efforts to build Maine; (HLS 1343)

Daniel J. Desjardin, D.P.M., of Auburn, devoted husband and father. Dr. Desjardin served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, he attended Bates College, Arizona State University and the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Desjardin practiced podiatry in Auburn for 38 years. He was a president of the Maine Podiatric Medical Association and was appointed to the Maine State Board of Podiatry by former Governor James Longley. He was a member of American Legion Post 153 of New Auburn and a member of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club. He will be missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1344)

Rita Saucier Dubé, of Lewiston, who has been elected to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. She and her husband Paul owned and operated Dubé Travel Agency, where their bilingualism was a real asset, as it was when they traveled the globe. As a member of the board of St. Mary's Church, Rita has raised funds for the Franco-American Heritage Center. The Heritage Center, a former church in the heart of "Petit Canada," was built by the French-speaking immigrants in the early 1900s. It will now be a museum, performing arts center and education center to pay tribute to those immigrants who were a vital part of the industrialization of Maine. These individuals brought their language, culture, Catholic faith, work ethic, strong family values, patriotism and good citizenship to the building of a better society. Rita, a mother and grandmother of 3, is a very important part of the effort to preserve the French heritage, language and culture. Rita and the Franco-American Heritage Center pay tribute to her ancestors' efforts to build Maine; (HLS 1345)

the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston. The Heritage Center, a former church in the heart of "Petit Canada," was built by the French-speaking immigrants in the early 1900s. It will now be a museum, performing arts center and education center to pay tribute to those immigrants who were a vital part of the industrialization of Maine. These individuals brought their language, culture, Catholic faith, work ethic, strong family values, patriotism and good citizenship to the building of a better society. We join the Franco-American Heritage Center in celebrating "The Week of the Francophones"; (HLS 1346)

Marie-Anne Gauvin, of Madawaska, who has been elected to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. After retiring as a French teacher in Connecticut, she returned to her native Madawaska and has been a relentless advocate for the preservation and active use of French in the St. John Valley. She became involved in the Save Our French movement in the 1990s and was one of the founding members of Le Club Français, a nonprofit advocacy group for the French language. She created the club's inspirational and meaningful newsletter, "Le Fanal," which she continues to write under her pen name, "la pie bavarde." She also chairs the organization's finance committee, which she

steers with aplomb and common sense. She was instrumental in securing a trust fund from Marvin and Marie-Reine Mikesell from Chicago, Illinois, and is making sure that those and other funds will be dispensed wisely to help younger generations learn French. Marie-Anne remains an inspiration to Franco-Americans of all ages; (HLS 1347)

Doctor Marc Chasse, of Fort Kent, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. A retired chiropractor, Dr. Chasse continues his active advocacy for the Acadian and Franco-American populations of the St. John Valley and the State. He is active in the Save Our French movement, a founding member and first president of Le Club Français. He served as the first president of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council. He has videotaped French-speaking residents of northern Aroostook County to ensure that their stories will be preserved for posterity. He films current events involving Franco-Americans and has built an impressive library of videos about the St. John Valley people and their important milestones. He has labored tirelessly in revitalizing the Fort Kent Historical Society. He led the restoration of the old B&A Railroad Station for the Society while serving as its president from 1986 to 1990. He is presently compiling and will publish *Les Belles Histoires* in honor of a century of service of Daughters of Wisdom, a French order of sisters that settled in St. Agathe in 1904. Dr. Chasse is married to the former Priscilla Hanna of Biddeford and has 4 children: Daniel, Carl, Kevin and Christine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Chasse; (HLS 1348)

Dave Billings, harbor master of Cape Porpoise, on his retirement after nearly 15 years of service. Mr. Billings attended Maine Maritime Academy in Castine and joined the United States Navy after graduating. After 21 years in the service, he became a fisherman, operating 3 boats. Mr. Billings became harbor master in 1989. We acknowledge his dedication and service to his town, his profession and to the State of Maine and we wish him a happy retirement; (HLS 1349)

Phillip Perkins, of Augusta, for his 30 years of service to the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Togus, 20 years of which he served working with veterans in the dialysis unit. Mr. Perkins is also an accomplished musician and often plays at the center as well as at area senior centers. We send our appreciation to Mr. Perkins for his dedication and commitment to the veterans and other citizens throughout the State; (HLS 1350)

Louis Heimann, of Skowhegan, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 485, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend him for his commitment to the Boy Scout principles of character, citizenship and personal fitness, along with many dedicated hours and service to his community. We extend our congratulations to Louis and best wishes on this accomplishment; (HLS 1351)

Christopher Indorf, of Saco, on his nomination as Maine Teacher of the Year 2005. Mr. Indorf teaches social studies at Thornton Academy. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1352)

Clarence R. "Cap" de Rochemont, of Rockland, beloved husband of Perilla. Mr. de Rochemont was a flight engineer with the 2nd Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a realtor in the Midcoast region for more than 40 years. He was a past president of the Rockland Rotary Club, a past president of the Penobscot Bay Medical Center, a former chair of the Board of Assessment Review of the City of Rockland, a former director of the Mid-Coast Mental Health Center and a former director of the Southern Maine Comprehensive Health Association. He also was a member of many civic and community organizations. He received numerous honors, including the 1972 Jaycee

Distinguished Service Award. He was elected a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, was the 1999 recipient of Rotary International's Four Avenues of Service Citation and was the recipient of the 1983 Member of the Year Award of the Rockland Area Chamber of Commerce. He will be missed by his family, friends and colleagues and will be remembered for his integrity, generosity and service to his community and State; (HLS 1353)

the Katahdin Federal Credit Union, with locations in Millinocket and Island Falls, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary "retro" celebration on March 25, 2004. From its modest beginning in 1954, with a membership of 7 people and \$25 to obtain a charter, has sprung a multi-million dollar financial institution. Originally established to serve the employees of Great Northern Paper Company, the credit union now has a membership that encompasses a number of area communities. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Katahdin Federal Credit Union, its President and CEO, Don Casco, and its members throughout the Katahdin region as they celebrate this milestone; (HLS 1354)

the following members of the Falmouth High School Boys Soccer Team, the Yachtsmen, upon winning the 2003 Class B State Soccer Championship: Kyle Burnett, Chris White, Chris Davis, Chris Piper, Jordan Hale, Nick Babikian, Dan Forcella, Chris Hooper, Alex Urquhart, Mike Webster, Will Barns, Hobson Bradford, Mike Thoreson, Connor Hallowell, Jimmy Velas, Ryan Bradford, Miles Libby, Thomas Starkey, Mike Carr, Sam Alpert, Chris Labrecque, Kevin Frantzen, Ray Baston, Ben Rayder and Bryant Barr; Coach David Halligan, Jr.; Assistant Coach Todd Whitcomb; Principal Allyn Hutton and Athletic Director Jason Hurley. This is the fourth consecutive Class B State Title for the team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1355)

Jimmy Velas, of Falmouth, Captain of the Falmouth High School Boys Soccer Team, the Yachtsmen, 2003 Class B State Champions. Jimmy is a 4-year varsity letter winner as well as an All-State Western Maine Class B winner and an All-New England and All-American winner, and he has been named to the Western Maine Conference All-Star first team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jimmy on his sports awards; (HLS 1356)

Jordan McGuire, of Linneus, who won the Aroostook County Spelling Bee. Jordan is an 8th-grade student at the Greater Houlton Christian Academy. We send Jordan our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1357)

Burns, Perry and James Lilley, of Smyrna, who have received the Maine Dairy Industry Association's 2004 Dairy Leader Award. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 1358)

Eric Pettengill, of Gorham, owner of Pettengill Landscaping Company, whose "Weekend Retreat" theme won the company several awards at the People, Places and Plants Spring Flower and Garden Show at Scarborough Downs. The awards included the Beatrix Ferrand Design Award, for distinctive design; the Melvin Estabrook Award, for attention to detail; the Spring Flower Show Theme Award, for best use of theme; and overall Best of Show, for the highest points from the panel of judges. This is the company's 12th year participating in the show. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Pettengill and his team on their winning these awards; (HLS 1359)

Eric Pettengill, of Gorham, owner of Pettengill Landscaping Company, whose "Weekend Retreat" theme won the company several awards at the People, Places and Plants Spring Flower and Garden Show at Scarborough Downs. The awards included the Beatrix Ferrand Design Award, for distinctive design; the

Melvin Estabrook Award, for attention to detail; the Spring Flower Show Theme Award, for best use of theme; and overall Best of Show, for the highest points from the panel of judges. This is the company's 12th year participating in the show. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Pettengill and his team on their winning these awards; (HLS 1360)

Reginald MacDonald, of South Portland, on his retirement after 17 years as superintendent of schools in South Portland. Mr. MacDonald has been in education for 34 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. MacDonald for his many years of dedication to the students of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1361)

Ellen Jordan, of South Portland, on the occasion of her retirement. Mrs. Jordan has served the children and citizens of the South Portland Public Schools since September 7, 1970. While Mrs. Jordan's children and grandchildren will enjoy more time with her, the staff of the South Portland schools will greatly miss her. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Jordan for her dedication to the students of South Portland and wish her the best in her future endeavors; (HLS 1362)

the members of the Orono Middle School Chess Team, who won the State Middle School Chess Championship. The competition was held at the University of Maine at Orono. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team and coach Joseph St. Pierre on this accomplishment; (HLS 1363)

George H. Smith, of Carmel, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, April 4, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this very special occasion; (HLS 1364)

Brian Higgins, of Brewer, for his many years of dedicated community service in the Penobscot Valley area and throughout the State. Mr. Higgins has worked with the State's blind and visually impaired citizens, serving as President of the American Council of the Blind of Maine and as a member of the Maine State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Mr. Higgins is also a local historian, author, Civil War reenactor and a leading authority on the Underground Railroad within the State. He has served as President of the Brewer Historical Society since 1995 and as Facilities Manager of the Curran Homestead historical farm since 1999. He is the cofounder and developer of the Chamberlain Freedom Park, which depicts Gettysburg's Little Round Top where the famous Civil War battle took place. The park also honors General Joshua Chamberlain, the 20th Maine Regiment and the Underground Railroad. We send Mr. Higgins our appreciation for his strong advocacy for the visually impaired, for his untiring community service and for his devotion and commitment to preserving the State's role in the Civil War and the Underground Railroad; (HLS 1365)

Dorothy Pribish, of Saco, on her nomination as Maine Teacher of the Year 2005. Ms. Pribish is a 6th-grade teacher at Saco Middle School. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1366)

Monmouth Academy on the occasion of its 200th anniversary. The academy started in January 1801 when the General Court of Massachusetts granted a request for land to establish a school in the Town of Monmouth. With a gift of more than \$1,500 from Lady Elizabeth Bowdoin Temple, John Chandler and General Dearborn, and a land grant of 1,500 acres, the Monmouth Free Grammar School opened its doors to the young people of Monmouth and surrounding areas in 1803. In 1809, the school was renamed Monmouth Academy. The Monmouth school system continues to provide to its students and the town quality education, diverse extracurricular activities, as well as a strong sense of community. We extend our congratulations to

Monmouth Academy and the citizens of Monmouth on this special occasion; (HLS 1367)

Homer R. Ward, Jr., of Limestone, on February 7, 2004. The son of Chrystal and Homer Ward, Sr., Mr. Ward served his nation proudly in the United States Army during World War II and served again in 1950 in the Korean War. Later he joined the Army National Guard and moved through the ranks before he retired as a Colonel in 1984. When he was not serving his country, Mr. Ward farmed the land and was very active in town politics. He served on various committees and contributed to the efforts of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Limestone United Methodist Church. He is survived by Julia, his wife of 60 years; his 3 children, Billie Ann, Gregory and Constance; as well as 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and a brother and 2 sisters. We recognize Mr. Ward's committed service and wish to offer our sincere condolences to his family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1368)

David "Hunter" Cotton, of Houlton, on his retirement on April 1 after 50 years working for Ricker College. Mr. Cotton, sometimes referred to as "Mr. Ricker," began his career at Ricker teaching psychology, government and a few other subjects. After 5 years of teaching at the college, Mr. Cotton became headmaster and academic dean from 1946 to 1966. During his career he also served as acting president and registrar. For the past 14 years, Mr. Cotton was the executive director of the college's Board of Trustees Scholarship and Endowment Committee. As executive director, Mr. Cotton spent most of his time as executive director gathering scholarship applications and working with the selection committee. During his career, he has written over \$1.5 million in scholarship checks. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Cotton for his dedication to the students and his community and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 1369)

the following members of the Greely High School Girls Basketball Team, the Greely Rangers, of Cumberland, for winning the 2004 Class B Girls Basketball State Championship: players Karly Daigle, Amanda Gray, Brigitte Demers, Erica Davis, Marnie Sicard, Emma Dickson, Lauren Wyatt, Michelle Robb and Renee Jordan; captains Erin Cassidy, Stephanie Ginn and Abby Marsteller; and Coach James Seavey. This is the Rangers' first title in the past 20 years of competition. We extend our congratulations to the team on winning the championship and we wish the team well on all future endeavors; (HLS 1370)

Paul Benjamin, of Rockland, who has been selected as the Person of the Year by the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Benjamin serves the community through a number of activities and started the North Atlantic Blues Festival. We join the Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce in congratulating Mr. Benjamin and in thanking him for his tremendous contributions to his community and the State; (HLS 1371)

Christopher J. Young, of Camden, who has been selected as the 2003 Officer of the Year by the Rockland Police Department. Mr. Young has been a member of the Rockland Police Department since 1996. We congratulate Mr. Young and thank him for his dedicated commitment to his community and the State; (HLS 1372)

Corinne Carignan, of Eliot, on receiving the annual Fabyan Drake Citizen of the Year Award. This award is presented to a citizen for many years of dedicated public service. Ms. Carignan's civic involvement includes membership on several town committees including the Shell Fish Ordinance Committee, the Conservation and Recycling Committees and the Annual Town Book Committee. As a Historical Society member, she undertook the publishing of the school book. She also played a

major role in organizing the Town of Eliot's 175th anniversary celebration and has been a driving force in organizing the "Eliot Festival Days" celebration since its inception. In addition to these many activities, Corinne found the time to develop and improve the Eliot Boat Basin Park through obtaining various grant awards. We extend our appreciation to Corinne for her diligent work and congratulate her on this noteworthy achievement; (HLS 1373)

JoAnn Engel Pike, of Auburn, best known as a founder and CEO of the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Ms. Pike taught in parochial and public schools in Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas and later taught third grade in the Lewiston school system. She was instrumental in starting the New Vine Community, a charismatic prayer group. She received numerous leadership awards for her work in distributing food to soup kitchens, food pantries and kitchens throughout the State. She was a member of the Rotary Club, the Androscoggin Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of St. Mary's Hospital. She will be remembered as a woman with a big heart and a small ego and will be greatly missed by family, friends, her staff, volunteers and the business community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1374)

Rebecca Martins, of Warren, Executive Director of The Institute for Self-Directed Care, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication as a patient advocate for the citizens of her community, state and nation. Ms. Martin was a prime mover behind recently enacted legislation that is intended to reduce medical errors and improve patient health throughout the State. She is a member of the National Patient Safety Commission and is well-known for her patient rights advocacy. We join citizens throughout the State in sending our thanks to Ms. Martins; (HLS 1375)

Carmen "Carmie" Brigalli, who was a lifelong resident of Millinocket. After graduating from high school, Mr. Brigalli joined the United States Army Air Corps, where he served his country during World War II, earning the Purple Heart and several other citations for exemplary service. He worked for Great Northern Paper Co. in the Yard Department and was active as president of the Pulp and Sulfite Union. Mr. Brigalli was also very active in community activities in both "Little Italy" and the Town of Millinocket. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1376)

John Clemens, of Wilton, on his 47 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1377)

Andy Shattuck, of Wilton, recipient of the Community Service Award presented by the Franklin County Grange #50. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Shattuck on his receiving this award; (HLS 1378)

Barbara Yeaton, of Farmington, on her 75th anniversary of becoming a member of the Wilson Grange #321. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Yeaton for her commitment to her community and to the grange; (HLS 1379)

Michael Joel Benson, of Wilton, a student at the University of Maine at Orono, who is the recipient of the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award. The award is given by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Education Foundation to the outstanding senior in each district of the Fraternity. The award is given for outstanding scholastic achievement, community involvement and fraternity and campus leadership. We extend our congratulations to Michael on his receiving this award; (HLS 1380)

Robert "Bob" Stevens, of Temple, on his retirement after serving the Town of Temple for 18 years as a Selectman. The 2003 Annual Report was dedicated to Mr. Stevens in recognition of his dedicated service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1381)

Roland Douglass, of Lewiston, on his 26 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1382)

Roy "Joe" Dyke, of Wilton, on his 27 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1383)

Cecil Holman, of North Jay, on his 42 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1384)

Harold Beisaw, of North Jay, on his 47 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1385)

Harvey Ricker, of Jay, on his 25 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1386)

Gerald Wiles, of Wilton, on his 34 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1387)

Donald Philip Richards, a lifelong resident of Strong. Mr. Richards was a graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, where he received his certification as a Law Enforcement Administrator. He proudly served for 33 years in the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the last 9 of them as Sheriff. Mr. Richards also served as the Town Constable and Tax Collector and was on the Board of Selectmen. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his town, his community and the State of Maine. In recognition of his service, the 2003 Annual Town Report was dedicated to him. He will be missed by his family, friends, colleagues and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1388)

Conrad "Cy" and Ethel Gould, of Avon, for their dedicated service to the Town of Avon over the years. Cy and Ethel Gould live in the house he was raised in, which was built in 1812. During their 43 years of marriage, the Goulds have been actively involved in town affairs. Cy Gould served on the Board of School Directors and the Avon Planning Board and also was a Franklin County Deputy Sheriff. They attend meetings and continue to protect the community and, in recognition of their contributions to the town, the 2003 Avon town report was dedicated to them. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Cy and Ethel Gould; (HLS 1389)

Bill Hargreaves, of New Vineyard, for his dedicated service to the Town of New Vineyard over the years. The town's 2003 Annual Report was dedicated to Mr. Hargreaves in recognition of his contributions to the town. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1390)

George Farnum, of East Wilton, on his 27 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1391)

Calvin Sewall, of Wilton, on his 42 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1392)

Spencer Osgood, of Jay, on his 36 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1393)

Kenneth Wiley, of Wilton, on his 26 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Lions Club, a community service organization. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1394)

the Lewiston Maineiacs, the only United States-based member of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. We

commend the individual players, their coaches and the Maineiacs management for their many positive contributions to our community and we look forward to our continued relationship with all of them. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their very successful first season in our community and thank the team for choosing Lewiston as its home; (HLS 1395)

Carmen "Carmie" Brigalli, who was a lifelong resident of Millinocket. After graduating from high school, Mr. Brigalli joined the United States Army Air Corps, where he served his country during World War II, earning the Purple Heart and several other citations for exemplary service. He worked for Great Northern Paper Co. in the Yard Department and was active as president of the Pulp and Sulfite Union. Mr. Brigalli was also very active in community activities in both "Little Italy" and the Town of Millinocket. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1396)

Dottie Millett, of Oxford, for her dedication to her community and its citizens. Ms. Millett has served on the Oxford Hills School Board and the Oxford Hills Technical School Board and has chaired Project Graduation for many years. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Millett and wish her well in her retirement; (HLS 1397)

the Monmouth Federal Credit Union, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary celebration on March 28, 2004. From a modest beginning in 1953, with a membership of 7 people to obtain a charter, has sprung a multi-million-dollar financial institution. Originally established to serve the residents of Monmouth, the credit union now serves residents of Monmouth, Leeds, Litchfield, Wales, Greene and Turner. The meetings were held in the homes of its members until 1970, when it moved to its current location at 1176 Main Street. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Monmouth Federal Credit Union and its members as they celebrate this milestone; (HLS 1398)

the Honorable Theone Look-Bagley, of Jonesboro, our esteemed colleague and friend, whose service in local, county and state government stretched more than 50 years. She served as Town Clerk of Jonesboro for 24 years, served as a Washington County Commissioner for 10 years and served 5 terms as a member of the House of Representatives in the Maine State Legislature. Fondly remembered as a good listener and a strong advocate for her community, she would often attend meetings and testify at hearings long after her service in the Legislature. Theone was also an active member of the Jonesboro Union Church, the Jonesboro Grange and the Eastern Star. She will be greatly missed by her loving family, many friends and her beloved Washington County; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1399)

Jeannine Peters, of Old Town, office secretary at the Joseph A. Leonard Middle School, on her retirement. We send our appreciation to her for her 29 years of dedicated and caring service to the school and community. We wish her well as she pursues her genealogical research in England; (HLS 1400)

the members of the Rangeley Lakes Regional School Girls Basketball Team, who are the 2003-2004 Class D State Champions. The team set a 3-pointer state championship game record by making 9 of them. Their victory capped off a perfect 21-0 season, giving them their 3rd State Class D Title. We extend our congratulations to the team members: players Emily George, Krista Brackett, Ashley Quimby, Ashley Morton, Abby Madeira, Kelly Brooks, captain Rosie LaPointe, Justine Frost-Kolva, Krysteen Romero, captain Sarah Schrader, Rhea Golub and Sabrina Clark; coach Heidi Deery; assistant coach Martha Nichols; and manager Kate Jamison; (HLS 1401)

Nick Noonan, of Old Town, on the occasion of winning the Division I Jazz Band Individual and Combo Awards for trombone. We send Nick our congratulations and best wishes on his winning these awards; (HLS 1402)

St. John Valley Associates, Inc., SJVA, of Madawaska, which is celebrating its 25th year of service to adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Originally a sheltered workshop dedicated to the memory of its founding father, Dr. Andrew N. McQuarrie, it has evolved into a facility promoting daily living skills. SJVA's programs and services are selected and designed to allow its participants to upgrade learning skills, advocate for their rights, increase independence, accept new responsibilities and participate in economic, health, social and recreational opportunities of their choice in their communities. Currently, SJVA provides services to 30 individuals who reside in Madawaska, Grand Isle, St. Agatha, Frenchville, New Canada, Soldier Pond, Cross Lake and Fort Kent. It is governed by a 12-member board of directors and depends on financial support from governmental agencies, the United Way, area businesses and local individuals; (HLS 1403)

Womancare, of Dover-Foxcroft, on its 25th Anniversary, June 25, 2004. Womancare began in the early years of the Battered Women's Movement in Piscataquis County. A small group of women interested in forming a support group for battered women quickly moved toward focusing on services for battered women. By 1981, the organization joined the Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services and received its first state contract. Womancare now serves between 450 and 500 individuals a year and provides educational programs in communities and schools. It has become an integral part of the community of Piscataquis County and southwestern Penobscot County. We extend our sincere congratulations to Womancare on 25 years of dedicated service to end domestic violence; (HLS 1404)

Trevor Graves, senior forward on the Presque Isle High School Hockey Team, for being chosen as a member of the second team on the Eastern Maine Class B All-Star Hockey Team. We congratulate Trevor on his receiving this honor and we extend our best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 1405)

Benji Lynch, senior defenseman on the Presque Isle High School Hockey Team, for being chosen as a member of the first team on the Eastern Maine Class B All-Star Hockey Team. We congratulate Benji on his receiving this honor and we extend our best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 1406)

Lindi McCallum, of Lewiston, who has been elected National Commander of the Franco American War Veterans, Inc. Ms. McCallum has the distinction of being the first woman ever elected to this office. Ms. McCallum joined the Franco American War Veterans, Inc. Post 31 in 2001. She has been a member of the Color Guard for 3 years. She served in the United States Navy from 1989 to 1994 as a CTM2 Cryptologic Technician, intercepting signals from submarines, planes and ships in the area of Russia. We extend our congratulations to Ms. McCallum on her receiving this distinction; (HLS 1407)

Gretchen Griffith, of Limestone, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, December 1, 2003. A lifelong resident of Aroostook County, Mrs. Griffith raised 8 children and is the proud grandmother of 18 grandchildren. Renowned for her culinary skills, she has been the long-standing chair of the Chicken Pie Supper for the Methodist Church. She has also been president of the Dorcus Circle and has comforted innumerable grieving families, preparing the church's bereavement luncheons for the past 18 years. In 2001, Mrs. Griffith was featured as an honoree in the Celebrating Women of Aroostook calendar, having been

nominated by her peers for the inspiration she has been to her family and community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 1408)

James "Chico" Hernandez, of Washburn, who won the silver medal in the Veterans' Division at the British Sombro Wrestling Championships held on Saturday, March 13, in Sittingbourne, England. In the Open Division Chico placed 5th, having wrestled his way into the semifinals with strong determination and will. Chico finished the day's contest, which was comprised of 200 entries and participants from 12 countries, with 5 wins and only 2 losses. We congratulate Chico for yet another feat in the ring of international wrestling competition; (HLS 1409)

the following senior citizens of the St. John River Valley, for their spirit and "can do" attitude in their successful effort raising money and, in the tradition of St. John Valley people, rolling up their sleeves and, with the sweat of their brow on their own time, building a new senior citizen center in Fort Kent. These elders are truly an inspiration and testament to the meaning of community: the Honorable Raynold Theriault, Don Berube, Bob Boucher, George Caron, Ernest Charette, Fern Charette, Pauline Charette, Craig Daigle, Elmer Daigle, Norman "Blackie" Daigle, Roger Damboise, Bea Deschaine, Reginald Deschaine, Norman Dionne, James Jalbert, Dave Labbe, Clarence Levesque, Alberie Nadeau, Joseph Paradis, Don Pelletier, George Picard, Joel Plourde, Omer Plourde, Mark Rioux, Paul Emile Rioux, Irvin Roy, Ted Sirois, Germaine Soucy, Cecile Theriault, Ernest Theriault, Franklin Theriault and Edward Thibault. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their accomplishment; (HLS 1410)

the members of the Monmouth Academy Academic Decathlon, winners of the Maine Academic Decathlon Championship. The team will be headed to the nationals for the 3rd time in 6 years. Monmouth Academy has been either state champion or runner-up each of the past 7 years of the competition. In the Academic Decathlon, students match their intellects with students from other schools in 10 academic events: language and literature, mathematics, science, economics, art, music, essay, speech, interview and "super quiz." We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment: captain Cory Shepherd, Shane Donahue, Neil Howker, Scott Turcotte, Andrea Blundon, Bianca Cloutier, Chris Eldridge, Andrew Bellmore and Matt Kelley; and coaches David Heckman, Cathy Foyt, Scott Foyt and Elizabeth Garret. We wish them luck at the national competition in April in Boise, Idaho; (HLS 1411)

Private First Class Christopher Anderson, of Gorham, who has returned from active duty with the 52nd Combat Engineers stationed in Iraq. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Pfc. Anderson home to America and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 1412)

Green Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, of Portland, on the 90th anniversary of the laying of its cornerstone and the construction of its house of worship atop Munjoy Hill. Today the oldest established African-American congregation in the Pine Tree State, Green Memorial's roots lie in the Abyssinian Church of 1828, founded by the busy community of free blacks settled by the hillsides and harbor of Portland. Through meetings and mergers in 1842 and 1891, its worshipers formed the Abyssinian Congregational Church on Montfort Street. In 1907, the present site was purchased and in 1914 the cornerstone laid for the current sanctuary. In 1943, the church was named in honor of Moses Green, who was born in slavery and devoted many of his 89 years to service to his church and community. In

that same spirit, for 3 generations Green Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church has stood as a symbol of determination, perseverance and pride to all peoples in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the Sea"; (HLS 1413)

Anna Greenlaw, of Island Falls, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, April 14, 2004. Ms. Greenlaw is a retired teacher who has been active in her community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 1414)

Eleanor Gellerson, of Island Falls, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, March 28, 2004. Ms. Gellerson is a retired nurse who has been active in her community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 1415)

the Dirigo High School Girls Basketball Team, which has won 10 Western Maine Class C Championships in a row. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following 2003-2004 members of the team: players Amanda Law, Alexa Kaubris, Brooke Weston, Jennifer Harvey, Michelle Holmquist, Holly Knight, Christina Chow, Katie Hutchinson, Katherine Gagne, Shannon Daley, Abby Fenstermacher, Megan Russell and Ashley Coulombe; and Coach Gavin Kane, Assistant Coach Rebecca Fletcher and Assistants Matt Clark and Rob Marcia; (HLS 1416)

the following members of the Cony High School Girls Ice Hockey Club, of Augusta, upon their winning the 2004 Maine Girls High School Ice Hockey Association State Championship: players Lizzy Adams, Chelsea Clark, Sarah Clark, Crystal Edwards, Michelle Fecteau, Devon Gaslin, Kaitlin Globensky, Jessica Hitchcock, Jaime Kircshner, Jill Lizotte, Julie Lizotte, Erika Lucas, Chelsea Maurice, Tara Moulton and Danielle Sargent; and coaches Barb Gaslin, Rocky Gaslin and Paul DeSchamp. This is the club's 3rd State Championship in the last 4 years. We extend our congratulations to the club on this accomplishment; (HLS 1417)

Katie Rollins, of Augusta, junior center on the Cony High School Girls' Basketball Team, who scored her 1,000th career point February 13, 2004. Ms. Rollins is the 6th girl in the history of Cony High School to score 1,000 points. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Katie Rollins on this achievement; (HLS 1418)

the members of the Cony High School Girls Basketball Team, of Augusta, who won the Eastern Maine Class A Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1419)

Emmy Brown, of Brunswick, recipient of a 2004 Jefferson Award in the category of Support for Youth and Families. The Jefferson Award is given by the American Institute for Public Service to ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of award or recognition. Ms. Brown has distinguished herself in public and community service. She will be honored with 6 others on Friday, April 2nd at Maine's 2004 Jefferson Awards Ceremony. We send our congratulations to Ms. Brown and extend our appreciation to her for her commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1420)

Madelyn Betts, of Dover-Foxcroft, for her 41 years of dedicated service to the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society. Ms. Betts has been secretary of the society since its inception in 1983. She will retire after a history of commitment throughout her years of distinguished service to the community. She is one of the founders of the original historical society and became an avid collector of Maine history books that pertained to Dover-Foxcroft. She developed several programs for the historical society on her collections of postcards, pictures and fans, in addition to writing

articles for newspapers. We extend our sincere congratulations and join Ms. Betts' many friends and family and offer our best wishes on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1421)

Roger Katz, of Augusta, recipient of the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award given by Le Club Calumet. Mr. Katz is a tireless community leader who has been active in numerous boards and committees in Augusta. He helped re-write the city's charter, worked on Augusta's Bicentennial Committee and recently played a pivotal role in raising more than \$1.5 million in private donations that will be used to upgrade the new Cony High School. He has also helped the YMCA, the United Way of Kennebec Valley and the Augusta Development Commission over the years. Mr. Katz also received the 2003 Business Person of the Year award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We send our congratulations to Mr. Katz on his receiving this prestigious award and extend our appreciation to him for his continued dedication to helping the citizens of the Capital Area; (HLS 1422)

Sagadahoc County on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. Incorporated on April 4, 1854 from lands formerly embraced by Lincoln County, it is situated upon the lower portion of the Kennebec River. Historical accounts indicate that the county name, Sagadahoc, was taken from the Sasanoa Indian tribe and means "mouth of the river." It is the smallest county in the State and covers an area of approximately 250 square miles with a population over more than 35,000 people. Home to Fort Popham, one of the earliest colonies in the United States, and home to the "Virginia," generally considered the first ship built in America, the county has a long history of shipbuilding and is the proud home of the prestigious Bath Iron Works, one of the state's largest employers. Sagadahoc County is also home to 2 popular beaches, Popham Beach State Park in Phippsburg and Reid State Park in Georgetown, as well as the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, which houses one of the finest collections of maritime artifacts in the country. We join citizens throughout the State in extending congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of Sagadahoc County as they observe Sagadahoc County's Sesquicentennial; (HLS 1423)

the members of the Erskine Academy Boys Basketball Team, of South China, who won the State Class B Basketball Championship. This is the team's first championship in the academy's 121-year history. We extend our congratulations to the team members on this victory: Matt Donar, Kevin Haskell, Steve Childs, Brandon Dow, Dustin Heath, Darrell Haskell, Josh Jones, James Liebowitz, Mark Fleming, Eric Kendall, Clint Peterson, Brett Bagdoyan, Levi Dennison and Duy Lyford; head coach Tim Bonsant; assistant coaches Bob Donar and Ben Willoughby; and managers Meghan Brann, Kaitie Gerrish, Steve Hannan, Derek Brown and Joey Burke; (HLS 1424)

Eric Trinward, of Gray, who won the Slalom and Giant Slalom events at the State Class B High School Alpine Ski Championships on February 28, 2004. This win qualified him to be one of 8 male high school athletes to represent the State at the Eastern United States High School Championship at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vermont. Eric's first-place victories at the Class B State races qualified him to compete in every Slalom run event, where he defeated the top 10 Class A, B and C athletes. We extend our congratulations to Eric on this athletic achievement and wish him continued success in future skiing events; (HLS 1425)

Jerrold Bradley, of Gorham, recipient of a 2004 Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Awards are presented nationwide to recognize ordinary citizens for outstanding community service. Mr. Bradley won the award in the health, human and social

services category. Mr. Bradley provides peer support to people with mental illness who come into the emergency room at Maine Medical Center. He oversees the program, which started in 2002. He has won a Red Cross Real Heroes award for his work and was named person of the year in 2003 by the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bradley for the work he does with the mentally ill and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1426)

Clifford Gilman, of Portland, devoted father, husband and lifelong resident of Portland. Mr. Gilman was devoted to his wife of 62 years, Daisy, and his 3 children, Diana Gagne, Robert C. Gilman and Richard W. Gilman. He loved spending time with his wife and family, especially his 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was a skilled craftsman, a dedicated worker and a dear friend to all who were fortunate enough to know him. He started working in 1939, building liberty ships in the South Portland shipyard. He then worked for Maine Hardware and made many friends in his 28 years there, before moving on to work for the Harris Company for 10 years before retiring. He will be deeply missed and remembered by his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1427)

the Waterville Senior High School Science Olympiad Team, who won the 2004 State Championship for the 9th year in a row. The team will attend the national competition in May, 2004. Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education. We congratulate the following members of the team: seniors Colin Donihue, Kristen Huber, Sean Anderson, Jon Janelle, Brian L'Heureux, Fei Tan, Eric Bellandi and Jake Nawfel; juniors Alicia Morgan, Brian Flood, Max Cohen and Elizabeth Webb; sophomores Sarah King, Adam Hunnewell, Amy Bureau and Katie Eaton; and director Martha Cobb. We extend our best wishes to the members of the team on their future endeavors; (HLS 1428)

Heather A. Camire, of Harrison, recipient of the Maine Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year award. A senior airman and member of the 243rd Engineering Installation Squadron in South Portland, Heather is also the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Training Ribbon. After graduating from Cony High School in 1997, she enlisted in the Guard in 2001 and is currently a first-year student at the University of Maine School of Law. We extend our congratulations to Heather for this achievement and send our best wishes as she pursues her graduate degree; (HLS 1429)

Sabra Burdick, of Freeport, Acting Commissioner of Behavioral and Developmental Services, on the occasion of her retirement. Commissioner Burdick has provided 26 years of leadership in numerous positions in both the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, including Director of the Division of Purchased and Support Services at DHS; Director of the Bureau of Income Maintenance at DHS; Director of Internal Operations at the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and Deputy Commissioner of Behavioral and Developmental Services. She has earned the respect and admiration of not only her state staff over the years, but also advocates and providers throughout the State. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her profession and to the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1430)

Margery M. Dean, of Columbia Falls and Bangor, a great patriot and citizen. Throughout the Iraq war, she was dedicated to greeting returning troops at Bangor International Airport. She

strongly believed in supporting the efforts of those defending our country, and for that reason she greeted nearly 350 flights in the last year, regardless of the time of day or night. Her patriotism and unconditional kindness will be missed by her 8 children, 26 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1431)

Leonard Pelletier, son of Irene and Edith Daigle Pelletier, on the occasion of his 83rd birthday, November 26, 2003. He married Lucille Lozier on April 10, 1944. Their 3 sons are James Allan, Philip Leonard and Michael Paul, and their 5 grandchildren are Amy Louise, Eric Michael, Joshua Allan, Marc Joseph and Lauren Monique. We extend our best wishes to him on this birthday; (HLS 1432)

Nelson H. King, of Leeds, on the honored occasion of his 80th birthday. A proud native son of the Pine Tree State, he attended local schools in Leeds and in 1943 answered the call of his country in World War II to serve in F. Company, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, the famous "Muleskinners," whose mule-drawn caissons hauled supplies and firepower up the rocky hills of Italy to liberate that nation from the Axis grip in 1944. He later served in Southern France, where he earned the Purple Heart. As one of the last-known Maine veterans of the Muleskinners, Mr. King's youthful contributions to the war effort symbolize the spirit of sacrifice and service that mark "The Greatest Generation," which won the war to save the free world. We salute him as a proud son of the Pine Tree State and a veteran of dedicated combat service in World War II; (HLS 1433)

Charles R. Munn, of Presque Isle, who is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service with the Department of Labor. As a claims specialist, Mr. Munn worked diligently to ensure efficient production. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Munn for his commitment to serving the citizens of the State and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 1434)

the following students from Auburn Middle School: Sam Armstrong, Shea Blair, Olivia Welch, John Bedette, Tanya Gagne and Decan Lasagne, who are the state winners of the Featured Creature, Division II Odyssey of the Mind competition. The team will represent Maine at the world finals at the University of Maryland in May. We extend our congratulations to them on this accomplishment and wish them success at the world finals; (HLS 1435)

John and Betty Labrecque, of Gorham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 12, 2004. Mr. and Mrs. Labrecque were high school sweethearts and were married at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. Together, they have raised 4 children and are the proud great-grandparents of 9. John made his living as a self-employed electrician, and Betty was a schoolteacher in Westbrook for more than 25 years. This is a wonderful milestone in their lives, and we wish them continued happiness in the years to come; (HLS 1436)

Dr. Edward Reeves, of Auburn. A 1938 graduate of the University of Vienna Medical School, Dr. Reeves was known for his steadfast character, kindness and wisdom and the Central Maine Medical Center gave him a President's Award for his dedication to his patients. Dr. Reeves was also an accomplished pianist and organist, and he played the organ throughout Austria. He enjoyed poetry, history, travel and photography. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (HLS 1437)

Jerry Tweedie, of Houlton, who is retiring after 30 years of coaching. Mr. Tweedie's coaching career began with his first year of teaching at Houlton High School when he took over as coach for the freshman boys basketball team and started the school's soccer program. For the past 9 years he has led the

varsity Lady Shires. He coached in classes A, B and C, has been in the Eastern Maine finals twice and won the Sportsmanship Banner 3 times. We acknowledge Mr. Tweedie's many years of dedication to the sport and to the youth in his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1438)

Claire Thompson, of Houlton, a senior at Houlton High School, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. The award is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to Claire and we wish her well on her future endeavors; (HLS 1439)

Amanda Fitzpatrick, of Linneus, a senior at Hodgdon High School, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. The award is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to Amanda and we wish her well on her future endeavors; (HLS 1440)

Kelly Dinsmore, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named one of the Valedictorians of the 2004 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send Kelly our congratulations on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (HLS 1441)

Caitlin Mahoney, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named one of the Valedictorians of the 2004 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send Caitlin our congratulations on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (HLS 1442)

Joseph Manzo, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named one of the Valedictorians of the 2004 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send Joseph our congratulations on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to him in his future endeavors; (HLS 1443)

Charles Gregory Cox, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send Charles our congratulations on this accomplishment and extend our best wishes to him in his future endeavors; (HLS 1444)

Krystal Daggett, of Patten, a senior at Katahdin High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the Class of 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Krystal on her future endeavors; (HLS 1445)

Brian Sullivan, of Patten, a senior at Katahdin High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the Class of 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 1446)

Leonora McDonald, of Wilton, on the honored occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. McDonald was born Leonora Hiscock on March 1, 1904 in Wilton, and holds the prestigious Boston Post Cane as her community's oldest citizen. She resided in Wilton throughout her youth until attending Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, graduating in 1926. Mrs. McDonald returned to her hometown after residing for 40 years in Massachusetts, where she and her husband, the late Reverend Joseph McDonald, raised their 2 children. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her birth; (HLS 1447)

the Odyssey of the Mind Team of the Webster Intermediate School, of Auburn, which placed 3rd in the Featured Creature, Division I, Odyssey of the Mind state competition. Members of the team include: Ben Armstrong, Lauren Bennett, Caroline Dunn, Jessica Fournier, Megan Howes, Nicole Larue and Michael Weber. Webster Intermediate School's team will be one

of the teams representing Maine at the world finals to be held at the University of Maryland in May. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment and wish them success at the world finals; (HLS 1448)

Lionel R. Castonguay, of Livermore Falls, on the special occasion of his receiving his high school diploma this June at the age of 77 with the 2004 graduating class of Livermore High School. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Castonguay on this remarkable accomplishment, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1449)

the Honorable Philip P. Berry, of Buxton, who served the towns of Buxton, Hollis, Limington and parts of Saco from 1970 to 1980 as a member of the House of Representatives in the Maine State Legislature. Mr. Berry, the beloved husband of Joan Berry, was a veteran of the United States Army and the proprietor of the Phil Berry Plumbing Company for more than 50 years. He was active in his community and was instrumental in the planning and building of the Weymouth Little League Ball Park. He enjoyed playing cribbage with his friends and liked to spend time hiking, mountain climbing and going on exploratory tours with his children and grandchildren. He will be remembered by many as a gentle, conservative man who encouraged all to achieve their best in life. Mr. Berry will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1450)

Doris Pearson Drum, who was born in Houlton on July 26, 1904. She received formal instruction at Farmington Normal School and Detroit Teachers College in Michigan. She taught school first in Mars Hill, then in Detroit, Michigan, later returning to Maine, where she and her husband, the late Kenneth Drum, made their home in Manchester for 51 years. Mrs. Drum taught school in Manchester for 15 years and was active in the Home Extension organization there. She is the proud mother of 4 children and has 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all of whom are college graduates. Mrs. Drum currently resides at Montello Heights in Lewiston, where her kindness and thoughtful personality endear her to staff members and neighbors alike. Her contributions to her community as a lifelong educator are remarkable. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her birth; (HLS 1451)

Ken Bell of Augusta, Bill Aikens of Winthrop, Scott Cowger of Hallowell, Gary Favreau of Brunswick, Sue Genest of Augusta, Dail Marie Martin of Casco, Gail Schade of Hallowell, Jay Clayton Schroeder of Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Mike Swan of Farmington for their 20 years of participation in the Trek Across Maine. These individuals have taken part by either volunteering to help with the Trek Across Maine or riding the 180 miles from Sunday River Ski Resort in the mountains of Maine to the rockbound coast. The trek is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Maine and the money raised through pledges is used to improve the quality of life for Maine families living with lung disease. This group of people best exemplifies the spirit of Maine and we extend our appreciation to them for their dedication to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1452)

the members of the Portland High School Varsity Basketball Team who have won the Class A State Championship. All team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication. We wish captain Eric Shone, and team members Jarod Brownlee, Brandon Dorsett, David Philbrook, Joe Murphy, Lyle Divinsky, Jake Johnston, Lavon McKoy, Tyler Emmons, Rocco Toppi, Quan Morgan, Riko Bol, Michele Bamani, Eric Nelson, Tut Diang, David Berry and Shane Morong; coaches Joseph Russo, Todd Day, Joe Giordano and Carmine Rumo; and

trainer Audrey McKenzie continued success in their future endeavors; (HLS 1453)

Nathaniel Menifield, a senior at Limestone Community School, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Nathaniel on this achievement; (HLS 1454)

Irene Thibodeau, of East Millinocket, a devoted mother, special grandmother, dear sister, special aunt and good friend to many. Mrs. Thibodeau will always be remembered for her dedication to family, her great smile, her quick humor, the stories she could so vividly tell and her sense of independence. She enjoyed the many hours she spent with family and friends. Even in her last days, with family and friends at her side, her independence still strong; her concern for those near her was her focus. She spoke frequently of her childhood and early adult years in northern Maine, helping to care for her several younger siblings after the loss of her mother. She will be greatly missed by her many family members and friends she leaves behind; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1455)

the members of the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School Chess Team, upon winning its 6th consecutive Maine Elementary State Chess Championship. The team members are Ian Pelletier, Andrew Babbit, Jay Boyce, Deven Haskell, Evan Rollins, Joe Brown, Chelsea Brown, Hayden Ciomei, Sam Grindle, Blake Bartlett, Goldie Garcia, Connor Morey, Janelle Ciomei and coach Richard Powell. The team placed 11th at the national championships held in Pittsburgh. The novice team, a part of the chess team, also won the state championship for the 8th consecutive year. We extend our congratulations to the team on these accomplishments; (HLS 1456)

Dr. Merton N. Flanders, of Lewiston. Dr. Flanders received his B.A. degree from the University of Maine at Orono and his M.D. degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He served in the United States Army Medical Corps as a Captain from 1941 to 1946, including service in the Philippines. He started his private practice in Waterville and later practiced for 35 years in Lewiston. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the American and Maine Medical Associations, the Kennebec and Androscoggin Society and the Massachusetts Otological Society. He was Chief of Ear, Nose and Throat at Central Maine Medical Center and had a diplomate's certification in Otolaryngology. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his sons, David and Scott Flanders, his nephew, Stephen Loeb, his longtime companion Doris Riley, and the many others who knew him personally and professionally; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1457)

Peter Walsh, of Dresden, on his retirement from the Department of Human Services, where he currently serves as Acting Commissioner. Prior to his appointment, he served as Deputy Commissioner of Program Operations, assisting the Commissioner in all aspects of the operations and management of departmental programs. He held the positions of Director of Family Independence from 1992 to 1995 and Director of Child and Family Services from 1977 to 1992. In addition to being a member of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness, he is a senior staff member of the Governor's Children's Cabinet, a cochair of the Integrated Case Management Steering Committee, a member of the Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee and a member of the Department of Human Services' Diversity Awareness Steering Committee. We extend our appreciation to

Mr. Walsh for his dedicated commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1458)

Keith Bowles, of Berwick, who is the recipient of the 2004 Citizen of the Year award presented by the Town of Berwick. Mr. Bowles is a longtime resident of Berwick, and his involvement in community and civic activities includes membership in the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee, the York County Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Economic Development Committee and the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission. He is also an active member of the Berwick Historical Society and was a founder of the York County Municipal Association and the Heritage Day Festival. We send our appreciation to Mr. Bowles for his dedication and commitment to his community and extend our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1459)

the following members of the Georges Valley High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team, the Buccaneers, upon their winning the 2003 State Class C Soccer Championship: Nigel Black, Ryan Holbrook, Michael Knowlton, Nicholas Miller, A. J. Staples, Dan Wiley, Josh Wiley, David Wilgus, Quincy Berglund, Sean Carlson, Mark Chamberlin, Jake Hall, Max Johanson, Matt Judkins, Tommy Rogers, Mike Thomas, Zach Thorbjornson, Jesse Wilgus, Todd Cousins, Steven Ranney, Philip Bertocci, William Guinther and Elisha Sprague and Coach Sam Pendleton. This is the Buccaneers' first state title since 1995, and their 8th State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1460)

Sam Pendleton, of Hope, for his having been selected by the *Maine Sunday Telegram* as its 2003 High School Boys Soccer Coach of the Year. Mr. Pendleton coached the Georges Valley High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team to the 2003 State Class C Championship. This was the Buccaneers' 8th state Class C title. Over his 35 years of coaching, Mr. Pendleton has become a legend in his profession and has always strived toward excellence. He has accumulated a remarkable 377 wins in his coaching career. The respect he receives from his players as well as from his fellow coaches throughout the State is unwavering. We extend our congratulations to Coach Sam Pendleton on his achievements and wish him continued success in his coaching career; (HLS 1461)

Edward Bradlee Sleeper, of South Thomaston, at the age of 67 on April 9, 2004. A retired United States Air Force Colonel, Mr. Sleeper served in many capacities during his military career. Trained as a pilot, he flew rescue missions for wounded troops in Vietnam, earning him the Distinguished Flying Cross. Colonel Sleeper served as a diplomat in Zaire and also worked as chief of security assistance in Oslo, Norway and Brussels, Belgium. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he went on to work as a consultant with General Dynamics. His activity in politics and commitment to public service earned him widespread respect; he served the South Thomaston community as selectman and as Knox County Commissioner from 1997 to 2000. He was a member of various civic organizations and he held the position of president for such groups as Habitat for Humanity, the Rotary Club and the Knox County Flying Club. It was his nature to help others, and his willingness to give assistance was most evident in his work as an FAA check pilot flying children to medical care destinations with Angel Flight. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. Colonel Sleeper's faithful and enthusiastic service to his community will truly be missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1462)

Carroll Rines, of Portland, an adventurer, life-long learner, local sports personality, combat veteran, world traveler and devoted family man. Mr. Rines was a sportswriter for the

Portland Evening Express and the Maine Sunday Telegram for 38 years. When he retired from the newspaper business, he joined Cheverus High School as the assistant athletic director on a voluntary basis for more than 20 years. Affectionately known as "the eye," he was one of New England's busiest baseball umpires, having umpired more than 4,400 games during his 44-year career. Mr. Rines had numerous honors bestowed upon him. He was inducted into the University of Southern Maine's Husky Sports Hall of Fame in 1987. In 1974, both he and his father, the legendary semipro catcher Alton A. Rines, were the first father-and-son duo to be named to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Rines will be long remembered by many as a fine, giving, humorous, accomplished gentleman and will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1463)

the members of the Deering High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, who won the 2004 Class A State Championship: Katie Gagnon, Lucretia Joy, Stephanie Ramonas, Megan Urban, Tanya Joy, Catherine Joyce, Heather Linnell, Rashema Murphy, Maria Manduca, Jill Piacentini, Quintina Young, Sarah Deroche and Andrea Mailo; coach Mike D'Andrea; assistant coaches Kelly Burghardt, Billy Goodman and Jack Coyne; and manager Neenu Choolani. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1464)

the Albion Historical Society as it celebrates and recognizes the life of Elijah Parish Lovejoy with the dedication of a monument in his honor. As a strong advocate for the abolition of slavery, Elijah Parish Lovejoy used the newspapers he published to promote the antislavery movement and is revered as the first American martyr for freedom of the press. We join the Albion Historical Society in honoring this great man and the cause he died defending; (HLS 1465)

the Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions Club, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. The club, which was sponsored by the Wiscasset Lions Club, was founded on May 25, 1954, with 29 members on the rolls. James Fuller, one of the founders, is still a member. Installing officers were District Governor Neal Powers and international extension representative Larry Barnes. Lion Edward "Ted" Sproul was the Charter President. There have been 4 district governors elected from the club. The district has bestowed many other honors on the club, including best club, best president, best secretary and best visitation. We extend our congratulations to the Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions Club as it celebrates this special occasion; (HLS 1466)

the Class of 1954 of Lincoln Academy for the contributions they have made to their community. The class worked closely through their 4 years to contribute to their community and have continued these close associations throughout their lives. Many of the class members have remained in the area following postsecondary education and have volunteered at and supported Lincoln Academy. We extend our appreciation to the members of the Class of 1954 for their continued commitment to Lincoln Academy and their community; (HLS 1467)

Samantha Francis, a junior at Gorham High School, who is the recipient of the Ralph T. Gould Award for Youth in Music sponsored by the Rossini Club. She will go to Boston for a concert of the Boston Symphony and will perform at a Rossini Club concert. We extend our congratulations to Samantha on her receiving this award; (HLS 1468)

Mary Johnston, a junior at Gorham High School, who is the recipient of the Ralph T. Gould Award for Youth in Music sponsored by the Rossini Club. She will go to Boston for a concert of the Boston Symphony and will perform at a Rossini

Club concert. We extend our congratulations to Mary on her receiving this award; (HLS 1469)

Archie Doyle, of South Portland, a longtime firefighter with the South Portland Fire Department. Even though Mr. Doyle retired in 1977, the former deputy fire chief continued to contribute as a member of the Willard Engine and Ladder Company Number 2, in which he was granted a lifetime membership. During his 33 years with the fire service, he fought in many spectacular fires and was publicly honored for his brave and helpful service. In July of 1944, he received a citation for calling in fire and rescue personnel from across the region when a military plane crashed in the Redbank Village area of South Portland, killing 15 people, including the pilot. In 1967, he emerged unscathed from a gas explosion, which occurred when he was inspecting a home for a suspected gas leak. He also helped fight a ferocious 2-day fire in 1965 at the South Portland shipyard's welding building #25. Deputy Archie Doyle will be greatly missed by his family and friends as well as the large family of firefighters who had so much respect for his long service to his community; (HLS 1470)

the Town of Lincoln on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary. In the fall of 1825 Ira Fish came to Mattanawcook from New Hampshire and immediately began to build sawmills on Mattanawcook Stream. Work began on the upper mill in September 1825 and was completed the following spring. This mill was on the east bank of the stream near the present-day location of the Lincoln Memorial Library. On January 30, 1829, by legislative authority, the municipality's name was changed from Mattanawcook to Lincoln, after Enoch Lincoln, the 6th governor of Maine, and Lincoln was incorporated as the 284th town in Maine. Lincoln Pulp and Paper Company was organized on August 11, 1882, and has been a vital part of the community ever since. The citizens of Lincoln have a longstanding tradition of building and maintaining a strong community. This tradition will keep Lincoln moving forward for many years to come. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the citizens of the Town of Lincoln as they celebrate this important milestone; (HLS 1471)

David Packhem, of Scarborough, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. David's outstanding scholastic accomplishments and exemplary commitment toward his community have earned him this honorable acknowledgement. We extend our congratulations to David and commend him for his dedication to his studies; (HLS 1472)

John Alfred Pierson, of Old Orchard Beach, who has received the Arrow of Light Award in Cub Scouting. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can attain in Webelos before moving on to Boy Scouts. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 1473)

Eric Voelker, of Hampden, who has been named the 2004 Student of the Year at Washington County Community College. Each year, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System honors one outstanding student from each of the system's 7 colleges. A residential and commercial electricity major, Eric has displayed upstanding character and strong leadership skills during his college career. In addition to his acknowledgement as Student of the Year, Eric will receive a \$1,000 John H. Lapoint, Jr., Scholarship Award for Leadership. We commend Eric for his hard work and dedication to his education; (HLS 1474)

the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom, which is celebrating this year a century of service in Maine and the United

States of America. On October 1, 1904, 4 sisters from France arrived in St. Agatha, Maine at the request of Father Henri Gory, the pastor of the small Catholic parish. These pioneering missionaries were Sister Marie-Therese, superior; Sister Anselme, catechist; Sister Victorine de St. Francois, nurse; and Sister Euphrone, a converse and housekeeper. They built Notre Dame de la Sagesse Convent, the first convent established in this country. The Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom was founded at Poitiers, France on February 2, 1703 by St. Louis Marie de Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise de Jesus. The ministry of the religious order was and continues to be evangelization, education, liberation, medical care and justice. Still serving in the St. Agatha area are Sr. Joan Ayotte, Sr. Jacqueline Ayotte, Sr. Gabrielle Michaud, Sr. Candide Corriveau and Sr. Annette Picard. We extend our congratulations to the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom on this anniversary; (HLS 1475)

Charles J. Spies III, of Topsham, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Financial Services Advocate of the Year for 2004. Mr. Spies is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine. Mr. Spies has been a tireless advocate for small businesses in Maine, championing efforts to provide financing for early-stage businesses and for businesses requiring an extra element of help and support. Mr. Spies' efforts on behalf of small businesses have improved the financial landscape in Maine, for small and large businesses alike. Mr. Spies is described as an excellent banker and administrator but, first and foremost, he is a caring individual who has a genuine interest in helping Maine's most needy students attend college. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Spies on his receiving this award; (HLS 1476)

Brian K. Dancause, of Augusta, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Research Advocate of the Year for 2004. Mr. Dancause is the manager of small business assistance for the Department of Economic and Community Development, where he oversees its small business assistance programs and administers the State's Small Business Development Center contract. In addition to his management responsibilities with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Mr. Dancause serves as an ombudsman, guiding Maine small businesses through various state regulatory processes and facilitating communications between business and various state agencies. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Dancause on his receiving this award; (HLS 1477)

Gregory A. Gould, of Auburn, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Women in Business Advocate of the Year for 2004. Mr. Gould is a certified business counselor with the Maine Small Business Development Center at the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. He has counseled 153 female entrepreneurs, assisted businesswomen in obtaining \$3.3 million in capital, helped create 39 new women-owned businesses and devoted countless hours to promoting ownership of businesses by women. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Gould on his receiving this award; (HLS 1478)

James F. Wilfong, of Fryeburg, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year for 2004. Mr. Wilfong is the president of TradeNex. Mr. Wilfong received the award for his leadership with the National Veterans Corporation. Mr. Wilfong, an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, created FastTrac for Veterans, a partnership program involving the Kauffman Foundation, the Veterans Corporation and the Gateway Computer Company. We extend

our congratulations to Mr. Wilfong on his receiving this award; (HLS 1479)

Aaron "Matt" Wickenheiser, of Portland, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Journalist of the Year for 2004. Mr. Wickenheiser is a staff writer for the *Portland Press Herald* and the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. Mr. Wickenheiser has a degree in journalism from the University of Maine. He left the State to work at newspapers and magazines in Maryland, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, returning in 2002 to work as a reporter on the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram's* business desk. Growing up in Madawaska, Mr. Wickenheiser witnessed the importance of big business to the local economy. His articles in the *Portland Press Herald* emphasize the related idea that big business has an enormous effect on small business. With this understanding of small business, he makes it a point to find interesting small businesses that might inspire others who have the same idea or concept. He gives the readers a glimpse in the challenges entrepreneurs and small business owners face. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wickenheiser on his receiving this award; (HLS 1480)

John M. Knizeski III, of Richmond, president of Maine Scientific, Inc., who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Exporter of the Year for 2004. Maine Scientific, Inc. manufactures specialized electronic coils that are used in the hearing-aid sector. The company moved from Brunswick in 2002 and is now a key employer in the Town of Richmond, employing 30 and operating 2 shifts. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Knizeski on his receiving this award; (HLS 1481)

Gary Emmons, of Richmond, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Young Entrepreneur of the Year and Regional Champion Young Entrepreneur for 2004. Mr. Emmons is the owner of Exit 43 Quick Stop. An entrepreneur since age 9, Mr. Emmons possesses the necessary ingredients for business success: confidence in one's self, perseverance in the face of doubt, an inexhaustible supply of energy, a vision and lots of passion. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Emmons on his receiving this award; (HLS 1482)

Theresa Secord, of Old Town, who is the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Business Minority Small Business Advocate of the year for 2004. Ms. Secord is Executive Director of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance. Ms. Secord is a member of the Penobscot Nation and has been working diligently to help improve the life and cultural tradition of Maine's Indian basket makers. As executive director and as a founding member of MIBA, she established a basket-weaving apprenticeship program, organized specialized workshops and established a variety of wholesale and retail connections to provide Maine's Native Americans with an opportunity to learn and perpetuate the craft. This provided them with income while enhancing their Native American cultural traditions. Since MIBA's founding in 1993, the number of trained tribal basket makers has grown from 50 to 120. In 2001, under the leadership of Ms. Secord, MIBA opened a gallery in Old Town where 40 basket makers and 20 other Native American artisans are represented. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Secord on her receiving this award; (HLS 1483)

Donald A. Thurlow, of Pine Point in Scarborough, a well-known restaurateur, whose advice to his teenaged workers, to "work hard, play hard," led to his great success and earned him the admiration of a multitude of family and friends. Mr. Thurlow was a hard-working businessman throughout his life. After his service in the Navy, he was a commercial fisherman harvesting lobsters and shellfish from aboard his first lobster boat, the

"Cappy." He later operated the Pine Point Seafood Market with other family members. Eventually he and his wife, Cecilia, offered clambakes under a large tent on Pine Point, the forerunner to their well-known and ever popular restaurant called, "The Clambake." Mr. Thurlow founded several other popular businesses, including the old Dunstan School restaurant on Route 1 in Scarborough, Pine Point Seafood and Variety and the Nestling Duck Gift Shop. He also invested in a scallop dragger called the "Sea Trek." Mr. Thurlow also found time to enjoy the outdoors and the sea. He was an avid hunter who treasured his time with family and friends at his hunting camps in Stetson and Shin Pond. He loved to fish and enjoyed sharing his catch with others. He also enjoyed harness racing and owned racehorses in Maine and Florida for many years. Mr. Thurlow will be long remembered for his generosity to his family, his friends and his community and will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1484)

Preston T. Powell, of Arundel, who has been nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Mr. Powell has been a valued volunteer with Southern Maine Medical Center since 1985 and he has averaged more than 600 hours of service each year. In 1991, he was presented with the Southern Maine Medical Center's Lauren Shulman Volunteer Award, a one-time award presented to the volunteer whose service best exemplifies "the Volunteer Spirit." Mr. Powell plays an important role in patient care and staff support at Southern Maine Medical Center and helps bring a sense of community to the medical center. He has received formal recognition 10 times this year for going "above and beyond." We extend our appreciation to Mr. Powell for his dedicated commitment to the people of the State; (HLS 1485)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Lisbon High School class of 2004: Jonathan Robert Charette, Amber Lee Baxter, Gregory Robert Roy, Dominique Danielle Mathieu, Kelly Marie Russell, Becky Linda Castonguay, Lynn Marie Adams, James Edward Couture, Sarah Elizabeth Cooper and Kimberly Dawn Leadbetter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 1486)

Everett L. Steele, of Brooksville, a great citizen and patriot. Mr. Steele was a Korean War Veteran and a member of the American Legion. He was a dedicated member of the Bangor troop greeters for as long as troops have used the Bangor International Airport as a transit stop. His ill health did not deter him from greeting the troops. His patriotism and kindness will be missed by his sister and 3 brothers, 2 sons and daughter and grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and those who joined him in greeting the soldiers who passed through Maine; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1487)

Gerald and Theresa Doiron, of Harpswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 21, 2004. They grew up in Maine but later left the State to pursue careers. Mr. Doiron became a professor of history at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts and chaired its history department. Mrs. Doiron made her career in banking, beginning as a secretary and retiring as a vice-president. They are both retired and have returned to Maine. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Doiron back to Maine, wish them well in their future endeavors and congratulate them on their golden anniversary; (HLS 1488)

Ralph Cabana, of South Portland, in honor of his selection as recipient of the 2004 Service to Maine Youth Award from the Maine Principals' Association. He is one of only 2 recipients to receive this award this year. Mr. Cabana began volunteering at Brown Elementary School in South Portland 13 years ago, when his son was 3 years old. He has since become the driving force in volunteering at Mahoney Middle School. He spends every

Wednesday working with students at those 2 schools and also completes projects for South Portland High School and the South Portland district office when needed. Mr. Cabana has developed a list of 120 volunteers to assist him when the project is a large one. We acknowledge his outstanding contributions to the youth of his community and to the State and we extend to him our congratulations on his receiving this award; (HLS 1489)

Martial Goyette, of Frenchville, who has been named the 2004 Frenchville Citizen of the Year. Over several years, Marty has generously offered his construction skills and leadership to improve the Town of Frenchville. Often working behind the scenes, he has been actively involved in most of the major projects or programs benefitting the town: the Community Center, the Historical Society landmarks, the Firemen's Meeting Room, the Learn Not to Burn Program, the Black Bear Rod and Gun Club, the Snowmobile and ATV Clubs, the Memorial Park, church or school improvements and many more. He has unselfishly given of his time and expertise to improve the lives of the town's citizens. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1490)

the Poland Regional High School Cheerleaders, who won the State Class B Cheerleading Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1491)

Joseph D. Small II, of Wilton, on the occasion of his 90th birthday on April 20, 2004. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Small on this milestone; (HLS 1492)

Nick DePatsy, of Waldoboro, who was named the boys Class C West Coach of the Year during ceremonies at the McDonald's Senior All-Star Classic. Coach DePatsy received solid support from his peers throughout the State as they honored him with this distinction for the 3rd time in 4 years. His 10 years of coaching at Georges Valley High School provided Coach DePatsy with the sound fundamental knowledge necessary to guide the Buccaneers to the Western Class C finals and an overall record of 14 and 7 for the season. We congratulate Coach DePatsy on his mighty achievements and wish him continued success in his coaching career; (HLS 1493)

Don Shields, of Thomaston, for his being named the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association's Media Member of the Year for 2003-2004. As director of operations and sports for ClearChannel Rockland, Don has taken part in play-by-play commentary for nearly 1,000 high school games on several radio stations over a 20-year period. After graduating first in his class at Northeast Broadcasting School, Don took a job at WBCC in Linesville, Pennsylvania. Since 1991, he has been the voice of the Eastern Maine Basketball Tournament, and the enthusiasm he carries in his voice while on the air gives his listeners a sense of excitement as they hear up-to-date information on hometown athletics. We congratulate Don on this achievement and wish him continued success in his work; (HLS 1494)

Dori Smith, an accomplished scholar, dedicated community servant and talented musician. Miss Smith is a senior at Presque Isle High School, and has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. She also won the Miss Presque Isle Pageant. We extend our congratulations to her and we extend our best wishes to her on her future endeavors; (HLS 1495)

the members of the St. Dominic Regional High School Hockey Team, of Lewiston, who won the Class A Western Championship. The team has a long tradition of hockey victories and has won over 20 championships. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1496)

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Harry C. Crooker, of Brunswick, father, husband and prominent member of his community. As a young man, Mr. Crooker had many jobs, including working on a farm, driving the first bulldozer that began clearing ski trails on Sugarloaf Mountain and helping dig, by hand, the runway at what is now Brunswick Naval Air Station. With his wife, Marion, he founded Harry C. Crooker Trucking Co., Crooker & Simpson Construction Co., Harry C. Crooker & Sons, Thomas Point Beach, Este's Lobster House, the Taste of Maine Restaurant and Crooker Mobile Home Sales. Along with his wife, he was the benefactor of the Crooker Theater at Brunswick High School and The Crooker Gallery at the Maine Maritime Museum and was a sponsor of the Brunswick Summer Music Festival. Mr. Crooker had many interests, including hunting, fishing, antiques and local history, and was known to have the largest privately owned grist mill stones in the world. Mr. Crooker was a member of numerous fraternal, civic and religious organizations, and one of his last personal contributions was the creating of the Crooker Foundation, which is responsible for reconstruction and refurbishing of the Chapel of Our Saviour in East Brunswick. We acknowledge his dedication to his family, his community and his State. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife Marion, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1497)

Georgia Smart, treasurer and tax collector of Seboeis Plantation, upon her retirement. Mrs. Smart served as treasurer of Seboeis Plantation for 46 years. She also has worked as the community's tax collector since the 1980s. Since Seboeis Plantation is a rural community, Mrs. Smart and her husband, Ed, who has worked as community assessor since 1947, worked out of their home, which was always open to community members. In addition to working for the community, Mrs. Smart has also served as a foster grandparent and volunteers 3 days a week at Enfield Station School, helping students with reading and writing. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Smart for her dedication to the citizens of Seboeis Plantation and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1498)

Shannon Gerrish, who has earned the distinction of being named Second Honor Essayist of the 2004 graduating class of Penquis Valley High School. We send our congratulations to Shannon on this accomplishment; (HLS 1499)

Rebecca Madden, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Penquis Valley High School. We send our congratulations to Rebecca on this accomplishment; (HLS 1500)

Amanda Kahl, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Penquis Valley High School. We send our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (HLS 1501)

Desiree Hogan, who has earned the distinction of being named First Honor Essayist of the 2004 graduating class of Penquis Valley High School. We send our congratulations to Desiree on this accomplishment; (HLS 1502)

Robert S. Moore, of Medway, beloved husband of Georgina Oliver Moore and longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. For 25 years Mr. Moore was a dedicated volunteer for the Medway Fire Department and served for a time as fire chief. He was a member of the Katahdin Chapter of the Maine Trappers Association and he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at Molunkus Lake with his sons and brothers. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1503)

the Nokomis Regional High School Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo who won in their respective divisions in the 2004 Maine State Jazz Festival competition. The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz

Combo are a tribute to the Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our sincere congratulations to them on this achievement; (HLS 1504)

Bruce Edgecomb, of Sanford, on his retirement from the Sanford Fire Department after nearly 25 years of dedicated service. We acknowledge the years of invaluable experience, knowledge and skills that Mr. Edgecomb brought to the Sanford Fire Department and to the community. We extend our congratulations to him on his retirement and we send our best wishes; (HLS 1505)

David Georgia, Jr., of Milford, a Maine State Game Warden and founder of the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association. The association is dedicated to encouraging and reinforcing experiences associated with the joys of hunting, fishing, trapping and participating in the great outdoors. Warden Georgia's childhood memories of outdoor activities with his father have culminated in his desire to provide similar memories and joys in today's youth. The association, led by Warden Georgia, has completed a new fish and game lodge at Pickerel Pond in Milford. Long hours of hard work by volunteers who were supervised and assisted by Warden Georgia have resulted in a beautiful facility for use by the youth in the Milford area. We send Maine State Game Warden David Georgia our appreciation for his vision and devotion to the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association; (HLS 1506)

Bryee McAvoy, a senior at Camden Hills Regional High School, who has been selected to receive the 2004 Principal's Award sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Bryee on this achievement; (HLS 1507)

the Fryeburg Academy Vocal Jazz Ensemble on winning the Division I State Championship held in Houlton on April 3, 2004. We send our congratulations on this accomplishment to the members of the ensemble: Carol Stewart, Emily Turley, Josh Strange, Grant Guiliano, Zach Urgese, Stephen Mead, Haris Amin, Paul Allen, Brian Golino, Ian Berglund, Katie Shorey, Julie McLaughlin, Alex Nikazmerad, Yoon Woon Kim, Katie Thurston, Katie Blynn, Hailey Dyer, Adrienne Holden, Caroline Nikazmerad, Dru Bennett, Tomoko Yanase, Heather Haley and Kori Boyd; and directors C. Brent LaCasce and K. Kelly Muse; (HLS 1508)

the Nasson Community Center, on its grand opening, May 1, 2004. The new community center, the former Nasson College Memorial Student Activity Center, is the result of nearly two years of work involving organization, fund-raising and renovations. The center will provide a new gymnasium and meeting space for the people of the Sanford/Springvale area and Nasson College alumni. The gym space will be the new home of the Sanford/Springvale Youth Athletic Association and will be available for expansion of YMCA programs, the towns' recreation departments, theatrical events, private leagues, business conferences, craft fairs, dance performances, musical events, health clinics and the visual arts. In 2002, 4 Nasson College alumni, H. Pete Smith '72, Richard Schneider '71, Anna Ashley '60 and Connie Witherby '73, formed a 501(c)(3) company to coordinate the project. A volunteer advisory board, chaired by H. Pete Smith, has met regularly for 2 years. Among those serving as chairs are Kevin Langlais, Operations; Carl Beal, Building Renovations; and Laura Nickerson, Fund-raising. We extend our congratulations to the community of Sanford/Springvale on the opening of this community center; (HLS 1509)

Dr. Robert William Agan, of Cape Elizabeth, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Dr. Agan was a United States Navy veteran. At the end of World War II, he served aboard ship

in the Pacific. Then he practiced at Maine General Hospital in Portland until the Navy recalled him during the Korean War. He then served at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Dr. Agan continued as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve for 20 years and retired as a Lieutenant Commander. Dr. Agan practiced anesthesiology at Mercy Hospital for more than 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was an active member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, where he was a Warden and an Usher, an adult leader in Boy Scout Troop No. 80 and a member of the Cape Elizabeth School Board. He will be missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1510)

Brad Crafts, of North Jay, for his many years of volunteer service to the community both as an historian and a firefighter. The North Jay Grange No. 10 will recognize Mr. Crafts at a ceremony on April 26, 2004. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Crafts for his years of dedication and commitment to his community and the citizens of the State; (HLS 1511)

the following top 10 graduating students of the Dirigo High School class of 2004: Stephanie A. Dube, Holly M.K. Gordon, Sheena Marie Hanmer, Amanda Lee Kimball, Amanda Christine Law, Jessica Lynn Lemay, Ashton Nicole McLaughlin, Connie Michelle Money, Amanda Lynn Pidacks and Kassi Marie Putnam. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 1512)

Natalie House, of Damariscotta, who has been named as Lincoln Academy's 2004 Alumna of the Year. Ms. House is a graduate of the class of 1954 and has been a longtime supporter of the Lincoln Academy Alumni Council. She has served as its vice-president and president. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on receiving this honor; (HLS 1513)

Thomas Duncan Daly, of Freeport, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on this accomplishment and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1514)

Wesley McNair, of Mercer, on his retirement from the University of Maine at Farmington. Mr. McNair is one of Maine's best-known poets. He is the author of 7 books of poetry and editor of 2 anthologies of contemporary Maine writing. He is the recipient of fellowships from the Rockefeller, Fulbright and Guggenheim foundations, a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship in literature, 2 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships for Creative Writers and Individual Artist Fellowships in poetry from state arts councils in both Maine and New Hampshire. He has been honored with 2 honorary doctoral degrees for literary distinction and many awards for his poetry. Mr. McNair served on the nominating jury for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for 2002 and he won an Emmy Award for his scripts for Public Broadcasting Service shows on Robert Frost. He has taught at high school and college levels and directed the creative writing program at the University of Maine at Farmington, where he received the Distinguished Faculty Award and the Libra Professorship. Wesley McNair's poetry is known for its moving and sensitive portrayals of the everyday life of people, and, although much of it has a regional flavor, the themes are universal. We acknowledge the illustrious career of Wesley McNair and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1515)

Laurie Bouchard, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, May 5, 2004. Ms. Bouchard owned and operated a small business, a neighborhood grocery store, for 36 years. We extend our congratulations to her on this birthday and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1516)

the Freeport Lioness Club, on the celebration of its 25th Anniversary. The Lioness Club, part of the International Lions

Club organization, faithfully serves the community. We extend our congratulations to the members of the club on this Silver Anniversary; (HLS 1517)

William Groder, of Wilton, on the special occasion of his retirement after 39 years of employment with International Paper. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Groder on his retirement and we wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1518)

Sidney J. Watson, of Brunswick and Naples, Florida, legendary hockey coach at Bowdoin College and former National Football League halfback. Mr. Watson was also the college's director of athletics for 14 years. His teams qualified for the ECAC playoffs every year but one and he guided the Polar Bears to 4 ECAC Division II titles. Sid Watson won the Edward Jeremiah Trophy as National College Division Coach of the Year 3 times. While in college, he played for Northeastern University as an outstanding football player. He played in the NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Washington Redskins. Bowdoin College dedicated its fitness center to him in 1996 and he was awarded the Hobey Baker Legend of Hockey Award by the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in 2001. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his many friends and colleagues, his students and the Bowdoin community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1519)

Paul E. Folsom, Sr., of Houlton, son of Walter C. and Nelly Stockford Folsom. Mr. Folsom worked for the Town of Houlton for many years, then drove a school bus for MSAD No. 29 until his retirement. He was an avid horseman and woodsman. He is survived by his 13 children: Linda Folsom and Dorothy Folsom of Houlton, Jane Bartlett and her husband Robert of Littleton, Patricia Sherman and her husband Roger of Hodgdon, Mary Folsom and her friend Alan William of South Portland, Paul "Sonny" Folsom and his wife Diane, Kenneth Folsom and his friend Pauline Hogan, Eugene Folsom and his wife Susan, Peter Folsom and his wife Julie, Joan Gogan and her husband Richard, all of Houlton. He is also survived by Gertrude Lewis and her husband Reed of Woodstock, New Brunswick, Timothy Folsom and his wife Joyce of Ludlow and Clifford Folsom of Houlton; 25 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, a special nephew Cliff Folsom and his wife Debbie and their family; and several nieces and nephews. His wife Lucy M. Folsom predeceased him in 1998. He was a dedicated family man and will be missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1520)

Rene Cloukey, of Presque Isle, who has been named Maine Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. Mr. Cloukey will be honored at the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association's banquet in Salisbury, North Carolina in May. Mr. Cloukey has been with WAGM-TV in Presque Isle for 20 years. The station serves communities within a radius of 100 miles, including communities in New Brunswick, Canada. The station broadcasted coverage of 150 basketball games this year. Mr. Cloukey has been active in his community: he has served as president of the local Kiwanis Club and currently is a member of the Area Management Team for Special Olympics and chairs the Annual Charity Challenge Golf Tournament. Mr. Cloukey is a former emergency medical technician and firefighter. He has 3 children: AJ, Angela and Amber. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Cloukey on his receiving this award; (HLS 1521)

Brad Lombard, of Westbrook, on his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Westbrook Police Department, from March 18, 1974 to March 29, 2004. Mr. Lombard served for many years with TRIAD, a community crime prevention program created to protect and help senior citizens. He also served as a security officer for many years at high school events and was

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held in high esteem by the students. We acknowledge Officer Lombard's contributions to his community and to the State of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1522)

Sergeant Lawrence Roukey, of Westbrook, of the United States Army Reserve, 3rd Battalion, 304th Regiment, in Baghdad, Iraq, while in the service of his Nation. Sgt. Roukey was a reservist who was deployed individually because of his special skills. He served 3 years in the United States Army after graduating from Deering High School. He was employed by the United States Postal Service and was always willing to put in extra hours when needed, as long as he was at home when his son woke up. He changed shifts so he could spend more time with his family. He was proud of his military service and reenlisted in the Army Reserve after the devastating terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. We acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice he made for his State and his Nation. Lawrence Roukey will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife Ryann, his beloved son Nicholas and stepdaughter Sonya, his family and his many friends and colleagues; (HLS 1523)

Jay Bartner, of Old Orchard Beach, on his retirement after 29 years in education, with 18 of those years in Old Orchard Beach. He has been superintendent in Old Orchard Beach for 13 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bartner for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 1524)

Carol Westerdaahl, of Littleton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. We send our congratulations to Carol on this accomplishment; (HLS 1525)

Barbara E. Fernald, of Eliot, on her being named the Community Service Leader of 2003 by Eliot's John F. Hill Grange No. 393. Barbara is a full-time, unpaid volunteer for Footprints Food Pantry in Kittery, where 3,000 families were given 45,000 meals in 2003. Many years ago, Barbara became a volunteer at Footprints and is now its Executive Director. Her dedication to families in crisis goes far beyond normal volunteering to help those in need. She is available 7 days a week, 365 days a year. No personal or family issue has taken precedence over helping those less fortunate. Everyone is warmly welcomed to Footprints with respect, and no one leaves without a hug and reminder that they are always welcome. Her dedication to Kittery and Eliot residents is consistent and constant. Whether she is working at a food drive, traveling back and forth across the Maine/New Hampshire border to pick up donations, or shopping, or stocking and staffing the Pantry, she remains focused on the mission: seeing that those in need of food are taken care of by Footprints. We congratulate her on being chosen the Community Service Leader of 2003 by the Grange; (HLS 1526)

the good citizens of the St. John Valley who have volunteered countless hours for the St. Francis Historical Society. Over the past 3 years, many have donated hours of personal time in efforts to preserve the unique cultural heritage of the St. John Valley with the construction of a new building and restoration of a historical Bangor and Aroostook Railroad round table. We acknowledge the dedication to their community of these volunteers and we extend our congratulations to them on their accomplishments; (HLS 1527)

the Cafe Review poetry journal, of Portland, upon the honored occasion of the 15th anniversary of its founding. Established in 1989 to "celebrate the voice and spirit of poetry, and to present a regional writer's and artist's forum in which it may be shared," the Cafe Review is the first independently

published self-sustaining poetry journal in Southern Maine. Under founding editor Stephen P. Luttrell it has quarterly published distinguished works of Pulitzer Prize winners and foreign contributors from Japan, France, China, Italy and other nations, and international issues devoted to emerging Canadian and Irish authors. It was internationally recognized in 2000 and 2003 as the "Best American Small Poetry Magazine." We salute the Cafe Review and editor Luttrell for their sustained distinction and accomplishments in promoting the fine art of poetry in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1528)

Alvin "Al" Davis, of Livermore Falls, who has been named to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Davis was a great pitcher with a knuckle ball few people could solve. Now 82 years old, Mr. Davis went to Wilton Academy, served in the military in World War II, was married for nearly 60 years and raised his family in Livermore Falls. He retired from International Paper after 40 years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Davis on this accomplishment; (HLS 1529)

Cindy Spencer, of Wilton, who has been named a 2004 America's Promise Volunteer by the Maine Bankers Association and the Maine Association of Community Banks. A vice president of Franklin Savings Bank, Ms. Spencer was one of 25 Maine bankers who received the award in celebration of the financial industry's commitment to volunteerism and community contributions. She volunteers in the MSAD #9 schools as a classroom consultant in basic economics for Junior Achievement of Maine. She is also involved in MSAD #9 Principal's Advisory Council, coaches soccer at the Wilton Recreation Department and participates in the American Cancer Relay for Life. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Spencer on this occasion; (HLS 1530)

the East Millinocket Federal Credit Union, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary on May 20, 2004. From a modest beginning in 1954, with a membership of 7 people to obtain a charter, has sprung a multimillion-dollar financial institution. The first office was located in the Administration area of the East Millinocket Mill of Great Northern Paper Company. The founding fathers were Martin J. Roach, Norris M. Nicholson, Hollis A. Ward, James L. Linscott, Thomas Pelkey, James E. Reagan and Charles N. Merrill. The first treasurer/manager was Hollis Ward. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the East Millinocket Federal Credit Union and its members as they celebrate this milestone; (HLS 1531)

Davis Deschaine, of Fort Kent, who has returned from active duty in Iraq. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Davis home to America and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 1532)

Richard Dodge, of Gardiner, a devoted and respected French and Latin teacher, who taught at Wiscasset High School for the past 35 years. Mr. Dodge was a faculty advisor for both the French and Latin clubs for many years and was active in the American Field Service program. An accomplished musician who prized his grand Steinway piano, he provided the musical accompaniment, "Pomp and Circumstance," for the Wiscasset High School graduation exercises. Mr. Dodge was a generous man, giving of his precious time to entertain residents of boarding homes as well as friends and relatives. He also gave piano lessons for over 30 years to hundreds of students and performed at countless weddings and social events. He was a longtime and active member of the Highland Avenue United Methodist Church. Mr. Dodge will be remembered by his family, friends and students for his sense of humor, dedication to his students and the donuts

to which he treated his students every Wednesday during the school year; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1533)

Sarah Ferriter, of Portland, a senior and environmental science major at the University of Southern Maine's Gorham campus. Ms. Ferriter organized a campaign to get the school to use cleaner-burning biodiesel fuel, made of a mixture of diesel fuel and vegetable oil, in its buses. To help pay for the project, Ms. Ferriter obtained a \$600 grant from the National Wildlife Federation and a \$75-per-week fellowship from EnviroCitizen and convinced the students to vote for a \$1-a-year addition to their student fees. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Ferriter for her dedication to making her campus and the environment a healthier place to live; (HLS 1534)

the Southport Central School on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Founded in 1904 as the McKinley School, the school has educated generations of the Town of Southport's children and serves as the core and spirit of the community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of Southport on this milestone; (HLS 1535)

Carroll L. Jordan, of Cape Elizabeth, a United States Army veteran of World War II who served in the United States Army 454th Amphibious Truck Company during the Battle of Okinawa. Prior to the war, he served in the 240th Coast Artillery at Fort Levett, Maine and in the National Guard of Maine. He worked for Fox Lumber Company, retiring as foreman in 1983 after 44 years of employment. Mr. Jordan was a member of numerous fraternal and veterans' organizations. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1536)

Al Boston, of Eliot, on his retirement as Chief of Police for the Town of Eliot. Chief Boston has been a resident of Maine for 50 years and of Eliot for the past 22. Having served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1963, he went on to serve in the Naval Reserve from 1963 to 1968 and then as a member of both the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. In July of 2004, he will also be retiring as 1st Sergeant with the rank of Master Sergeant from the New Hampshire Air National Guard. Chief Boston received the Eliot American Legion Post Top Law Enforcement award in 1978. We wish to thank Chief Boston for all that he has contributed as an officer of public safety and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 1537)

Patric Edward, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. We send our congratulations to Patrick on this accomplishment; (HLS 1538)

Vaughn "Bud" and Day Brewer, of Caribou, recipients of a national MetLife Foundation Older Volunteers Enrich America Award. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are the only couple ever to have received this award and the only recipients this year from Maine. Strongly committed to community service, they truly personify the National Volunteer Week theme: "Volunteers Inspire by Example." Mr. and Mrs. Brewer traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 21st to attend the awards ceremony. We extend our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Brewer on their many years of dedication and commitment to the citizens of Maine and congratulate them on earning this prestigious award; (HLS 1539)

William "Bill" Adams, of Thomaston, upon his retirement as Chief of the Thomaston Fire Department. Mr. Adams joined the department as a junior member in 1972, worked his way through the ranks as a skilled firefighter and was promoted to Chief in July 2000. Overseeing a significant upgrading of equipment for the town, he led the Thomaston Fire Department with capable leadership and distinction. We join the members of his community in sending him our appreciation for his years of

service and extend to him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1540)

Carlton "Corky" Brandt, of Houlton, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of teaching biology and mathematics at Hodgdon High School. Mr. Brandt was known for his innovative methods of encouraging students both to learn and to grow as productive human beings. He engaged all aspects of the students' lives and helped them mature as students and more importantly as people. We acknowledge his years of dedicated teaching and extend our congratulations on his retirement. We know that several thousand students will forever remember Corky; (HLS 1541)

Carolee Brandt, of Houlton, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of teaching at Hodgdon High School. Mrs. Brandt epitomized the professional teacher. She was a mentor and a life coach for thousands of students over the years. Her students will remember her as a skilled and caring teacher. We acknowledge Carolee Brandt's dedicated service to her profession, her community and her students, and we extend our congratulations to her on this special occasion; (HLS 1542)

John Doe, of East Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2004 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We send our congratulations to John on his receiving this award; (HLS 1543)

Louis D. Civiello, of Millinocket, beloved husband of Madeline Civiello, a veteran of the U.S. Army and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. He was a member of the Francis E. Elliot VFW Post No. 4154 and the Columbus Council No. 680 and a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Mr. Civiello will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1544)

the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Officially organized on March 15, 1954, the society is dedicated to serving the community by "Preserving the Treasures of our Past as an Investment for the Future." In 1969, the Wells Congregational Church presented the deed to its original meeting house to the historical society. Through the tireless efforts of local volunteers, the meeting house is now a nationally registered museum, housing artifacts, memorabilia and genealogies of early Wells and Ogunquit residents, and also the site of concerts, lectures, educational programs and weddings. The historical society also maintains the circa-1900 #9 school, located in Wells, and issues a widely distributed quarterly newsletter, "Waves and Furrows." We join the good citizens of Wells and Ogunquit in sending our appreciation to the members of the historical society for their devotion to preserving the unique cultural heritage of their community and extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members as they celebrate this milestone; (HLS 1545)

Rumford Group Homes, Inc., on its 30th anniversary. Rumford Group Homes, Inc. opened its doors in March 1974 as a residential group home, with a handful of beds and a staff of 6 direct-care workers. Today, a dedicated staff of 100 handles approximately 160 residential clients per year and manages the cases of another 200 nonresidential clients. The Rumford Group Homes, Inc. serves the needs of children, youth and families through community and residential programming to help them lead productive and healthy lives. It is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation. We extend our appreciation to Rumford Group Homes, Inc. and its staff for its continued commitment to the people of the State and congratulate it on its 30th anniversary; (HLS 1546)

the families of 1st Lieutenant Fred Weymouth Wood and Airman Bruce Sawyer Heal, upon the solemn occasion of the

50th Anniversary of the construction and dedication of one of the State's most moving and unusual war memorials. Dedicated to the memory of two young servicemen who gave their lives for their country during the Korean War, the memorial stands in the middle of Cold Stream Pond, in Enfield, on a 10-foot-wide, tree-covered island: there a 50-foot flagpole flies a large U.S. Flag above a boulder bearing bronze plaques to honor the two Maine men who treasured this spot in their youth. Lt. Wood died on July 20, 1952, just nine days short of his 26th birthday, while leading his platoon in an assault near Chokko-Ri, for which he was awarded a posthumous Silver Star. Airman Heal died in a plane crash in 1953. The families erected the memorial at this special location in hopes that this place, so cherished by these two young men for its beauty, solitude and inspiration, may serve to perpetuate their memory and symbolize the sacrifice they made for their beloved state and country in the name of freedom; (HLS 1547)

Kent Wommack, of Yarmouth, in appreciation of his 22 years of devoted service with the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, including 13 years as its executive director. Mr. Wommack is among the most highly regarded and effective leaders in The Nature Conservancy and is considered among the leaders of land conservation nationally. We join others throughout the State in sending him our thanks for his work with the conservancy and extend to him our best wishes as he assumes the position of The Nature Conservancy's Australia Country Program Director; (HLS 1548)

the men and women who work in correctional facilities in state and local facilities, during Correctional Officers' Week, May 2nd to May 8th, 2004. Correctional officers are skilled professionals who preserve the safety of our lives and our property, often facing hostile, aggressive and intimidating behavior from prison inmates. They act as counselors, communicators and experts at crisis intervention while operating Maine's prisons, correctional camps, halfway houses and county facilities with dedication and sacrifice. We acknowledge these men and women who faithfully serve their communities and the State and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to Maine's correctional officers during Correctional Officers' Week; (HLS 1549)

the members of the Rockland Middle School/Owls Head Central School Destination ImagiNation team who won first place at the state-level competition held at the University of Maine. The team consists of Rockland Middle School 6th graders Ian Ellis, Kayla McGuire, Chris Willey and Logan Fogg; and Owls Head Central School 5th graders Jessica Luttrell, Leah Ellis and Lindsay Ranquist. Nearly 100 teams from across Maine competed at the event, which tested students' problem-solving abilities based on a blend of technical, theatrical, structural, vehicular and classical themes. The participants and their coaches invest months and, in some cases, years of hard work to succeed in this event. This group of talented students will represent Maine at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals, taking place May 25th through 29th at the University of Knoxville, Tennessee. We wish the Rockland Middle School/Owls Head Central School Destination ImagiNation team success at the Global Finals. We know they will make us proud; (HLS 1550)

the members of the Rockport Elementary School 3rd-grade Destination ImagiNation team who won first place at the state-level competition held at the University of Maine: Emily Ruger, Hannah Wells, Caroline Albertson, Francie Merrill, Lexi Doudera and Kristina Alex. Nearly 100 teams from across Maine competed at the event, which tested students' problem-solving abilities based on a blend of technical, theatrical, structural,

vehicular and classical themes. The participants and their coaches invest months and, in some cases, years of hard work to succeed in this event. This group of talented 3rd graders will represent Maine at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals, taking place May 25th through 29th at the University of Knoxville, Tennessee. We wish the Rockport Elementary School 3rd-grade Destination ImagiNation team success at the Global Finals. We know they will make us proud; (HLS 1551)

the members of the Camden-Rockport Middle School 5th-grade Destination ImagiNation team who won first place at the state-level competition held at the University of Maine: Morgan Farley, Katharine Johansen, Hayley Buckheit, Kayla Hart, Erika Alex, Maci Heal and Charlotte LeMar. Nearly 100 teams from across Maine competed at the event, which tested students' problem-solving abilities based on a blend of technical, theatrical, structural, vehicular and classical themes. The participants and their coaches invest months and, in some cases, years of hard work to succeed in this event. This group of talented 5th graders will represent Maine at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals, taking place May 25th through 29th at the University of Knoxville, Tennessee. We wish the Camden-Rockport Middle School 5th-grade Destination ImagiNation team success at the Global Finals. We know they will make us proud; (HLS 1552)

the members of the Camden-Rockport Middle School 7th-grade Destination ImagiNation team who won first place at the state-level competition held at the University of Maine: Mary Fagan, Sarah Waldron, Zoe Jones, Kelsea Sandefur, Hannah Berta and Cali Breheny. Nearly 100 teams from across Maine competed at the event, which tested students' problem-solving abilities based on a blend of technical, theatrical, structural, vehicular and classical themes. The participants and their coaches invest months and, in some cases, years of hard work to succeed in this event. This group of talented 7th graders will represent Maine at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals, taking place May 25th through 29th at the University of Knoxville, Tennessee. We wish the Camden-Rockport Middle School 7th-grade Destination ImagiNation team success at the Global Finals. We know they will make us proud; (HLS 1553)

Bob Dyer, of Sherman Mills, on the occasion of his retirement from teaching. Mr. Dyer started his teaching career as a member of the Teacher Corps in the Southern Aroostook School District. Following that introduction to the profession, he completed 32 years of teaching in Maine School Administrative District No. 25 schools, Katahdin High School and Katahdin Junior High School. He has served in many capacities, including physical education teacher, health instructor, coach and athletic director. He is a respected member of his profession and has been a strong role model for his students. The school and community will recognize him for his dedication and service on May 29th at the high school gymnasium. His efforts on behalf of the students will be sorely missed. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Dyer and wish him the best in his retirement; (HLS 1554)

Edward and Loretta Dwyer, of Island Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer will renew their vows at the United Baptist Church in Island Falls with a reception following at the Island Falls VFW. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1555)

Paul Grant, of St. John, on his retirement after 36 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1556)

Susan Corriveau, of Wallagrass, on her retirement after 22 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge her dedicated years of

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service to her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1557)

Julie Taylor, of Wallagrass, on her retirement after 16 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge her dedicated years of service to her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1558)

Steve Kennedy, of Wallagrass, on his retirement after 25 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1559)

Francis Berthiaume, of Fort Kent, on his retirement after 34 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1560)

Susan Berthiaume, of Fort Kent, on her retirement after 34 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge her dedicated years of service to her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1561)

Lillian Carter, of Madawaska, on her retirement after 33 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge her dedicated years of service to her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1562)

Betty Pelletier, of Wallagrass, on her retirement from SAD #27. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1563)

Bert Levesque, of Fort Kent, on his retirement after 33 years with SAD #27. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1564)

Nick Dunn, of Bangor, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nick on this accomplishment; (HLS 1565)

Eric Brown, of Bangor, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Eric on this accomplishment; (HLS 1566)

Jim Ash, of Falmouth, senior manager for Ocean Properties and the Samoset Resort, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Ash owned and operated the Samoset Resort from 1984 until he sold it in 1999. He was the 1999 Rockland-Thomaston Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year, the 1998 Maine Innkeeper of the Year, the 2000 Volunteer of the Year for Maine from the American Hotel and Lodging Association, past president and former director of the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce, past president and former director of the Rockland Rotary, and a trustee of Northeast Health. Most recently, he became the Maine Tourism Association's 2004 Hall of Fame Award recipient for his outstanding leadership and his contributions to the hospitality and tourism industry. We congratulate him on his many accomplishments and also on his contributions to the Maine economy, sending him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1567)

James Giberson, of Cumberland Foreside, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. James, a member of Boy Scout Troop #817 in Gorham, is a sophomore and an honor student at North Yarmouth Academy. He earned 31 merit badges and has served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. For his service project, James cleared brush and trees, and built access steps for a community ice rink in Yarmouth. We commend James for his efforts and send our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1568)

Stephen R. Fortier, of Biddeford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Stephen on this accomplishment; (HLS 1569)

Holly Blodgett, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named as Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Lawrence High School. We extend our congratulations to Holly on this accomplishment; (HLS 1570)

Allison "Allie" Marshall, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named as Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Lawrence High School. We extend our congratulations to Allison on this accomplishment; (HLS 1571)

Raymond "Ray" Winship, of Fairfield, who is retiring from Lawrence High School after 35 years as an excellent and highly respected math teacher. Mr. Winship was involved in a variety of school activities, including Renaissance, National Honor Society selection, scholarship selection, accreditation and the Civil Rights Team. Under his leadership as head coach, the track team won 3 State Championships. He was assistant coach for 14 State Champion track teams. He is also a former Track Coach of the Year and has been a longtime assistant with the basketball program. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Public Library and the KSW Credit Union. Mr. Winship will be sorely missed by his colleagues and former students and we extend our appreciation to him for his many years of dedicated service. We wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1572)

Andy Rand, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Andy on this achievement; (HLS 1573)

Adrien "Drig" Fournier, of Jay, who has been inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Fournier played for several central Maine semi-pro games. His lifetime batting average is purportedly over .400 and his heady play helped lead the Chi-Liv towners to a national amateur baseball tournament in 1962. He was also a certified umpire for 28 years and helped organize the most recent Pine Tree League. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to "Drig"; (HLS 1574)

the Wonder Awhile Nursery School of the Winthrop United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary. The school is a not-for-profit educational institution and is considered to be the church's longest continuing mission. It was founded by Priscilla Small and Marjorie Chamberlain. Linda Findlay, the school's director for the past 15 years, began teaching at the school in 1983. Other previous directors include Joanne Manheimer, Audrey Hazen and Jane (Poitras) Giglio. The school has had a devoted teaching staff throughout the years, which includes Lee Gilman, who is in her 35th year at the school. The state-licensed school is also a Child Development Services agency-approved program for the placement of children with special needs. Located in Winthrop, the school has served more than 2,000 area children. The school's purpose is to provide a setting for individual growth and personal fulfillment, and a child's world of play, wonder and exploration with other children and understanding adults. Respect for one's self, others and the earth; kindness and compassion; good decision-making and responsibility are key lessons at the school. We send our congratulations to Wonder Awhile Nursery School as it celebrates this milestone and extend our best wishes for its continued success in providing early education for children in the community; (HLS 1575)

Carol Carothers, of Jefferson, executive director of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, who has received a Community Health Leadership award from The Robert Wood Johnson Community Leadership Program in recognition of her efforts to improve mental health services for Maine's inmates.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Carothers upon her receiving this prestigious honor; (HLS 1576)

William H. and Charlotte P. Towne, of Fairfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 20th, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1577)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Gardiner Area High School class of 2004: Joshua Corum, Valedictorian; Joseph Plourde, Salutatorian; Joshua Gregoire; Casey Whittier; Andrea Chavonelle; Jessica Lamoreau; Nicholas Kallman; Nicole Mason; Mike McGee; and Damien Moore. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 1578)

William F. MacDonald, of Gardiner, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Mr. MacDonald served as Mayor of Gardiner for 2 terms and was also the Gardiner Commissioner of Public Safety, from which position he retired in 1980. As Mayor, he presided over the revitalization of the downtown area of Gardiner in the 1970s. As Commissioner, he was President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and President of the New England Chiefs of Police Association. We acknowledge Mr. MacDonald's dedication to his community and recognize his rich and varied accomplishments, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this milestone birthday; (HLS 1579)

the beautiful City of Rockland on the occasion of its Sesquicentennial. The city, located on the west side of Penobscot Bay and enclosed by Jameson's Point on the north and the projection of Thomaston terminating in Owl's Head on the south, was first visited by John Lermond and his brothers, who in 1767 built a camp and produced a cargo of staves of oak and pine lumber. From these first visitors, the area became known as Lermon's Cove. Its Indian name was Catawamteak, signifying "great landing place." Permanent settlers came to the area in 1769. Fishing, shipbuilding, lime processing and granite quarrying have all been part of the city's growth and development. The Captain John Ulmer family was instrumental in the growth and development of Rockland, building mills and vessels and processing lime. Other early names in Rockland's long history include Tolman, Spear, Watson, Fales, Lindsay, Rankin, Smith and Godding. Reverend John Lord organized the community's first church. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Good Citizens of the City of Rockland as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of their beautiful city on the coast of Maine, the true gateway to the Penobscot Bay; (HLS 1580)

the members of the 112th Medical Company, in Bangor, for their professionalism while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom from January 22, 2003 to March 15, 2004. The 112th Medical Company was the only air ambulance company in the theatre to support the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, the Polish Multinational Division and ARCENT in both Kuwait and Iraq. The company established and conducted tactical aeromedical evacuation operations and supported medical evacuation operations in numerous locations. It also successfully flew more than 3,600 accident-free hours while conducting more than 650 medical evacuation missions for more than 1,700 personnel. We send our appreciation to the members of the company for their commitment to the armed forces and applaud their brave actions, which honor their unit, the State of Maine and the United States of America; (HLS 1581)

the members of the 1136th Transportation Company, in Bangor, for their professionalism while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The company provided security for convoys containing vital supplies used by civilian contractors

located in Mosul, Tallili and Baghdad, trained Air Force personnel in Army convoy and security procedures, provided security at Ali al-Salem Air Base, assisted in the reconstitution of the 3rd Infantry Division after the Battle for Baghdad and carried out countless local transportation missions in Kuwait. We send our appreciation to the members of the company for their commitment to the armed forces and applaud their brave actions, which honor their unit, the State of Maine and the United States of America; (HLS 1582)

Marilyn Curtis, who is retiring after a long and rewarding career of teaching. Mrs. Curtis is a 4th-grade teacher at Lisbon Elementary School. She inspired her students and instilled in them respect for their community, State and Nation. For many years she brought her class to the one-room Ridge School for a patriotic presentation. Mrs. Curtis has been an asset to the school and to her students and colleagues. She will be greatly missed by all who have known her. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Curtis for her many years of commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1583)

Vern Lemieux, who is retiring as Town Manager of Mattawamkeag. Mr. Lemieux was also the administrator, welfare director and road commissioner for the town. Although faced with personal and family health problems, he successfully shepherded his community through difficult and trying times as well as easy ones. His efforts on behalf of all the citizens of Mattawamkeag will be sorely missed, and he leaves large footprints to fill for his successor. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lemieux and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 1584)

Nathaniel Menifield, of Limestone, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian for the 2004 graduating class of Limestone Community School. He is president of the Limestone Chapter of the National Honor Society and Northern Maine Regional National Honor Society. He has served as class president for 4 years, as a member and president of the Student Council and secretary of the French Club. He has also participated in band, chorus, the Drama Club, Service Club, the Civil Rights Team, Varsity Cross Country Team and the yearbook staff. He has been part of the All-Aroostook and All-State Band and Chorus, as well as the Beethoven Festival Chorus. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on these accomplishments; (HLS 1585)

Christena Amuzzini, of Limestone, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian for the 2004 graduating class of Limestone Community School. She is vice-president of both the National Honor Society and Student Council and has been class secretary for 4 years. She has participated in the Drama Club, Service Club, the yearbook staff, French Club, chorus and band. She is an excellent athlete and was a member of the soccer, cheerleading and track and field teams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on these accomplishments; (HLS 1586)

Andrew A. Buckley, of Boy Scout Troop #586 in Farmington, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 1587)

Kellie Elizabeth MacDonald, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Deering High School. We send our congratulations to Kellie on this achievement; (HLS 1588)

Joseph Dominic Roy-Mayhew, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Deering High School. We send our congratulations to Joseph on this achievement; (HLS 1589)

the following members of the Monmouth Academy Academic Decathlon Team on their 5th place finish in the 2004 National Academic Decathlon competition: seniors Andrea Blundon, Matt Kelley and Cory Shepherd; juniors Bianca Cloutier, Shane Donahue and Neil Howker; sophomore Chris Eldridge; freshman Scott Turcotte; Coaches David S. Heckman, Cathy Foyt, Scott Foyt and Elizabeth Garrett. We acknowledge the team's excellent national standing and we extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1590)

the Monmouth Academy Future Business Leaders of America, upon achieving First Place in the State Leadership Competition, on March 16 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following: Alisa Blundon, Andrea Blundon, Caleb Brown, Bianca Cloutier, Crystal Cobb, Neil Howker, Becca Irwin, Sarah Irwin, Emily Masi, Ashley McDonald, Meredith Mulcahy, Lorelei Paul, Brett Plossay, Candance Rioux, Cameron Saucier, Cory Shepherd, Ashley Taylor, Patrick Trenholm and Advisor Rick Amero; (HLS 1591)

Christine Arsenault, of Monmouth, a teacher at Monmouth Academy, who was named a regional finalist for the 2005 Maine Teacher of the Year. Ms. Arsenault has been teaching at Monmouth Academy for 13 years and has been a strong supporter of the students and the school. She is an educational leader at the school, having developed interdisciplinary honors classes for grades 11 and 12. She has been the advisor to the Monmouth Academy Student Council and to the weekly student newspaper, The Academic Advocate. She has also been on numerous professional and school committees, chaperoned students on foreign trips and coached the Monmouth Academy Speech Team. Each year, she organizes and oversees the annual "Giving Tree" project at the school. We acknowledge Ms. Arsenault's dedication to her profession, to her school and to the students in her community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on receiving this honor; (HLS 1592)

the following members of the Monmouth Academy Boys Cross-country team winners of the Class D 2003 State Championship: Travis Pease, Nate Scott, Cory Shepherd, Wes Danforth, Shane Donahue, Zac Sager, Dickson McCannell, Zach Mayo and Nick Duquette; Manager Candace Rioux; Coach Rick Amero; and Assistant Coach Tom Menendez. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1593)

Ken Vining, of Wilton, for his dedicated service as highway foreman for the Town of Wilton over the years. The town's 2003 Annual Report was dedicated to Mr. Vining in recognition of his contributions to the town. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1594)

NAPA Maine, of Westbrook, upon receiving the President's Award for 2003. This award is presented annually to the employees of the organization within Genuine Parts Company that are judged to have had the most outstanding performance during the year. The employees of NAPA Maine achieved not only exemplary sales and profit contributions, but also continued the high standards of customer service that the company has stood for since its establishment in 1928. This is the 33rd time that the award has been presented, and the 2nd time it has been received by NAPA Maine. Of the 58 NAPA operations throughout the United States, only 5 have been recognized with this special honor more than one time. In order to qualify for this coveted award, all 300 members of the NAPA Maine team, including management and employees of both the Distribution Center and the 15 company-operated NAPA Auto Parts Stores, had to demonstrate outstanding teamwork. We send our congratulations to each member of the team on this extraordinary

accomplishment and extend our best wishes for NAPA Maine's continued success; (HLS 1595)

Zachary Montgomery, of Merrill, son of Robert and Irene Montgomery, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the Class of 2004 at Southern Aroostook Community School; (HLS 1596)

Hank Fuller, of Lisbon, who was named Coach of the Year by the Maine Cross Country Track and Field Coaches Association. Mr. Fuller coaches at Lisbon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1597)

Mark Stevens, of Lisbon, who has named Coach of the Year for the 6th time, for the Mid-State Wrestling League, as voted by his peers. Mr. Stevens coaches for Lisbon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1598)

Homer and Bernice Waterman, of Belfast, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 4, 2004. They were married in Dedham, Massachusetts and moved to Maine on June 12, 1968. Mr. Waterman received his education at Kings Point, Vermont Tech and Milwaukee Diesel, and had a career as a Marine Engineer. He was also licensed as a real estate broker. Mrs. Waterman made her career as a homemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Waterman together raised six daughters and one son. They also have 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Waterman on this milestone anniversary; (HLS 1599)

Dustin Brooks, of Island Falls, son of Dottie Brooks and the late Danny Brooks, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the Class of 2004 at Southern Aroostook Community School; (HLS 1600)

Harry Hartford, of West Newfield, for his 22 years of dedicated teaching at Sanford High School. In addition to his career in education, which included 3 years at Nasson College, Mr. Hartford was a member of the United States Air Force. He is a graduate of Lyndon State College in Vermont where he majored in meteorology and minored in physics. It was while attending college in Vermont that he became interested in teaching. We send our appreciation to Mr. Hartford for providing an enriching learning environment for his students and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 1601)

Jonathan B. Holman, of Island Falls, the son of Kurt and Sheila Holman, who has earned the distinction of being the Class of 2004 First Honor Essayist at Southern Aroostook Community School; (HLS 1602)

Griffin D. Hardy, of Oakfield, the son of Jeff and Vicki Hardy, who has earned the distinction of being the Second Honor Essayist of the Class of 2004 at Southern Aroostook Community School; (HLS 1603)

Richard P. Edgecomb, of Limestone, on May 7, 2004. The son of Almond and Geneva Edgecomb, Richard was an active member of his community, having served as a volunteer fireman and later on the Water & Sewer Board and the Planning Board. A farmer for more than 40 years and treasurer of the Limestone Masons for 30 of the 56 years that he was a member, Richard also earned the confidence of Limestone voters, serving on the Board of Selectmen for 14 years. In 1986, the annual report was dedicated to Richard. We recognize Richard for his committed service to his community and wish to offer our sincere condolences to his family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1604)

Lillian A. Joy, of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey and Lincoln, Maine. Born in Davidson, she later moved to Lincoln and attended Lee Academy. With her husband and children, she

moved to New Jersey, where she and her husband established the Better Housekeeping Store in Red Bank. During World War II, she was active as a Grey Lady. She served as a volunteer at the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank and was a member of the Atlantic Highlands Garden Club. She was devoted to her family and never forgot her ties to Maine. Mrs. Joy will be greatly missed by her children and her extended family in Maine; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1605)

Robert and Gloria Willigar, of Crystal, Maine and Miami, Florida, on the occasion of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 12, 2004. They were married January 30, 1954 at the home of Gloria's parents in Sherman Mills, Maine. They have lived most of their lives in Crystal, where they raised their family of 5 children. Mr. and Mrs. Willigar have 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1606)

Kenneth Browning, of Winslow, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Kenneth on this accomplishment; (HLS 1607)

Dennis Browning, of Winslow, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Dennis on this accomplishment; (HLS 1608)

Erin Gray, of Plymouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. Erin is the daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Gray. We extend our sincere congratulations to Erin on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1609)

Alicia Thibeault, of Newport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. Alicia is the daughter of Greg and Tracey Thibeault. We extend our sincere congratulations to Alicia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1610)

Spc. Beau Ramsey Beaulieu, of Lisbon, who died in the line of duty May 24, 2004 in Taji, Iraq, during a mortar attack on Camp Cooke. Spc. Beaulieu was the husband of Christina Estes, the son of Donna Field, the stepson of Frederick Field, Jr., of Lisbon, and the son of Tim Beaulieu of Kentucky. Spc. Beaulieu was known as a person who believed in what was right. He joined the United States Army in June 2002 and was assigned to the 27th Main Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas, where he had been stationed prior to his deployment to Iraq. Spc. Beaulieu and Christina were members of the Lisbon High School class of 2002 and were married shortly before he left for Iraq. We acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice he made for his State and Nation. Spc. Beaulieu will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Christina, his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1611)

J. Gregory Shea, M.S.W., of Topsham, a native of Lewiston and graduate of Bates College upon his retirement as executive director of the Tri-County Mental Health Center, a position he has held for 30 years. He received his master's degree from the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work in 1966 and began his professional career with the Department of Health and Welfare. Mr. Shea has been a leader in the field of social work and community mental health at both the state and national levels. Mr. Shea was president of the National Association of Social Workers from 1970 to 1972. He served as president of the Maine Council of Community Mental Health Centers several times and from 1987 to 1988 was president of the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers. He was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Behavioral Health in Washington, D.C. in April. He has also received many local, state and national awards during his professional career. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Shea for

his contributions to Maine's mental health system and to the people of Maine and extend our congratulations to him on his retirement; (HLS 1612)

Jenna Collin, of Frenchville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collin, who has earned the honor of being named Honor Essayist of the Class of 2004 at Wisdom High School. Jenna is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in many sports and civic organizations. She has been awarded many certificates for scholarship, sports and participation. She is a top scholar in English II, Pioneer Band, Academic Achievement and Early Childhood Occupations. She plans to attend the University of Maine at Fort Kent and then transfer to the University of Maine at Farmington, where she will further her education in early childhood development. We extend our congratulations to Jenna on these accomplishments; (HLS 1613)

Anna E. Ouellette, of Frenchville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ouellette, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the Class of 2004 at Wisdom High School. Anna was an Outstanding Students of America finalist, Wendy's High School Heisman State female winner, Coca-Cola Scholar State winner, National Honor Society president and top scholar in Accounting, Advanced English II, College Preparatory Chemistry, Environmental Science, U.S. History and Western Civilization. She was also the chairperson for the Maine Diocesan Council for Catholic Youth Winter Carnival and a youth convention keynote speaker. She plans on attending Eckerd College in Florida to study pre-law. We extend our congratulations to Anna on these accomplishments; (HLS 1614)

Heather A. Anderson, of Frenchville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Anderson, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the Class of 2004 at Wisdom High School. Heather has participated in Big Brother/Big Sister. She was top scholar in Journalism, Advanced English III and Human Anatomy and Physiology. She was an Athlete of the Year and was nominated for the President's Award for Educational Achievement. Heather plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in science at the University of Southern Maine or the University of Maine and then transfer to Palmer College to get her doctorate in chiropractic medicine. We extend our congratulations to Heather on these accomplishments; (HLS 1615)

Malcolm Hare and Pastor Ellen Cleaves, who have been named the 2003 Outstanding Limestone Citizens of the Year in recognition of their commitment to the community and especially to the Limestone United Methodist Church, where they do much charitable work. Both Mr. Hare and Pastor Cleaves were teachers prior to beginning their full-time ministry. Mr. Hare is involved in Habitat for Humanity and has coordinated home repairs for numerous area citizens. Pastor Cleaves entered the ministry in 1992, after having studied and completed her seminary studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Following their marriage in 1999, the couple continued to devote much of their time to volunteering and helping others. Their work includes hosting monthly luncheons for senior citizens, using the pastor's discretionary fund, which is supported by the congregation, to supply families with fuel or food and hosting an annual Christmas dinner for people who do not otherwise have anyone to visit during the holidays. We send our congratulations and best wishes to this special couple upon their receiving this prestigious honor; (HLS 1616)

Mark Rogers, a senior at Mt. Ararat High School, who has been selected as the 2004 Gatorade National High School Baseball Player of the Year. The award, which recognizes athletic achievement as well as the academic performance and overall character of its recipient, distinguishes Mark as the

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nation's best high school baseball player. Mark was selected from more than 450,000 high school baseball players nationwide. We extend our congratulations to Mark on this accomplishment; (HLS 1617)

the top 15 students of the 2004 graduating class of Fort Kent Community High School: Jacob Stevens, valedictorian; Stacy Pelletier, salutatorian; Sonny Michaud, honor essayist; Tyler Rioux; Kayleigh Cyr; Garritt Conover; Samantha Boutot; Allison Daigle; Jonathan Pinette; Jenna Daigle; Melissa Michaud; Ethan Raymond; Danielle Thibodeau; Mathew Bouchard; and Rebecca Wood. We send our congratulations to these students and extend our best wishes to them on their future endeavors; (HLS 1618)

Colin Roy, of Hallowell, who has been named the top administrator by his peers in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Mr. Roy is the Athletic Director for Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham. During his tenure at the school, he has been instrumental in numerous improvements made in the Mt. Ararat athletic programs. He is an outstanding leader and is well respected by students, their families and coaches throughout the State. We send Mr. Roy our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1619)

Kimberly Sparks, of Bowdoinham, the Town Clerk of Bowdoinham, as she takes on her new position as Town Manager of Greenwood, Maine. Ms. Sparks, who also served as the Assistant Town Manager of Bowdoinham, has been invaluable to the town as a multitalented and industrious civic servant, working nights and weekends and making certain the town and its elections ran smoothly. She worked countless hours on the town's ordinances and was the volunteer cochair of Celebrate Bowdoinham Committee. Her one goal was for Bowdoinham to be the best it could be and we acknowledge her dedicated service to the town. We send her our congratulations and best wishes to her on her new endeavor; (HLS 1620)

Sam Maroon, of China, a student at China Middle School, who is a recipient of the 2004 Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award, as a leader in his school and his community. He is an exemplary student and a positive role model for his peers. Sam is on the Student Council and is competing on a national level with the Math and Future Problem Solving teams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sam on this accomplishment; (HLS 1621)

Megan Watts, of St. George, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the Class of 2004 at Georges Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Megan on this achievement; (HLS 1622)

Esther Matus, of Cushing, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the Class of 2004 at Georges Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Esther on this achievement; (HLS 1623)

Lynn Silcox, of Hollis, on the occasion of her retirement from the Gorham school system after 38 years of teaching. Ms. Silcox has taught music at all grade levels, from kindergarten through grade 12, and has been recognized as one of the top music teachers in the State, sharing her talents with her students and helping to enrich their education and their lives. We acknowledge her dedicated years of service to her profession, her music, the children and the community, and we send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1624)

Chris Kimball, of Gorham, on the occasion of her retirement from the Gorham school system after 21 years. Ms. Kimball has been the secretary at White Rock School for the past 19 years, and prior to that had been a substitute secretary at Village School and Shaw School. She is very involved in the community as a

member of the Gorham Ecumenical Council and as a member of St. Anne's Church. We acknowledge her dedicated years of employment with the Gorham School Department and we send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1625)

Elspeth M. Hilton, of Winthrop, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the Class of 2004 at Winthrop High School. We extend our congratulations to Elspeth on this accomplishment; (HLS 1626)

Jennifer E. Flynn, of Winthrop, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the Class of 2004 at Winthrop High School. We extend our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (HLS 1627)

Joshua David Watson, of China, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 479, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this accomplishment; (HLS 1628)

Bob and Mabel Cox, of Chesterville, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 6, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1629)

Joshua Allaire, of Sanford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Joshua is a member of Boy Scout Troop #327. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joshua on this achievement; (HLS 1630)

Vicky Lloyd, Director of the Centre of Movement School of Performing Arts in Gorham, for providing area students throughout the past 25 years with the opportunity to develop sound technical skills, expand creativity and build self-confidence through their involvement with the Centre. It is a place where dance is taken seriously in a fun atmosphere. Ms. Lloyd, a teacher, choreographer and adjudicator, is a long-standing member of the Dance Educators of America and serves on its board of directors. She spends countless hours working with the competition team, choreographing, rehearsing and traveling to competitions throughout New England and beyond. The Centre also works with school departments to incorporate dance into the curriculum. Additionally, the Centre gives benefit performances to local nursing homes, senior citizen programs and charitable organizations. The Centre participates in the University of Southern Maine's Health Fair and, on October 20, 2002, set the Guinness World Record for long-distance tap dancing, tap-dancing more than 10 miles while raising funds for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Since 1998, the Centre has also worked with CAFE Inc. to bring dance and music to those facing life challenges. We send our appreciation to Ms. Lloyd and the Centre of Movement School of Performing Arts on its 25th anniversary for offering a safe and fun environment in which students can grow and learn and extend our best wishes for the Centre's continued success; (HLS 1631)

Abigail Rogers, of South Paris, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Abigail on this accomplishment; (HLS 1632)

Joseph and Phyllis Hampel, of Old Town, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 8, 2004. A native of New York, Mr. Hampel met his wife in Bath, while he was stationed in the area as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II. The couple moved to Old Town, where they raised their 2 children, Joseph and Barbara, and where Mr. Hampel was employed by Penobscot Chemical Fiber and later by the University of Maine. They also have 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We

send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hampel on this momentous occasion; (HLS 1633)

Josh Benson, of Mexico, for his quick thinking and heroic actions. Five-year-old Josh has been recognized as a member of the 911 Heroes Program by the Oxford County Regional Communications Center and is credited with saving the life of his mother. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Josh on this occasion; (HLS 1634)

Charles and Desneige London, of Peru, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary, June 9, 2004. The couple have 6 children, 22 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. London on this milestone in their lives; (HLS 1635)

Gilbert H. Jameson III, of Ellsworth, a member of Boy Scout Troop #86, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend him for his many dedicated hours of service to his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gibb on this achievement; (HLS 1636)

Morris Berry, of Spruce Head, for his 33 years of dedicated instruction. Following his graduation from the University of Southern Maine with a degree in education, Mr. Berry began teaching in the community of St. George. In 1994, he started at Thomaston Grammar School, teaching fifth grade history, math and reading. His desire to ensure that young people receive the proper stimulus to learn helped him to maintain his enthusiasm for teaching throughout his long career. We send our appreciation to Mr. Berry for his positive influence on the lives of nearly 1,000 students and extend our best wishes to him for a peaceful retirement; (HLS 1637)

Anthony Bunker, of Saco, a member of Boy Scout Troop #371, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend Anthony for his dedication and service to his community and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 1638)

the delegates who have been chosen to represent Cony High School at Girls State for 2004 by virtue of their excellent scholarship, dedicated leadership and responsible citizenship: Cecilia Ackerman, Hali Buxton, Chelsea Clark, Katy Hamlin, Susan Leighton, Briana Rende and Katherine Rollins. We extend our congratulations to these young women on this achievement; (HLS 1639)

Albert and Madeline Junkins, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, May 14, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special anniversary; (HLS 1640)

Marion Goss, of Rockland, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, June 29, 2004. Mrs. Goss is the mother of 2 sons. She has 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special birthday; (HLS 1641)

Anita F. Carroll, of Rockland, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, July 3, 2004. Mrs. Carroll has a daughter, Judy, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special birthday; (HLS 1642)

the delegates who have been chosen to represent Cony High School at Boys State for 2004 by virtue of their excellent scholarship, dedicated leadership and responsible citizenship: Matthew Burns, Christopher Carville, Ian Dumont, Eric Leinonen, Kevin McMahon, Kyle Poulin, Matthew Tardiff and Cory True. We extend our congratulations to these young men on this achievement; (HLS 1643)

John Skillin, of Dixfield, on the occasion of his retirement from Maine School Administrative District #43 after 35 years of teaching history and science. Mr. Skillin has taught thousands of sixth-grade students and, over the years, has continued to be impressed by their tremendous interest in learning. We acknowledge his dedication to his profession and to the children of the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1644)

David and Laura Hale, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 23, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1645)

Burton and Dorothy McIntosh, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, August 22, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special anniversary; (HLS 1646)

Thomas Beckwith, of Monmouth, who has been named the Citizen Volunteer of the Year by the Maine Recreation and Park Association. The award is given to a volunteer who contributes to the well-being of recreation within the State of Maine, and who supports the development and creation of a recreation program, facility or service. Tom was selected for his tireless efforts and dedication to the youth of Monmouth. Tom has served as a volunteer youth team coach in baseball and basketball since he began to volunteer in 1978, and he started the middle school cross-country running program. We acknowledge Tom's long history of volunteer work in his community, and we extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-earned award; (HLS 1647)

Franklin Memorial Hospital, in Farmington, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. Franklin Memorial Hospital has been providing healthcare services to the residents of Greater Franklin County since 1929, and has been nationally recognized as a leader in developing new and innovative programs and services, and has gained statewide, regional and national recognition for its commitment to the improvement of the health of residents of Greater Franklin County. We extend our congratulations on this anniversary celebration to Franklin Memorial Hospital and its affiliates and all the people who, through them, have dedicated themselves to providing health care to the area; (HLS 1648)

Doug Handy, of Waterville, who heroically rescued a 9-year-old boy from the Kennebec River in Winslow; (HLS 1649)

the Honorable Willis Lord, of Waterboro, who has been recognized by the citizens of Waterboro for his many years of public service to the community and to the State. The community and State have been well served by Willis as he took a leadership role in both levels of government. In Waterboro, he has been an outstanding citizen, being involved in and serving the community in many ways. He has served as Road Commissioner, school board member, Selectman and Moderator at town meetings and also on numerous town committees. At the State level, Willis served as State Representative from 1985 to 1994 and as Senator from 1995 to 1996. He was the last full-time farmer in Waterboro and demonstrated hard work, commitment and resolve. We commend him for his many dedicated hours and service to Waterboro and the State. We extend our congratulations to Willis on this recognition; (HLS 1650)

the annual Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival, as it celebrates the popular American music form on July 10 and July 11, 2004 in Harbor Park, Rockland, overlooking picturesque Rockland Harbor. Some of the top names in blues music are performing at this festival, one of the most prestigious on the East

Coast. We extend our best wishes to the Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival for its continuing success; (HLS 1651)

the members of the Winslow High School Girls Softball Team, who are the State Class B Champions. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1652)

Janine M. Winn, of Temple, who was presented with the University of Maine at Farmington's Alumni Achievement Award at the Annual Alumni Association Awards Ceremony. This award honors a University of Maine at Farmington graduate who has achieved distinction in that person's chosen field. Ms. Winn is a 1982 graduate of the University, with a degree in community health education. She has gained recognition in her position as executive director of S.A.V.E.S, an organization to assist victims of rape. She was one of the founding members of the organization and was the first person trained as a hotline volunteer. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1653)

George W. Jodrie, of Cape Elizabeth, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Jodrie was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland and the Mayflower Society of Maine, and he volunteered for the Red Cross. He was a wonderful neighbor to many and had earned the phrase "let George do it." He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1654)

SFC Rex G. Sprague III, of Brewer, who died in Iraq after saving the lives of coworkers by driving them to safety after he was mortally wounded. Rex enlisted in the United States Army's airborne division after graduating from Brewer High School in 1982. He served for 20 years and retired as a staff sergeant in December, 2003. During his United States Army career, he served in the first Gulf War, Panama, Bosnia and Germany. After spending 2 weeks in Maine visiting his family, he shipped out in January, 2004 to Iraq to serve as an independent contractor with Titan Corporation and was due to return in October. Rex had met and married his wife Natascha while he was stationed with the 554th Military Police Company in Germany and they had recently celebrated their 10th Anniversary. We acknowledge his longtime service to his Nation and his last heroic act of bravery. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Natascha, his family, his colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1655)

Employees and Management of Old Town Canoe Company, who have consistently contributed to the economy of Old Town through good times and bad and have contributed to the success of the company. We extend our appreciation to them for their continued support of the community and for making Old Town Canoe a fixture of Old Town; (HLS 1656)

Ruth Gray, of Old Town, who is the oldest direct descendent of George Gray, the founder of the Old Town Canoe Company. Ms. Gray is a lifelong resident of Old Town and an active participant in civic affairs in the town. We acknowledge the dedication of Ms. Gray and the Gray family to the City of Old Town and its citizens and extend our appreciation; (HLS 1657)

Elizabeth Conrad, of Camden, who received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Elizabeth is a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 876 and has clearly demonstrated a strong commitment to the Girl Scouts and to her community. She researched doll house design and created a doll house that was donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Portland for the children of families staying there to play with. The project was made possible through Elizabeth's diligent fundraising efforts and with the help of various donations and volunteers. We extend our

congratulations to Elizabeth on her notable accomplishment; (HLS 1658)

the Cape Elizabeth High School Boys Tennis Team, which has won the 2004 Class B State Championship after an undefeated season. This was the team's 3rd consecutive State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1659)

the following members of the Cape Elizabeth High School Baseball Team, which has won the 2004 Class B State Championship: Seniors Conor Casey (Captain) and Alex McCarthy; Juniors Paul Kierstead (Captain), Taylor White, Pat Kertes, Nick Freed and Tom Gruber; Sophomores Drake Livada, Kyle Dancause, Mike Kertes, Ben Weimont, Liam O'Shea, Kyle Toot, Joe Geoghegan and Ryan Hatch; Freshman Pat Murphy; Head Coach Todd Day and Assistant Coaches Tom Tinsman, Mark Renna and James Dawson. This was the first Class B championship for the Cape Elizabeth High School Baseball Team since 1991. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1660)

Coleby Lamoreau, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Second Honor Essayist of the 2004 Graduating class of Easton High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Coleby on this accomplishment; (HLS 1661)

Harold "Dusty" Woodside, of Waterville, who has been named the Law Officer of the Year at the 86th Annual State Convention of the Maine American Legion. Nominated by the American Legion Veterans Memorial Post 205 in Augusta, Officer Woodside accepted the award from American Legion Department Chaplain Paul L'Heureux. After 26 years with the Waterville Police Department, Officer Woodside became a school resource officer in the middle and elementary schools of School Administrative District 47. Known as Officer Dusty, he taught anti-drug programs in Waterville and Oakland and continues to help raise funds to support the D.A.R.E. fun night. He also chaperones an annual tour to the nation's capital, organizes the Triad Program for the elderly, helps with investigations and patrols during the summer and directs traffic to provide safe passage for school children. We send Officer Woodside our appreciation for his years of public service and extend to him our congratulations on his receiving this prestigious honor; (HLS 1662)

the York High School Track and Field Team, which won the Class B State Championship. We commend the members of the team for their dedicated efforts and outstanding results and send them our congratulations and best wishes on this accomplishment; (HLS 1663)

Belva Morris, Limestone's Woman of the Century, upon her turning 100 years old on July 30, 2004. Born the daughter of Austin and Levonia Gilman Barnes on July 30, 1904 in Fort Fairfield, Belva, better known as "Dolly," is the eldest of 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. She attended Caswell Elementary School and after the 8th grade transferred to Fort Fairfield, graduating in the class of 1925. Dolly received her teacher's training at Presque Isle Normal School, now the University of Maine at Presque Isle, graduating in the class of 1922. During her teaching career, she taught at the Willard School in Caswell and the Noyes School in Limestone. On November 27, 1929 she married Harry M. Morris, and raised 5 children: Kathryn Andrews, Lorraine McLaughlin, Faye Phair, Wilma Gene Parker and Cyrus Morris. She has 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She lives independently on the Morris Homestead and is very interested in the growing of potatoes and wheat. Florida is her home for 2

months each year. Dolly is a very devoted member of the United Methodist Church in Limestone and is a former member of the Dorcas Circle. During her younger years she belonged to the Limestone Grange, Garden Club, Home Extension, Senior Citizens, Eastern Star and WSCS, in which she held numerous offices. Dolly was the recipient of the Gold Cane on April 13, 2001 and was honored as Woman of the Century on April 22, 2003. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Dolly on this very special occasion; (HLS 1664)

Sean O'Mara, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Easton High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Sean on this accomplishment; (HLS 1665)

Michael Osgood, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Easton High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on this accomplishment; (HLS 1666)

Valerie Martin, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named the First Honor Essayist of the 2004 graduating class of Easton High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Valerie on this accomplishment; (HLS 1667)

Tyler Bernaiche, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Fort Fairfield High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Tyler on this accomplishment; (HLS 1668)

Shaun Cote, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Fort Fairfield High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Shaun on this accomplishment; (HLS 1669)

Stephen Smith, of Blaine, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Stephen on this accomplishment; (HLS 1670)

Amanda Johnson, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Amanda on this accomplishment; (HLS 1671)

Stevi Fletcher, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named First Honor Essayist of the 2004 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Stevi on this accomplishment; (HLS 1672)

Isaac Sargent, of Bridgewater, who has earned the distinction of being named the Second Honor Essayist of the 2004 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Isaac on this accomplishment; (HLS 1673)

the Grand Opening of the Wells/Ogunquit Senior Center on July 17, 2004. The opening of the center marks the completion of the tireless efforts of the Senior Needs Committee of Wells and Ogunquit, which was formed in February 1997. The committee served as a forum for its members to discuss concerns about the lack of information, programs and facilities for elder citizens in the area. The hard work of this committee combined with the generous donations and support of area residents, nonresidents and businesses have helped to build a center that will host programs and events for the needs of the area's elder citizens. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens and friends of the communities of Wells and Ogunquit as they celebrate this special occasion; (HLS 1674)

Old Fort Western, in Augusta, the oldest surviving wooden military building in America, on its 250th Anniversary. Built in 1754 to defend England's claim to the territory during the French and Indian War, Fort Western has been declared the "crown

jewel" of the city by the Mayor of Augusta. Fully restored in 1987-1988, the old fort on the banks of the Kennebec River receives about 25,000 visitors annually. We acknowledge the valuable historical legacy that this well-preserved fort provides to the State of Maine and we join the good citizens of Augusta in celebrating its anniversary; (HLS 1675)

Ann Allen, of Auburn, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday on June 19, 2004. Mrs. Allen, the mother of 5 children, is a hairdresser, a musician, a gardener and a good neighbor. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on her birthday; (HLS 1676)

Cynthia Dunn, on the occasion of her retirement as the town manager for the Town of Buckfield. Ms. Dunn also served as the town clerk from 1983 until becoming the town manager in 1991. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedication and commitment to public service; (HLS 1677)

Keith K. Levasseur, of Belgrade, a member of Boy Scout Troop #453, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Keith on this accomplishment; (HLS 1678)

the descendants of Michael James and Margaret Ellen Dow McNeil, on the occasion of their family reunion, July 10, 2004. The McNeil and the Dow families came to North America sometime around 1880. Michael and Margaret, both having a Scottish parent and an Irish parent, were married in September, 1909 in Grand Vallee, Quebec and moved to Maine after the birth of their second child. They had 8 children, one son and 7 daughters: Mary Inez, James Edmond, Sarah Hildred Germaine, Marguerite Dow, Edith Carolyn, Annie Arlene, Bertha Camilla and Barbara Ellen. There are 5 surviving children who are attending the festivities. There are now over one hundred direct descendants of Michael James and Margaret Ellen Dow McNeil, who best exemplify the American tradition of immigrants coming to the New World and finding a better life. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the descendants of Michael James and Margaret Ellen Dow McNeil as they celebrate their family ties; (HLS 1679)

Bethany Wheeler, of Avon, who is the recipient of the American Legion's School Award for citizenship. The qualities needed for this award are courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bethany on her achievement; (HLS 1680)

Paula Roy, of Avon, who is the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award by the American Legion. This award is given to those who perform above and beyond their normal duties. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Roy on this achievement; (HLS 1681)

John P. Fisher, of Oakland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. John, a graduate of Messalonski High School, is a member of Boy Scout Troop #436. He led the efforts in constructing a nature trail and building benches for Pleasant Point Park, a town park on the McGrath Pond Road in Oakland. We congratulate John on earning this distinguished honor and we send him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 1682)

Mary Russell Foss, of Madison, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, July 9, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this milestone birthday; (HLS 1683)

Oscar B. Roy, of Randolph, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, July 12, 2004. Born in St. Agatha, the 13th of 14 children, Mr. Roy first had a farm in Frenchville before moving to Connecticut in 1957 and working at Fafnir Bearing Company, Division of Tectron. He retired in 1987. He is the father of 4 children and is a grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. and

Mrs. Roy moved back to Maine in 2000. We extend our congratulations to him on this milestone birthday, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1684)

Mertie Abbott, of Phillips, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this milestone birthday; (HLS 1685)

Nathan Kinney, of Phillips, who is the recipient of the American Legion's School Award for citizenship. The qualities needed for this award are courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nathan on his achievement; (HLS 1686)

Reverend Steve Coleman, of Westbrook and Portland, on the honored occasion of his consecration as Bishop of the Jurisdiction of Maine of the Church of God in Christ. A native of Louisiana, the eldest of 9 children, he attended some of the last segregated schools in the old South. He was proudly ordained a minister at the age of 18 in his home church, the Faith Mission Outreach Baptist, by Bishop Earl Alexander, Sr. A 1979 graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a B.S. in chemistry, he began his professional career at the S.D. Warren Company that same year. In 1986, Reverend Coleman first opened the doors of Williams Temple, Church of God in Christ, and was installed as its pastor in 1987. The husband of Evangelist Cheryl Janine White Coleman, a proud father and grandfather, Reverend Coleman serves as only the 3rd Bishop of Maine in the more than 50 years his faith and his church have served the Pine Tree State. As a scholar, minister and community activist, he embodies the call "Be a doer of the word, not a hearer only"; (HLS 1687)

the following top graduating students of the Mt. Blue High School Class of 2004: Bethany Brown, Jamie St. Pierre, Sara Carter, Ian McPherran, Lisa Silva, Shelby Stevens, Marcie Flagg, Shanna Rae Moody, Rebecca Peak and Karianna Grindle. We extend our congratulations to these students on their accomplishments and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1688)

Heather Groder, of Wilton, who was voted by her peers as Mt. Blue High School Female Athlete of the Year. Heather also received the USMC Distinguished Athlete Award for displaying courage, poise, self-confidence and leadership as a high school athlete. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her achievements; (HLS 1689)

the members of the 133rd Engineering Combat Battalion, in Bangor, for their professionalism while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit provided support to the 878th Engineering Combat Battalion of the Georgia Army National Guard. It also performed numerous engineering missions, including the building of structures, grading roads and repairing utilities. We send our appreciation to the members of the unit for their commitment to the armed forces and applaud their brave actions, which honor their unit, the State of Maine and the United States of America; (HLS 1690)

Wallace A. "Wally" Tapley, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved husband of Irene M. Tapley, a veteran of World War II and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 80 and of Post No. 4154 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Tapley was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and was a 3rd Degree member of the church's Knights of Columbus. He was an excellent cook and was well-known for the meals he prepared for church functions, especially the Lenten breakfasts. Mr. Tapley will be greatly missed by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1691)

Amy Shannon, of Lee, who was a computer teacher at Granite Street School for 6 years. We send our appreciation to Ms. Shannon for her dedicated service to the students and the Granite Street School; (HLS 1692)

Vincent Ireland, of Millinocket, who taught reading, English and computer class at Stearns High School. We send our appreciation to him for his 26 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1693)

Etta Hubbard, of Greenville, who was named 2004 Citizen of the Year. Ms. Hubbard, a lifelong resident of Greenville, is recognized for her numerous contributions that she has made with great pride and enthusiasm through the years. Ms. Hubbard's family established roots in the town in 1844, and she was born in 1919. She married Harold Hubbard, and together they had 3 daughters, who were raised primarily by Etta after Harold died when the girls were still very young. She is known as a wonderful cook, who still prepares a Sunday meal for her family. Ms. Hubbard has worked at the Shaw Public Library for about 25 years and possesses a wealth of knowledge about Greenville. We thank her for her outstanding dedication to the Town of Greenville and we send her our best wishes for the years to come; (HLS 1694)

Christian Rowden, of Fairfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop #460, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christian on achieving this high honor; (HLS 1695)

Percy Young, of South Thomaston, who celebrated the occasion of his 90th Birthday on June 22, 2004. Mr. Young is a lifelong resident of the mid-coast region and a longtime resident of South Thomaston. Mr. Young was an employee of Crie Hardware in Rockland and is well-known for his many contributions to his community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special birthday; (HLS 1696)

Mary Rivers, of Millinocket, a custodian at Granite Street School. We send our appreciation to her for her 23 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1697)

Theresa Franck, of Millinocket, a French teacher at Stearns High School. We send our appreciation to her for her 24 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1698)

Arthur Greenlaw, of Millinocket, who was the principal at the Millinocket Middle School for 27 years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Greenlaw for his dedicated service and commitment to the students and the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1699)

Deborah Drew, of Sebec, who was the Director of Guidance for the Millinocket School Department for 16 years. We send our appreciation to Ms. Drew for her dedicated service and commitment to the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1700)

Winnie Greenlaw, of Millinocket, a teacher at Granite Street School. We send our appreciation to Ms. Greenlaw for her 25 years of dedicated service to the students at Granite Street School and the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1701)

Vanessa Rush, of Millinocket, who was a special education teacher at the Millinocket Middle School. We send our appreciation to Ms. Rush for her dedicated service to the students at the Millinocket Middle School and the Millinocket School Department; (HLS 1702)

Derrick E. Waugh, of Mexico, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 544 and is the son of Lisette and Bruce Waugh. Derrick's Eagle Scout project, which required 135 hours of his time, was the construction of a handicapped-accessible arched footbridge on the Water Street side of the Memorial Greens in

Mexico. We extend our congratulations to Derrick on this accomplishment; (HLS 1703)

Command Master Chief Petty Officer Ricky Thornton, of Raymond, on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years with the United States Navy. We send our heartfelt gratitude to him for his commendable service and dedication to our nation. We extend to the Master Chief Thornton our best wishes upon his retirement and transition into civilian life; (HLS 1704)

Louis "John" Colgan, of Millinocket. He was a United States Army veteran of World War II. He joined the Army in 1940 and served in the South Pacific. He was also a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1705)

Kurtis S. Bucher, of Peru, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 544 and the son of Donna and Leon Bucher. Kurtis' Eagle Scout project, which was the cleaning of the Day Mountain Cemetery in Avon, required the clearing of brush and the placing of a memorial stone at the cemetery. Although he raised money to purchase the stone, the money was not needed because the stone was donated. Kurtis gave the money that he raised to the town of Avon to cover future expenses for maintenance of the cemetery. We extend our congratulations to Kurtis on this accomplishment; (HLS 1706)

the members of E Company, 120th Aviation Air Traffic Control, in Bangor, for their professionalism while deployed in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The company provided air traffic control for air operations. Their brave actions reflect great credit and pride upon their unit, the State of Maine and the United States of America. We send our appreciation to the members of the company for their commitment to the armed forces, applaud their brave actions and welcome them home; (HLS 1707)

the members of the 169th Military Police Company, in Bangor, for their professionalism while deployed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The company provided security at the United States military base and detention center in Cuba. We send our appreciation to the members of the company for their commitment to the armed forces, applaud their brave actions, which honor their unit, the State of Maine and the United States of America, and welcome them home; (HLS 1708)

Brendan Smullen, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brendan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1709)

Panther Run Marina, a Raymond business established in 1995, which has received the Maine Clean Boatyards and Marinas Award. This is the first time the award has been presented to a marina on an inland body of water. The award is granted by a voluntary program that strives to improve the natural resources upon which the industry and people of Maine depend by reducing pollution. Receiving this award is truly a significant honor, and we thank the Panther Run Marina for its dedication and commitment to the community and the people of Maine; (HLS 1710)

Kathy Dyer, who has been named EMS Person of the Year by the Town of Standish. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Dyer on this occasion; (HLS 1711)

Linda Dorion, who has been named EMS Person of the Year by the Town of Standish. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Dorion on this occasion; (HLS 1712)

Sheldon Gregoire, who has been named EMS Officer of the Year by the Town of Standish. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Gregoire on this occasion; (HLS 1713)

Norman Dyer, who has been named Firefighter of the Year by the Town of Standish. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dyer on this occasion; (HLS 1714)

Joe Kennie, who has been named Top New Recruit by the Town of Standish. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Kennie on this occasion; (HLS 1715)

the Steep Falls Library on the occasion of its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members and friends of the library on this prestigious honor; (HLS 1716)

the Old Red Church, of Standish Village, on the occasion of its 200th Anniversary. The Old Red Church, also known as the First Parish Meeting House, is registered as a Historic Landmark and sits on land granted to the proprietors of the parish for service to King George in the war of 1754. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members and friends of the Old Red Church as they observe this milestone; (HLS 1717)

Dorothy "Dot" White, of Jay, for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Jay. She has been President of the Jay Historical Society, lecturer, pianist and organist of the Mystic Valley Grange of East Dixfield and member, choir director, pianist and organist of the Jay Baptist Church. She was secretary at the Jay Elementary School for 30 years. She also has volunteered in many capacities to benefit her community. We extend our appreciation to Ms. White for her commitment to the Town of Jay and the surrounding communities; (HLS 1718)

F. Stewart "Stew" Kinley, of Fairfield, on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years working for the Maine Education Association. Mr. Kinley is a graduate of Acadia University and the University of Mississippi and served in the United States Army. He is a former chemistry teacher, is active in the Fairfield Methodist church, is vice-president of the Thomas Teague Biotechnology Center, and is a charter member and now director of the Fairfield Economic Development Center. He is also a long-time member of the school board of Maine School Administrative District No. 49. We extend our appreciation to Stew for his dedication to the youth of this State and his community and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1719)

Corporal Mary Theresa Nelson, formerly of Indian Island and now of Green Valley, Arizona. Ms. Nelson was the first Maine Woman and first Wabanaki Native American woman to serve in the United States Marine Corps. She served from 1944 to 1946 as an ordinance clerk at Fort LeJeune, North Carolina. We extend our appreciation to Corporal Nelson for her commitment to the armed forces and the United States of America; (HLS 1720)

Christopher Bean, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 1721)

Emerson G. MacLauchlan, of Machias, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, August 1, 2004. Still remaining very active, Mr. MacLauchlan worked his whole life on Main Street, starting first at working gas pumps. He can recall the days of people using a horse and carriage along with other wonderful memories from throughout his lifetime. We send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to him as he celebrates this milestone; (HLS 1722)

the following top graduating students of the Mt. Ararat High School Class of 2004: Mallory Brochu, Aaron Shorey, Michael Sweeney, Gregory Dunham, Jeffrey Beal, Danielle Bibeau,

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Joanna Renee White and Taylor Talmage. We extend our congratulations to these students on their accomplishments and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1723)

Freeland Drake, of Albion, for 50 years of service to the community and its citizens. A descendant of the original settlers of Albion, Mr. Drake served as selectman for many years. He is a member of the Albion Grange and has served as treasurer of the Grange for 36 years. He has been a member of the Board of Kennebec Valley Council of Governments and a member of the Legislative Advisory Group of the Maine Municipal Association. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Drake for his dedication and commitment to the Town of Albion, the State and its citizens; (HLS 1724)

Senior Chief Leroy P. Hill, on the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service in the United States Navy. Raised in Caribou, Senior Chief Hill enlisted in the military in 1978. Upon completion of his training in Basic Electricity and Electronics, he was assigned to numerous duty stations, including the USS Donald B. Beary FF-1085, where he was promoted to Second Class Petty Officer; the Surface Officers Warfare School Command, Newport, Rhode Island; and the TWR 821 SVC Swamp Fox in Charleston, South Carolina, where he was promoted to First Class Petty Officer. After receiving orders to Advanced Maintenance "C" School at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. He worked with the Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Bath, helping to build the Arleigh Burke DDG-51 and a variety of cruisers. He was the Ship Superintendent for the USS Crommlin FFG-37 and the USS Ruben James FFG-57. Most recently, he was assigned to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eleven, where he was the Maintenance Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. Senior Chief Hill received numerous commendations, awards, ribbons and medals for his excellent record of conduct, performance and professionalism during his years of military service. We send our congratulations to Senior Chief Hill on his successful and distinguished military career and extend our very best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 1725)

the Cary Medical Center, of Caribou, which has been awarded the Alpha Award by the National Job Corps Association. Nominated by the Loring Job Corps, the medical center is one of only 3 being honored as outstanding community organizations by the National Job Corps Association. This prestigious award recognizes people and organizations that partner with the Job Corps to support the program and help students. We send our appreciation to Cary Medical Center for its commitment to the Job Corps organization and extend our congratulations and best wishes to the medical center on this occasion; (HLS 1726)

the Caribou Rotary Club, which will celebrate the international organization's 100 years of civic service. Founded by Paul P. Harris on February 25, 1905, the organization was established to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. Currently there are more than 30,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the the Caribou Rotary Club as they observe this occasion throughout their local organization's 80th year; (HLS 1727)

Hollis Irvine, of Caribou, who has received the Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition of his years of devoted service to the Caribou Rotary Club and his community. Mr. Irvine has been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and has served as president of both the Caribou and Fort Fairfield Rotary clubs. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Irvine on his receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1728)

Whitney Plourde, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Caribou High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Whitney on this occasion; (HLS 1729)

Stacey Dubois, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Caribou High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Stacey on this occasion; (HLS 1730)

Carl Ouellette, of Caribou, who is retiring from the field of education after more than 29 years with the Caribou School Department. We send our appreciation to him for his dedicated service and commitment to the students and the community; (HLS 1731)

David Ouellette, of Caribou, who is retiring from the field of education after 35 years with the Caribou School Department. We send our appreciation to him for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the students and the community; (HLS 1732)

Rhoda Ouellette, of Caribou, who is retiring from the field of education after 34 years with the Caribou School Department. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated service and commitment to the students and the community; (HLS 1733)

Virginia White, of Caribou, who is retiring from the field of education after 34 years. She has worked with the Caribou School Department and at Houlton High School. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated service and commitment to the students and the community; (HLS 1734)

Duska Frankilin, of Caribou, who is retiring from the field of education after 37 years. She worked for the Caribou School Department in California. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated service and commitment to the students and the community; (HLS 1735)

Sharon McGary, of Caribou, who is retiring after 36 years with the Caribou School Department as a teacher. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated service and commitment to the students and the community; (HLS 1736)

James Parker, of Wilton, Chief of Police, on his retirement after 26 years in law enforcement. Chief Parker has been Chief since 1978. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State, and we extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1737)

Gary Godish, of East Machias, on his retirement from service to the Downeast Correctional Facility. Sgt. Godish was one of the original employees hired at the facility in 1985 and was promoted to a supervisory position, Correctional Officer II, in 1986. The position was later reclassified as Correctional Sergeant. We acknowledge Sgt. Godish's dedicated service to his profession and to the State of Maine, and we extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1738)

Alvin "Mac" and Kathleen "Kitty" McDonald, of Wilton, on the occasion of their 51st Wedding Anniversary, July 18, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1739)

Jim Silcox, of Buxton, on the occasion of his retirement as a math teacher at Gorham High School. During his career, Mr. Silcox taught math, social studies and science at both the middle and high school levels and served as principal at the Shaw School. We send our appreciation to Mr. Silcox for his commitment and dedication to the youth of Maine and extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1740)

Sandra Colburn, of Raymond, on the occasion of her retirement as a science teacher at Gorham High School, where she has taught lab and advanced placement biology since 1965.

We send our appreciation to Mrs. Colburn for her commitment and dedication to the youth of Maine and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1741)

Jean Davis, of Hollis, on the occasion of her retirement as an educator at Gorham High School, where she has taught English since 1970. We send our appreciation to Ms. Davis for her commitment and dedication to the youth of Maine and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1742)

Specialist Benjamin Farwell, of Windham, who has returned home from active duty in Iraq with an infantry support platoon in the 1st Armored Division. He served constantly on the front lines and sustained injuries from an exploding car bomb. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Specialist Farwell home to America and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 1743)

Vera "Grammy" Brown, of Gorham, who received a Caring Citizen in School and Community Award from Youth Alternatives in appreciation of her years of service in helping children in need. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Brown on this occasion; (HLS 1744)

Edna Dickey, of Gorham, who was presented with a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement by Governor John Baldacci and the Maine Health Care Association for her many accomplishments throughout her life. An educator, author and a lay assistant, Ms. Dickey taught at the University of Southern Maine. Following her retirement, the university named a dormitory, Dickey Hall, in her honor. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Dickey on this occasion; (HLS 1745)

Charles Sendzik, of Gorham, on the occasion of his retirement as an educator at Gorham High School, where he has taught science since 1967. We send our appreciation to Mr. Sendzik for his commitment and dedication to the youth of Maine and extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1746)

James Lockman, of Gorham, a principal of Working Words & Graphics, Inc., who received the Sturgis Award from the Torch Club. The award is presented annually to a member whose paper is judged the year's best by the organization's Board of Directors. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Lockman on this occasion; (HLS 1747)

Bob Caswell, of Gorham, who has received the Business Person of the Year award from the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange. As the Executive Director of Media and Community Relations for the University of Southern Maine, Mr. Caswell serves as the liaison between the university and the community and local businesses. He has participated actively in numerous civic organizations and is well known and respected for his effective leadership and tireless commitment as a member of his community and the business exchange. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Caswell on this occasion; (HLS 1748)

Amy Story, of Gorham, who received a Caring Citizen in School and Community Award from Youth Alternatives in appreciation of her work with local children and parents. Ms. Story is a literacy support educational technician at the Narragansett School in Gorham. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Story on this occasion; (HLS 1749)

Cindy Smith, of Gorham, on the occasion of her retirement as an educator at Gorham High School, where she has taught Art for the last 19 years of her 35-year teaching career. We send our appreciation to Ms. Smith for her commitment and dedication to the youth of Maine and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1750)

Vern Plummer, of Gorham, on the occasion of his retirement as an educator at the Gorham Middle School. He began his career in Gorham 32 years ago as a 6th-grade teacher at the White Rock School. He also taught at the Little Falls School before moving on to the Shaw school, where he has taught for the past 26 years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Plummer for his commitment and dedication to the youth of Maine and extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1751)

Edith Louise (Merrill Footman) Lane, who lived her entire life in the Lewiston and Leeds area. She was one of 16 children. She married Harold Footman and raised their children, worked in the office of Clark's Shoe in Auburn and held many other jobs over the years. At the age of 68, she married Edgar Lane, with whom she enjoyed traveling throughout Maine and to Florida. She earned her driver's license at the age of 70 and enjoyed driving her little red car. Mrs. Lane was a member of the Greene Baptist Church, the Church Mothers' Club and the Greene Senior Citizen Group. She lived 8 years at the Auburn Home for Aged Women and the last 4 years of her life at Marshwood Rehabilitation Center in Lewiston. She is survived by 4 children, 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1752)

the "Laura B," a 65-foot, heavy-duty wooden workboat hailing out of Port Clyde, upon its 50 years of service to the people of the United States. Built in 1943, the Laura B was originally designated a United States Army T-57, spending its early years in the Pacific during World War II as a patrol boat and transport vessel. The boat carried 2 50-caliber machine guns on deck and on occasion came under fire. The craft was brought to Maine in 1946 for civilian service, spending the next few years transporting lobsters from Vinalhaven to Boston and New York City. Considered by some to be the best-maintained wooden vessel on the Eastern Seaboard, the Laura B is now part of the Monhegan Boat Line, delivering passengers, freight and mail year-round to the island. We acknowledge the Laura B on its half century of service in both peacetime and wartime to the people of the State of Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1753)

Charles "Chuck" Rene Tremblay, of Oakland and Waterville, beloved husband, father, friend and community volunteer. A native of Waterville, he attended local parochial schools and graduated from Waterville High School. While working for the Waterville Sentinel, he entered the United States Navy in 1960, proudly serving on the U.S.S. Sunnadin at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and the U.S.S. Gallant at Long Beach Naval Station, California. He was a veteran of the "Operation Dominic JTF-8" atomic test at Christmas Island in 1962. As an employee of the United States Postal Service in California and Maine, he rose to be president of his local postal workers' union. Following his retirement in 1996 he was an active volunteer at Thayer Hospital and Bourque-Lannigan American Legion Post No. 5 in Waterville. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 42 years, his devoted family and a large circle of friends touched by his life and generosity; (HLS 1754)

Marion Jordan Libby Broaddus, of Westbrook, on the occasion of her 85th birthday. Mrs. Broaddus has four sons, two granddaughters, three grandsons and one great-grandson. She taught math and science at Westbrook Junior High School for 20 years. After retirement, she was a volunteer at Westbrook Community Hospital and later served on its board of trustees. She is a member of the Westbrook Chamber of Commerce and received its Outstanding Lifetime Award in 2002. She is a trustee of Walker Memorial Library, a director of the Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen, a member of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, the

Westbrook Historical Society and the Westbrook Women's Club and a member of many other groups and service organizations. Mrs. Broaddus is an outstanding member of the Westbrook community, giving a lifetime of knowledge and service to its citizens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Broaddus on this special occasion; (HLS 1755)

Filomena Troiano, of Falmouth, who has received the Distinguished Service Award presented by the National Solid Waste Management Association. Ms. Troiano was recognized for her contributions to reform in Maine's solid waste industry. She has made a difference for Maine's citizens. Almost single-handedly, she has drawn attention to very serious problems at Regional Waste Systems. We thank her for her dedication and hard work and congratulate her on receiving this award; (HLS 1756)

Fred Genthner, of Portland, beloved husband, friend and good neighbor to all in the Parkside Neighborhood. Proud of his recent membership as a communicant in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Parkside's prominent house of worship, he offered support and encouragement to all neighborhood events and good causes. A member of the United States Merchant Marine Service in the 1950s, he was a member of the Harold T. Andrews American Legion Post, the Amvets, the Portland Eagles and the Odd Fellows. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and neighbors in the Parkside community, the most densely populated and ethnically diverse square mile of Maine, to whom he always offered a sunny smile and ready helping hand; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1757)

Shannon Welsh, Superintendent of Schools, the Lisbon School Committee and the many community members who have worked tirelessly and with great commitment to build the new Lisbon Community School. This beautiful state-of-the-art school will take students from kindergarten through grade 6 out of portable classrooms and bring them together in an inspired learning environment. We extend our appreciation to these many community members for their commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 1758)

the Honorable Kevin Michael Muse, of Fryeburg, the beloved husband of Roberta Mendler Muse, who faithfully served the citizens of his community in the Maine House of Representatives for 2 terms. His expertise and interest as an angler made him a valued and vital member of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. Mr. Muse was active in numerous community and state organizations, including the Saco Valley Anglers, Fryeburg Fish & Game, the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Coastal Conservation Association of Maine, the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Trout Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy and the Atlantic Salmon Federation. He also chaired the Saco River Task Force. He was a raconteur known for his dry sense of humor. He enjoyed exploring the fishing holes of the world and had recently traveled to Argentina, Cuba, Scotland and Iceland. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and all those that he met during his public service to his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1759)

Ronald R. Brown, of Caribou, on the occasion of his retirement from the Caribou School System after 21 years of service. Mr. Brown taught Social Studies at Caribou High School. We acknowledge his years of dedication to his community and to the children of Caribou, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1760)

Duanne and Barbara Lewis, of Phillips, for being the honored couple at the 46th annual Phillips Old Home Days, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 1761)

William H. Coogan, of Portland, upon the honored occasion of his retirement after 32 years as Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern Maine. A native of Boston, he graduated from Boston University in 1963 as a Presidential Scholar, received his MA from Rutgers University and received his PhD from the University of North Carolina in 1971. Since joining the University of Southern Maine in 1972, he has created and taught over 2 dozen courses on political theory and American government and as Internship Program Director has proudly placed almost 1,000 students in state and federal internships to learn firsthand the workings of democracy. He served as Acting Chair of the University of Southern Maine Political Science Department in 1987 and 2003. He has authored and contributed to scores of books and professional journals about American government, including authoring the classic reference book *A Citizen's Guide to the Maine Courts*. He achieved the degree of Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, from the University of Maine School of Law in 1988. From 1996-1999 he served as President of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. As author, teacher and lifelong learner, we salute his dedication and devotion to the promise of hands-on democracy and the potential of young people in Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1762)

Reverend Edward Covington Brown III, of Friendship, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, August 29, 2004. Reverend Brown and his wife, Norma, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 5th. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Reverend Brown served in the 8th Air Force as a navigator on B24's in the European theater during World War II and was awarded the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters. He was ordained an Elder in the Methodist Church in 1953 and served almost 20 years as a missionary in Peru. The Reverend and Mrs. Brown are active in the United Methodist Church and in their senior citizens group. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this very special occasion; (HLS 1763)

Andrew Poirier, of Minot, a member of Boy Scout Troop #139, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achieving this high honor; (HLS 1764)

Roger W. Perry, Jr., of Farmington, prominent member of the community and good friend to many in the area. Roger Perry was a retired physician and registered pharmacist, and moved to Maine in 1988. He served on numerous boards and committees in town, including the Farmington Transportation Advisory Committee, the Recycling Committee and the Budget Committee. He donated hundreds of hours of his time and helped develop the Zoning Ordinance, Site Review Ordinance and Planning Board Ordinance. He played a vital role in town government, serving as a volunteer secretary of the Zoning Board. He was also a member of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. Dr. Perry was a recipient of the Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award and shared joint dedication of the town report in 2003. He was interested in vegetable gardening, canoeing and hiking and was a volunteer with the Audubon Society, monitoring vernal pools and doing owl surveys. We acknowledge his strong ties to his community and his dedication to his town and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Linda, his family, his neighbors and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1765)

Sharon Elwell, of Buxton, on the occasion of his retirement as the Road Commissioner for the Town of Buxton. Mr. Elwell began his career during the winter of 1955, working his way to his current position. In addition to his administrative duties, he was responsible for overseeing and maintaining 110 miles of road. He was instrumental in the development of a hardworking and

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skilled team within the highway department. The town has benefited greatly from his leadership. We send him our appreciation for his service and devotion to the Town of Buxton and extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1766)

Barbara Elwell, of Buxton, in appreciation of her devoted service to her community assisting her husband during his tenure with the Town of Buxton's Highway Department. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Elwell as she joins her husband in retirement from the Town of Buxton Highway Department; (HLS 1767)

the Coast Guard Group Portland Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the observance of the month of September as Sea Cadet month. The corps was established by the 87th Congress on September 10, 1962 for the purposes of developing in youth an interest and skill in basic seamanship and in its naval adaptations, training them in seagoing skills and teaching them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues. The Coast Guard Group Portland Division held its first drill on September 1, 2000 in South Portland. We send our best wishes to the members of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps as they celebrate this occasion; (HLS 1768)

Dr. Burt Richardson and Gladys Richardson, of Winthrop, on the occasion of their retirement from their pediatric practice after 26 years in which they served the medical needs of thousands of Winthrop-area children. Their office was well known for the couple's creative touches which the children always enjoyed. The examination rooms were decorated with exotic insects and animals that the Richardsons had collected on their trips to the Amazon. They also adorned the walls with art from many cultures and designed a puppet theater, slide and crawl-in cave for their waiting room. Always involved in state and local health issues, the Richardsons intend to continue to work with the state's Early Childhood Task Force and with Winthrop's Healthy Futures Program. We send our appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Richardson for their years of caring for the children of the Winthrop area and extend to them our congratulations and best wishes on their retirement; (HLS 1769)

Eric Rodney Doughty, of Winthrop, a veteran of the United States Navy and a longtime employee of the Central Maine Power Company who served as the director of farm services. Mr. Doughty received many awards during his career, including the Friend of Agriculture Award and the Service to Agriculture Award for Maine Farm Days, and was named an Honorary State Farmer by the Future Farmers of America. He was also instrumental in the creation of Maine Farm Days. An active member of the Winthrop Congregational Church, he served the church in numerous capacities, including as chef for the church's fish chowder luncheons. Mr. Doughty was a 57-year member of the Masonic organization and a past master of the Winthrop Temple Lodge. He participated in school and community events and was a member of the building committee for Winthrop's former high school. His many interests and hobbies included building and restoring boats, woodworking and furniture building, metalwork, family genealogy and entertaining his family and friends. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed camping, canoe trips and cooking. Mr. Doughty will be greatly missed by his loving family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1770)

Donald B. Kirkpatrick, of Cape Elizabeth, a veteran of the United States Army, 103rd Infantry Division who served on Guadalcanal and a longtime employee of Casco Bank and Trust Company who retired as a vice-president and commercial loan officer. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a member of the State Street

Congregational Church and its choir. He served as treasurer for the Portland Community Concert Series and was active in the United Way of Greater Portland. He had lifelong interests in fishing, photography, classical music and singing. Mr. Kirkpatrick will be greatly missed by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1771)

Michael David Smith, of Wayne, a graduate student in mathematics at the University of Virginia, who has been awarded the 2004 Seven Society Graduate Fellowship for Superb Teaching. The fellowship was established to offer undergraduates the opportunity to recognize excellent graduate student teaching assistants who have had a significant impact on their education. The selection process is initiated by written nominations from undergraduates. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Smith on this occasion; (HLS 1772)

MSG Reginald E. Littlefield II, of Oxford, for his dedicated service to the citizens of Maine and the United States. MSG Littlefield was awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. MSG Littlefield was a member of the 94th Military Police Company and was Platoon Sergeant for Detachment 1 of Saco. MSG Littlefield was shipped to Kuwait in 2003 and eventually went to Iraq. While in Iraq, MSG Littlefield and his platoon trained Iraqi policemen and highway patrolmen. The platoon patrolled the main supply route in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, ensuring that the road remain open. During his deployment, MSG Littlefield and his platoon traveled more than 175,000 miles accident free, conducted more than 750 missions and trained 2,800 Iraqi police officers. We extend our appreciation to MSG Littlefield for his dedicated service to his State and country and congratulate him on his receiving these medals; (HLS 1773)

Margaret Mary Gabriel, a lifelong resident of Indian Township and a well-known maker of fine Indian baskets. In 1994, Ms. Gabriel received a \$10,000 National Heritage Fellowship award from the National Endowment for the Arts. Eleven folk artists were chosen to receive the award out of 220 nominees, and Ms. Gabriel was the only recipient from New England. Her baskets have been displayed at the Smithsonian Museum, the Bangor International Airport, the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor and many other art galleries. She will be missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM)(HLS 1774)

Cora Davison Reed, former First Lady of Maine, on her dedicated service to the people of Maine during her years of living in the Blaine House. Mrs. Reed currently resides in Washington, D. C. with her husband, former Governor John Hathaway Reed. As official hostess of the Blaine House, Mrs. Reed extended a warm welcome to thousands of visitors to our capital. Having recently learned that Mrs. Reed is in fragile health, we want to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to Mrs. Reed on her exemplary years of service to the State of Maine. We send her our concerned thoughts and our best wishes; (HLS 1775)

the members of the Estes Lake Association, of Sanford and Alfred, for their years of commitment to improving the water quality of Estes Lake. The association was formed on September 9, 1964 by Tom Nutter, Sumner Marshall, John Ellis, Chester Emmons, Albert Lavalley, George Marsh, Charles Nagy and Almon Williams. Working tirelessly with government officials on the federal, state and local levels, the association was successful in obtaining water treatment for the lake and improvements were almost immediate. We send our appreciation to the various members of the association and particularly Albert Lavalley for years of efforts and sacrifices

made in providing constant care to Estes Lake. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the association as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of their organization; (HLS 1776)

Keegan Toot, of Cape Elizabeth, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Keegan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1777)

Ruth Douglas, of Sebago, on her retirement from the Sebago Post Office after 30 years of delivering mail in Sebago and East Baldwin. Ms. Douglas was not only a dedicated employee, but has also been a valuable member of the Sebago community, including her service as Town Selectman. We commend Ms. Douglas for her dedication and commitment to serving the Sebago Lake area and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1778)

George Hanscom, of Casco, on his retirement from the Casco Board of Selectmen. A 4th-generation native of Casco, Mr. Hanscom served 6 years on the Budget Committee and 24 years as a Selectman. As a team player, Mr. Hanscom contributed to the progress in regionalization by serving on the Solid Waste Committee and as a representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments. His grounded, hometown perspective and vast knowledge of the Casco community have made him a valuable asset to the town, and he will be missed. We commend Mr. Hanscom for his dedication and commitment to serving the Casco community and extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1779)

the Cary Medical Center in Caribou, as it celebrates its 80th anniversary on September 24, 2004. The Cary Medical Center is an organization that is committed to excellence in patient-centered care. We extend our appreciation to the Cary Medical Center for its many years of providing quality health care services to the citizens of Aroostook County and we extend our congratulations to the center and its staff on this very special occasion; (HLS 1780)

Philip I. and Frances A. Perkins, of Oxford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were married on September 18, 1954 at the Broadway Methodist Church in Lynn, Massachusetts. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1781)

Leonora MacDonald, of Wilton, on the honored occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. MacDonald was born Leonora Hiscock on March 1, 1904 in Wilton, and holds the prestigious Boston Post Cane as her community's oldest citizen. She resided in Wilton throughout her youth until attending Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, graduating in 1926. Mrs. MacDonald returned to her hometown after residing for 40 years in Massachusetts, where she and her husband, the late Reverend Joseph MacDonald, raised their 2 children. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her birth; (HLS 1782)

Gregory Mark Lake, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Gregory on this accomplishment; (HLS 1783)

the Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse, of Biddeford, on the occasion of the flag raising to mark the "reawakening" of the lighthouse. We commend the Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse for their commitment to restoring and preserving this proud monument to Maine's maritime tradition. As the flag flies again for the first time since the last keeper lowered it in October 1986, the citizens of the State can know that life is returning to this island sentinel and have confidence that the structure and storied

past of one of Maine's historic coastal landmarks will be preserved for future generations. We extend our appreciation to the Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse for their devotion to preserving the history of the State; (HLS 1784)

the following keepers of Wood Island Lighthouse, of Biddeford, on the occasion of the flag raising to mark the "reawakening" of the lighthouse: Cliff Trebilcock; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lowell; the family of Laurier Burnham: Lily Burnham, Tammy Burnham Laidlaw and Holly Burnham; the descendants of Thomas Henry Orcutt, Robert and Judith Orcutt; and the descendant of Eben Emerson, Iona Desmond. We pay tribute to the 36 hardy keepers who manned this lighthouse and performed the daily ritual over 175 years. We extend our appreciation to the keepers and their families and descendants who are here present this date to bear witness to the return of this historic lighthouse to active life; (HLS 1785)

Founders Park, a memorial to the earliest families of Wells, on the occasion of its dedication on September 18, 2004. The hard work of the 350th Committee, combined with the generous donations and support of area residents and businesses, helped to build a park that will celebrate the contributions of the past and provide a place for Wells' families and friends to experience and enjoy walking paths, benches and picnic tables. We join the good citizens of Wells in sending our appreciation to the members of the 350th Committee for its devotion to preserving the history of the town and extend our congratulations and best wishes to the town as it celebrates this special occasion; (HLS 1786)

Charles Chapman, of Boothbay Harbor, who has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kirkmichael International Guitar Festival for his outstanding contribution to guitar and music education. Mr. Chapman has led an exceptional life, with a distinguished career spanning 4 decades of teaching, performing, writing about and promoting the guitar and music. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Chapman on this occasion; (HLS 1787)

Representative Troy Jackson, of Fort Kent, a recipient of the 2004 Young Alumni Award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Representative Jackson was Salutatorian of the 1986 graduating class at Allagash Consolidated High School and graduated from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 2001. He serves on the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Labor and the Governor's Advisory Council on the Sustainability of the Forest Products Industry in Maine. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Rotary Club and the Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine and is a boy scout leader. We extend our congratulations to Representative Jackson on his receiving this award; (HLS 1788)

Sherri G. Gould, of Corinna, who has been named the 2005 Maine Teacher of the Year. Sherri, a Nokomis Regional High School English teacher, exemplifies many of the finest qualities in teaching. Her leadership style is revealed in her natural ability to work with her students and to encourage them to participate in their own learning. Her work with rubrics and assessment has led the way for the entire high school. We extend our congratulations to Sherri on this distinctive honor. We send our best wishes to her as she goes on to the National Teacher of the Year competition; (HLS 1789)

Vernon G. Haines, of Millinocket, beloved husband of Sylviane Albert Haines, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. His most significant duty assignment during his military service was with the Alaska Communication System Signal Corps in Anchorage. After returning from his duties in the the military, Mr. Haines worked for the Great

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Northern Paper Company for 34 years, retiring in 1986. He was an avid sportsman and loved to hunt, fish and trap. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Fin & Feather Club. He was the recipient of the annual Adrian Batson Award in 1989, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fin & Feather Club in 2003. Both of these awards recognized his many contributions that benefited the needs and interests of other sportsmen. Mr. Haines was also a member of the American Legion Post No. 80. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, many friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1790)

Jenny Bragg, of Winslow, who has received the secondary Gold Medal in the category of Preschool Teaching Assistant at the 40th annual SkillsUSA Championship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bragg on this occasion; (HLS 1791)

Anthony C. Hazelton, of Harrison, upon his retirement as a Rural Route Carrier with the United States Postal Service. Mr. Hazelton's 36 years of service is highlighted by his having worked 21 consecutive years without a sick day. In 2004, he received a United States Postal Service Safe Driving Award in recognition of driving one million miles without an accident. He also served as an acting Postmaster in Harrison. Mr. Hazelton is a veteran of the United States Army and is very active in the local VFW and the local American Legion. As his town's fire chief, he participates in the Memorial Day parade color guard and contributes his talents and abilities to the Masonic and the Shriner organizations. Mr. Hazelton's devotion to his community has earned him this much-deserved respite from his vocation. We send him our appreciation for his many contributions to his community and extend our congratulations and best wishes for a peaceful retirement; (HLS 1792)

Joseph Rizza, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend Joseph for his leadership in planning and supervising the restoration of the grave sites of the Stubbs family, who were among Winterport's earliest settlers. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this accomplishment; (HLS 1793)

Elizabeth J. Crouse, of Palermo, on the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the State and its citizens. Mrs. Crouse served 15 of those years in the Clerk's Office of the House of Representatives. Her accuracy and attention to detail, her patience and unfailing good humor, her concern and respect for everyone who came through the Clerk's Office and her ever-growing collection of pictures and stories of her grandchildren made her a valued and loved member of the staff and the legislative family. We send Betty our appreciation for her commitment and dedication to the Legislature and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her and her family on her retirement; (HLS 1794)

Katharine A. Woodward, of Winterport, upon receiving the Boston Post Cane by the Town of Winterport, as the town's oldest citizen. Mrs. Woodward was born March 4, 1907. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Woodward on this honor; (HLS 1795)

Arthur and Alcyone Cross, of Waldo, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 14, 2004. Arthur, originally from Morrill, and Alcyone, a lifelong resident of Waldo, settled in Waldo to raise their 4 sons. Alcyone served as Town Clerk of Waldo for 20 years and currently enjoys her membership in the Waldo County Extension Association. Arthur worked for Matthews Brothers in Belfast for 35 years and is now retired. We extend our congratulations to Arthur and Alcyone Cross on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 1796)

David Heidrich, of Oxford, for his activism and service to his community, on the occasion of his being named as cochair of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. He was sponsored by Senator Olympia Snowe to page in the United States Senate and was chosen Senate Minority Leader at the American Legion's Boys State. We send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1797)

Gregory Mark Lake, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Gregory on this accomplishment; (HLS 1798)

the Franklin Towers Tenants Council, of Portland, on the honored occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the dedication of their home, one of the first senior citizen complexes built in the State. Franklin Towers was designed as one of the earliest and largest residences in Maine devoted to senior citizen housing. Currently still the tallest residential building in the State, Franklin Towers serves a diverse community of people in the bayside neighborhood of Portland, one of the fastest growing and most diverse square miles of the Pine Tree State. We salute the council for more than 3 decades of service to our State's senior citizens and the cause of community and independent living in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1799)

the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston on the celebration of the ninety-third anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China on October 10, 2004. We send our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1800)

Fire Chief Gary W. Howard, of the Brunswick Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement after over 34 years of dedicated service. Chief Howard joined the Brunswick Fire Department on April 9, 1970, following several years of service as a civilian firefighter for the United States Navy at Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He was promoted to Captain in 1975 and to Chief in 1979. He became one of the first Emergency Medical Technicians in the State. We acknowledge and thank him for his many years of service to his profession and to his community; (HLS 1801)

Todd Michaud, of Fort Kent, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 1802)

the Sandy River Railroad as it celebrates its 125th birthday. The railroad was brought to life in 1879 to connect northern Franklin County with the Maine Central Railroad, which terminated in Farmington. The original 18-mile Sandy River Railroad ran between Farmington and Phillips via Strong. Between 1883 and 1904 several smaller railroads were connected to the Sandy River Railroad and in 1908 were merged into one railroad, the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad or SR&RL. The SR&RL was the longest two-foot gauge railroad in America and was instrumental in Franklin County's development of tourism and logging interests. The railroad stopped operating in 1935-1936. Since 1970, an effort has been made to rebuild this railroad and continues today under the name of the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad. The railroad today hauls passengers through the woods and along the edge of the fields giving a view of the Sandy River. We join the citizens of Franklin County in commemorating the founding of the Sandy River Railroad and extend our appreciation to the volunteers that are working to preserve and restore the memory of this fine piece of Maine's rail heritage; (HLS 1803)

Colin T. Staab, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our

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congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 1804)

James W. Roberts, of Portland, on his retirement from the position of Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern Maine after 37 years of teaching. A graduate of San Diego State College, California, he received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina in 1973. Since joining the University of Southern Maine faculty in 1967, Dr. Roberts has served the university community as chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Search Committee and as an officer and president of the Associated Faculties of the University of Southern Maine from 1985 to 1988. As a concerned citizen, he served on the Portland City Manager's Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development and has served since 1982 as President of the Deering Highlands Neighborhood Association. He was chair of the successful petition drive and citizens' campaign to restore district elections for the Portland City Council and the Portland School Committee. We salute his dedication to the causes of higher education and good government in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1805)

Frederick W. Wardwell, of Westbrook, beloved husband, father and friend and proud veteran of World War II. A native of Portland, he attended Portland schools and was employed at Portland Copper for many years. A veteran of the United States Army, he served in France during World War II. Mr. Wardwell was a longtime member of the Harold T. Andrews Post of the American Legion, Portland, which he served as post commander, a lifetime member of the Portland VFW and an officer and lifetime member of the "Forty and Eight" Club, which honors the sacrifices made in World War I. He devoted many hours as a volunteer in veterans' affairs at the veterans' homes in Togus and Scarborough and helped coordinate the Portland Memorial Day Parade for many years. Mr. Wardwell will be sadly missed by his family and many friends and the fellow veterans he served so long and so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1806)

the Honorable Maurice Anderson, of Oxbow, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, October 8, 2004. Mr. Anderson served in the Maine House of Representatives during the 90th, 91st, 92nd, 96th, 97th and 100th Legislatures. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his birthday; (HLS 1807)

Helen Gelinis, of Stonington, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, September 18, 2004. Known as "Nana" to her family, Mrs. Gelinis was born in Stonington and has been an active community member, still attending church and grange meetings, as well as events with the Red Hat Society. A birthday party was recently held for her and more than 150 people attended, and cards and birthday greetings were sent to her from around the world. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Gelinis on this centennial celebration; (HLS 1808)

the Friends of Casco Bay on the occasion of its 15th anniversary. Founded in 1989 to improve, protect and educate about the environmental health of Casco Bay, the Friends of Casco Bay is dedicated to the sustainable development and quality stewardship of the Casco Bay area, which is home to 12 Maine towns and almost one-fifth of Maine's population. The Friends of Casco Bay created the position of Maine's first official BayKeeper in 1991. In 1995, the Friends received the World Wildlife Fund Innovation Award and, in 2000, received the Governor's Stewardship Award for Environmental Excellence. In 2002, the Friends were honored by the EPA Clean Water Act Award and, in 2003, were recognized by the Maine Community Foundation as one of the "Twenty Great Giants" that made a

significant contribution to Maine communities. In 1996, the Friends' decisive leadership after the Julien oil spill, the largest such in Casco Bay history, assisted in recovery of 78% of the spilled fuel and in long-term recovery of the bay ecosystem. We salute the continuing efforts of the Friends of Casco Bay in a new century of advocacy, education, research and hands-on pollution prevention upon the precious coast of Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1809)

the Portland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of its founding. Organized in May 1964 and chartered that same year, the Portland Branch of the NAACP was founded to fight for fair housing, quality employment and equal education in Maine's largest city. Its record of challenge and achievement include marching for civil rights both in Washington, D.C. and on Congress Street, Portland; building common cause with Maine's Passamaquoddy and Penobscot peoples; and speaking up for Maine's growing immigrant and refugee population. Its pioneering efforts helped create the Maine Human Rights Commission in 1971 and the Civil Rights Compliance Review of public schools in 1998 and mark the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday with the largest events in northern New England. We salute the Portland NAACP's multiracial, multifaith membership for its 4 decades of high ideals and hard work and its dedicated belief that all peoples must enjoy the rights and opportunities possible in a changing Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1810)

Kyle Alexander, of Brewer, who has been named Brewer's Citizen of the Year. Kyle, who is 9 years old, is the youngest person to receive this award. He is the son of Alan Alexander and Lorna Hart and is a 4th grader at Washington Street School. He collected bottles and cans to help raise money for people who lost their jobs due to the closing of the local Eastern Fine Paper Company. We send our congratulations to Kyle on his receiving this award and extend our appreciation to him for his concern for the people in his community; (HLS 1811)

Alton and Crystal Welch, of Wilton, on their 75th anniversary of becoming members of the Franklin County Grange #50. We extend our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Welch for their commitment to their community and to the grange; (HLS 1812)

Bryce Morrison, of Millinocket, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 1813)

David Socoby, of Houlton, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine State Police. Trooper Socoby served from February 15, 1982 to August 31, 2004. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Maine and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1814)

Charles K. Leadbetter, of Waldoboro, on the special occasion of his retirement as State Solicitor after over 31 years of dedicated service to the Office of the Attorney General and to the people of the State of Maine. Charlie Leadbetter graduated in 1972 from the University of Maine School of Law and was selected to be one of the first clerks to be employed by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. In 1973, he was invited to join the Office of the Attorney General to oversee the appellate work of the Criminal Division in the office. He has been on the Criminal Law Advisory Commission since 1976 and has worked with the Maine State Legislature's Criminal Justice Committee answering questions and assisting with bill drafting issues. He was also named as the Attorney General's designee on the Supreme Judicial Court's Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure in 1978 and was appointed Chairperson in 1994. He

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is also a member of the Maine Prosecutors Association and the Maine State Bar Association. Charlie has taught at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and at programs for the Maine State Bar Association and the Maine Prosecutors Association. Charlie Leadbetter has served through the terms of 7 different Attorneys General and we acknowledge the large role he has played in the criminal justice system in the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1815)

Donna Smith, of Bath, a first-grade teacher at the Fisher-Mitchell School in Bath, who is the recipient of the Internet Innovator Award from National Semiconductor for her outstanding use of the Internet in the classroom. Ms. Smith developed a project entitled "Eye on the World: Learning and Sharing through Video Conferencing" in which her first-grade class joined with a first-grade class in France to share information about their cultures. With Ms. Smith's help, her students researched and created reports using the Internet and technology in the classroom. The award includes a personal check in the amount of \$10,000. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Smith on receiving this award; (HLS 1816)

George and Ann Johnson, of Scarborough, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married October 9, 1954. Mr. Johnson served as an officer and pilot in the United States Marine Corps. After completing his tour of duty, he became the first helicopter pilot for the Maine Forest Service. They raised 2 children, Stephen and Karen, and are the proud grandparents of 3 and great-grandparents of one. This is truly a wonderful milestone in their lives and we wish them continued happiness in the years to come; (HLS 1817)

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Brochu, of Jay, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 9, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1818)

Walter Stanley, Jr., of Harrington, who is the grand prize winner in his age group of the Go For the Gold essay contest sponsored by Scholastic and the J.M. Smucker Company. Walter wrote a one-page essay about how he would feel if he won a gold medal in the Olympics. The essay was judged for its originality, focus on the topic and general construction. We extend our congratulations to Walter on his winning this contest; (HLS 1819)

Nicholas Daggett, of Litchfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 698, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. To become an Eagle Scout, Nicholas earned 21 merit badges and served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. He has also completed a major community project, placing several different informational signs along the Smithfield Plantation walking path. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on this accomplishment; (HLS 1820)

Stephen McCausland, of Brunswick, who is retiring after 20 years as a member of the Brunswick Town Council. Mr. McCausland served as chair of the council for 6 years. He cochaired the committee that planned the construction of the Coastal Connector. He has been an asset to the town council and will be missed by his fellow councilors as well as the citizens. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McCausland for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Brunswick; (HLS 1821)

Hubert Clark, of East Millinocket, the beloved husband of Barbara Clark, a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army who earned the Bronze Star during his tour of duty in the Pacific. Mr. Clark was a member of the VFW and Masonic Lodge No. 96. Mr. Clark worked in the grocery business for more than 50 years and was

well-known and liked by everyone in his community. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1822)

Peter J. Misiura, Sr., of Medway, beloved husband of the late Annette M. Misiura and a longtime employee of the Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1982. Mr. Misiura was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Feeney-Groves Post No.13, American Legion in East Millinocket. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and mushroom picking. Mr. Misiura will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1823)

Charles E. Montgomery, a lifelong resident of Millinocket, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Montgomery was well known by many in his community and will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1824)

Richard D. Goodridge, of Millinocket, a veteran of the U.S. Army who served with a combat infantry division and a longtime employee of the Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Goodridge retired as Superintendent of Pulp at the East Millinocket Mill in 1982. He was a member and trustee chairman of the First Congregational Church of Millinocket, a member and past master of Nollesemic Lodge No. 205 AF & AM, a member of VFW Post No. 4154 and a scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop No. 68. He served on the board of directors and the supervisory committee of the Katahdin Federal Credit Union and was a director and president of Northern Penobscot Credit Union Chapter. He also served on the Board of Directors of Good Will-Hinckley and as president of the Good Will-Hinckley alumni association. He was also active with the Turkey Tail Road Association, serving on its board of directors, as Association President and as Road Commissioner. Mr. Goodridge was an avid snowmobiler and a member of the Maine Snowmobile Association. He will be greatly missed by his family, his many friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1825)

Lieutenant Marc R. Arnold, of Brunswick, on his retirement from the Brunswick Police Department. Lieutenant Arnold started with the department as a cadet while a student at Brunswick High School. He also served as police communications officer before officially being hired as a patrol officer in 1984. He was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and to lieutenant in 2000. Lieutenant Arnold was instrumental in creating a lesson plan for an interactive instructor course that is currently used by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He is a firearms instructor for the State and an instructor for Brunswick's special survival team and has served on the Honor Guard since its inception. We extend our appreciation to Lieutenant Arnold for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Brunswick and the State and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 1826)

Jennifer DeChant, of Bath, a longtime activist who has encouraged voter participation in the Town of Bath and Sagadahoc County. Ms. DeChant is known for offering great advice and assisting candidates at the local, state and national levels, including literature drops, mailings and voter communication. She is skilled in recruiting potential candidates to elective office, especially in encouraging candidates to serve in the State Legislature and in helping with support throughout the candidate's campaign. Ms. DeChant is currently the Sagadahoc Democratic County Chair and Treasurer for the Maine Democratic Party. She formerly served as the Bath Democratic Town Chair. We send our appreciation to Ms. DeChant for her

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civic-mindedness and leadership, and extend to her our best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1827)

Joseph M. Flaherty, of Gorham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 817, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this accomplishment; (HLS 1828)

Margaret Bean, of Biddeford, on her election as President of the Maine School Board Association for 2004-2005. Peggy Bean is the board delegate for Biddeford and is a member of the Design Team. She is a former Rotarian who was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, served as secretary for 2 years and served on the scholarship committee and on the committee to plan the annual Christmas Party for needy grade-schoolers in Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach. She also consulted with the Salvation Army each year to provide Christmas presents and Christmas dinner to needy families in the 3 towns. She is a member of the Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce. We acknowledge Peggy Bean's dedicated service to her community, extend our congratulations to her on her election as president and send her our best wishes for the coming year; (HLS 1829)

Pat Young, of South Paris, for her dedication and work on behalf of veterans and the greater Oxford Hills area community. We send our appreciation to Ms. Young for her service to the citizens of the State and extend our best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 1830)

Joe Coony, of Norway, for his dedication and work on behalf of veterans and the greater Oxford Hills area community. Mr. Coony has been chairman of the Western Maine Coordinating Committee for the past 8 years and has contributed his time and energy to making the lives of our State's veterans better. We send our appreciation to Mr. Coony for his service to the citizens of the State and extend our best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1831)

Chad Dickerson, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop #356, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Chad on this achievement; (HLS 1832)

Andrew B. L. Pratt, of Vassalboro, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Andrew, a student at the University of Maine at Orono, is a member of Boy Scout Troop #410. We commend him for his many dedicated hours of service to his community, and we extend our congratulations to him on his achievement; (HLS 1833)

the following members of the Bonny Eagle High School Girls Softball Team, who won the State Class B Championship: Courtney Wallace, Madeline Kluna, Kristen Willard, Sarah Wyman, Megan Stanley, Stephanie Bradford, Elaine Frazier, Dani Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Anna Mendes, Jenna Stockwell, Dave Johnson, Michelle Presby, Jessica Bettney, Meagan Johnson, Steve Wallace and Brittany Delaney. They were undefeated against the best teams in the New England Regional Tournament. As the Bonny Eagle Summer Softball Team, Madness, they went to the ASA 16-U National Championship Tournament in Alexander City, Alabama. The team played to the final winner's bracket and lost to the Alexander City Titans in 10 innings. We extend our congratulations to the team on its many victories; (HLS 1834)

Mrs. Allard and her Period 4 Government class at Leavitt Area High School. They organized and hosted "Operation Get Out and Vote" on Monday, October 18, 2004 to educate community members about the people running in local elections for the House and Senate in the Maine State Legislature. After a keynote speech by Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky, area candidates were introduced in local state house district and state

senate district forums. There were also registration booths in the hallway that were open throughout the evening. We acknowledge the dedicated commitment to civic duty that Mrs. Allard and her class provided and we extend our congratulations to them on this successful event; (HLS 1835)

Melvina Clark and E. Leroy Souther, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of their 64th Wedding Anniversary, October 13, 2004. Mr. and Mrs. Souther, married in East Livermore, are the parents of 4 sons: Clark, Wilbur, Waldo and Ernest. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this anniversary; (HLS 1836)

Florence Jennings, of Leeds, on the occasion of her 85th Birthday, November 2, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special birthday; (HLS 1837)

Fire Chief Craig Butkus, of Standish, for his dedicated service to his community. Chief Butkus, the town's top public safety official, has helped oversee the addition of new equipment through the Department of Homeland Security grants, has increased training programs in the town and schools, and has reduced the department's response time to emergencies. We extend our congratulations to Chief Butkus and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1838)

Joseph Derouche, on the occasion of his retirement, for his service as the Town Manager of Mexico and for his previous service as a selectman. His vision, dedication and years of hard work on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Mexico are appreciated and will be very much missed. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Derouche on his retirement; (HLS 1839)

Marvin Jordan, of New Gloucester, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, October 18, 2004. Mr. Jordan enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943. He served on destroyers and was an anti-aircraft gunner. He went to Cuba, Panama, England and Nova Scotia and served in the Pacific Theater. In 1945, he returned home to settle in his hometown of New Gloucester. Marvin, "Gub" to all who know him well, farmed in New Gloucester for 21 years. He is known as a hospitable friend throughout the area who welcomes people at his door to visit and sit for a spell. He is a member of the American Legion and the American Lunn Hunnewell Post #6 of New Gloucester. We extend our best wishes to Gub on his 80th birthday and wish him many more; (HLS 1840)

the members of the Stearns High School Field Hockey Team, of Millinocket, who won the 2004 Eastern Maine Class C Field Hockey Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1841)

Dr. C. K. Liu, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, as he leaves his position after over 3 years of strengthening the economic and cultural ties between his nation and the 5 states within his jurisdiction: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Liu on his future endeavors; (HLS 1842)

Alexander R. VanDintel, of Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 313, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We commend Alexander for his many dedicated hours of service to his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alexander on this achievement; (HLS 1843)

Burton O. Bickmore, of Rockport, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, November 13, 2004. We join his wife Glenice in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this very special occasion; (HLS 1844)

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Arnold "Brud" Moulton, of Oxford, as he celebrates his 80th Birthday, November 11, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (HLS 1845)

Raymond Rowe, of Avon, as he celebrates his 90th birthday, December 9, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (HLS 1846)

the Oxford Rescue Squad, on its heroic efforts in assisting to save 2 children who were pulled from the flames of their burning home. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to the members of the squad; (HLS 1847)

the Oxford Fire Department, on its heroic efforts in assisting to rescue 2 children from the flames of their burning home. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to the members of the department; (HLS 1848)

Raymond Reece, of Oxford, for his heroic efforts in aiding his neighbors and assisting the Oxford Fire and Police departments in rescuing 2 children from the flames of their burning home. Mr. Reece is not trained as a firefighter and was not equipped with protective gear. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to him; (HLS 1849)

Alan Coffin, of Oxford, a police officer of the Oxford Police Department, for his heroic efforts in the line of duty. Officer Coffin entered a building through a window to rescue 2 children from the flames of their burning home. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to Officer Coffin on his bravery and courage; (HLS 1850)

Cathryn Falwell, of Gorham, for her artistic donation to the Baxter Memorial Library. Ms. Falwell, who is an author and illustrator of children's books, recently created several beautiful murals that now line the walls of the Library's recently renovated youth services area. Ms. Falwell has also contributed greatly through political and community service endeavors. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Falwell for her sharing her time and talents with the citizens of Gorham and the State; (HLS 1851)

Helen Roux, of Sanford, who is retiring as a town clerk for the Town of Sanford. Her service to the town also included working in the tax collector's office. Mrs. Roux and her husband, Jerry, have both been very active in their community and are well known for the times that they have catered the St. Patrick's Day traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. They are the parents of Patricia Hambleton, John Roux and Nancy Dodge, and they also have 6 grandchildren. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Roux for her 12 years of dedicated public service, extend to her our congratulations on this occasion and wish her many more years of making the best spaghetti sauce in town; (HLS 1852)

Adam Theriault, of Buxton, on attaining the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his accomplishment; (HLS 1853)

the University of Maine at Farmington Field Hockey Team, upon its reaching the second round of the 2004 NCAA tournament. The team won its 3rd straight North Atlantic Conference Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team and to the university on this achievement; (HLS 1854)

George and Nellie Sias, of Berwick, on the special occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sias were married in Turner on November 19, 1939 by George's father, the Reverend George W. Sias. We join their family and many friends to congratulate them and offer our best wishes to them on this anniversary; (HLS 1855)

Oliver Woshinsky, of Portland, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Southern Maine, upon the honored occasion of his retirement after almost 35 years of teaching at the college level. A 1961 graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio, Magna

Cum Laude, he did graduate work in Russian Studies at Columbia University, New York, and achieved his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University in 1971. He began his career as a lecturer in Russian History at North Carolina State College in 1965, taught Political Science at Allegheny College from 1970 to 1971 and joined the University of Southern Maine (USM) faculty in 1971. He served as Department Chair for 1973 and from 1980 to 1982, and as Director of the International Studies Program from 1991 to 1998. He taught 17 different courses at USM, originating 8 studies that are now part of the core political science annual offerings. He has taught in French at the University of Strasbourg, France in 1998, in Russian at Pomor State University, Arkhangelsk, Russia in 1990 and in English at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1995. The author of 6 books, he is a frequent commentator on public affairs on local and national media from the Boston Globe to the New York Times to the Washington Post. He has taught over 5,000 students, who have entered careers in business, journalism, politics and public affairs, his proudest and greatest legacy to the future of Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1856)

Irving D. Fisher, of Brunswick, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Southern Maine, upon the honored occasion of his retirement after 44 years of university-level teaching. A 1945 graduate in Sociology and Government from the University of Connecticut, he earned his Masters and Ph.D. at Columbia University. He began his teaching career in 1954 as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Brooklyn campus of the City University of New York and came to Maine as Assistant Professor in Government at Bowdoin College, teaching there from 1965 to 1967. From 1967 to 1999 he taught at the University of Southern Maine, serving 4 years as Chairman of the Political Science Department, from 1976 to 1980. From 1979 to 1987 he served as Director of the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government Summer Seminar for teachers, to enrich the study of public affairs at the high school level. For 7 years he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Political Science Association. An internationally recognized authority on Frederick Law Olmstead, he has lectured at Harvard University on city planning and has seen his 1986 biography of Mr. Olmstead translated into Japanese. For his scholarship, authorship and enrichment of Maine political studies across 5 decades, we salute his contributions to Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1857)

Joseph W. Foss, of Pembroke, a member of Boy Scout Troop #136, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Joseph on this achievement; (HLS 1858)

Frederick Rozzi, of Portland, beloved husband, father and friend to all who knew him. Born in Portland, the son of Dominic and Santa Derisi Rozzi, he was raised on Munjoy Hill and in the "Little Italy" neighborhood of Middle Street, where he began his business career as a storekeeper and a restaurateur. A proud veteran of World War II, he served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps, flying the dangerous route across China, Burma and India, and in the early Air Force. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, among many other citations. He was a founder of the Bald Eagles Flying Club as well as a life member of the Portland Lodge of Elks and a member of both the Knights of Columbus and the Italian Heritage Club. For many years he was a proprietor of a popular restaurant in Windham and also worked for the Maine Turnpike Authority. His generosity and warm sense of humor will be sadly missed by his family and wide circle of friends in Maine, his beloved "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1859)

the University of Maine Men's Cross Country team, which won its first America East Cross Country Championship on October 30, 2004 at the University of New Hampshire. The Black Bears later had an impressive 14th place overall finish at the NCAA Regional tournament. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the University of Maine Men's Cross Country team on these achievements;; (HLS 1860)

the Baxter Society, of Portland, upon the honored occasion of its 20th Anniversary. The society was founded in 1984 by dedicated book collectors and artisans to honor, celebrate and reinvigorate the State's long tradition of excellence in the fine book arts. For more than 2 decades, the Baxter Society has presented such events as the Nancy Cowan Memorial Lecture and the Stephen Harvard Prize to promote public appreciation of book publication and preservation and the fine craft of printing. The Baxter Society has published 6 books and has provided financial and professional assistance to such allied institutions as the Maine Historical Society, the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance and the Maine Women Writers Collection of the University of New England. Named for former Portland Mayor and historian James Phinney Baxter, the society proudly continues his scholarly traditions of preservation and education and appreciation of the written word. We salute the Baxter Society upon its achievements in the arts and humanities and for its distinction as a nationally known bibliophilic organization based in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1861)

Margaret C. Lunt, of Lucerne-in-Maine, on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of working for the citizens of Hancock County. During her tenure, Mrs. Lunt served as probate clerk from 1962 until 1970 and as a deputy register from 1970 to the end of 1972. She was elected to serve as the Hancock County Register of Probate from 1973 through 1980 and from January 1, 1985 to December 31, 2004. Mrs. Lunt and her husband Edward were also active in their community for many years. Her loyalty, dependability and knowledge will be greatly missed. We send our appreciation to her for her many years of conscientious public service and join her family and many friends in extending our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1862)

Deputy Alan Smith, of Kenduskeag, who has been recognized as Reserve Deputy of the Year. Deputy Smith has been employed with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department in various capacities since 1981, including corrections officer, court security officer and patrolman. We extend our appreciation to Deputy Smith for his years of dedication to law enforcement and the safety of our communities and wish him many more years of success; (HLS 1863)

Ruth Shaw, of Ellsworth, for her 31 years of service with the United States Department of Agriculture in the Farm Service Agency. Ms. Shaw, who began her service in the early 70s as a program clerk, is retiring on January 3, 2005 as Hancock County Executive Director, an office she has held since 1995. Her loyalty, dependability and knowledge will be greatly missed. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the State and to the Nation and we extend our sincere congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1864)

Todd Leighton, of Enfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 64, who attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Todd is a senior at Penobscot Valley High School. For his service project, Todd cleared brush and mowed and cleaned at the Fernald Cemetery in Enfield. We commend him for his many dedicated hours and service to his community and extend our congratulations to him on his reaching this tremendous milestone and achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 1865)

the following members of the Bonny Eagle High School football team, the Bonny Eagle Scots, who have won the 2004 Class A Football Championship: Matt Thompson, Ryan Bernaiche, Ryan Walker, Neil Patnaude, Justin Cary, Ben Delcourt, Matt O'Donnell, Jake Durgin, Taylor Steeves, Mike O'Donnell, Justin Bernaiche, Adam Costa, Nick Davis, Nehemiah Glavin, David Lancaster, Matt Winslow, Joe Bailey, Chase Murray, John Wiechman, Nick Cates, Kyle McKague, Brandon Stinchfield, Stanley Watts, Lance Higgins, Brett Mougalian, Chris Auger, Spencer Dunzik, Jeff Thompson, Andrew Wright, Marc Assante, Zach Goucher, Dan Avery, Josh Avery, Andrew Townsend, Behn Brooks, Josh Barron, Mitchell Boulette, Jason Paine, Chris Kelley, Phillip Assante, Lucas Lampron, Brett Cartwright, Jamie Mitchell, Charlie Butler, Adam Harmon, Dylan Kluna, Blake Spiller, Anthony Atkins, Andrew LeProhan, Mason Tripp and Jack Lovell; Head Coach Kevin Cooper; Assistant Coaches Rick Brooks, Earle Cooper, Nat Germond and John Suttie; Managers Katie Thomas, Katie Way and Max Dunzik. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team and to the school on their championship season; (HLS 1866)

the Greater Portland Neighborhood Coalition (GPNC), upon the honored occasion of its sponsorship of the First Maine Indoor Statewide Block Party and the annual conference "Maine Neighborhoods: Building Strong Communities" in Portland. The GPNC was founded to educate the public, stimulate civic participation in the democratic process and provide a platform for debate about the public policy issues of concern to all Maine citizens in challenging and changing times. The focus of the 2004 conference is on the changing face of Millinocket and Bangor and downtown revitalization efforts underway in Brunswick, Gardiner and Westbrook. We salute the GPNC for raising over \$3,500 in scholarships to enable Mainers, regardless of economic background, to participate in almost 2 dozen workshops about diversity, economic sustainability and community self-reliance during the day-long conference. We encourage all citizens to participate in the civic dialogue symbolized by the work of the GPNC that so enriches the life of the many changing communities that make up Maine, "the Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1867)

Bernard S. Blanchet, of Westbrook, beloved husband, father, grandfather and faithful public servant. A native of St. Jean Port Jolie, Quebec, the son of Servule and Justine Oullette Blanchet, he came to Westbrook in 1923. A proud graduate of Westbrook High School, he worked for 25 years at the Dana Warp Mills and retired after 20 years as a quality control operative at the S. D. Warren Paper Company in Westbrook. Always active in his community, he served in the Boy Scout movement for 40 years, for which he was a recipient of the St. George Award. He was a 4th Degree and Post Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a pillar of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, where he was a longtime member of the Holy Name Society. An advocate for education, affordable housing and safe transportation, he served on the METRO Board of Directors for 10 years. For over a decade he served on the Westbrook City Council as Alderman for Ward 4, where his dedication to his constituents earned him the title of "Caretaker of Ward 4." His ready smile, helping hand and generous spirit will be sadly missed by his loving family, his many friends and the community he served so long and so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1868)

Charles J. M. Phipps, of Smyrna Mills, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 1869)

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Blaine B. Miller, of Norridgewock, Master Maine Guide, member of the Maine Professional Guides Association and owner of Allagash Guide, Inc., who has guided canoe trips on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for 33 years. Mr. Miller has earned the reputation of being one of Maine's best river guides. We acknowledge his unflagging devotion to the preservation of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and his commitment to the natural resources of the State of Maine. We commend him for introducing hundreds of Maine citizens and guests to one of our State's most outstanding resources; (HLS 1870)

Mildred Jacob Donaldson, of Wayne, on the occasion of her 97th Birthday, October 26, 2004. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1871)

Nicole Emery, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop High School and captain of the Winthrop Ramblers Field Hockey Team, upon her being selected as the 2004 Field Hockey Player of the Year by the Kennebec Journal. With 25 goals this season, Nicole had more goals than any 4 of her teammates combined. She also had 6 assists, and thus had a direct hand in 31 of the Ramblers' 56 goals this season. She also scored all 4 goals for Winthrop in the playoffs and led the team to its third consecutive Mountain Valley Conference Championship. Her coach is Sharon Coulton. We extend our congratulations to Nicole on her accomplishments; (HLS 1872)

Toby Martin, of Wayne, a senior at Maranacook Community School, upon her being selected as the 2004 Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Toby has won this honor 3 years in a row. She has played on the team for 4 years and her coach is Peter Poulin. We extend our congratulations to her on her accomplishments; (HLS 1873)