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Brenton J. Moody, of Windsor, of Boy Scout Troop #609, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brenton on his accomplishment; (HLS 1)

Bryant Federico, of East Millinocket, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bryant on his accomplishment; (HLS 2)

Gary W. Feyler, of Thomaston, on the occasion of his retirement from Central Maine Power Company after 36 years of service. We send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 3)

Lloyd and Elaine Sears, of Durham, who have celebrated more than 50 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Sears, who grew up in Durham, were married on December 24, 1955. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their anniversary; (HLS 4)

Nicholas Lunt, of Tenants Harbor, of Boy Scout Troop #214, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Nicholas completed the restoration of walking paths at the Knox County Humane Society. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicholas on his accomplishment; (HLS 5)

Sawyer Farmer, of Wilton, a 3-year old who performed an act of heroism and helped to get assistance for his father who was pinned between a tree and his 4-wheeler. Young Sawyer, who is a big Spiderman fan, was out with his dad Seth Farmer when the vehicle overturned. Sawyer scaled a fence and ran down an entire street to his home to alert his mother, Sandy Farmer. We congratulate Sawyer Farmer on his brave act and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 6)

Keith H. Lambert, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of his 92nd Birthday, October 8, 2006. Mr. Lambert served in the United States Air Corps Army during World War II. He worked for 35 years for the United States Immigration Department as an Immigration Inspector, and on retirement was appointed by Governor Brennan in 1979 as Acting Aroostook County Commissioner, where, after being elected in his own right, he served for 8 years. Mr. Lambert served as Fort Kent's chair of the Democratic Party for a number of years and is a lifetime member of the Fort Kent Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, the State of Maine and to the Nation. We send him our appreciation and best wishes on his 92nd birthday; (HLS 7)

Sumner and Marion Pinkham, of Glenburn, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 20, 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 8)

Whitney Lord, of Kenduskeag, a senior at Central High School, who was given a \$200 award from Student Paths, a national organization that helps students prepare for life after high school. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her receiving this honor; (HLS 9)

Frank and Patricia King, of Fairfield, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary, June 9, 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. King on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 10)

the Reverend John D. Civiello, of Portland, a native of Millinocket and a priest who served many years in Maine. A graduate of MCI and St. Francis Xavier University, Reverend Civiello studied for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts. After ordination, he served as Chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Portland, St. Mary's parish in Bangor, St. Anne's parish in Old Town and St. Mary's parish in Westbrook. For the last 16 years, he served at St. Patrick's parish in Portland. He was also a Chaplain for Maine Medical Center, Maine correctional institutions, the Maine Air National Guard, the Knights of Columbus and the Northern Chapter of the Italian Heritage. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his parishioners, his colleagues and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 11)

Malcolm J. Lyons, of Millinocket, a lifelong resident of the Katahdin region and a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. After his tour of service Mr. Lyons worked as a meat cutter until his retirement. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son and grandson, and he will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 12)

Renato P. Ippoliti, of Millinocket, a World War II veteran and longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Ippoliti served in the United States Army during World War II in Germany, France, Italy and England. He was a gunner on the Queen Mary when it carried troops to Europe and he was with the first wave of soldiers onto the beach at Normandy during the D-Day invasion. He worked for 42 and a half years at Great Northern Paper Company and was a skilled mason whose work can be seen in many walls, steps and fireplaces in the Millinocket area. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 80, the VFW Post No. 4154 and a member of BPOE Lodge No. 1521. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 13)

Chester "Gus" Powers, of East Millinocket, a veteran of World War II and a 30-year employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Powers served in the United States Army in the Pacific theater of operations. He attained the rank of sergeant and participated in 13 landings and 9 major engagements. For his heroism and injuries, Mr. Powers was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 14)

Donald R. Rice IV, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Donald on his accomplishment; (HLS 15)

Steven E. Rice, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Steven on his accomplishment; (HLS 16)

Dabney "Dee" Caldwell, of Groton, Massachusetts and the Boom House on Chesuncook Lake, husband of Marvin Schmidt Caldwell. Dr. Caldwell was the son of Helen Lannigan and

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Erskine Caldwell and grew up a die-hard Mainer in Mount Vernon. He served in the United States Marine Corps at the end of World War II. He taught geology at Boston University and Wellesley College for a total of 50 years and led a field camp each summer at the Boom House. Countless students, both undergraduate and graduate, took from him a love of geology. Dr. Caldwell's doctoral thesis was about Mount Katahdin, and he wrote the witty *Roadside Geology of Maine* and numerous scholarly papers. He was known for his wonderful storytelling and his dry wit. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and the many people whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 17)

Edna Selberg, of Cousins Island, Yarmouth, on the celebration of her 75th Birthday, December 30, 2006. Mrs. Selberg was born in Portland on January 18, 1932. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 18)

Thaddaeus A. Webster, of South Berwick, of Boy Scout Troop #338, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Thaddaeus on his accomplishment; (HLS 19)

Frank "Frankie" Gene Rideout, of Standish, at the age of 17. Frankie was a young man who strived to help others: he volunteered in New Orleans to help Hurricane Katrina victims and worked with Habitat for Humanity and the Preble Street Resource Center. He loved to go mountain hiking, snowboarding and whitewater rafting. Frankie will be sadly missed by his family and the many people whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 20)

Morrill Worcester, of Harrington, and the Worcester Wreath Company for the generous donation of Christmas wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America program. Mr. Worcester started this program in 1992 due to his strong commitment to honor the men and women of the armed forces who serve and have served our country. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Worcester for continued success; (HLS 21)

Sheriff Daniel Davey, of Warren, on his retirement after 22 years as Knox County Sheriff. Sheriff Davey served for more than four decades as a law enforcement officer. We acknowledge and thank Sheriff Davey for his long and honorable public service and send our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 22)

Alphonse Mercier, of Mexico, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, January 6, 2007. Mr. Mercier has been an active member of his community for many years. He has been involved in the Community Concert Association and was a member of R.A.A.P.A. He has performed on stage in various plays and Christmas musicals. Mr. Mercier was presented an award from the Knights of Columbus, Father A.J. Berry Council 2091 for his many years of dedicated service to the St. Athanasius-St. John Parish. He has spent decades visiting the elderly, shut-ins and those hospitalized or in nursing homes. He worked for Carey's Oil Company for more than 40 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Mercier on this very special occasion; (HLS 23)

Logan Edwards, of Island Falls, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Logan is the second son of Steven and Andrea Edwards

to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. For his service project, he constructed a cabinet to hold Civil War rifles for the Island Falls Historical Society. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Logan on his accomplishment; (HLS 24)

the Honorable Darlene J. Curley, of Scarborough, for her four years of service to the people of Maine. Elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 2002, Ms. Curley has been a compassionate and influential voice for her constituents. She was one of the Legislature's leading experts on health policy issues, which earned her an appointment to the Health Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. During her tenure as a representative she served on the State's Long-term Care Oversight Committee, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Ms. Curley was the champion behind the passage of "Tina's Law," a measure submitted to safeguard Maine's highways after her constituent, Tina Turcotte, was killed in a tragic automobile accident on Interstate 95. We acknowledge her honorable public service and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 25)

the Honorable Harold A. Clough, of Scarborough, for his eight years of service to the people of Maine. Elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1998, Mr. Clough was an insightful and influential voice for his constituents. He served on the Business and Economic Development Committee for his first two terms, holding the position of ranking Republican member during the 120th Legislature. Mr. Clough was the ranking Republican member of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during both the 121st and 122nd Legislatures and served on the Joint Select Committee on Property Tax Reform. We join the community of Scarborough in thanking Mr. Clough for the time and energy he invested in honorably serving as a member of the 119th through 122nd Maine State Legislatures; (HLS 26)

Richard "Baldy" Tompson, of Standish. Mr. Tompson served in the Navy during the Korean War. He was an entrepreneur who owned and operated two separate businesses before he became a self-taught housing contractor. Mr. Tompson was a fixture in the community of Standish for most of his life, having served as a code enforcement officer, a plumbing inspector and the first tax assessor in the town. He was a selectman from 1965 to 1968 and served as a town councilor from 1996 to 1999. Mr. Tompson will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 27)

the Lisbon High School Football Team, of Lisbon, the 2006 Class C State Champions. This is the team's second consecutive state championship. Coach Richard Mynahan, who was voted Coach of the Year in the Campbell Conference, has coached at Lisbon High School for over 30 years. He was assisted in this winning season by Stacen Doucette, Randy Ridley and John Noel. We extend our congratulations to the Lisbon High School Football Team and best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 28)

the Lisbon High School Cross-country Team, of Lisbon, the 2006 Class C State Champions. This is the team's fourth consecutive state championship. The team's coach, Hank Fuller, has been coaching at Lisbon High School for over 18 years and was voted the Mountain Valley Coach of the Year for this past season. The commitment to excellence shown by these athletes is commendable. We extend our congratulations to the Lisbon High School Cross-country team on this outstanding achievement and our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 29)

Deborah Felder, of Gardiner, who has served with distinction as the executive director of Maine Initiatives for 11 years. Maine

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Initiatives, a Maine public foundation, has been presenting grants for 13 years to organizations working for social justice and has recently completed a \$2.3 million campaign to build an endowment to aid its future grantmaking. Ms. Felder has announced that she will step down from her position as executive director in 2007. We acknowledge the contributions of Maine Initiatives and Ms. Felder in the course of their service to the citizens of Maine and we wish them the best in their future endeavors; (HLS 30)

Wallace and Eleanor Smith, of Springfield, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, December 7, 2006. We extend to Wallace and Eleanor our most sincere congratulations and wish them many more years of happiness together; (HLS 31)

Velma Dumas, of Millinocket, who is retiring after 30 years of service in the Millinocket school system. Her last job was school secretary for the Millinocket Middle School. Ms. Dumas's distinguished career began in 1976 and included positions at the high school, middle school and all three elementary schools in the Millinocket school system. Over the years, she has watched hundreds of students in the area grow up. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Dumas on this special occasion; (HLS 32)

Joseph and Eunice Page, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, December 1, 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Page on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 33)

Joseph Herman Kelly, of Allagash, on the occasion of his 100th birthday, February 8, 2007. Mr. Kelly has been a lifelong logger and has worked on a number of river drives. He is known for his ability to predict ice jams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Kelly on this special occasion; (HLS 34)

Vaughn R. Martin, of Millinocket. Mr. Martin was a veteran of World War II and served in the United States Army Air Corps. He later received his master's degree and began his career in education, teaching and coaching at Milo High School. Mr. Martin then went on to become the guidance counselor at Piscataquis County High School, where he was also a Boy Scout leader, and then served as principal at Millinocket Middle School for 22 years. He was an active member of his church, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, and he volunteered for several local organizations, including the Katahdin Area Support Group, 55 Alive, Meals on Wheels and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, a program associated with the University of Maine's Center on Aging. Mr. Martin will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 35)

David Struck, of Orono, who has resigned his position as Assistant Town Manager after 10 years of service to the town. As the Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Struck was responsible directly and indirectly for over \$2 million in grants to the Town of Orono. He will be assuming a new position with the Washington Hancock Community Agency as the Director of Housing Services. We congratulate Mr. Struck and send him our best wishes for success in his new endeavors; (HLS 36)

Morris Yachts, Inc., of Bass Harbor, whose M42 has won in the Special-Purpose Cruisers "Nothing Quite Like It" category of *Cruising World's* Boat of the Year contest. Morris Yachts, Inc. is a family-owned business that has been in operation for over 30 years with a product line that has set the standard for luxury and performance among those in the yachting profession. We congratulate president D. Cuyler Morris and the employees of Morris Yachts, Inc. on this special recognition and offer our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 37)

Casey Lewis, of Springvale, a member of Boy Scout Troop #327, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. In his pursuit of becoming an Eagle Scout, Casey worked diligently to earn 25 merit badges. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Casey on his accomplishment; (HLS 38)

Meagan Tilton, of Corinth, for being selected as the State's female award winner in the Wendy's High School Heisman Program. The Program recognizes the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a well-rounded citizen, scholar and athlete based on the criteria of academic achievements, community service involvement and athletic accomplishments. Meagan, a senior at John Bapst Memorial High School, participates in three sports and is a proven school leader. We congratulate Meagan and send our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 39)

WBRC Architects & Engineers, of Bangor, for receiving an Eagle Feather Award from Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility. The award is presented to Maine businesses that integrate social, environmental and economic considerations, which make up the healthy triple bottom line of a sustainable business. WBRC has proven its commitment to green building design with an interdisciplinary team that emphasizes scientific building standards, resource conservation, water and energy efficiency and the use of ecologically sound materials and resources, while keeping in mind the needs of future generations. We congratulate WBRC Architects & Engineers on its receiving this award and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 40)

Beth and Nathaniel Bond, of Glenburn, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, December 27, 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bond on their golden anniversary; (HLS 41)

Mariah Colby, of Randolph, 6 years old, whose courageous and clearheaded efforts saved her grandfather's life. Mariah, who lives with her grandparents, was the only one home when her grandfather suffered a heart attack. Mariah stayed calm and called 9-1-1, explaining to the operator that her grandfather was having a heart attack. She then got her grandfather his nitroglycerin pills, opened the childproof bottle, followed the 9-1-1 operator's instructions for checking the condition of her grandfather and went out the door to guide the paramedics to the right house. We extend our congratulations to Mariah Colby for a job well done; (HLS 42)

Paul J. Bouchard, of Fort Kent, who is the 2007 Fort Kent Greater Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Mr. Bouchard worked for 36 years in public education as an instructor, teacher and administrator before retiring in 1999. He is an active member of his community, donating his time and energy to volunteer organizations, fraternal organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, his church and local, regional, and county governments. Mr. Bouchard has received numerous awards, such as the University of Maine at Fort Kent's 1999 Distinguished Service Award and the Maine Retired Teachers Association Leadership Award in 2003. We acknowledge Mr. Bouchard for his impressive accomplishments and send our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 43)

Roger Richmond, of Freeport, architect, professor and designer, for the exceptional collection of his architectural design work that displays and reflects the emotional consciousness of our State's and our nation's history. Mr. Richmond is a registered architect and Professor of Architecture at the University of Maine at Augusta. He is the designer of a proposed memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that was submitted to a national

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competition in Washington, D.C. We are honored that the proposed memorial is displayed in the Maine State House and will honor Mr. King in other locations within Maine. Mr. Richmond's concept is a memorializing statement of Dr. King's enduring and moving dream of social freedom and equality for every person. In addition, Mr. Richmond won the national competition to design a Vietnam Veterans Memorial for the State of Maine which is located in Capitol Park. He was the first architect commissioned by NASA to design zero and artificial gravity living environments for space stations and planetary fly-by missions. In 2001, Mr. Richmond was named the Student's Choice Faculty of the Year. We extend our congratulations and thanks to Mr. Richmond for his dedication, his insight and his contributions to our State and to the nation; (HLS 44)

Denise C. Ducharme, of Madison, who is leaving after over 21 years of service as a state employee to pursue a career with one of the nation's premier unclaimed property clearinghouses. Ms. Ducharme started working at the Department of Human Services in 1985 and then moved to the State Treasurer's Office to work on compliance examinations for the Unclaimed Property Division. Within four years she was promoted to the position of Abandoned Property Manager. In 1998 and 1999 Ms. Ducharme served as President of the prestigious National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. In 1999 she provided extensive commentary and expertise to the Judiciary Committee as it considered the new model law for unclaimed property. We thank Ms. Ducharme for her many years of outstanding service to the people of Maine and we wish her well in her next career; (HLS 45)

Clear Channel Radio Station KISS 94.5 FM, of Bangor, which has been conducting its Christmas Is For Kids program for 25 years, raising a total of more than \$220,000 and helping more than 23,000 children. KISS partners with more than 20 local agencies, which pinpoint and screen families that may need help in delivering a happy Christmas holiday to children. We acknowledge and applaud Clear Channel for its efforts and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 46)

Reverend Donald Mayberry, of Norway, who has received the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce 2007 Community Service Award. Reverend Mayberry, pastor of the First Congregational Church in South Paris, was selected based on his contributions to the Oxford Hills region as a long-time community activist. Reverend Mayberry has served with Stephens Memorial Hospital as a voluntary chaplain and a member of the Board of Trustees, and was recently elected to the position of Chair of the Western Maine Health Board. He has also worked with the Teen Center and the Tobacco-Free Community, and has volunteered countless hours advocating for the homeless and the needy. We thank Reverend Mayberry for his years of dedication to the Oxford Hills area and wish him continued success in his future pursuits; (HLS 47)

Emily Beaulieu, of Litchfield, for the creation of her generous project, Emily's Wish. In 2006, 7-year-old Emily told her mother that she wanted to forgo getting toys for her birthday, January 22nd. Instead she collected 928 toys to donate to the Toy Box Project of the Catholic Charities of Maine, which distributes toys to children who have lost their belongings to fire. This year she set a goal of 1,500 toys to collect by her next birthday. Emily has distributed boxes to collect the toys at various local stores and businesses, and she also collects money to buy toys. She is currently planning a walk-a-thon for next spring for the purpose of collecting and donating more toys. We applaud and thank Emily for her generous and compassionate efforts to give to the needy children of the State; (HLS 48)

John T. (Jack) Leyden, Jr., of Hebron, who is the 2007 recipient of the Employee of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Leyden is the Associate Head of School at Hebron Academy and is retiring this year after 20 years of service to the school. He is an empathetic and understanding educator who is admired and respected by faculty and students alike. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Leyden on his receiving this honor and send our best wishes for a prosperous future; (HLS 49)

Gilles and Claire Veilleux, of Lisbon, on receiving the 2006 Lisbon Business Award. Mr. and Mrs. Veilleux are the owners of Floor Systems, Inc. They began the business in 1987 on Knox Street in Lewiston and in the early 1990s they became the first commercial tenant of the Bates Mill Enterprise Complex, greatly expanding their floor and retail space. In the early 2000s, they planned to expand further and decided to relocate to their hometown of Lisbon. They built a beautiful new facility, which opened in 2005. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Veilleux on their receiving this award and thank them for adding such a fine business and jobs to the greater Lisbon community, and we wish them continued success in the future; (HLS 50)

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner and Ingrid L. Stanchfield, of Gardiner, for receiving a 2007 Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Stanchfield has been involved with the Boys & Girls Club since 1996, when it began as a child care program offered by Gardiner Recreation. Now the organization owns the former Pray Street School building and with a staff of 45 provides numerous services to children and teens, including child care, athletics of all kinds and summer camps. In 2006, the nonprofit club earned its own charter with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We congratulate the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner and Ms. Stanchfield on their receiving this honor and thank them for their contributions to the community; (HLS 51)

The Wolfington Group, of Augusta, which has received a 2007 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Harry J. Wolfington, of Hallowell, turned his automobile sales experience into a multimillion-dollar consulting, training and marketing company that services automobile dealerships nationwide. The Wolfington Group, incorporated since 1999, has expanded from a handful of employees to more than 100 and is one of the largest automobile marketing companies in the country. We congratulate Mr. Wolfington, the Wolfington Group and all of its employees on their receiving this honor and send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 52)

Dave's Appliance, Inc., of Winthrop, which has received a 2007 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Dave and Dee Ketchen started the business in 1976. In the early 1990s their sons, Scott, Mike and Brian Ketchen, joined them and they continue to run the business since their parents' retirement in 1999. In the past decade, Dave's Appliance has tripled its sales to \$3 million, ships in about 200 appliances a week and continues to make service its top priority. We congratulate Dave's Appliance, Inc. and the Ketchen family on their receiving this award and wish them continued success; (HLS 53)

Mark L. Johnston, of Manchester, President and CEO of Kennebec Savings Bank, who has been named the 2007 Business Person of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. A banker since 1975, Mr. Johnston joined Kennebec Savings Bank in 1992 and became its President and CEO in 1999. Aside from helping to grow a successful business, Mr. Johnston has also held professional posts, such as Chairman of

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the Maine Association of Community Banks, and still finds time to volunteer for numerous local organizations. We congratulate Mr. Johnston on his receiving this honor and extend our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 54)

Warren C. Kessler, of Manchester, retired CEO of MaineGeneral Health, who has received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kessler, a Yale University graduate, brought his vision of total life health care to Augusta in 1972. The young CEO focused on medical staff development as being key to Augusta General Hospital's success. Mr. Kessler founded the Maine Dartmouth Family Practice Residency in 1974 and the Alzheimer's Care Center in 1988, both of which are national models. He merged the Augusta and Gardiner hospitals, added Williams Nursing, Granite Hill Estates and other assets under Kennebec Valley Health. In 1997, Kennebec Valley Health merged with MidMaine to form MaineGeneral Medical Center, which is Maine's third largest hospital. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Kessler on his receiving this honor and we thank him for his immeasurable contributions to the Augusta area and to the State; (HLS 55)

Gagne & Son, of Belgrade, which has been selected as the 2007 Business of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. This local concrete block manufacturer was started in 1945 by Alfred Gagne, who made 100 blocks a day by hand, and continues today as a successful business under the direction of Alfred's grandchildren, Linda M. Gagne-Boucher and Peter Gagne. Linda and Peter have raised Gagne & Son to a new level with an annual sales growth rate of 20 percent and the production of 18,000 blocks per shift in its modern plant. We congratulate Gagne & Son on its success and extend our best wishes for continued prosperity; (HLS 56)

Stephen P. Pecukonis, of Bowdoinham, and the Kennebec Leadership Institute, of Topsham, for receiving a 2007 Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Kennebec Leadership Institute is one of Maine's top leadership training programs and, since 1987, has graduated more than 250 area people, who are better prepared to lead in their businesses, volunteer organizations or elective offices. An experienced human resources specialist and management consultant, Mr. Pecukonis has been the facilitator of Kennebec Leadership Institute since 1987 and has provided highly enlightened and enthusiastic teaching to the training process. We congratulate Mr. Pecukonis and the Kennebec Leadership Institute on their receiving this honor and send our best wishes for their continued success; (HLS 57)

Hallowell Printing Company, of Hallowell, Donald H. Hastings, of Hope, and David L. Banister, of Chelsea, who have received a 2007 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hastings joined the Hallowell Printing Company in 1972, purchased and expanded it in 1981 and hired Mr. Banister as his press operator in 1987. The Hallowell Printing Company team has kept pace with fast-changing technology to meet the needs of customers from Central Maine to the Camden-Rockland area. In 2006, Mr. Banister became the firm's president, while the retired Mr. Hastings serves as the chief financial officer. We congratulate Mr. Hastings, Mr. Banister and all the employees of Hallowell Printing Company and wish them continued success; (HLS 58)

Gerald "Jerry" Parr, of Farmington. Mr. Parr served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of staff sergeant. He had a long and successful career in banking and real estate, but he is best known in the community as an active and influential volunteer. Mr. Parr served the Old South

Congregational Church as trustee, moderator and senior deacon. He was a state board representative and trustee of the Church of Christ. Mr. Parr helped to organize the first American Cancer Society in Franklin County and was the first president of the United Way of Farmington. He received a Distinguished Service Award for his work as a regional president and director of Kiwanis International. In addition, Mr. Parr was involved with a wide range of civic organizations, including Boy Scout Troop #586, the Androscoggin Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Franklin County Budget Review Committee, the University of Maine and the Maine Bankers Association. Mr. Parr's compassion, humility and humanity and his devotion to family and community set an example to which all should aspire. Mr. Parr will be sadly missed and long remembered by his community, family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 59)

Joanne Belanger, of Poland, who is the recipient of the Margaret Murphy Award. This is the highest honor that John F. Murphy Homes, Inc. presents to an employee. Ms. Belanger is a registered nurse who works at Main Street, a nursing home in Mechanic Falls. She is a kind, committed and caring person. She is always willing to take on additional tasks and she goes above and beyond the call of duty. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Belanger for her dedicated service to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 60)

Burton Edwards, of South Portland, who retired in December 2006 after serving for 18 years on the South Portland School Board, most of those years serving in the position of Chairman or Vice Chairman. Mr. Edwards was very involved in the creation and support of many projects over the years, including the Master School Committee for Elementary Schools, the Committee for Vision for Our Schools, the Learning Belief Statement, the High School Auditorium Committee and the Reading Recovery Program. Mr. Edwards was also involved with local athletics, either as a member of the South Portland High School Booster Club for various sports or as a T-ball coach. In addition to all of this, he and his wife raised 5 wonderful children, all of whom graduated from South Portland High School. We congratulate Mr. Edwards on the occasion of his retirement and we applaud all of his efforts, which have helped his community immeasurably; (HLS 61)

Ernest Harmon Knight, of Raymond, on the occasion of his 101st birthday, September 28, 2006. Mr. Knight was born in 1905 in Massachusetts and later moved to Raymond, Maine where he helped build Hartley's Marina, now called Jordan Bay Marina. He was a founding member of the Casco-Raymond Historical Society. Mr. Knight serves as historian for the Town of Raymond and has written several books about the town and about the canal boats that ran from Harrison to Portland through Sebago Lake and Long Lake. He has just published a book about his service as a major in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. His work mapping the cemeteries of the Town of Raymond has been invaluable. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Knight and thank him for his years of service to the Town of Raymond and to the United States; (HLS 62)

Laura Vogel, of Standish, 27, who died while volunteering with a health outreach program in the Dominican Republic, providing health care to remote villages. Ms. Vogel excelled academically in college and received a Department of Nursing Award, which is given to individuals who practice compassionate, professional nursing care, have the ability to make critical judgments and are potential leaders. For over five years, she worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Maine Medical Center as a registered nurse and was continuing her education in

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the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program through the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Ms. Vogel touched countless lives with her care and compassion and she will be sadly missed and long remembered by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 63)

Ronald and Carolee Hallett, of Mars Hill, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 26, 2006. Mr. and Mrs. Hallett were married at the Baptist Church in Mars Hill on December 26, 1956. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hallett on the occasion of their golden anniversary and send them our best wishes; (HLS 64)

the Central High School Cheerleading Team, of Corinth, which won top honors in Classes C and D in the 2007 Penobscot Valley Conference cheering competition. We congratulate the Central High School Cheerleading Team for its victory; (HLS 65)

the John Bapst High School Cheerleading Team, of Bangor, which won the first-ever Class B title in the 2007 Penobscot Valley Conference cheering competition. Separate awards for Class A and Class B in the competition were given out for the first time this year. We congratulate the John Bapst High School Cheerleading Team for its victory; (HLS 66)

the Hermon High School Cheerleading Team, of Hermon, which finished second overall in the 2007 Class B Penobscot Valley Conference Cheering Competition. We congratulate the Hermon High School Cheerleading Team for its victory; (HLS 67)

the Lobster Institute, at the University of Maine at Orono, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its founding. The Lobster Institute's mission statement reflects its comprehensive reach and influence, and reads, "The Lobster Institute, with guidance and involvement from fishermen and all constituents within the lobster industry, and with both a community and global perspective, conducts and provides for research and educational outreach focused on protecting, conserving, and enhancing the lobster resource and lobstering as an industry...and as a way of life." The Lobster Institute is the only industry-wide organization of its kind and it boasts a Board of Advisors with representatives from major lobster industry associations, businesses and communities ranging from New York through the Canadian Maritime Provinces. We congratulate the Lobster Institute on this special occasion and applaud its important contributions to the people and to the lobster industry of the State; (HLS 68)

Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway on its celebration of 50 years of providing care to Western Maine communities. The hospital opened in 1957 with 25 beds. In 1967 a new wing was constructed and it became a 41-bed facility. Growth was steady throughout the 1960s and 1970s with 24-hour on-call emergency room coverage, the creation of a Special Care Unit and an increase to 50 beds. By the early 1980s, a pediatric practice was in place, as well as 24-hour in-house emergency room coverage and nuclear medicine and ultrasound. By 2004, the emergency room was enlarged, endoscopy and MRI suites were added, the Women's Imaging Center was centralized and the patient registration and waiting areas were expanded. Today there are 38 physicians on the active medical staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital as it continues to grow and serve Western Maine with its underlying values of integrity, compassion, accountability, respect and excellence; (HLS 69)

the Town of East Millinocket, on the centennial of the town's incorporation as a municipality, February 21, 2007. The town's location is in an entirely separate and smaller township than that from which Millinocket was carved, the east half of Township A Range 7 in Penobscot County. East Millinocket, which means east of "many islands" in the language of Maine's Abenaki people, was formerly known as Burnt Land Rips, comprising

10,000 acres, more or less. Its development was brought about by the Great Northern Paper Company, whose surveys and construction work for the mills began in the spring of 1906. A two-room elementary school was opened in 1908 and in the fall of that year a two-year high school began its work. The first permanent dwelling house was erected during the winter of 1906-07. Today this rural Northern Maine community has a population of 1,860 people, rich in many different ethnic backgrounds. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of East Millinocket on the occasion of its centennial celebration; (HLS 70)

Joseph J. Pelletier, of East Millinocket, a World War II veteran. Mr. Pelletier served in the U.S. Army in Italy and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars. Mr. Pelletier had lived in East Millinocket since 1956 and worked at Great Northern Paper as a grinderman for 18 years before retiring in 1972. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 80, VFW Post No. 4154 and the AARP. He was also a communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church in East Millinocket and enjoyed tying flies for fishing. Mr. Pelletier will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 71)

Stanley B. Mason, Sr., of Millinocket. Mr. Mason was educated in the Millinocket school system and graduated from Stearns High School in 1964. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 and then returned to Millinocket, where he worked at Great Northern Paper Company as a papermaker until his retirement in 1999. Mr. Mason was an outdoorsman and, along with his son, Jeff, was very actively involved with Boy Scout Troop No. 58. He was also a volunteer at I Care Ministries in Millinocket, where he spent many hours each week helping out in all areas of service. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 80 and VFW Post No. 4154. Mr. Mason will be sadly missed and long remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 72)

Gertrude Jewett, of Westbrook, who passed away shortly after her 103rd birthday. Mrs. Jewett was born in Windham, Maine in 1904. In the 1930s, she moved to Washington, D.C. with her husband and took a job at Woodward & Lothrop, a well-known department store. As a resident of Capitol Hill, Mrs. Jewett befriended many of the nation's First Ladies; Bess Truman and Pat Nixon were among her favorites. She never missed an inauguration or a funeral of an important dignitary. Mrs. Jewett returned to Maine in 1968 and resided in Westbrook until her death. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 73)

Harland O. White, of Scarborough, a decorated World War II veteran and retired Maine State Police lieutenant. Mr. White enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the 532nd Anti-aircraft Artillery Unit in North Africa and central Italy as air protection for the front line field artillery cannons. His unit then converted to the 473rd Infantry Regiment and, because he was an expert rifleman, Mr. White was an infantry sniper against the Germans. He was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action, and 43 years later he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground combat against the enemy during World War II. Mr. White was a member of the Maine State Police and retired after 20 years of service, with the rank of lieutenant. He was Past Commander and a lifetime member of the Libby-Mitchell American Legion Post and a member of the Winthrop Masonic Lodge, the Valley of Portland Scottish Rites and the Kora Shrine Temple in Lewiston. Mr. White will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 74)

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the Nathan Clifford Elementary School in Portland upon the honored occasion of its 100th Anniversary, 1907-2007. Designed by noted architect John Calvin Stevens and named in honor of United States Supreme Court Justice Nathan Clifford (1858-1881), of Portland, Clifford Elementary was built in the then-open fields of the west end of the old city to serve a busy suburban population expanding beyond the ancient town peninsula. Upon its dedication it was hailed as "a schoolhouse of so fine proportions and accommodations that the pupils of that vicinity will be given facilities such as they have never enjoyed before." Clifford Elementary featured the first radio installed in a city public school and the first classes for vision-impaired students in any Maine public school and has today some of the most valuable Works Progress Administration murals remaining in any city building. Today the second-oldest continuously operating elementary school in Portland, Clifford Elementary serves students of dozens of diverse nationalities and of various incomes, blending the best of old traditions and society's newest challenges in a growing and changing city. We salute the Clifford Elementary community upon its first century of accomplishments and extend our best wishes for its next century of success in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 75)

William F. Plummer III, of Georgetown, founder of Sheepscot Bay Boat Company. From a young age, Mr. Plummer could work on and fix anything. He built docks, floats, houses, buildings, trucks, motor homes and airplanes including Piper J3 Cubs, but his passion was gas, diesel and outboard motors. In the early 1960s, he founded the Sheepscot Bay Boat Company, working on and storing boats and selling Boston Whalers and Johnson outboards for more than 30 years. Mr. Plummer was a member of the Methodist Church in Bath, the Georgetown Fire Department and several other local organizations. For those who knew him, Mr. Plummer leaves a large void in the community that will be hard to fill. Mr. Plummer will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 76)

Maria Fuentes, of Hallowell, of the Maine Better Transportation Association, who received the Transportation Leadership Award from the New England Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Her vision, leadership and tireless efforts in advocating for Maine's transportation systems have distinguished Ms. Fuentes as a credit to the transportation field. We congratulate Ms. Fuentes and extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 77)

Kyle Dempsey, of East Millinocket, of Boy Scout Troop No. 55, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kyle on his accomplishment; (HLS 78)

Jeffrey Mason, of Millinocket, of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jeffrey on his accomplishment; (HLS 79)

the Hope Elementary School Boys Basketball Team, of Hope, for winning the Busline League Division II Regular Season Championship. We congratulate the team on its victory and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 80)

the Lincolnville Central School Boys Basketball Team, of Lincolnville, for winning the Busline League Division II Tournament Championship. We congratulate the team on its win and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 81)

Makayla Moors, of Corinth, who has been chosen as the 6th-grade winner of a contest sponsored by Governor Baldacci and Efficiency Maine, a division of the Maine Public Utilities Commission. Maine's 4th, 5th and 6th grade students were asked to come up with tips for saving energy. Makayla won the 6th grade division of the contest with her suggestion, "Instead of running lights, just open the shades and get natural light." We congratulate Makayla for winning this contest and we commend her for her interest in energy conservation; (HLS 82)

Edwin N. Clift, of Ellsworth, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Merrill Merchants Bank, who has received the Norbert X. Dowd Award, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's top honor. Mr. Clift played a major role in recruiting investors and senior management for Merrill Merchants when it became the largest startup bank in Maine history in 1992. He has overseen the bank's growth from \$74 million in assets in 1992 to \$445 million in assets in 2006. Mr. Clift has served as chair of the Maine Bankers Association and as state chair of the American Bankers Association, and he presently serves on the advisory board of Maine's Bureau of Financial Institutions. Mr. Clift's community interest and involvement go beyond the field of banking. He volunteers as the chair of the St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation board of trustees, is director and treasurer of the Bangor Historical Society and has served on more than 10 other local boards and committees in recent years, including the Maine Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. We congratulate Mr. Clift on his receiving this award and we applaud his important contributions to his community and to the State; (HLS 83)

MK3 Grant R. Tucciarone, of Rockland, the 2006 Sailor of the Year onboard Coast Guard Cutter THUNDER BAY. MK3 Tucciarone's exemplary performance of duty and outstanding positive attitude have contributed significantly to THUNDER BAY's operational success and represent the best of the Coast Guard's Core Values: Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. MK3 Tucciarone tackled several major projects this year, including the redesign and upgrade of the damage control locker and procuring self-contained breathing apparatus for toxic gas response, which greatly enhanced the ship's damage control readiness and improved the overall safety and protection of the Coast Guard's most valuable assets, its people. MK3 Tucciarone put countless hours into preparations for two major inspections and his dedication to duty and his professional expertise resulted in the cutter receiving high marks in all areas and being declared Ready for Operations. He spends countless hours training the junior personnel on the fundamentals of critical shipboard knowledge and he is one of the first to volunteer to stand duty for a shipmate. We congratulate MK3 Tucciarone and commend him for his exemplary service to the Coast Guard, the State and the Nation; (HLS 84)

Petty Officer Greg Steiger, of Belfast, the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Belfast Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Steiger was chosen for this honor because of his outstanding performance at the Belfast Coast Guard Station. As a Sailor of the Year, he is exemplary in personal appearance, military bearing, attitude, human relations, self-confidence, job proficiency, conduct, commitment to community service and efforts for self-improvement. We congratulate Petty Officer Steiger and commend him for his outstanding service to the State and to the United States military; (HLS 85)

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Petty Officer Christopher H. Wilson, of Rockland, Coast Guard Cutter TACKLE's Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Wilson is the Engineering Petty Officer on board CGC TACKLE. He is responsible for maintaining a 45-year-old cutter, which is kept in the finest condition and would rival newer ships. Petty Officer Wilson is also an integral part of the ship's qualification and training program. He oversees the Special Emergency Operation and Procedures training program that ensures every crewmember on board is prepared to respond to shipboard emergencies, such as fire and flooding. As a Coast Guard Boarding Officer onboard TACKLE, Petty Officer Wilson is responsible for enforcing maritime law and ensuring that each vessel boarded is in compliance with safety regulations. His commitment to community service is exemplary. He is a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Hope, an educator on fire safety and prevention at the Hope Elementary School and a "Daisy Dad" with the local Daisy Scout chapter. We congratulate Petty Officer Wilson and commend him for his exemplary service to his community, the State and the Nation; (HLS 86)

Christine C. Sussman, Food Services Technician Second Class, United States Coast Guard, of Rockland, the 2006 Sailor of the Year for Coast Guard Cutter ABBIE BURGESS. FS2 Sussman has demonstrated devotion to her ship and shipmates and excelled as a Coast Guardsman. She single-handedly operated the galley less than a year after graduating from technical school, providing wholesome meals to a hardworking crew of 24, performing flawlessly and exceeding all expectations. FS2 Sussman also qualified as an inport watchstander, a participant in Special Evolution Operations Procedures and bridge watchstander and she displayed superior technical knowledge by advancing to FS2. She is also a leader in health and physical fitness. We congratulate FS2 Sussman for her outstanding service to the community, the Coast Guard, the State and the Nation; (HLS 87)

Mary M. Wright, of Farmington, dedicated teacher, civic-minded public figure and activist. Mrs. Wright graduated from Farmington State Teachers College, Class of 1956, and retired in 1989 after 33 years of teaching children in the fifth and sixth grades. She first emerged as a public figure in 1976 with her efforts to save the Walton's Mill Dam in West Farmington. Two years later, Mrs. Wright was the first woman to be elected to the Farmington Board of Selectmen. She served on that board until her death, the last eight years as chair. Mrs. Wright was a woman of incisive speech, sharp thoughts, keen opinions and constant smiles. She has been described as a graciously outspoken and diplomatically honest civic leader. Mrs. Wright will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and the entire Farmington community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 88)

the 21st Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day, February 7, 2007, along with the 35th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the federal law prohibiting discrimination in educational institutions. The National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman, and exists to recognize past and current sports achievements, the positive influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for equality for women in sports. The University of Maine at Orono has provided opportunities for girls and women to participate in competitive athletics at the highest possible level in addition to providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The bonds built between girls and women through athletics help to break down the social barriers of racism and prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills learned play a key role in the athletes' contributions at

home and work and to society. We acknowledge the struggles and the accomplishments of all girls and women involved in athletics and join them in celebrating this important day; (HLS 89)

the Lawrence High School Football Team, of Fairfield, for winning the 2006 Class A State Championship. The Lawrence Bulldogs were undefeated in 2006. In addition, the team was chosen to receive the Doc Rancourt Sportsmanship Award given by the Eastern Maine Class A football officials. We extend our congratulations to the Lawrence High School Football Team for its outstanding season and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 90)

Evan Doyle, of Falmouth, who has received the distinguished Falmouth Rotary Youth Community Service Award. Evan is a senior at Falmouth High School, where he is president of the National Honor Society and captain of the Falmouth Alpine Ski Team. In addition to his extracurricular school activities, Evan is an active community leader who volunteers at the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland and with Catholic Charities Maine's refugee resettlement program. We extend our congratulations to Evan on his achievements and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 91)

Hanley Graham Denning, of Yarmouth, founder and Executive Director of Safe Passage, an organization dedicated to providing an education to children of the families who live and work at the garbage dump of Guatemala City, Guatemala. Known to many in Guatemala as Angel del Basuero or the Angel of the Garbage Dump, Ms. Denning spent the last seven years working to build a better future for some of Guatemala City's poorest people. She became involved in humanitarian efforts after graduating from Bowdoin College and then attaining a Master's Degree from Wheelock College in Boston. Ms. Denning worked with children affected with AIDS in Roxbury, Massachusetts and taught poor children in North Carolina before traveling to Guatemala. It was there that she became inspired to help the children she found scouring the Guatemala City dump. Ms. Denning is the key figure in a documentary film nominated for an Academy Award, "Recycled Life," which is about the Guatemalans who live and work at the dump. Ms. Denning was a true humanitarian whose spirit and dedication are an inspiration for all. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and all of the people whose lives she touched with her work; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 92)

Timothy Wilson, of Portland, for his work with Seeds of Peace, the international peace camp in Otisfield. Since 1993, Mr. Wilson has devoted his life to Seeds of Peace and to the cause of fostering peace and creating understanding among young people from centers of conflict and war-torn regions around the world. He has been instrumental in the success of the camp, first as the camp director and, more recently, as facilitator for Maine Seeds, an offshoot that seeks to foster reconciliation among local youths split by issues of cultural and national identity. Under Mr. Wilson's direction, Maine Seeds works to empower recent teenage immigrants from Somalia and other regions of conflict in Africa and Asia to develop skills for coexistence with their neighbors. We congratulate and extend our gratitude to Mr. Wilson for his important work with the youth of our world and recognize and offer our best wishes to him for his continued success; (HLS 93)

the members of the Safe Passage Service Group of Falmouth High School: Emily Bowden, Eileen Brandes, Taylor Burns, Evan Doyle, Amy Eklund, Lauren Girouard, Christina Jones, Logan Keeler, Jack Keeley, Brit Langford, Chelsea Locke, Emily Otte, Olivia Rowse and Alex Westervelt. The group organized, raised funds and traveled to Guatemala to volunteer its time with the

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Safe Passage program. Safe Passage was founded by Hanley Denning and provides hundreds of children and families living at the Guatemala City garbage dump with educational, medical, nutritional and social services. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Safe Passage Service Group of Falmouth High School on their achievement and wish them well in their future endeavors.; (HLS 94)

Bangor Chief of Police Donald J. Winslow, of Hermon, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years with the Bangor Police Department. Chief Winslow was promoted to Chief of Police in July 1998. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to law enforcement, to his community and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to him and wish him well in his future endeavors.; (HLS 95)

Kenneth and Marie Robinson, of Glenburn, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, October 12, 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson on their golden anniversary; (HLS 96)

Josh Farr, of Oxford, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. Only 5 percent of Boy Scouts receive this award, which is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Josh is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 197. For his leadership project, he constructed a replica of a one-room school house in the Oxford Historical Society building, using school memorabilia and furnishings. We extend our congratulations to Josh on this outstanding accomplishment and offer our best wishes to him for continued success; (HLS 97)

Gloria McPhail, of Oakland, on the celebration of her 80th birthday, February 10, 2007. Mrs. McPhail is very active in her community. She prepares meals for people in her community who are in need. She has been a member of the Altar Guild of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Waterville for 52 years and volunteers at the church's food bank. She and her husband of 59 years, Gordon, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Mrs. McPhail is known for her carrot cakes and banana breads. Her generosity and kindness have touched many citizens of the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. McPhail on this very special occasion; (HLS 98)

James McMahan, formerly of Auburn. Mr. McMahan was a native of Maine who served his country in the U.S. Army for 4 years during World War II. Mr. McMahan served as the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services from July 1987 to June 1990. He was living in Madison, Tennessee at the time of his death. Mr. McMahan will be greatly missed and long remembered for his service to the veterans of the State of Maine; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 99)

the Honorable Vinton "Wink" True Ridley, of Shapleigh, former legislator. Mr. Ridley, a member of the Democratic Party, was a Maine State Representative for 10 years. He owned and operated V.T. Ridley Company, a custom machine shop, and in the late 1970s he opened the Shapleigh Corner Store. Over the years Mr. Ridley served the community as a selectman for the Town of Shapleigh, as a bail commissioner for the Maine Judicial System and as a State Representative. He also organized the Shapleigh Fire Department, served on the York County Budget Committee and was a member of the York County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Ridley was a member of the Springvale Masonic Lodge No. 190 AF & AM for over 50 years. Mr. Ridley will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community that he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 100)

Barbara Suzanne Holt, of Alfred, devoted community volunteer, political activist and champion of continued education. Mrs. Holt believed that each community member should participate in making improvements to the quality of life in the community, and her lifelong actions are a testament to her belief. She devoted nearly two decades of volunteer work to the United Way of York County. Mrs. Holt dedicated herself for many years to local and national political campaigns and organizations, including the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Senator George Mitchell's Federal Appointment Committee, Victory '92 Campaign and her own campaign for the State Senate in Maine. She was a lifelong learner and firm believer in continued education with many degrees and certificates to her name. Mrs. Holt's passing is a great loss to the community of the State of Maine and she will be sadly missed and long remembered for her work and her example of humanitarianism; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 101)

George Andrews, of Temple, on the occasion of his retirement as the Temple Fire Chief after 39 years of service. Mr. Andrews has served his community for 55 years as a selectman, a planning board member and fire warden in addition to serving as chief. We congratulate Mr. Andrews on this special occasion and we thank him for his selfless dedication to his town and his community; (HLS 102)

Vaughndella Curtis, of Freeport, who has served on the board of Freeport Housing Trust for 10 years, including 4 years as President and 5 years as Vice President. She has shown great leadership in a variety of efforts. She was instrumental in the completion of the Varney Square redevelopment project, working with the Freeport Town Council for the needed zoning change. She notably acted as a special advocate for expanding children's programming offered to residents of Village View. Mrs. Curtis also hosted regular breakfast meetings at her home for the trust's finance committee. We acknowledge her commitment to the Freeport community and we send her our appreciation for her years of dedicated service; (HLS 103)

Sebasticook Valley Hospital, of Pittsfield, the recipient of the 2007 Business of the Year Award given by the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to a business that has a reputation of honesty and integrity in its practices, that is innovative and committed to community and diversity, that has demonstrated perseverance and that shows growth in support of economic development in the Sebasticook Valley area. Last year Sebasticook Valley Hospital provided \$1,527,000 in free and reduced-cost care created a free clinic in Hartland, offered free courtesy transportation services to patients, provided 23 free mammograms to women without adequate health care and offered a wide range of public workshops and sessions on various important health concerns. We extend our congratulations to Sebasticook Valley Hospital and its employees and volunteers, and we applaud the countless contributions that they make to the community; (HLS 104)

Shirley Humphrey, of Hartland, the 2007 recipient of the Joyce Packard Spirit of Community Award given by the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Humphrey consistently shows a deep commitment to helping all in need and a sense of caring and concern for all individuals. She serves her community of Hartland on various committees including the Engineering Review Committee, the Emergency Management Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Mrs. Humphrey was the second woman in Hartland to serve as selectman and she is the chair of the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Mrs. Humphrey runs her own nursery

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school, Jack-in-the-Box, and works for SKILLS, INC. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Humphrey and applaud her selfless dedication to her community; (HLS 105)

Cora Philpot Bates, of Patten, who passed away February 14, 2007 at the age of 95. She was married to the late Honorable Delmont Bates, a Republican State Representative who served in the 89th Maine Legislature. Mrs. Bates and her husband raised three lovely daughters in Patten. In 2002, at her 90th birthday celebration, surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she commented on how she and her beloved Del had "started all this" and raised such a wonderful family together. "Nan," as her loved ones called her, will be sadly missed and long remembered by family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 106)

Maria Barth, of Kittery, who received a certificate of appreciation from the Kittery Recreation Department for 25 years of service to the community. Mrs. Barth has served on the Town Council, the Conservation Commission, the Recycling Committee and the School Committee and in the Recreation Department. Over the years, she has organized many spaghetti dinners as fund-raisers for Kittery's Community Center, including the event that was held in her honor. A scholarship award has been created in her honor, the Maria S. Barth Community Service Award, which will be given to a graduating senior at Traip Academy. We congratulate Mrs. Barth on this special occasion and we applaud her selfless spirit of community service; (HLS 107)

Bruce Dunham, of Avon, who has served as the Town Constable for 43 consecutive years. Mr. Dunham, who has lived in Avon nearly all of his life, has been reelected to the position of constable annually since 1963. In the past when the town meetings were held at the former Avon Town House, Mr. Dunham and his wife would build a fire in the old wood stove to ensure residents were warm during the meetings. While he no longer needs to fill the stove, he still posts the warrant and the return of the warrant to advise Avon residents of a town meeting. The Town of Avon appreciates all the years that Mr. Dunham has given in quietly watching over its citizens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dunham; (HLS 108)

Mary Dunham, of Avon, who has faithfully served as Avon's Town Clerk and Election Clerk for 18 years. Her pride in the Town of Avon and its residents is obvious to all who know her. Mrs. Dunham is quick to lend a hand whenever it is needed and she works hard to ensure that everyone who wishes to vote has the opportunity to do so. Because of Mrs. Dunham and her well-trained helpers, Avon's citizens have an efficient and friendly experience at the polls. She is also known for her considerate and quiet manner while performing her varied duties as the Town Clerk. We, along with the Town of Avon, recognize and appreciate all that Mrs. Dunham does to carry out her duties as Town Clerk and Election Clerk; (HLS 109)

Bryant Ciomei, of Stonington, who scored his 1,000th career point as a senior guard on the Deer Isle-Stonington Mariners Basketball Team. Bryant achieved this milestone during a game that his team won over the Bangor Christian Patriots on January 23, 2007. He is one of only four Mariners to reach the career milestone of 1,000 points. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bryant on this special occasion; (HLS 110)

Sisters of Charity Health System, of Lewiston, which includes St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, for being one of 4 finalists for the 2006 Foster G. McGaw Prize, one of the most prestigious honors given for excellence in community service in the field of health care. The prize is sponsored by the American Hospital Association, the Baxter International Foundation and the Cardinal

Health Foundation. The Sisters of Charity have earned national recognition by receiving this \$10,000 prize for community efforts. The contest application focused on several programs operating out of the health system's Nutrition Center, including a nutrition theater, a program called Lots to Gardens and a food pantry, which served 22,935 people in 2006. We congratulate the Sisters of Charity Health System and all of the dedicated workers associated with it and send our very best wishes for continued success with its community efforts; (HLS 111)

Maine's charitable nonprofit sector and the Maine Association of Nonprofits, which hosted the fourth annual Nonprofit Day at the State House on February 7, 2007. The Maine Association of Nonprofits 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' mission is to strengthen the leadership, voice and organizational effectiveness of nonprofit organizations so that they can better enrich the quality of community and personal life throughout the State. Its membership consists of more than 600 nonprofit members and 100 business and individual supporters who work cooperatively to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of Maine's third sector. We congratulate the Maine Association of Nonprofits for its excellent work on behalf of the nonprofit organizations and extend our thanks for organizing the annual Nonprofit Day at the Maine State Legislature; (HLS 112)

the Honorable A. David Trahan, of Waldoboro, for his outstanding service and dedication during his 8 years as a member of the Maine State Legislature in the House of Representatives. Mr. Trahan worked hard not only for the communities in District 50 but for the entire State. He served on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and was the ranking Republican for two terms. Mr. Trahan was an advocate of getting cameras in the House chamber to increase public awareness of the legislative process. Mr. Trahan may be best known for his tireless work to establish the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, which assists the Legislature in its government oversight duties by performing independent reviews of state programs, agencies and activities. For his generous contributions to the people of Maine and his commitment to the betterment of his community, we recognize and thank Mr. Trahan and offer our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 113)

United States Army Staff Sergeant Eric Ross, 26, of Texas, who was assigned to B Company, 1-12 Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, of the First Cavalry Division, who died in a booby-trapped building in Baquba, with 2 other soldiers. Staff Sergeant Ross grew up in Glenburn, Maine and graduated from Orono High School. His parents still live in the Bangor area. This was his second deployment to Iraq. According to his mother, Staff Sergeant Ross's top priority was making sure the soldiers that he was in charge of came home safely, even if it meant putting himself in harm's way. He leaves behind his wife, who is pregnant and due in May, and two other children. We acknowledge Staff Sergeant Ross's dedicated service and we recognize the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and his grateful State and Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 114)

Fred Rines, of Gardiner. Mr. Rines served his country as a senior mail specialist in the U.S. Navy. He was a licensed accountant and a director of Gardiner Savings Institution for 14 years. Mr. Rines was a member of the Gardiner City Council for 2 terms, the Gardiner School Board for one term and the School

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Administrative District 11 Board for 2 terms. He acted as chaplain of the Gardiner Lions Club and was also a member of numerous Masonic organizations. Mr. Rines was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 40 years, serving as Gardiner's postmaster for 17 years. Not surprisingly, he was an avid stamp collector and was an officer of the Maine Philatelic Society. Mr. Rines will be greatly missed by his family and by the community that he faithfully served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 115)

Cecile Collin Dufour, 101, of Madawaska. Mrs. Dufour was born in St. Agatha and called the St. John Valley her home for her entire life. She married Patrick Dufour at St. Luce Church in Frenchville in 1929 and together they raised 5 children: Gerald, Patsy, Robert, Roger and Carol. Today her family includes 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Dufour's theme of life was "joie de vivre." She came into the world the year of the San Francisco earthquake and recalled hearing about the Titanic as a young child. She survived the 1918 Spanish influenza, danced the Charleston and witnessed bootlegging operations during Prohibition, as well as living through the hard times of the Depression. Mrs. Dufour will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 116)

James Melhorn, a lifelong resident of Kittery and a veteran of World War II. Mr. Melhorn served his country in the United States during World War II, as well as in the Navy and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was married to Lucille Burbank Melhorn for 50 years, and together they raised 5 children. Mr. Melhorn was an active member of the community and volunteered for countless organizations. He was an employee of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for 36 years and served the Kittery Fire Department in almost every position, including chief, for 57 years. Mr. Melhorn was always there to lend a helping hand to his neighbors or as a mentor to young firefighters. Mr. Melhorn will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community that he served selflessly; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 117)

the Town of Friendship, on the bicentennial celebration of its incorporation as a town, February 25, 2007. Friendship, the southwesternmost town of Knox County, was part of Muscongus or Waldo Patent and lies on the northwest side of Muscongus Bay. The Indian and Plantation name was Medumcook, meaning "Sandy Harbor," a seemingly inappropriate name since the shore is rockbound and there are many bold bluffs where ships may ride at anchor in safety in 20 feet of water. The first settlements there were made in 1750. The town took its name from the friendliness of the people. Local industries have included ship and boat building; sail, carriage, boot and shoe making; and shingle and stave mills. We congratulate the good citizens of the Town of Friendship on the special occasion of its bicentennial; (HLS 118)

Katherine "Kay" Coffin Mills, of Farmington, who is celebrating her 90th birthday, February 24, 2007. Born into a frontier farm family in rural Aroostook County, Mrs. Mills graduated from Ashland High School and Colby College before embarking on her high school teaching career. She married Sumner Peter Mills and raised 5 children: State Senator S. Peter Mills III of Cornville; David Mills of Farmington; State Representative Janet T. Mills of Farmington; attorney and historian Paul H. Mills of Farmington; and Dr. Dora Anne Mills of Brunswick, Maine Public Health Director. Mrs. Mills returned to teaching after the birth of her youngest child and continued to teach English in local high schools until her retirement in 1990. In her retirement she has remained an active and vital contributor to her community through her participation in many civic

organizations, such as retired teachers associations, serving as President of the Women's Legislative Council and working in the political campaigns of her children, Peter and Janet. Mrs. Mills merits not only our best wishes but also our commendation and congratulations for her 90 years of life and for her generous service to the State; (HLS 119)

the Frederick Hutchinson Center at the University of Maine, in Belfast, on its receiving the 2007 Robert J. McKenna Award for program achievement from the New England Board of Higher Education. The center opened in 2000 with a mission to provide high-quality undergraduate, graduate and professional development education, as well as cultural opportunities, in a supportive and flexible environment for the people of midcoast Maine. We extend our congratulations to the University of Maine Frederick Hutchinson Center on this occasion; (HLS 120)

the Onward Program of the University of Maine, the 2007 recipient of the Maine State Merit Award given by the New England Board of Higher Education. This award is presented to individuals, programs or organizations for higher education excellence in each of the New England states. The University of Maine's Onward Program is a college readiness program that has taught and supported nontraditional students for 36 years. The program provides academic skill development through testing and appropriate placement into developmental courses. Upon completion of these courses, students transfer to the degree program of their choice, earning degrees in many diverse areas. Since 1970, about 7,000 students have entered the University of Maine through the Onward Program. We extend our congratulations to the Onward Program at the University of Maine on this occasion; (HLS 121)

Harry O. Gordon, of Strong. Mr. Gordon was a lifelong resident of the Town of Strong, a town that he loved. He was a self-employed lumberman who exemplified the true Maine spirit: he didn't always tell you what you wanted to hear, but he was a caring, unselfish and honest man who was passionate about everything that he did, whether it was working in the woods or enjoying a 4th of July celebration at his camp surrounded by his friends. On January 17th Mr. Gordon would have received a surprise award from the Business Alliance for his dedication to his business and to the Town of Strong. He served briefly but proudly on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Gordon will truly be missed and long remembered by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 122)

Sam Webber, of New Vineyard, Mt. Blue High School junior, who won the Class A State Wrestling Championship. Sam has joined his three older brothers, who also won state wrestling championships in their high school careers. He finished an outstanding season, posting his 100th career victory on the same day. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sam; (HLS 123)

Roger Roberts, of Morrill, who is retiring after 22 years of service to the Town of Morrill. Mr. Roberts will be stepping down from the positions of First Selectman, First Assessor and Welfare Director. We thank Mr. Roberts for his dedication and commitment to his community and extend our best wishes for all his future endeavors; (HLS 124)

Tyler Benjamin, of Searsmont, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. Tyler, a senior at Belfast Area High School, is a member of Searsmont Boy Scout Troop No. 35. For his service project, he completed GPS mapping of Searsmont's largest cemetery, including a database of pertinent information that can be updated to keep an accurate townwide inventory. We commend Tyler for his many dedicated hours of service to his

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community and extend our congratulations on his attaining this distinctive honor; (HLS 125)

Gloria M. Thornton, of French Island, on her retirement, and for her long business career in the food industry and the quality service she provided to all who entered her establishments. Mrs. Thornton and her husband have owned and operated The Pines and the Kalico Kitchen, 2 well-known Milford eateries, for many years with their 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Over the years, Mrs. Thornton provided hundreds of jobs to area students, which enabled them to continue their education. Always proud of her Franco-American heritage, Mrs. Thornton's kindness and caring attitude toward people have made her a much-loved figure in the community. We send Mrs. Thornton our congratulations on her retirement and our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 126)

Mike Twitchell, of Turner, who is the 2nd-generation owner of Twitchell's Airport and Seaplane Base in Turner, which has operated for 60 years in the area, providing excellence in the aviation industry in Maine. Mr. Twitchell's father founded the airport, which offers flight training, private instruction and airplane rentals, and his son works there as well. Mr. Twitchell is a generous member of the community and he has mentored many pilots through the years. We acknowledge his exemplary contributions to aviation in Maine and we send him our best wishes and our congratulations for the 60 years of quality flight service that Twitchell's Airport and Seaplane Base has provided; (HLS 127)

William H. Craig, of Millinocket. Mr. Craig retired from Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket as a millwright. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II with the 92nd Fighter Control Squadron. Mr. Craig was a life member and past commander of the Bernard L. Coro Chapter No. 22, Disabled American Veterans; a life member of Hamm-McGinley Post No. 7409, Mattawamkeag; a member of Millinocket VFW Post No. 4154 and the American Legion Post No. 80, Millinocket; and POW-MIA. Mr. Craig will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 128)

Jordan Drouin, of Cutler, for being the fifth-grade winner of the fourth annual Energy Savings Tip Contest. The winners were chosen by the Efficiency Maine program of the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Energy Independence. Jordan received an iPod shuffle for his suggestion to "insulate the hot water tank so the heat won't get out and have to use more electricity to reheat it." We extend our congratulations to Jordan on his insightful tip to help conserve energy and preserve our environment; (HLS 129)

Eleanor Files Nelson, of Stoneham, in Oxford County, beloved mother and grandmother and public-spirited contributor to her community. Born in Rumford, she was a 1944 graduate of Norway High School and attended Bliss Business College in Lewiston. Mrs. Nelson worked as office staff in many area businesses, including Camp Susan Curtis, where she was the favorite of hundreds of children who attended the pioneering summer program for disadvantaged youth. She lived with her husband of 56 years, Albert E. Nelson, Sr., near the shores of Lake Keewayin. Always a proud community volunteer, Mrs. Nelson was a member of the Kezar Lake Grange No. 440, an officer of the Daughters of Union Veterans and a member of the Stoneham Planning Board. She donated countless hours to the Stoneham Congregational Church. She was one of the longest-serving correspondents to Oxford County newspapers, chronicling births and deaths and the changes and challenges that symbolize the enduring spirit of small-town Maine. Mrs. Nelson will be sadly missed by her large and loving family and

her wide circle of friends, who were touched by a generous and optimistic spirit she shared with all who love Maine, her beloved "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 130)

Robert L. Glidden, of Westfield, who retired after serving the State for over 30 years. Mr. Glidden started with the Department of Health and Human Services in October, 1975 as a social worker for the Welfare-to-Work Program (now known as ASPIRE). In 1982 he became a regional manager for the same program. In 1992 he moved to Child and Family Services where he worked as a casework supervisor until his last day of employment on January 17, 2007. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Glidden and thank him for his long and dedicated service to the State; (HLS 131)

Matthew Dunlap, of Old Town, Maine's Secretary of State and an outdoor columnist, who was honored by the New England Outdoor Writers Association for Best Column in a Magazine. Mr. Dunlap writes a monthly outdoor column for Northwoods Sporting Journal and he tied for first-place. He is a former legislator who served the State of Maine with distinction for 8 years in the House of Representatives. We congratulate Secretary of State Dunlap and applaud his achievement; (HLS 132)

Kenneth Black, of Union, who was known as "Mr. Lighthouse" throughout the country for his longtime work with lighthouse preservation. Mr. Black served for over 32 years in the United States Coast Guard, starting in World War II and ending in 1973 as the Commanding Officer of the Rockland Coast Guard Station. He started a lighthouse artifact collection in the 1960s at the Rockland Coast Guard Station and spent 30 years traveling all over New England collecting artifacts. This collection is now in the Maine Lighthouse Museum, which opened in 2005. Mr. Black also volunteered his time and services to other worthwhile organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Rotary Club, the Shriners and the American Lighthouse Foundation. Mr. Black will be sadly missed by his family and friends and long remembered by the citizens of this State and lighthouse enthusiasts everywhere for his legacy, which will live forever at the Maine Lighthouse Museum; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 133)

Police Chief Naldo Gagnon, of Presque Isle, the 2007 Police Chief of the Year. Chief Gagnon received this award from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. It is the highest award that a municipal chief of police can receive. Chief Gagnon began his career in law enforcement in 1978 with the Limestone Police Department. Since 1979, he has worked his way up in the Presque Isle Police Department from a patrolman to the department's chief. Among his achievements are serving as president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and graduating from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Gagnon is described by a colleague as a good role model for other police officers. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chief Gagnon; (HLS 134)

Rufus Candage, of Blue Hill, businessman, newspaper publisher and avid sports enthusiast. Mr. Candage, a lifelong resident of Blue Hill, served in the Army in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He returned home and married his wife of over 60 years, Jeannette, in May, 1946. In 1958, he opened his own hardware store and he started a local newspaper to report town and area news. The two-page mimeographed paper, called *Man on the Street*, continued until the early 1970s and became an institution in the town. Mr. Candage also wrote sports articles for the *Portland Sunday Telegram* during the 1950s and 1960s. He was instrumental in bringing baseball to the area by founding the Waldo/Hancock Baseball League. Mr. Candage also served for two terms on the Maine Boxing Commission, being first appointed during the Clay/Liston fight in Lewiston. Mr. Candage

will be sadly missed and long remembered as a colorful, integral part of life in Blue Hill; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 135)

Edward D. True II, of Bath. Mr. True and his wife, Lynne, have been residents of Bath since 1961. When Mr. True graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1961 he joined his father and his grandfather in the family drugstore, A. Hallett and Co. in Bath. He served not only as a pharmacist but also the maker of the famous Hallett's Ice Cream. Mr. True later joined CVS as a pharmacist. He was a member of the Phippsburg Congregational Church and proudly served as the Chairman of the Board of Old Bath Custom House. Mr. True will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 136)

the Hermon High School Cheerleading Team, of Hermon, for its winning the Class B state championship title. This is Hermon's first-ever state cheerleading title. The team is led by Coach Lisa Pratt, and the cheerleaders are: Heather Brady, Kyla Whittemore, Kayla Whittemore, Rachel Taggart, Meagan Keith, Kayla Pelletier, Kelsey Petrello, Jessica Andrews, Ashleigh Fairbanks, Chelsea Stinson, Jody Demmons, Monica Gallant, Cortney Hawes, Ashley Andrews and Lauren Peterson. We extend our congratulations to the team for this victory and wish the cheerleaders the best of luck in their future competitions; (HLS 137)

William "Bill" Pulsifer, of Belgrade, for more than 50 years of service to the Belgrade Fire Department. Bill's career in firefighting began in 1950 at the age of 16. From 1952 to 1956, while he was a student at the University of Maine, he would come home on weekends and school breaks to actively participate in the fire department. He only has 2 years of inactivity with the department since he started and that was due to his service in the United States Army. In 1963, Bill and his wife Marie moved to Waterville, where Bill joined the Waterville Fire Department. In 1970, they moved back to Belgrade and his service to the town has been uninterrupted since that time. We commend Bill's exemplary firefighting career and thank him for his dedicated service to firefighting, and to his community. We extend our congratulations as he celebrates his 50 years of helping others; (HLS 138)

Dale Glidden, of Winthrop, who is retiring as the general manager of the Augusta Water and Sanitary Districts. Mr. Glidden has worked for the City of Augusta for 35 years. He started as an assistant superintendent in 1972 and became general manager of the combined agencies 2 years ago. In addition to the hard work that he has done for the City of Augusta, Mr. Glidden has also been a dedicated volunteer in the Town of Winthrop for many years. We thank Mr. Glidden for his devotion and service to his community and we congratulate him on this new phase of his life; (HLS 139)

Michael T. Takach, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth Boy Scout Troop No. 30, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. Michael's Eagle Scout project was the cleanup of the pond at Fort Williams near his home in Cape Elizabeth. His goal was to do something for the park that he has enjoyed all his life and to improve the pond not only for residents and tourists but also for the wildlife that call the park home. Michael oversaw the cleanup, which involved a group of 15 volunteers who cleaned out more than 6 tons of debris that has choked the pond for years. We congratulate Michael for his accomplishment, and we thank him for making a significant contribution to the community; (HLS 140)

Quinn Dillon, of Dexter, on his service to Dexter Regional High School for his work as the mascot. Quinn is a senior at the school and has performed brilliantly during the girls' basketball

team's journey to their 5th straight Eastern Maine Class C Championship. He has shown his love and dedication to the school during his years as The Dexter Tiger. His exuberant personality and energizing antics will be greatly missed. We acknowledge Quinn's service to the school and to his community and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 141)

the following members of the Dexter Regional High School Girls' Basketball Team, the Dexter Lady Tigers, upon winning their 5th straight Eastern Class C Championship: Mallory Ames, Chelsie Chambers, Lindsay Burton, Katie Poirier, Megan Clukey, Michelle Chapman, Ashley Richardson, Claire Wyman, Miranda Gove, Kara Lawson, Alexis Mitchell, Sarah Murray and Raven Patterson; Head Coach Jody Grant; Assistant Coach Andy Conway; and Managers Alicia Marquis and Katie Day. We extend our congratulations to this group of skilled athletes and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 142)

Trevor Michaud, of Limestone, who has been named the Maine Potato Board's 2006 Young Farmer of the Year. A full-time grower for 10 years, Mr. Michaud and his family tend 1,200 acres of potatoes and 1,200 acres of grain crops. Mr. Michaud earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Husson College and then returned to the family business. His knowledge of the agricultural industry and practical oversight of farm operations has earned Mr. Michaud the distinction of serving as President of the State's Agricultural Bargaining Council. He was also recognized as "an asset to the industry" by Timothy Hobbs, Director of Development and Grower Relations for the Maine Potato Board. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Michaud for receiving this noteworthy tribute; (HLS 143)

Samantha Slack, of Waldo, for her earning a Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. As a member of Troop #530, Samantha has demonstrated proficiency in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Fewer than 75 Silver Awards are presented each year by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, making Samantha's achievement worthy of commendation. We offer our sincere congratulations to Samantha for all she has accomplished as a Cadette Girl Scout; (HLS 144)

Alex Todd, of Monroe, for her earning a Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. As a member of Troop #530, Alex has demonstrated proficiency in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Fewer than 75 Silver Awards are presented each year by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, making Alex's achievement worthy of commendation. We offer our sincere congratulations to Alex for all she has accomplished as a Cadette Girl Scout; (HLS 145)

Kristina Marquis, of Monroe, for her earning a Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. As a member of Troop #530, Kristina has demonstrated proficiency in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. With fewer than 75 Silver Awards presented each year by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, Kristina's achievement is worthy of commendation. We offer our sincere congratulations to Kristina for all she has accomplished as a Cadette Girl Scout; (HLS 146)

Angela Linscott, of Waldo, for her earning a Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. As a member of Troop #530, Angela has demonstrated proficiency in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. With fewer than 75 Silver Awards presented each year by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, Angela's achievement is worthy of commendation. We offer our sincere congratulations to

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Angela for all she has accomplished as a Cadette Girl Scout; (HLS 147)

Gabrielle Simoneau, of Brooks, for her earning a Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. As a member of Troop #530, Gabrielle has demonstrated proficiency in skill development, leadership, personal growth and community service. With fewer than 75 Silver Awards presented each year by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, Gabrielle's achievement is certainly worthy of commendation. We offer our sincere congratulations to Gabrielle for all she has accomplished as a Cadette Girl Scout; (HLS 148)

the Glenburn Boys Seventh and Eighth-grade Travel Basketball Team, which won the Division A Championship in the Eastern Maine League. All of the members of the team attend Glenburn Middle School and have played together on one team or another since kindergarten. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 149)

Laura Fortman, of Nobleboro, on the occasion of her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to women whose achievements and contributions have made a significant statewide impact, improved the lives of women in Maine and have enduring value for women. Ms. Fortman is the Commissioner of Labor, where she has included several major initiatives that have improved the economic well-being of women in Maine. She served as the Executive Director of the Maine Women's Policy Center and Lobby for 10 years, where she was instrumental in passing Maine's Equal Pay Law, Employment Leave for Victims of Violence legislation, among other major achievements. Ms. Fortman has been a tireless advocate for Maine women and families, and for all workers in the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this high honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 150)

Rosaire Pelletier, of Madawaska, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service in the paper industry and with Fraser Papers, Inc. Mr. Pelletier, a graduate of Wisdom High School, has extensive educational training in many aspects of business, including budgeting, accounting, auditing, negotiations, human behavior and management and computer science. His work experience with the company has been a remarkable rise from cost clerk to business manager for pulp and paper operations. Mr. Pelletier has also been active in community service and is currently Chairman of the Board for the Maine Chamber of Commerce. We acknowledge his long and exemplary career and his service to his community. We send him our congratulations on his retirement and extend our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 151)

the Skowhegan High School Field Hockey Team, for winning the 2006 Class A State Championship. The Skowhegan Field Hockey Team has won 12 Eastern Maine Championships, including the last 6 years, and 9 State Championships, including 6 straight from 2001-2006. The team has produced 16 high school All-Americans. Coach Paula Doughty has been coaching for 26 years and was named the National Coach of the Year in 2003-2004. Skowhegan High School and the team are fortunate to have such an inspirational and dedicated coach. We extend our congratulations to the Skowhegan High School Field Hockey Team and Coach Doughty for their outstanding achievement; (HLS 152)

Lee Joseph Hecker, of Orono, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 478, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for

excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lee on this achievement; (HLS 153)

Maine People's Alliance, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1982, Maine People's Alliance has been empowering and uniting Maine's underrepresented citizens so they can identify common concerns and develop skills and resources necessary to represent themselves effectively in decision-making forums. Through participation in Maine People's Alliance, thousands of Maine citizens have realized the strategies and leadership capacity to influence public policy and win social, political, environmental and economic justice throughout the State. We congratulate and extend our gratitude to Maine People's Alliance and its 30,000 members for this important work and recognize their extraordinary commitment to the citizens and communities of our State over the last 25 years; (HLS 154)

the Honorable Constance D. Cote, of Auburn, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Cote served 6 terms in the Maine House of Representatives and is into her 5th decade of hosting a top-rated French review show aired weekly on CNN Radio 1240. Among her many commitments, she was instrumental in the Franco-American Festival Committee that promoted all aspects of French language and culture, and she promoted the renaissance of Franco-American culture in the Lewiston and Auburn area. We acknowledge her extensive contributions to her community and to the State of Maine and we congratulate her on her receiving this high honor; (HLS 155)

Norman Beaupre, of Biddeford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame for his contributions to French language and culture in Maine. Dr. Beaupre was born in Maine and grew up speaking French in Biddeford. He received his Ph.D. in French literature in 1974 and is the author of several books. He became Professor Emeritus after 30 years of teaching at the University of New England, where he taught both francophone literature and world literature. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Beaupre on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 156)

Cleo Paradis Ouellette, of Frenchville, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame for her many years of activism in support of French language and culture in Maine. Mrs. Ouellette taught high school French for 33 years, and also taught French at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Among her many contributions to the community, she has served as a board member of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council and has given a series of lectures for the Maine Humanities Council on the Franco-American experience. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Ouellette on her receiving this high honor; (HLS 157)

Ernest T. "Ernie" Thompson, of Medway, beloved husband and father. Mr. Thompson served in the United States Army. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for more than 39 years. He was very devoted to his family. Mr. Thompson was a president of the Schenck High School Booster Club and was a member of the Medway Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 158)

Martin L. Wilk, of Brunswick, who was named as the 2007 Citizen of the Year by the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce for exemplary community service in one or more towns. Mr. Wilk was selected for his leadership of the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority for the last 2 years. He is a former member of the Brunswick Town Council and a member of many community groups as well as professional organizations. We acknowledge Mr. Wilk's extensive contributions to his

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community and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 159)

Fred Stewart, of Bath, on the occasion of his 102nd birthday. Mr. Stewart resides at the Hill House with his wife of 75 years, Doris Stewart. We send Mr. Stewart our congratulations on his birthday, and we extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart; (HLS 160)

Leon R. "Stubby" Truman, of Norway, on January 19, 2007. Mr. Truman was a 1959 graduate of Norway High School and established a career in the lumber business. He worked at C.N. Brown Company, Diamond International and Building Materials Incorporated, and he managed Hancock Lumber's South Paris branch for over 25 years. Mr. Truman served as president of the Norway-Paris Fish and Game Club, of which he also was a life member, and he was a life member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. He was the recipient of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 1994, and he was active in the Oxford Hills Athletic Boosters. An avid golfer, Mr. Truman won the President's Cup at the Norway Country Club, and he was the first two-time winner of the Truman Golf Championship. Additionally, due to his successful southpaw pitching with 10 documented no-hitters, he will be inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July of 2007. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife Freda and his 4 children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as well as his numerous other family members and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 161)

Daniel Brian Kolenik, of Bangor, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 8, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this achievement; (HLS 162)

Sanford Chief of Police Thomas Jones, of Sanford, on the occasion of his retirement from law enforcement after 36 years of service. Chief Jones was raised in Eustis and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1967. After 4 years in the military, which included a stint in Vietnam, he worked for 14 years for the Farmington Police Department, leaving as a patrol sergeant. Chief Jones served for 9 years as the Chief of Police in Standish and 8 years as the commander of the Bureau of Operations in Sanford before becoming the Chief of Police in Sanford in 2002. When he retires in May 2007, he will leave behind a legacy of high-quality police work and good leadership. We congratulate and send our best wishes to Chief Jones on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his immeasurable service to his community; (HLS 163)

Dale McCormick, of Augusta, on the occasion of her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to women whose achievements and contributions have made a significant statewide impact, improved the lives of women in Maine and have enduring value for women. Ms. McCormick is currently Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, now called MaineHousing. She was the first woman to be elected to serve as the Treasurer of the State of Maine in 1997 and she served for 8 years. She served 3 terms in the Maine State Senate and in 1988 founded Women Unlimited, a program that successfully trains women on welfare to compete for high-paying jobs in trade and technical occupations. She is the author of 2 books and has founded her own construction and design firm. Ms. McCormick is also a founder of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. We extend our congratulations to her on her

receiving this high honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 164)

Patricia Harris, of Lewiston, for her 20 years of dedicated service to the State of Maine helping those who require state guardianship and caseworker supervision. Ms. Harris has shown exemplary judgment over the years helping people at John F. Murphy Homes in Mechanic Falls. She is a strong advocate on behalf of the people she manages and she is a credit to her profession and to the State. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Harris; (HLS 165)

the Reverend Robert McDonald, SM, of Van Buren, at the age of 86. The son of Edward and Iva (Brown) McDonald, Reverend McDonald was born in Limestone. Affectionately known as Father Mac, he took his religious vows as a Marist at the Marist Novitiate in Staten Island, New York in September of 1942, and was ordained to the priesthood on February 2, 1950 at Our Lady of Victories Church in Boston, Massachusetts. Among his many priestly assignments was the ministry of teaching at St. Mary's College in Van Buren, at Van Buren High School and later at Van Buren District High School. Reverend McDonald was also involved in parish ministry as a priest and parochial vicar at St. Bruno Parish in Van Buren, St. John the Baptist Parish in Brunswick, St. Bruno-St. Remi Parish in Van Buren and St. Joseph Parish in Hamlin. He served St. Mary's Hospital and Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston as chaplain from 1978 to 1988. For more than 25 years, Reverend McDonald was chaplain and team presenter for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement, his most beloved ministry. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by those to whom he ministered throughout his life; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 166)

the following members of the Westbrook High School Boys Swim Team, the 2007 Class A State Runners-up: Matthew Violette, Jacob Wilson, Ian Levinsky, Ian Oliver, Kyle Goan, Keegan Goan, Derek Hawkes, Nicholas Adriance, James Bowser, Andrew Coulombe, Kalin Lancaster, Alex Mitchell, David Champoux, Zachary Good and Aaron Toth. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their accomplishments; (HLS 167)

Matt Violette, of Westbrook, a senior at Westbrook High School, who is the State Class A Champion in the boys 500 meter freestyle swimming event. Matt also took second place in the 200 meter freestyle swimming event. We extend our congratulations to Matt on this achievement; (HLS 168)

Andrew Howe, of Westbrook, who won the 2007 Class A State Wrestling Championship. Andrew is a senior at Westbrook High School. He is co-captain of the wrestling team and volunteers to help train the Westbrook Junior High School wrestlers. Andrew's record this season was 43-4. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 169)

Robert Hall, Jr., of Sabattus, who works for John F. Murphy Homes, Inc., and who is the recipient of the ANCOR Direct Support Professional Award, a national award honoring the professionals who work directly with people with developmental disabilities to help integrate them into society in the least restrictive environment. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hall on his receiving this well-deserved award and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 170)

Joel Walker, of Winthrop, who was the Individual Champion in the Giant Slalom in the Boys Class C State Championship at Mars Hill. We extend our congratulations to Joel on this achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 171)

the following members of the 2007 All-Maine Academic Team of the Maine Community College System: Mark Castonguay of

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Central Maine Community College, Katherine Cummings and E. Jeanette Hatch of Eastern Maine Community College, Tina Willett of Kennebec Valley Community College, Michael Black of Northern Maine Community College, Heather Huntley and Michael Schell of Southern Maine Community College, Lori Barbee and Maria Evans of Washington County Community College and Nicholas Johnson and Troy Williams of York County Community College. The team is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for 2-year colleges. The team is a division of the All-USA Academic Team for Community and Technical Colleges, and each of the Maine team members has been chosen for selection to the All-USA Academic Team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the team on their achieving this distinction; (HLS 172)

Deb Neuman, of Bangor, who has been selected as the Small Business Journalist of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration. She won for the Maine and New England categories and is in the running for the national award. Ms. Neuman hosts the "Back to Business" radio show on WVOM-FM 103.9. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Neuman on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 173)

Katherine Curley, of Portland, a senior at Deering High School, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. As a member of the YOUTHINK board for the past 3 years, Katherine has facilitated meetings, organized events, written press releases, applied for grants, made presentations at local and national conferences and led an extensive recruitment campaign for new board members. We recognize Katherine for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit and extend our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 174)

the Casco Public Library, upon its receiving the Maine Library Excellence Award on January 11, 2007 from the Maine State Librarian Gary Nichols in a ceremony in Augusta. Since its inception, the Casco Public Library has served the community well and serves as an indispensable resource for the citizens of Casco. We extend our congratulations to the Casco Public Library on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 175)

Stephanie Dunton, of Winterport, for being named one of the 2007 top 2 youth volunteers in Maine as part of the 12th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This honor is bestowed upon Stephanie by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The award acknowledges young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. Stephanie, a seventh grader at Samuel L. Wagner Middle School, earned this distinction by conducting a monthly collection drive called the "Food Shuttle." Because of her efforts, more than 1,000 pounds of donated food items have been collected for a local food pantry. Her outstanding record of volunteer service and community spirit is admirable and noteworthy. We congratulate Stephanie for the selfless work she has performed, and we join with Stephanie's friends and family in wishing her well as she is given consideration for national awards by a distinguished national selection committee; (HLS 176)

the Waterville Senior High School Girls Track and Field Team, on its winning the 2007 Class B State Championship, its first Class B state title. The school won Class A titles in 1980,

2000, 2001 and 2002. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their remarkable achievement; (HLS 177)

the Waterville Senior High School Golf Team on its winning the 2006 State Championship Golf Match. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their remarkable achievement; (HLS 178)

the Waterville Senior High School Girls Basketball Team, on its winning the 2007 Class B State Championship. The team had a perfect record of 22-0. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team for this remarkable achievement; (HLS 179)

Stephen G. Ward, of Newcastle, on the occasion of his retirement after 25 years as Public Advocate for the State of Maine and one of the longest serving public advocates in the United States. Born by the Yangtze River in central China, where his parents were teachers, he grew up in Waterville and attended the George School in Philadelphia. He graduated from Amherst College in 1969 and earned the degree of Juris Doctor in 1980 at Antioch Law School. He interned in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. He served as a social worker in Boston and in Augusta with the Kennebec County Justice Project. Appointed acting Public Advocate by Governor Brennan in 1982, he was appointed Public Advocate by Governor McKernan in 1987, charged with protecting the interests of Maine ratepayers before state and federal regulatory agencies. Under his leadership the advocate's office has expanded across three decades to serve Mainers by mediating matters from low-level nuclear waste compacts to workers' compensation, and from railroad regulations to rural broadband internet access, challenges reflecting the changing Maine way of life. He has served as president of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, a member of the FCC Rural Task Force and as chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Energy Policy for Low-Income Households. It is estimated that the Office of Public Advocate has saved Maine ratepayers \$120 million in the last decade alone. We salute his service to 4 governors, and 1.2 million Mainers, as a social worker, utility watchdog and public servant, displaying the diligence, dedication and heartfelt commitment to others that marks his continuing career devoted to Maine, the proud "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 180)

Pauline M. Gwadosky, of Fairfield, a prominent lifelong citizen of the town. Mrs. Gwadosky was a graduate of Lawrence High School and she was the proud manager of the 1939 State Championship girls basketball team. She married Joseph Gwadosky in 1947 and they resided in her childhood home. She is the mother of Bonnie Adams and Dan Gwadosky, who is a former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Maine Secretary of State. She was first employed as a secretary for the Superintendent of Schools in Fairfield and later served as a legal secretary. She was active in the Fairfield United Methodist Church and served for 21 years as the Mother Advisor for the area Rainbow for Girls Association. She was a life member of Merrymeeting Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and was the holder of the Grand Cross of Color. She received the "Bulldog Award" from the Lawrence High School Alumni Association and served as cochair of the Fairfield Bicentennial celebration in 1990. She and her son, Dan, served as cochairs of the Fairfield Community Festival for 10 years. Mrs. Gwadosky was treasurer of the Fairfield Democratic Party and served for years on the board of voter registration. We acknowledge her exemplary dedication to her community and to the State of Maine. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 181)

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Laura Toothaker, of Phillips, on her retirement as Town Manager after 36 years of service to her community. Ms. Toothaker became town manager in 1970 and retired on August 1, 2006. The 2006 Town Report was dedicated to her for her long tenure of dedicated service to the Town of Phillips. We acknowledge her exemplary contributions to the town and we send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 182)

First Lieutenant Jonathan W. Worth, of Belfast, on the completion of his mission in Iraq with the United States Army First Armored Division. After graduating from Belfast Area High School in 2001, First Lieutenant Worth went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He earned one of his class's 7 awards with his thesis on General Henry Knox's post-Revolutionary War career. While deployed, First Lieutenant Worth, with his battalion, transitioned to Ramadi and then to Hit, in the Sunni Triangle, which is part of Anbar Province. He later served as a platoon leader and was responsible for his men, 4 Humvees and 4 Abrams tanks. First Lieutenant Worth earned his promotion to First Lieutenant through his leadership and demonstrated military prowess. It was in February 2006 that First Lieutenant Worth's division left Iraq and returned to Germany after a yearlong operation. We commend First Lieutenant Worth for his exemplary performance. It is an honor to extend our gratitude to him for his service and dedication to state and country; (HLS 183)

the following members of the Mountain Valley High School Boys Basketball Team, of Rumford, on their winning the 2007 Class B State Basketball Championship: players Keith Brennick, Bryan Canwell, David Gerrish, Jacob Hickey, Owen Jones, Brendan Kreckel, Matthew Laubauskas, Matthew Lyons, Andrew McCann, Dean McCrillis, Travis Ruff, Andrew Shorey, Jr. and Justin Staires; head coach Dave Gerrish; JV coach Rick White; assistant coaches Andrew Shorey and Robert Laubauskas; scorekeeper Rick Rockwood; managers Katie Drouin and Whitney Woods; and chartkeeper Devin Roberts. We extend our congratulations to the team on their achievement and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 184)

the following members of the Mountain Valley High School Football Team, of Rumford, on their winning the 2006 Class B State Football Championship: players Christopher Arsenault, Jesse Bates, Joshua Bennett, Thaddeus Bennett, Kelly Blodgett, Zachary Bradley, Keith Brennick, Alex Bronish, Joseph Bruns, Torrey Burgess, Chad Calden, Cole Clark, Brian Cogley, Ryan Cormier, Aaron Cote, Terrence Daigle, Christopher Day, Cory DeRoehn, David Derouche, Jeremy Dow, Kyle Dow, Jamie Downs, Matthew Duka, Brady Fergola, Joshua Garrett, David Gerrish, Matthew Glover, John Gorham, Kenneth Grant, Cody Grasruck, Gavin Halacy, Christopher Henderson, Jacob Hickey, John Houghton, Michael Isner, Stephen Jeselskis, Cowen Johnson, Owen Jones, Daniel Kiley, Brendan Kreckel, Matthew Laubauskas, Ryan Laubauskas, Jacob Ledesma, Steven Lizotte, Matthew Lyons, Benjamin Matthews, Andrew McCann, Dean McCrillis, Andrew Morton, John Perry, Thomas Puiia, Kyle Richard, Devin Roberts, Mark Ross, Travis Ruff, Benjamin Sarle, Andrew Shorey, Jr., Derek Sicotte, Joshua Sicotte, Eric Spaulding, Justin Staires, Adam Stearns, Christopher Taylor, Nicholas Taylor, Zachary Thibodeau, Michael Thurston, Justin Tibbetts, Michael Turner, George Tuttle, William Weston, Christopher Williams and Nathan Woods; coach James Aylward; and assistant coaches Rick White, Steve Lapointe, Jay Demchak, Dan Hodge and Bob Laubauskas. We extend our congratulations to all the members of the team on their achievement and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 185)

Air Force Airman 1st Class Rebecca Smen, who has been named the United States Air Force Physical Medicine Apprentice of the Year. She is the daughter of Anthony Smen of Corinth and Glenn and Dena Worster of Palmyra. She is part of the 341st Medical Group, Malmstrom Air Force Base, in Montana. She enlisted in the Air Force in 2003 and completed training as a physical therapy technician that year. We extend our congratulations to Air Force Airman 1st Class Smen on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 186)

the members of the John Bapst Memorial High School Girls Basketball Team, of Bangor, who are the Eastern Maine Class B Championship runners-up. We extend our congratulations to the team members on this accomplishment; (HLS 187)

Nicole E. Boivin, MS, CCC-SLP, of Limerick, who is the recipient of a 2007 Margaret L. Bauman, MD Award for Excellence in Serving the Autism Community, as the Outstanding Therapist/Educator in a School Setting. Ms. Boivin works at the Reach School in South Portland. Recipients of Margaret L. Bauman, MD awards are nominated by patients, families and colleagues who wish to recognize the outstanding achievement of one who has had a strong, positive influence in their lives by demonstrating outstanding professionalism, ability, dedication and passion for improving the lives of people with autism. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Boivin for her dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 188)

the Fort Fairfield High School Cheerleaders, on the occasion of their winning the 2007 Class C State Championship. We send the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 189)

Felgar C. Nicely, of Gorham, a prominent member of the community. Mr. Nicely attended Gorham schools and graduated from Falmouth High School and Boston University. He began a career as an insurance agent with Metropolitan Life, later becoming a sales manager. He worked there for 9 years. He and his wife Brenda bought back the family business, Nicely's Market, which at the time was in Portland, later relocating it to West Gorham. He loved meeting people on a daily basis at the store and he was a generous supporter of the community, both in spirit and financially. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 190)

the anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus, March 29, 2007. On October 2, 1881, a small group of men called together by Father Michael J. McGivney met at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut to form a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Roman Catholic family fraternal service organization. The Knights of Columbus was incorporated on March 29, 1882 under the laws of Connecticut and named in honor of Christopher Columbus, who introduced Christianity to the New World. The Knights of Columbus has more than 1.7 million members around the world and 10,000 members in Maine. The principles of the Order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. In the past 11 years, the members of the Knights of Columbus have raised more than \$1.174 billion for charitable causes and provided in excess of 560 million hours of volunteer efforts in support of charity. Last year the Knights of Columbus donated \$139 million to charity and provided over 60 million hours of volunteer service in the United States. From 1979 to 2005, the Maine Knights of Columbus raised nearly \$2 million for the mentally handicapped through the Tootsie Roll Program. We extend our congratulations to the good members of the Knights of Columbus in this State and around the world for their generosity and exemplary contributions

to society. We send State Deputy Robert King and the Maine Knights of Columbus our best wishes on their upcoming convention in Rockport on the weekend of April 20th to 22nd, 2007; (HLS 191)

Tim and Mary DeMillo, of Jay, who have received the 2006 Community Service Award. Mr. and Mrs. DeMillo, of Howie's Welding, allow their employees to leave work to respond to fire or rescue calls and repair equipment for Jay Fire and Rescue at a reduced price. Their community interest and involvement go beyond their business. We congratulate them on their receiving this well-deserved honor, and we send our appreciation of their contributions to their community; (HLS 192)

Michael Booker, of Jay, a member of Jay Fire and Rescue, who has received the 2006 Fireman of the Year award. Recently promoted to Captain at Station #1, Captain Booker joined the fire department in 1995. We extend our congratulations to Captain Booker on his receiving this honor and we send him our gratitude for his selfless dedication and devoted volunteer service to the Jay community and the surrounding towns; (HLS 193)

Richard William Angotti, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran of World War II and member of the Maine State Guard. He retired from Great Northern Paper Company with 43 years of service. He served as a member of the Millinocket Town Council, the Budget Committee, the Zoning Board and the Water Quality Review Board. He was nominated by his party to run for the Maine State Senate after many years of service as the Democratic Party town chair. He was a retired member of Local Union No. 471 I.B.E.W. and served as its president for 8 years. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the community, the State and the Nation. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his neighbors and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 194)

Vera "Grammy" Brown, of Gorham, beloved Foster Grandparent of the children at the Narragansett School in Gorham. Mrs. Brown was a volunteer for Foster Grandparents for 25 years, starting at Longfellow School in Portland before coming to Narragansett School. Because of her upbeat attitude and the way in which she made each child feel special, Mrs. Brown was an important role model for the children. She is survived by 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Brown will be very much missed by her family, the students and staff at Narragansett School and the community of Gorham; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 195)

Michael Boulet, of Fairfield, recipient of the Maine's 2007 Small Business Person of the Year Award. Mr. Boulet, owner of Mainely Trusses, Inc., was given the award by the U.S. Small Business Administration. In 1993 when he was only 23 years old, he took over the fledgling family business when his father died. Today Mainely Trusses is a company that employs 50 people, produces 25,000 board-feet of trusses a day and occupies a 23,400-square-foot facility. Mr. Boulet's strength of leadership in the face of such a difficult beginning coupled with his steady business success in Maine were major factors in making him this year's winner. He is also a supportive and involved member of the community, along with his wife, Jody. They contribute to Habitat for Humanity and the Boys and Girls Club, and they provide support to orphanages overseas. We congratulate Mr. Boulet for his receiving this honor and we send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 196)

Kyle Matthews, of Owls Head, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Kyle assembled

a chain link fence at Mid-Coast Children's Services in Rockland. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on this achievement; (HLS 197)

the Lake Region High School Girls Basketball Team, of Naples, for its winning the Western Maine Class B championship, its 2nd regional title in as many years. The players are: Brittany Latsey, ZZ Leighton, Courtney McClean, Kayla Nowell, Kim Rivet, Krysti Leach, Renee Nicholas, Erica Webb, Andi Mitchell, Emily Rowbotham, Meghan Craffey, Abby Hancock, Morgan McClean, Chelsea Meyers and Christina Ricci. The team is led by Paul True, head coach; Jeff Hall, John Kohtala and Pauline Webb, assistant coaches; and Quinn Allen and Alexander Hall, managers. We extend our congratulations to this group of skilled athletes, coaches and managers, and we wish them well in their future endeavors; (HLS 198)

Earland Morrison, of Alfred, for his being one of three charter members still active in the Massabesic Lions Club. February 21, 2007 marked the organization's 35th Anniversary. Through the years, Mr. Morrison has been instrumental in planning and organizing the club's many charitable offerings. We acknowledge him as one of the founding 48 members of the Massabesic Lions Club and thank him for his many years of selfless volunteerism; (HLS 199)

Perley Yeaton, Jr., of Alfred, for his being one of 3 charter members still active in the Massabesic Lions Club. February 21, 2007 marked the organization's 35th Anniversary. Through the years, Mr. Yeaton has been instrumental in planning and organizing the club's many charitable offerings. We acknowledge him as one of the original 48 members of the Massabesic Lions Club and thank him for his many years of selfless volunteerism; (HLS 200)

Robert Burton Fitzsimmons, of Bridgton, on the celebration of his 80th birthday, April 22, 2007. Mr. Fitzsimmons was born in Keene, New Hampshire. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Fitzsimmons on this special occasion; (HLS 201)

Gary Begin, of Wilton, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, who won the 2007 Eastern Class A State Wrestling Championship in the 145-pound weight class. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his achievements; (HLS 202)

Gary Theriault, of Chesterville, a freshman at Mt. Blue High School, who won the 2007 Eastern Class A Wrestling Championship in the 119-pound weight class. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his achievements; (HLS 203)

Robert W. Kennedy, of New Vineyard, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, March 19, 2007. Mr. Kennedy was born in New Vineyard and is a veteran of World War II. The town has dedicated the 2006 Annual Report to Mr. Kennedy to acknowledge his longtime service to the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Kennedy on his birthday and for the honor of having the town report dedicated to him; (HLS 204)

the Foxcroft Academy Wrestling Team, coached by Luis Ayala, on winning the 2007 Class C Eastern Maine Championship for the fourth consecutive year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this remarkable achievement; (HLS 205)

John Champion, of North Waterboro, for his being one of 3 charter members still active in the Massabesic Lions Club. February 21, 2007 marked the organization's 35th Anniversary. Through the years, Mr. Champion has been instrumental in planning and organizing the club's many charitable offerings. We acknowledge him as one of the founding 48 members of the

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Massabesic Lions Club and thank him for his many years of selfless volunteerism; (HLS 206)

the 35th Anniversary of the Massabesic Lions Club. Chartered on February 21, 1972, with a founding membership of 48, the organization has sponsored 3 new area Lions Clubs and currently sponsors a Leo Club, which consists of a group of high school students. In 1981, the Massabesic Lions Club signed a 99-year lease for an old school to be used as a medical center. Dedicated on October 9, 1982, the medical center now provides office space for 3 doctors, 1 dentist, 1 optometrist and 1 therapist. The Club's philanthropic donations consist of 4 \$1,000 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at Massabesic High School and \$200 given to any community member suffering a loss by fire. Medical equipment of all kinds is also loaned out free of charge by the Lions to any person that needs it. Local families with a member enduring the effects of a serious illness can also look to the Massabesic Lions Club's Catastrophic Illness Committee for support and assistance. We salute the Massabesic Lions for their many years of positive contributions to their region and to the State of Maine; (HLS 207)

Abigail Goodridge, of South Thomaston, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class of Rockland District High School. Abigail has amassed a 4-year grade point average of 99.66. Complementing her academic proficiency is her involvement in a number of extracurricular activities, including the student senate and drama. Abigail is also president of the senior class. She is awaiting word from several colleges to which she has applied; her top choices include Wesleyan University and Bowdoin College. We extend our congratulations to Abigail on her outstanding achievements; (HLS 208)

Scott Donaldson, of Scottsdale, Arizona, one of the nation's leading literary biographers and retired as the Louise G.T. Cooley Professor Emeritus of English from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, on the publication of 2 important books about Maine's most distinguished poet of the twentieth century, Edwin Arlington Robinson, entitled *Edwin Arlington Robinson: A Poet's Life* and *Poems*. We send Dr. Donaldson our appreciation for his scholarship on the life and work of one of Maine's favorite sons; (HLS 209)

Campbell Niven, of Brunswick, publisher of the *Times Record*, who has been honored with the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Niven has been very active and supportive in the community, working to save the Joshua Chamberlain home and helping to have a statue erected in honor of the hero from Maine. He has been on numerous committees at Bowdoin College and has been a champion for economic development and cultural events in the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 210)

the 60th Anniversary of the Merton Ira Staples Ladies Auxiliary AmVets Post #1, of Biddeford, the oldest existing AmVets Ladies Auxiliary in the United States. It was the 10th AmVets Ladies Auxiliary chartered in the United States, on August 21, 1947, and is the post that began the statewide system of AmVets Ladies Auxiliaries in the Department of Maine. By example it lives up to the AmVets principle for service to the veteran and the veteran's family, in the community, state and nation. We congratulate the Merton Ira Staples Ladies Auxiliary AmVets Post #1 on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; (HLS 211)

Rita Potvin, of Old Orchard Beach, for her many years of dedicated service to the veterans of the United States and their families through her years of service in the AmVets Ladies

Auxiliary. She is currently vice president of Merton Ira Staples Ladies Auxiliary AmVets Post #1, and she served as president of the national AmVets Ladies Auxiliary in 1968. She is also on the national executive committee for the Department of Maine for the AmVets Ladies Auxiliary. We acknowledge her selfless service for others and we send her our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 212)

Catherine "Kay" Bell, of Houlton, who is the recipient of the 2007 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award for her many years of contributions to the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bell on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 213)

Andrew Wayne Cotterly, of Poland Spring, of Boy Scout Troop #125, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on his accomplishment; (HLS 214)

the following members of the Glenburn School Band and Chorus, who have been selected to attend the District V Elementary Honors Festival in April: chorus members Jessica Pray, Allee Cookson, Madison Dube, Elana Haining, Cassidy Cook and Amanda Carter; and band members Erin Norris, flute; Ashley Davis, clarinet; Josh Baker and T.J. Pelkey, alto saxophone; and Devon Foster, percussion. We congratulate these students for being chosen to participate in the festival; (HLS 215)

the following members of the Glenburn School Chess Team, who were the runners-up in the 2006-2007 season: Jonathan Belanger, Andrew Nesbitt, Gavin Perez, Gunnar Heckler, Joseph Belanger, Zach Hamilton, Carl Rydell, Gabe Gerow and Chris Guillaume. We congratulate them on this achievement; (HLS 216)

Grady Hayes, of Glenburn, who won the Glenburn School GeoBee and qualified to compete in the Maine State GeoBee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. We send Grady our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 217)

Officer Amy Nickerson, of Bangor, a member of the Brewer Police Department, who has been named the 2006 Officer of the Year by her coworkers. Officer Nickerson started with the Brewer Police Department 18 months ago and was selected by her peers for her strong commitment and work ethic. Prior to joining the department, she was a game warden and a public safety officer with the University of Maine. Officer Nickerson is certified through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and the United States Police Canine Association. She is accompanied by her black labrador, Mace, who is trained in drug detection. In addition to her police duties, Officer Nickerson is very active in Camp Postcard, a summer camp for children run by volunteer police officers. We extend our congratulations to Officer Nickerson on her receiving this well-deserved honor as 2006 Officer of the Year; ; (HLS 218)

Brian W. Theriault, of Brewer, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine State Police after more than 25 years of dedicated service. Trooper Theriault was named Trooper of the Year in 1987. He was named Outstanding Officer for Troop J in 1985, 2003 and 2005 and Outstanding Officer for Troop E in 1995. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to his profession, to the community and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 219)

Orval "Butch" Moor, of Glenburn, who retired from the Bangor Police Department after 26 1/2 years of law enforcement service to the city. Officer Moor started with the department in 1980, after serving as Deputy Sheriff with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department for 2 years. He was in the Airport Division and the Patrol Division and spent 6 years as a Detective. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the community and to the State of Maine, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 220)

Matthew Edwards, of Glenburn, a student at John Bapst Memorial High School, who was selected to perform in the 2007 All-Eastern Honors Ensembles. Matthew is one of 650 musically talented high school students in the eastern region of the United States chosen by the National Association for Music Education. He will perform in the All-Eastern Mixed Choir. Matthew will also participate in this year's Classical All State ;Festival. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his achieving these accomplishments; (HLS 221)

Burton Gilman, of Vienna, who was known around town as the "handyman of Vienna." Mr. Gilman was an active member of the Vienna Historical Society, the Mill Stream Grange, the Kennebec Pomona and the North Vienna Methodist Church. The Town of Vienna dedicated its 2006 town report to Mr. Gilman in honor of his service and dedication to a community where he will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 222)

Delphis J. Santerre, of Millinocket, a decorated United States Army veteran of World War II. He served in the 15th Infantry Regiment, fighting in Germany. Mr. Santerre received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in combat. In 2004, he was honored at the Millinocket Elks Lodge. Mr. Santerre retired from Great Northern Paper Company in 1985 after many years of service. He was the proud uncle of 145 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 223)

Violet H. Thurston, of West Fryeburg. Born in Winthrop on May 10, 1916, Ms. Thurston graduated from Fryeburg Academy in 1933. She married her husband Irving in 1937 and together they raised 6 children. Ms. Thurston was known as a leading participant at Fryeburg town meetings and served several years on the budget committee. She was a member of the Church of the New Jerusalem and was a founding member of the Interstate Snowmobile Club. Additionally, Ms. Thurston was quite active with the Fryeburg Senior Citizens. With the door always open, her home was a place where family and friends were always welcomed and enjoyed get-togethers. Ms. Thurston will be greatly missed by her children, her 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren, as well as other extended family members and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 224)

the following members of the Mt. Ararat High School "Eagles" Girls Soccer Team, of Topsham, who are the 2006 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Champions and the 2006 Eastern Maine Class A Champions: Arianna Anagnostis, Amanda Anderson, Katelyn Kinney, Gillian Lane, Danielle Plourde, Jessica Stahl, Tory Bagwell, Emma Bouchard, Rachel Greenlaw, Alexandra Hauser, Melanie Hoffman, Kelsey Karkos, Courtney Ouellette, Samantha Owen, Molly Parker, Sara Ward, Brittany Murray, Logan Prescott, Emily Zurcher, Gabrielle Bryant, Hannah Fenwick, Erin Fitzsimmons, Kristina Johnson and Brie Martin; and coaches Sam Chard, Lisa Thompson, Steve Schlieper and Dana Houston. We extend our congratulations to the members

of the team and the coaching and support staff on their accomplishments; (HLS 225)

Howard Eisman, of Lewiston. Mr. Eisman served for 4 years as a signalman on the USS WASP in the Pacific during World War II. He began working for the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services in 1984 as a Veterans Service Officer in the Lewiston Office. In 1988, Mr. Eisman was promoted to the position of Bureau Supervisor in Augusta. He held the position of Bureau Director from 1994 until his retirement in June 1995. Mr. Eisman will be greatly missed and long remembered for his service to the veterans of this State; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 226)

Mildred Madigan, of Houlton, who is the recipient of the 2007 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award for her many years of contributions to the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Madigan on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 227)

Robert Anderson, of Houlton, who is the first recipient of the 2007 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for the contributions of countless hours of his time and his talent to the community. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 228)

Ivey's Motor Lodge, of Houlton, which is the recipient of the 2007 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award. We extend our congratulations to owner Rick Kelley and the staff of the lodge on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 229)

Planet Cheer All-Star Cheerleaders, of Lewiston, on winning the New England Cheerleaders Association's All-Star Open Championship in Kingston, Rhode Island. During the 2007 season, the team has earned 10 first-place titles and has placed in the top three categories at every competition. We send the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes on their accomplishments; (HLS 230)

Suzanne Hall, of Oxford, on her retirement from the Oxford Post Office after 30 years of service. Mrs. Hall was a rural carrier for the entire 30 years, maintaining much of the same route for most of her employment. Delivering mail through rain, sleet, snow, gloom of night and six postmasters, she worked hard for the residents of Oxford and Otisfield, traveling up to 87 miles per day. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Hall on this outstanding accomplishment and we offer our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and success in her future endeavors; (HLS 231)

Dominique and Carol Cloutier, of Augusta, on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 29, 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cloutier on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 232)

Alberta and Frank Folger, of Augusta, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, February 2, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Folger have one daughter and two grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 233)

the Houlton Rotary Club, which is the recipient of the 2007 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, for its generous contributions to the community and helping to improve the quality of life for the people in the area. We extend our appreciation and congratulations to the members of the Houlton Rotary Club on the occasion of its receiving this award; (HLS 234)

Megan Korhonen, of Littleton, a senior at Greater Houlton Christian Academy, who is the valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class. Megan is an outstanding student, with a 4.0 grade point average, who has had a notable high school

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basketball career, with a total of 998 career points. She has been named to numerous All-State teams and plans to attend the University of Maine at Presque Isle. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 235)

Central High School, of Corinth, which placed first in Division B of the Regional MPA Drama Festival with the performance of "Stand Centre Stage and Bark" by Douglas Craven. Aliza Underhill and James Hadley were named to the All-Festival Cast, Bethany Dennison received a judges' commendation for lighting and the entire cast received a judges' commendation for ensemble work. We congratulate everyone involved in this achievement and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 236)

Dana Wallace, of Brunswick, whose name is synonymous with marine resources in Brunswick and throughout the State. Those who knew him referred to him as "Mr. Clam." Mr. Wallace attended Bates College, graduating in 1939 as Valedictorian and class president. He worked as a meteorologist during World War II, led a Presque Isle high school cross country team to a national title and officiated at the 1960 Winter Olympics. Mr. Wallace worked for 38 years for what is now the Department of Marine Resources. He also worked as a consultant to and was a member of Brunswick's Marine Resources Committee. He published material and wrote a book on soft shell clams. His research on soft shell clams formed the basis for many practices used by the State today. He introduced the first European oysters to the midcoast area. Mr. Wallace received numerous awards for his contributions to marine resource and conservation efforts, including having a shellfish education center at Beal's Island named for him. He was proud that he contributed in helping to improve the livelihoods of the intertidal shellfish harvesters. Mr. Wallace will be remembered for all the work that he did to better the lives of people around him. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues and the people of the marine resources industry; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 237)

Erin Simoneau, of Brooks, for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. As a member of Troop No. 530, Erin has demonstrated proficiency in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. With fewer than 75 Girl Scout Silver Awards presented each year by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, Erin's achievement is most certainly worthy of commendation. We offer our sincere congratulations to Erin for all that she has accomplished as a Cadette Girl Scout; (HLS 238)

April 4, 2007 as the League of Young Voters Day in Maine. Since April 2004, the League of Young Voters has engaged Maine's youth in the political process and built a membership of nearly 6,000 people, with a goal of training the next generation of civic leaders and community organizers. The league has made politics positive and accessible to Maine's young people. We extend our congratulations to the members of the League of Young Voters on their valuable work and we salute them on this day of recognition; (HLS 239)

David Moses Bridges, of Pleasant Point in Perry, who is the recipient of the first Traditional Arts Fellowship presented by the Maine Arts Commission to an outstanding artist in Maine. Mr. Bridges is a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and is well known for his creations in birch bark, integrating Passamaquoddy design on baskets and birch bark canoes. His canoes have been on display around North America and he was selected to repair ancient canoes at the Smithsonian Museum. He is following in the footsteps of his grandfather in the use of birch bark and teaching a new generation its use and importance. We extend our congratulations to David Moses Bridges on his receiving this

well-deserved honor and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 240)

Hilda Soctomah Lewis, of Pleasant Point in Perry and of Cape Elizabeth, who has won first place for her flower arrangement at the Portland Flower Show in March, 2007. Ms. Lewis is a proud Passamaquoddy woman who served in the United States Armed Forces for over 20 years and earned the rank of Colonel, and who is owner of Lewis' Flower and Gift Shop in Eastport. She has volunteered many hours for the betterment of living conditions in Eastport and in Pleasant Point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this well-deserved prize; (HLS 241)

David "Spirit Bear" Walton, of Waterboro. Mr. Walton was active in promoting equal justice for the State's Native American population. He was proud of his Passamaquoddy heritage and ancestry, and he worked with the Abnaki descendants in Southern Maine in cultural revival. He loved the State of Maine and its unique natural resources. When next a Maine black bear is seen running in the wild, we urge his family and friends to remember David "Spirit Bear" Walton; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 242)

Heather Rouleau, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 243)

Gabrielle Leith, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Gabrielle on this accomplishment; (HLS 244)

Emily Antaya, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 245)

Emily Pace, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 246)

Abigail Sheedy, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 247)

Chantelle Faucher, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Chantelle on this accomplishment; (HLS 248)

Natasha Pond, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 905, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Natasha on this accomplishment; (HLS 249)

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Kelly Bridge, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 250)

Lindsey Dionne, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lindsey on this accomplishment; (HLS 251)

Andrea Lane, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 252)

Cheyenne Nadeau, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cheyenne on this accomplishment; (HLS 253)

Brittany Smith, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Brittany on this accomplishment; (HLS 254)

Brianne Ryan, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Brianne on this accomplishment; (HLS 255)

Asia Webber, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Asia on this accomplishment; (HLS 256)

Deanna Rochefort, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Deanna on this accomplishment; (HLS 257)

Nikole Schreier, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Nikole on this accomplishment; (HLS 258)

Nicole Endyke, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Nicole on this accomplishment; (HLS 259)

Emma Kimball, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. We extend our congratulations to Emma on this accomplishment; (HLS 260)

Moira Wright, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Moira on this accomplishment; (HLS 261)

Jami Hayes, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jami on this accomplishment; (HLS 262)

Jordan Hayes, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1917, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jordan on this accomplishment; (HLS 263)

Kiana Wilson, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 229, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kiana on this accomplishment; (HLS 264)

Marion D. Brackett, of Millinocket. Mrs. Brackett was a graduate of Sherman High School and worked for J.J. Newberry, Woolco and Woolworth department stores in Millinocket for many years. She was a member and past president of VFW Auxiliary Post No. 4154 for 39 years and was a member and past president of VFW Post No. 2299 in Sherman. She was also a longtime member of American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 80 in Millinocket. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 265)

B. Maurice "Moe" Morin, of Auburn, the voice of the MAINEiacs. Mr. Morin was born in Lewiston, was educated in local schools and served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a policeman for the City of Auburn and later worked and retired from Bath Iron Works. Mr. Morin will be remembered mainly as the voice of the MAINEiacs hockey team. Anyone who attended a game at the Central Maine Civic Center, or later the Androscoggin Bank Colisee, has been privileged to hear the dulcet tones of Mr. Morin, dressed resplendently in tails, singing the National Anthem. His singing reflected the passion that he felt for the flag and for his community and country. Mr. Morin will be greatly missed and long remembered; the anthem will go on at the Colisee but it will never be the same; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 266)

Julia A.H.C. Hinkley, of Bowdoinham. During World War II, she was a ship's welder and tacker in the Bath shipyards and was proud to have contributed to the war effort, even when she was pregnant. A homemaker most of her life, she received her bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Southern Maine at the age of 58. She was very involved in her community and was a bus driver and attendant for special needs students, worked for local literacy volunteer programs and helped build 2 Habitat for Humanity homes. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 267)

Julia Ginn, of Winterport, who teaches 7th-grade language arts at Samuel L. Wagner Middle School, on her excellence in teaching. Ms. Ginn has taught for 16 years, the last 5 at Wagner Middle School. Three of her students from Wagner Middle

School have received the prestigious Prudential Spirit of Community Award, which honors young people in middle schools and high schools for their outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Ms. Ginn is the advisor to the student council and is committed to inspiring students to contribute to their communities by volunteering. We commend her for her strong skills and abilities in education and we send her our appreciation; (HLS 268)

Rebecca Schoen, of Temple, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, who has been named as the 2007 *Morning Sentinel's* Nordic Skier of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Rebecca on her receiving this well-deserved honor and we send her our best wishes on her future success; (HLS 269)

Benjamin Matthew Horton III, of Auburn, of Boy Scout Troop No. 116, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. For his project, Benjamin organized more than 25 people and led them in refurbishing a piece of trail in the Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary. Becoming an Eagle Scout has been a lifelong goal for Benjamin, and he has served as historian, senior patrol leader and junior assistant Scoutmaster in his Boy Scout Troop. We congratulate Benjamin on this special occasion and applaud his outstanding leadership; (HLS 270)

the Cape Elizabeth K-6 Chess Team, which shared victory as co-champions at the Maine Scholastic Chess Championship, the team's first state championship in chess. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their impressive achievement; (HLS 271)

12 Caring Kids, of Cape Elizabeth, who produced an Internet video on their various community service projects to raise money for charity. Each time their video, "What Kind of World Do You Want?," is watched, 49 cents is donated to one of several foundations. The video has been viewed well over 1,000 times. Funds have been donated to May baskets for senior citizens, tsunami disaster relief, the Ronald McDonald House and others. We commend the 12 Caring Kids on their exemplary efforts at helping others in need, and we send them our congratulations on the success of this video. We send them our best wishes on all their future endeavors; (HLS 272)

Mary Madore, of Madawaska, who worked as Deputy Sheriff for the Arostook County Sheriff's Department, a police officer for the Town of Madawaska and a Maine court security officer. She was passionate about her family and spoke proudly of her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her husband Jim, her family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 273)

the Kiwanis Club of Portland, on the celebration of its 90th Anniversary. The Portland Kiwanis Club is the oldest Kiwanis Club in Maine. It is dedicated to helping those less fortunate, especially children, and over the years, men and women who live in the Portland community have dedicated themselves to service through Kiwanis. Projects that the Portland Kiwanis Club has worked on include the renovation and rededication of the Portland Observatory, the creation of Kiwanis Pool on Douglass Street and fund-raising for charities such as the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, the YMCA and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute. The club also sponsors Key Clubs at a number of local high schools and recognizes outstanding contributions to the community through awards such as the Distinguished Youth Award and the Distinguished Citizen Award. We send our appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Portland for its commitment to the community and extend to its members our congratulations and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 274)

Brittany York, of Strong, who is the recipient of the Robin Colcord Award at the Western Maine Class C Girls Basketball Tournament. The award honors the outstanding player-sportsman in the tournament. We extend our congratulations to Brittany on her receiving this award; (HLS 275)

the following members of the Mt. Abram Regional High School Girls Basketball Team, on their winning the 2007 Class C State Championship: team members Nicole Eisenhour, Kenni Norton, Kylie Rolbiecki, Stephanie Coburn, Desiree Abbott, Mikayla Burbank, Logahn Walker, Morgan Cummings, Ella Fast, Brittany York, Janessa Thomas and Jade Luce; Head Coach Doug Lisherness; Assistant Coach Rick Norton; trainer Jeremy Starbird; Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Jeff Pillsbury; and Principal Jeanne Tucker. The team is also the winner of the 2007 Western Class C Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the team on this remarkable achievement; (HLS 276)

the Mt. Blue High School Girls Ski Team, on the occasion of its winning the 2007 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 277)

the Mt. Blue High School Boys Ski Team, on the occasion of its winning the 2007 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 278)

Doug Lisherness, of Philips, head coach of the Mt. Abram's Lady Roadrunners Basketball Team, who has been named 2007 Coach of the Year by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Mr. Lisherness won this award once before in 1991 when Mt. Abram last won the State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Doug Lisherness on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 279)

Eric Richard, of Strong, a senior at Mt. Abram High School, who has been named to the 2007 Maine McDonald Academic All-State team for his academic achievements and his athletic contributions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eric on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 280)

Joseph Barnes, of Pleasant Point in Perry, a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Chief of Police of the Pleasant Point Police Department, who has been named the 2006 National Native Police Chief of the Year by the National Native American Law Enforcement Association. Two hundred tribes around the nation make up the National Native American Law Enforcement Association. Chief Barnes first started in the Pleasant Point Police Department in 1987 and became chief in 1992. He has been active in the enforcement of drug laws and drug abuse education in the State of Maine. In 2004, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency honored him with an award for his dedicated service. We acknowledge his strong commitment to his profession and to the community, and we congratulate Chief Barnes on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 281)

Abigail Siegfriedt, of Windsor, on receiving the 2007 Principal's Award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, which recognizes academic achievement and citizenship. Abigail, a senior at Erskine Academy, has received numerous academic awards, the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, a Certificate of Merit from the Society of Women Engineers and a Certificate of Merit for the National Latin Exam. Abigail is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council and Erskine Academy Leadership Team and is a peer tutor. We commend Abigail for her hours of study and dedication, and we wish her well on her future academics; (HLS 282)

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Richard Gray, Sr., Laura Gray, Jerry Whitaker and Carroll York, of Windsor, and the late Kenneth Strout and Winifred Reynolds, who are all recipients of the Spirit of America Award from the Town of Windsor for their contributions to the community. Mr. Gray was honored for service to the Windsor Boy Scouts. Ms. Gray was honored for her service to the town with her work as Tax Collector, on the Budget Committee and in the Town Office. Mr. Whitaker was honored for his service to the town as Fire Chief and Road Commissioner and his work on the Planning Board and Budget Committee. Mr. York was honored for his service to the town as Fire Chief and his work on the Planning Board and Budget Committee. The late Mr. Strout was honored for his service to the town as Principal of Windsor Elementary School, and the late Ms. Reynolds was honored as a Minister of the United Methodist Church. We extend our congratulations to the recipients of the Spirit of America Awards; (HLS 283)

Tyler Vachon, of Gray, of Boy Scout Troop #86, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tyler on his accomplishment; (HLS 284)

Eric Hughes, of Gray, of Boy Scout Troop #86, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eric on his accomplishment; (HLS 285)

John Joseph Conley, of Millinocket and Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Conley attended schools in Portland and was a United States Navy veteran of World War II, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres of war. He was employed at General Motors, Inc., and later at Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket for 31 years, retiring in 1986. He was an avid sports fan and was also a Little League coach for many years. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, the VFW Rodney Stinson Post No. 4154 and the Millinocket Players. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 286)

Robert R. "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, of Millinocket and Lehigh Acres, Florida. Mr. Fitzpatrick was a graduate of Stearns High School and had a multifaceted career as a broadcaster. He first worked for WMKR radio in Millinocket while in high school and then WLBZ in Bangor. He served in the United States Navy and then returned to broadcasting, working in radio and television for WAGM in Presque Isle. Mr. Fitzpatrick returned to Millinocket and worked for Great Northern Paper Company for more than 30 years, retiring when the mill closed. He also was a licensed commercial pilot, coached Pee Wee basketball and Little League and attended Eastern Maine Community College. He was the treasurer of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lehigh Acres Lodge No. 2266. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 287)

Elsie Pike Viles, of Augusta, who was proclaimed by Governor John E. Baldacci as "the first lady of Augusta and the State of Maine" for her philanthropy. Mrs. Viles was given the 2007 Distinguished Service to Philanthropy Award from the New England Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. She has an impressive decades-long legacy of financial gifts and services to MaineGeneral Health and many other central Maine nonprofit organizations. One of her deep passions has been the Alzheimer's Care Center in Gardiner, which she has supported for many years. Most recently, she has provided financial

support for the construction of the Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care in Augusta. We acknowledge her generous and dedicated service to the people of Maine and we congratulate her on her recent well-deserved honors; (HLS 288)

the Honorable Richard R. Farnsworth, of Portland, on the celebration of his fifteen years of service as executive director for Woodfords Family Services. Mr. Farnsworth, who served as a Member of the House of Representatives during the 118th Legislature, has served the community with distinction and dedication. We send him our congratulations on this fifteenth anniversary; (HLS 289)

Lionel Thiboutot, of Topsham, for his 40 years of service to the Town of Topsham. Mr. Thiboutot is retiring from the Topsham Fire Department after protecting the citizens of Topsham for 40 years. We send our appreciation to him for his service and we send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 290)

Kris Vigue, of Millinocket, a music teacher at Stearns High School, who has been nominated for the 2007 Maine Teacher of the Year Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 291)

Tucker A. Adams, of Lewiston, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tucker on his accomplishment; (HLS 292)

Waldo and Kathleen Tarbell, of Lubec, on the occasion of their 80th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in 1927 during the presidency of Calvin Coolidge. Mr. Tarbell is 101 and Mrs. Tarbell will be 100 in June of this year. Mrs. Tarbell is a native of Pembroke and Mr. Tarbell is from Meddybemps. They lived most of their 80 years together in Pembroke. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tarbell on their anniversary; (HLS 293)

Scott Seaver, of North Yarmouth, for his 25 years of service to the people of North Yarmouth as the administrative assistant to the board of selectmen. Mr. Seaver is the only person to have held this post for the Town of North Yarmouth. During his tenure as administrative assistant, the town has experienced significant growth, from a population of 1,919 in 1982 to a population of 3,485 today. We send him our appreciation for his services to the community and to the State of Maine, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 294)

the Leavitt Area High School Boys Cross-country Ski Team, on its successful season for the 2006-2007 school year. The team placed 3rd at the Sassi Memorial Race and the skiers were the 2007 KVAC Nordic champions. They also were the 2007 Class A Freestyle champions, the 2007 Class A Classical champions and the 2007 Class A Nordic Overall champions. We extend our congratulations to the team on its successful season; (HLS 295)

the Leavitt Area High School Girls Cross-country Ski Team, on its successful season for the 2006-2007 school year. The team placed 2nd at the Sassi Memorial Race and the skiers were the 2007 KVAC Nordic champions. They also were the 2007 Class A Nordic champions, the 2007 Class A Classical champions and the 2007 Class A Nordic Overall champions. At the State meet, all 6 girls placed in the top 12 in both the freestyle and the classical race, the only team to accomplish this achievement. We extend our congratulations to the team on its successful season; (HLS 296)

Specialist Aron Linwood Peaslee, of Somerville, a graduate of Erskine Academy, class of 1999, who joined the Army National

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Guard during his junior year in high school, receiving full military honors. He served in Kuwait in the 1136th Transportation Company, 133rd National Guard and was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He belonged to the Somerville Fire Department and the South Somerville Baptist Church. He worked for Windsor Ambulance and was the emergency management director for the Town of Somerville. He volunteered for Youth Promise in Lincoln County and Habitat for Humanity in Portland and Louisiana. He will be remembered for his contributions to the Somerville Day Association and for his generosity and giving of his time to help those who needed it. Specialist Peaslee will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 297)

Elmer G. Knowlton, of Millinocket, a man with a keen wit and a good sense of humor, who was devoted to his family. Mr. Knowlton served in the Maine Warden Service from 1955 to 1975 in the Ripogenus Dam-Millinocket area. He received the first Maine Warden Medal of Valor, for saving a life on the west branch of the Penobscot River. He rescued many other people from the waters of the Katahdin region. He was an exceptional marksman, winning the Maine Warden-State Trooper pistol competition 2 years in a row. He was a clever and talented carpenter, building several homes and cabins in the region. He also was a skilled canoe maker. After his retirement, he and his wife, Electa, ran the Harrington Lake Camps for years for Great Northern Paper. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 57 years, Electa, his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 298)

Arthur Tainter, of Bath, prominent civic leader and beloved member of the community. Mr. Tainter was born in Brooklin and was valedictorian of his high school graduating class. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and also starred on the Fort Schuler Blues Navy baseball team, where the Secretary of the Navy commended him on his playing. He played in the New York Giants organization until injuries ended his baseball career. Mr. Tainter worked for the Bath Police Department from 1952 to 1963 and was inducted into the National Police Officers Association's Hall of Fame for disarming a dangerous criminal. He became the first full-time director of the Bath Recreation Department in 1963, retiring in 1977. He was elected Sheriff of Sagadahoc County in 1977, serving 6 consecutive terms until he retired in 1988. In 1993, Mr. Tainter was elected to the Bath City Council and served until 1999, when he was elected county commissioner. He was the recipient of many awards and commendations, and he was a member of numerous civic committees and boards. Mr. Tainter was a lifelong Rotarian and received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. We acknowledge his exemplary service to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 299)

Kevin Jerome Pedro, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named as the Valedictorian of the 2007 Graduating Class of Deering High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kevin on his receiving this honor; (HLS 300)

Alexander O. S. Roy, of Portland, who has attained the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 Graduating Class of Deering High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alexander on his receiving this honor; (HLS 301)

Elliott W. Bidwell, of Gorham, of Boy Scout Troop #817, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his community

service project, Elliott designed, built and installed several canoe and kayak racks to hold up to 16 boats at Gorham Shaw Park for the Gorham Recreation Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Elliott on his accomplishment; (HLS 302)

Marie Mae Tweedie and James Henry Tweedie, of Blaine, as they both celebrate their 80th Birthdays. Mrs. Tweedie's birthday is April 29, 2007 and Mr. Tweedie's birthday was March 11, 2007. Their 19th Wedding Anniversary is April 15, 2007. We join their family and friends in sending our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tweedie on their birthdays and their anniversary, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 303)

Oxford Homes, of Oxford, on the occasion of its 30th year in business. Oxford Homes has been constructing high-quality manufactured housing and systems-built modular homes since April 24, 1977. The company employs 150 Maine people and purchases 75% of its materials from or through Maine suppliers. Since its inception, Oxford Homes has built more than 8,000 single-family homes. We send our congratulations to president and chief executive officer Peter N. Connell and the dedicated employees of Oxford Homes on this anniversary; (HLS 304)

Katherine Q. Grondin, of Auburn, principal of Sherwood Heights Elementary School in Auburn, who has been named as Maine's 2007 Elementary National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mrs. Grondin has been at Sherwood Heights Elementary School for 17 years, first as a teacher and then assistant principal. She has been the principal since 2000. She received the award for her outstanding leadership and her commitment to excellence. She will be honored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals in cooperation with the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C. in October 2007. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Grondin on her receiving this well-deserved and distinguished award; (HLS 305)

the following members of the Orono Travel Peewees hockey team, on their winning the Southern Aroostook Competitive Tournament: players Andrew Collins, Dakota Williams, Trevor Francis, Justin White, Kyle Dubay, Joey Fowler, Cameron Murray, Zeb Tuell, Dave Wilcox, Daniel Perry, Michael Brown, Peter Wilcox, Cooper Antone, Ryan Gagne, Zach Williams, Jacob Fletcher, Jordan Knappe; and coaches Denis Collins, Perry Antone and George Perry. We send them our congratulations on their accomplishment; (HLS 306)

Kyle L. Marviny, of Readfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 650, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Kyle installed bog bridges and improved a bridge at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve in Readfield. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on this achievement; (HLS 307)

the Scarborough Middle School cheerleaders, who placed first in their division at the Lewiston Vocation Classic. They also placed first at the Scarborough Invitational event. We congratulate Brooke Hall, Rachel Coleman, Christi O'Halloran, Sara Messer, Michelle Currier, Mullyna Oul, Alicia Stephens, Sarah Thomas, Christina Bilodeau, Vanessa Mathews, Sophie Lee Steward, Rachel Kane, Hailee Flaherty, Tori Preson, Katelyn Smith, Olivia Joy, Sydney Dillon, Kayla Chamberlain and Alison Davis on their accomplishments; (HLS 308)

Sam Webber, of New Vineyard, a junior at Mt. Blue High School who was named the 2007 *Morning Sentinel* Wrestler of the Year. Earlier this year, Sam won the Class A State Wrestling

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Championship. We send Sam our congratulations and best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 309)

Russell and Susan Black, of Wilton, whose Black Acres Farm was named the 2006 Franklin County Conservation Farm of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Russell and Susan Black on their being awarded this high honor; (HLS 310)

Mary Lou Colbath, of Orono, prominent member of her community. Mrs. Colbath was born in Maryland and raised in Pennsylvania. She taught drama in Pennsylvania and in Ohio before she and her husband, Arnold, who predeceased her, moved to Maine. She assisted her husband, a professor at the University of Maine, in the theater. She earned a master's degree in library science and had a career in marketing and development. From 1980 to 1996, she worked in the development offices of Maine Public Broadcasting Network and was often seen on television strongly advocating for the network during the on-air fundraising drives. Mrs. Colbath was an ardent spokeswoman for public broadcasting and the arts. She was also a board member for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and a regular attendee at performing arts events throughout the State. Mrs. Colbath was a deacon and chair of the board of deacons at the Church of Universal Fellowship, whose minister referred to her as someone who "brought elegance of word and of action to our identity as a community of faith." She will be fondly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 311)

Louis A. Cyr, a lifelong resident of Madawaska. Mr. Cyr grew up on his farm and served his country in World War II, flying PBY rescue missions and serving as a radioman. He worked at Fraser Papers for 33 years and was foreman and superintendent of the finishing and bond coating room for 25 of those years. Mr. Cyr served as town manager for Madawaska from 1972 to 1980 and also served on the budget committee and the airport committee for many years. He was licensed as a professional land surveyor in 1967 and was a notary public. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 312)

Pauline Caouette-Moore, of Auburn, a graduate of Edward Little High School who earned a bachelor of arts degree in math and French at the University of Maine at Orono and an MBA from the University of Southern Maine. She taught math for 25 years at the Walton School and Edward Little High School. She was also a part-time faculty member of the University of Maine at Augusta, where she taught applied math courses. She was a member of the Community Little Theatre and served as its treasurer for 17 years. She and her husband owned and operated Moore Than A Cookie Jar. They were well known for their whoopie pies. She was a member of St. Philip's Parish in Auburn and served as a lector. She will be sadly missed by her loving family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 313)

George and Sharon Rybarczyk, of Searsport, for their partnership with the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the creation of a unique and successful business called Creative Apparel, with plants in Fort Kent, Belmont, Dover-Foxcroft, Eastport and Indian Township. Creative Apparel recently won a contract with the United States military to make fire-resistant Army combat uniforms and combat coveralls for use in Iraq. We congratulate George and Sharon Rybarczyk on their successful company and send them our appreciation for the good they are doing for our Armed Forces; (HLS 314)

Emile S. Chasse, of St. Agatha, who died 3 days after his 97th birthday. Mr. Chasse's family moved to St. Agatha in 1917

and he remained there the rest of his life. He worked in the woods as a young man, later becoming a carpenter. He started a building materials business in 1945, building many houses in the St. John Valley. He transferred his business to his daughter and her husband and the thriving business is now owned by his grandson. Throughout his life, he was known as "Mr. Emile" and he was very active in the community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was involved in the town council and the school board. He helped form the St. Agatha Federal Credit Union in 1952 and had the distinction of having "No. 1" as his account number. He also was a charter member of the fire department. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 315)

Andrew Bartley, of Durham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #145 who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Andrew procured and installed a new flagpole at the Durham Elementary School. Andrew faithfully lives the values found in the Boy Scout Law. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on his accomplishment; (HLS 316)

Barry Sturtevant Timson, of Hallowell, Mayor and beloved community member. Known as "Mr. Hallowell," Mr. Timson was born in Needham, Massachusetts and was a graduate of Bowdoin College. He made his home in Maine after earning a Master's degree in geology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and doing his Ph.D. work at the University of Texas at Austin. He worked for the Maine Geological Survey and eventually opened his own geology and environmental consulting business. Mr. Timson also volunteered his time with the Kennebec Land Trust. He had a long history of commitment to the City of Hallowell. He served on the Planning Board and the Water and Sewer District Board and with the Hallowell Water District, in addition to his membership on the City Council and his longtime service to the city as Mayor. His ebullient personality and creativity made him a well-known and much-loved figure. He is often credited with the renaissance of Hallowell: he helped to save businesses and homes after the Flood of 1987, organized events for Christmas, Mardi Gras and Old Hallowell Days, was instrumental in the development of the Kennebec River Rail Trail and founded the Hallowell Head Start program and the Hallowell Food Bank. Most recently, he helped organize a fund-raiser to benefit the employees of Slate's Restaurant, where he made muffins every morning for 20 years and was often seen greeting friends and Hallowell residents. Mr. Timson will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community of Hallowell; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 317)

the Stearns High School combined show choir on its winning the Division II State Show Choir Championship. The choir is comprised of students from Schenck High School and Stearns High School. The choir also brought home the trophy for best choreography. We extend our congratulations to Matt Madore, music teacher and director of the choir, and to the members of the Show Choir on their achievements; (HLS 318)

Edgar N. Landry, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran. Mr. Landry attended Millinocket schools before going to work on the C.C. Road, now called the Brownville Road. He served for 3 years in the United States Army, and for over 40 years he worked as a machine tender for Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket. When Mr. Landry was in his 30s he

earned his high school diploma by attending night classes at Stearns High School. He was a member of several fraternal organizations and the Maine Snowmobile Association. He also was a member of the Millinocket Players and was in several theatrical productions. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 319)

Keith Van Scotter, of Lincoln, who has been named 2007 Executive of the Year by the Paper Industry Management Association. This award is the highest award the Association bestows in its annual program and is traditionally presented to senior-level executives in the pulp, paper or converting industry for excellence in management and outstanding contributions to the industry. Mr. Van Scotter has spent 28 years in the industry with companies including MeadWestvaco, Fraser, Boise Cascade and Weyerhaeuser. He has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lincoln Paper and Tissue since 2004 and was instrumental in constructing and starting a new tissue machine in 2006, the first new paper machine in Maine in nearly 20 years. We commend Mr. Van Scotter for his unwavering dedication to the industry and wish him years of continued success; (HLS 320)

Bob Moore, of South China, who is the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Calumet Club for his extraordinary contributions to the Augusta community. This award is given to a person who is not Franco-American and who lives or works in the City of Augusta. Mr. Moore resided in Augusta from 1984 to 2004 and is currently Executive Director of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. He has extensive experience with the Kennebec Valley YMCA, serving on the Board of Directors from 1987 to 1994, as well as serving as Treasurer. He has also been a longtime youth basketball coach at the YMCA and coached in the Augusta East Little League from 1987 through 2001 and has been involved with Augusta Babe Ruth teams. A member of the Cony High School All-Sports Boosters, he served as chair from 1993 to 1998 and from 2003 to 2005 and has served on the Cony High School Building Committee since 2002. We congratulate Mr. Moore on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 321)

Tammy's Loving Day Care, of Glenburn, which has won national accreditation from the National Association of Family Child Care. Tammy and Ron Tewhey have run the day care center for 14 years and are the first family-run day care center in Penobscot County and Piscataquis County to achieve this distinction. We congratulate Tammy and Ron Tewhey on their achieving this accomplishment; (HLS 322)

John Bapst Memorial High School, of Bangor, whose Destination Imagination team won second place in the Round About Courage Secondary Level at the State Celebration of Destination Imagination, a scholastic contest held at the University of Maine with students from around the State. We congratulate the team on this achievement; (HLS 323)

John Bapst Memorial High School, of Bangor, whose Destination Imagination team won first place in the Card-DI-ology Secondary Level at the State Celebration of Destination Imagination, a scholastic contest held at the University of Maine with students from around the State. The team now goes to Knoxville, Tennessee to compete in the Global Finals. We congratulate the team members on this remarkable achievement, and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 324)

the Morison School's Destination Imagination team, of Corinth, which won second place in the Card-DI-ology Elementary Level at the State Celebration of Destination Imagination, a scholastic contest held at the University of Maine

with students from around the State. We congratulate the team on this achievement; (HLS 325)

Matthew Billian, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 326)

Claire "Fitzy" Fitzpatric, of Wilton, who was honored with the "Unsung Heroine in Maine Sports" award by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Fitzpatric began coaching girls' sports just over a half-century ago, coaching basketball and softball at Wilton Academy, then coaching basketball and field hockey at Mt. Blue Middle School and Mt. Blue High School. She has also officiated for basketball games throughout the State and has helped a number of young women to qualify as officials. Ms. Fitzpatric is retired from coaching, but continues to attend games. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 327)

Mahlon Hackett Voter, of Strong, on the celebration of his 75th birthday, June 9, 2007. Mr. Voter served as trailmaster for the snowmobile club. He has been a member of the Strong Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the town crew and did surveying for the town. He is the curator for the Strong historical society. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Voter on this special occasion; (HLS 328)

Michael R. Cormier, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this achievement; (HLS 329)

the Hall Farm, of East Dixfield, owned by Dick, Rodney and Randy Hall, which won first place for its medium amber maple syrup and 3rd place for its light amber maple syrup from the Maine Maple Syrup Producers Association. We send the Halls our congratulations on this achievement; (HLS 330)

the following members of the Hollis Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team, Team ZEMRIKK, who reached the World Finals competition at Michigan State University: Zac Meserve, Elizabeth Prescott, MacKenzie Andrews, Riley Sawyer, Ivory McDonough, Katelynne Aiken and Kendyll Martin; and Coach Leroy McDonough. The team's name, ZEMRIKK, comes from the first initial of each member's name. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their excellent academic and creative achievement and our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 331)

Kevin Alley, of Machias, for his prompt action and attentiveness to Stanley Smith, an adjunct scuba diving instructor, after Mr. Smith collapsed at the pool at the University of Maine at Machias' Center for Lifelong Learning. Mr. Alley, the University's Aquatics Director, along with student lifeguard Melissa Johnson, performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation in an attempt to revive Mr. Smith, who was experiencing a heart attack. Observing that Mr. Smith had no pulse, Mr. Alley used the University's defibrillator and, with Ms. Johnson, resumed CPR. Doctors at both medical centers at which Mr. Smith was cared for commented that if care had not been administered immediately, Mr. Smith surely would have suffered brain damage. Due to Mr. Alley's bravery and composure, Mr. Smith was able to return to work only one week later with his full health restored. We wish to express our admiration and appreciation of Mr. Alley's heroism; (HLS 332)

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Melissa Johnson, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, a student at the University of Maine at Machias, for her prompt action and attentiveness to Stanley Smith, an adjunct scuba diving instructor, after he collapsed at the pool at the University of Maine at Machias' Center for Lifelong Learning. Ms. Johnson, a student lifeguard, along with the school's Aquatics Director, Kevin Alley, performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation in an attempt to revive Mr. Smith, who was experiencing a heart attack. Doctors at both medical centers at which Mr. Smith was cared for commented that if care had not been administered immediately, Mr. Smith would surely have suffered brain damage. Due to Ms. Johnson's bravery and composure, Mr. Smith was able to return to work only one week later with his full health restored. We wish to express our admiration and appreciation of Ms. Johnson's heroism; (HLS 333)

Matthew Low, of Fairfield, a senior at Lawrence High School, who is the recipient of the 2007 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on his receiving this award; (HLS 334)

Dick and Jan Cynewski, of Corinth, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 3, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Cynewski celebrated their anniversary with family and friends on the M/V Monhegan. They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. They traveled the world for many years while Mr. Cynewski was in the United States Air Force. They settled in Charleston in 1975. Mr. Cynewski chaired the electronics department at Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute and Mrs. Cynewski was a teacher at Charleston Elementary School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cynewski on this special occasion; (HLS 335)

Meghan McCarthy, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop High School, who has been selected to receive the 2007 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Meghan has distinguished herself as an outstanding athlete and student and has contributed more than 130 hours of community service. We extend our congratulations to her on this tremendous achievement and wish her continued success; (HLS 336)

the Honorable James and Doris McBreairty, of Washburn, on the special occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary, April 30, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. McBreairty were married in Perham at Mrs. McBreairty's parents' home. They worked hard at farming in Perham, and Mrs. McBreairty cooked for large crews during the fall harvest. They are the parents of 4 children and boast of having 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren and one on the way. Mr. McBreairty served with distinction in the Maine State Legislature from 1975 to 1986, serving 2 terms in the House of Representatives and 4 terms in the Senate. He was also the Aroostook County Treasurer for 8 years. Mrs. McBreairty is a voracious reader and is retired from public life while Mr. McBreairty remains politically active. In 2005, they sold the home farm in Perham, where they had spent 63 years, and moved into a new home in Washburn. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McBreairty on this important anniversary, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 337)

Casey Levasseur, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send our congratulations to Casey on this accomplishment; (HLS 338)

Chief Warrant Officer Daniel L. Brown, of Rockland, who has served as Commanding Officer at United States Coast Guard Station Rockland for 3 years. He will be relocating to Louisville,

Kentucky for his next assignment. Chief Warrant Officer Brown has served in the United States Coast Guard for 27 years. We extend our appreciation to Chief Warrant Officer Brown for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 339)

Chief Warrant Officer Paul E. Dilger, of Rockland, on the occasion of his retirement after serving 30 years with the United States Coast Guard. Chief Warrant Officer Dilger served on the ABBIE BURGESS as Commanding Officer for over 4 years. We extend our appreciation to Chief Warrant Officer Dilger for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 340)

Sherwood and J. Lorraine Libby, of Limington, for their more than 40 years of tireless work to protect Maine's environment and preserve our natural heritage. Mr. and Mrs. Libby have worked as a team to make major contributions to conservation in Maine. In 1966, they helped secure passage of the legislation that protects the Allagash Waterway. In 1971, they labored to secure passage of the legislation creating the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, known as LURC. They also worked for the establishment of the Saco River Corridor Commission. In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. Libby became founding directors of the Francis Small Heritage Land Trust, which owns and preserves 1,400 pristine acres in the Sawyer Mountain Highlands for public use and enjoyment. Mr. Libby has served as commissioner for LURC, has been chair of the Shoreland Zoning Task Force, served on the Saco River Corridor Commission and has been an affiliated director of the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Mrs. Libby has served on the Limington Planning Board and the Limington Comprehensive Planning Committee. We acknowledge their dedicated service to their community and to the State of Maine, and we send them our appreciation for their good works; (HLS 341)

Joshua Saucier, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class of Stearns High School. We send our congratulations to Joshua on this accomplishment; (HLS 342)

Doctor Che To Ho, of Caribou, on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years as a surgeon and physician at Cary Medical Center. Doctor Ho has been a role model and mentor for members of Cary's medical staff and other health professionals. Countless patients diagnosed with cancer and other life-altering conditions were encouraged and comforted as a result of Doctor Ho's compassionate bedside manner. A champion of preventative care, health promotion and early diagnosis of cancer, Doctor Ho believed it was imperative that patients be empowered with practical information about healthy lifestyles. During his tenure, Doctor Ho's colleagues recognized his many valuable attributes, earning him the distinction of holding an array of leadership positions at the organizational and medical staff levels. In addition to his medical vocation, Doctor Ho and his wife, Jane, have been active citizens in the City of Caribou. Various community programs, including Cary Medical Center, have benefited from Doctor Ho's considerable financial support. We extend to Doctor Ho our most sincere gratitude for his commitment to the medical profession and wish him a relaxing and blissful retirement; (HLS 343)

the Belfast Area High School Girls Field Hockey Team, on its winning the 2006 Class B State Championship. The team has won 6 State Championships since the field hockey program was started in 1973, including winning the last 3 years in a row. The team currently holds a 54-game winning streak, the second longest in Maine. We also recognize coaches Allen Holmes and Marci Brier for their skill and effort in coaching the team. With Coach Holmes serving as head coach since the program's inception, the Belfast teams have won over 350 games so far.

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We acknowledge the excellence of Coach Holmes and Coach Brier and we send our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 344)

Denis E. Forest, of Sanford, United States Navy veteran and proud Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Forest was born in Sanford and joined the United States Navy after high school, where he served on the USS Baltimore during the Korean War. He retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery in 1993. Throughout his life, he gave of his time to many organizations, such as the Girl and Boy Scouts, Literacy Volunteers, the Eucharistic Ministry and Catholic Youth Ministry. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife Simone, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 345)

Malcolm Kenney, of South Berwick, on the occasion of his being named the Rotary Club of South Berwick's 2007 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Kenney has been a member of VFW Post 5744 since 1980 and has been instrumental in increasing the Post's membership. He is presently Adjutant of Post 5744 and serves as Service Officer for District 11. He has chaired "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot Pen" for the past 6 years and the Memorial Day activities for many years. He places flags on veterans' graves in all South Berwick cemeteries, visits shut-ins, takes veterans to hospitals for treatment and helps veterans register with the VA. He participates in the troop greetings at Pease International Tradeport. He is instrumental in getting phone cards for troops deploying to Iraq. Mr. Kenney introduced soccer to the recreation programs in South Berwick. He coaches Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He organized and coaches basketball, chairing the Youth Basketball Tournament for many years. He is a member of the Rollinsford/South Berwick Lions Club, the American Legion and Our Lady of the Angels Parish and serves on numerous boards in South Berwick. We acknowledge the exemplary work and dedication of Mr. Kenney and send him our best wishes; (HLS 346)

the Oysterville Yacht Club, in Oysterville, Massachusetts, on the members' charitable contributions to the fight against cancer. The Oysterville Yacht Club was formed 5 years ago and now has more than 2,000 members in over 50 states and 22 countries, including members in Maine. The only membership criterion is to ask to join. All membership fees for this nonexistent club go directly to the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care. In its first 4 years, the club raised \$80,000 for the foundation. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Oysterville Yacht Club on their generous donations in their exemplary fight against cancer; (HLS 347)

Jason Mansir, of Augusta, a member of the 2007 State Champion Bowling Team at Cony High School, who was also named as the 2007 Maine High School Bowling Individual Champion. We extend our congratulations to Jason on his achievement and send our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 348)

the following members of the Cony High School Bowling Team, of Augusta, on winning the 2007 State Championship: students Jake Laffin, Derek Wildes, Erica Rollins, Ryan Rollins and Jason Mansir; and coaches Jeremy Waterhouse and Randall Mansir. We send them our congratulations on their accomplishment; (HLS 349)

Kevin Baack, of Readfield, who is retiring from his position as the Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England after 30 years with the organization. Goodwill Industries of Northern New England is a multistate human services organization that works with a network of nonprofit businesses to serve people with disabilities. Mr. Baack was appointed

Executive Director of Goodwill in 1975, and under his direction the organization has expanded to create residential and day treatment programs for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. As a result of Mr. Baack's leadership, Goodwill Industries of Northern New England has made a difference in the quality of life of people who need assistance. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Baack on this tremendous milestone; (HLS 350)

the following members of the Waterville Senior High School Science Olympiad Team, on their winning the state title for the 12th year in a row: Ross Donihue, Kate Dutil, Lesley Mo, Jordan Shulman, Carin King, Anna Sagaser, Isaac Webb, Catherine Johnston, Cory Limberger, Brian Parent, Caroline Robe, Amy Johnston, Conor Hughes, William LaPlant and Allie MacDonnell. The team competed against 15 teams from 10 schools and won nine first-place medals, four second-place medals and three third-place medals. Coach Rosemarie Smith, who is a science teacher and chair of the high school science department, has coached Science Olympiad for 17 years. We congratulate Coach Smith and the Science Olympiad Team on this impressive achievement; (HLS 351)

the Hinckley Company, of Trenton, which has been included in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program by the Maine Department of Labor for cutting the number of workplace safety incidents in half since 2004. The company was founded in 1928 in Southwest Harbor and is known for making yachts that are recognized worldwide for their beautiful designs and the high quality of their engineering. In addition to the Maine award, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has reported no workplace safety violations at the Trenton facility since August of 2004. The Hinckley Company's workplace safety record has improved to the point that there have been no lost-time accidents in 240 days. We extend our congratulations to the Hinckley Company on its remarkable improvements in workplace safety; (HLS 352)

the Rockland District High School drama troupe, the Just Off Broadway Players, which was one of two schools to represent Maine last weekend at the New England Drama Festival in Warwick, Rhode Island. The troupe won 4 commendations at the festival for Outstanding Ensemble, Elaborate Set Construction, Music and Stage Combat. Drama director Alison Machaiek produces a fall musical and one-act plays, and in-school productions are always in the works. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Machaiek and her Just Off Broadway Players for their remarkable achievements and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 353)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Boys Basketball Team, winners of the 2007 Class D State Championship: players Eben Powers, Ethan Pinkham, Collin Ciomei, Douglas Boutilier, Dean Siebert, Jeremy Pratt, Jon Eaton, Rob Brown, Ben Hardie, Bryant Ciomei, Shane Eaton and Drew Eaton; coach Glenn Billings; assistant coaches Darren Eaton and Russell Brown; managers April Bunt and Kim Grindle; and athletic director Matt Larsen. The team had an undefeated season with a 22-0 record and won the school's first state championship. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this great achievement; (HLS 354)

Olive Walker Swinney, of Deer Isle, who was an accomplished advocate for social change and community services throughout most of her 97 years. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she directed relief programs in Fargo, North Dakota during the Depression. She also worked for the Works Progress Administration in West Virginia during the Roosevelt administration. While earning a master's degree in social work at

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the University of Chicago, she met her future husband, Dan, and they moved to Washington, D.C. She raised a family and remained an advocate of the poor. During the 1940s and 1950s, she campaigned for public housing programs in Washington, D.C. In the 1960s, she was a senior official in the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In retirement, she and her husband were volunteers with the World Council of Churches and she volunteered with Common Cause. For more than 30 years, she enjoyed summers in Maine with her daughter and family. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 355)

Robert Moroney, of Fairfield, a United States Navy veteran and one of the few remaining survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Mr. Moroney proudly served his Nation from 1939 to 1959 as a medic and attained the rank of Warrant Officer. While stationed at the United States Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, he met a Navy nurse, Eileen Donahue of Fairfield, Maine, whom he married in 1946. After he retired from the Navy, they moved to Maine and he attended Thomas College and the University of Maine and went on to work for the Defense Contract Administration Service in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Moroney was active in the Pearl Harbor Survivors organization, serving as its treasurer for the New England chapter for many years. Both he and Mrs. Moroney attended Pearl Harbor Survivors reunions all over the country, including commemorative anniversaries of Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife Eileen, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 356)

the members of the Lewiston Maineiacs, the only United States-based member of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, as they near the end of their incredible and inspiring fourth season: players Jonathan Bernier, Michael Ward, Chad Denny, Tom Michalik, Simon Courcelles, Marc-Andre Cliche, Stefano Giliati, Marc-Andre Crete, Marc-Andre Daneau, Jakob Bundil, Dave Taylor, Chris Tutalo, Eric Castonguay, Peter Delmas, Stefan Chaput, David Perron, Kevin Marshall, Danick Hudon-Paquette, Patrick Cusack, Sebastien Piche, Pierre-Luc Faubert, Michal Korenko and Triston Manson; head coach and general manager Clem Jodoin; assistant coaches Ed Harding, Jeff Guay and Dan Bouchard; athletic trainer Tom Bourdon; trainer's assistant Kyle Kyllonen; assistant equipment manager Jamey Bourgojn; and the rest of the Maineiacs staff and family. We are extremely proud of our home team for bringing championship professional hockey to Lewiston. We commend the players, their coaches and the Maineiacs management for their many positive contributions to our community, both on and off the ice, and we look forward to many more seasons with them; (HLS 357)

the following members of the John Bapst Memorial High School Purple Math Team, who won first place in the 2007 Eastern Maine Math League Medium Schools Division, first place in Division C for the regular season statewide and first place in Division C in the State Math Meet held April 10, 2007: Anna Carmack, Fritz Eyerer, Lucas Hubbard, Nathan Lesser, Ian Szydlo and Lukas Wong-Achorn. The team was one of 10 schools invited to represent Maine at the New England Math Meet. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on their remarkable season; (HLS 358)

Gareth W. Blackwell, Jr., of Corinth, president of Blackwell Insurance Agency, who has been named 2007 president of the Maine Insurance Agents Association. Mr. Blackwell is a life member of the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department and president of the board of trustees at the Atkins Memorial Library. We send him our congratulations on this professional honor; (HLS 359)

Wayne and Louise Antone, of Bangor, on the occasion of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 15, 2006, at the Army NCO Club in Bangor. Mr. and Mrs. Antone made Bangor their home after Mr. Antone retired from the United States Air Force after 21 years of service. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 360)

Paul Reynolds, of Hampden, who is the recipient of the 2007 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 361)

Matthew Low, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class of Lawrence High School. Matthew is a well-rounded student and recently won the Principal's Award. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 362)

Aaron Champagne, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class of Lawrence High School. Aaron is a well-rounded student who excels in sports, and was one of three finalists for the prestigious Fitzpatrick Award for football excellence. We send Aaron our congratulations and best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 363)

Barney and Shirley Perry, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 21, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 364)

Alton and Chrystal Welch, of Wilton, on the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Welch raised 3 sons and have 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Welch on this very special occasion; (HLS 365)

Tabitha Huntoon, of Phillips, a 7th grader at the Phillips School, who is the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award. The award is part of the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program and is a state-level award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation given to a student for that student's outstanding volunteer service to school and community. Tabitha's many hours of community service over the past year have included working with the student government at her school, participation in the 2006 Relay for Life and fundraising for the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Tabitha on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 366)

Kate Oliver, of Wilton, on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Oliver for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 367)

the LifeFlight Foundation, based in Union, which was the recipient of the first-ever Excellence in Community Service Award by the National Association of Air Medical Services. In 1998, LifeFlight filled a dire need for an air medical resource; at that time, Maine was the only state without access to such an asset. LifeFlight offers life-saving air medical transport services to ill and injured patients. Travel times to major trauma and specialty care centers are now significantly reduced, thereby increasing the likelihood of recovery and survival for those perilously ill or severely injured. Recognized as a national model in the safety and quality of air medical transport, the foundation's infrastructure project clearly demonstrates a broad-based continuing

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commitment to communities, hospitals and EMS agencies across the State. We acknowledge the LifeFlight Foundation for its faithfulness in ensuring the safety and well-being of all Maine citizens; (HLS 368)

Lilias Outerbridge, of Belfast, for her 20-year commitment to the success of the Belfast Maskers Theater. Ms. Outerbridge, one of the organization's founding members, has served as an actress and volunteer and on its Board of Directors, of which she is now president. Due to her efforts, the greater Belfast area has enjoyed countless arts and educational events, further expanding the attraction to this unique region of Maine. We acknowledge Ms. Outerbridge's many contributions to the Belfast Maskers and wish to offer her our most sincere appreciation for the edifying culture she has helped bring to our great State; (HLS 369)

Ethel "Chris" Cook, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 36 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Cook for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 370)

Donna Wells, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Wells for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 371)

Sylvia Yeaton, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 29 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Yeaton for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 372)

Carroll Bond, of Farmington, on the occasion of his retirement after 9 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bond for his dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 373)

Terry Eagers, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 31 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Eagers for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 374)

Joanne Kamholtz, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Kamholtz for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 375)

Richard A. Fish, of Greenbush, a United States Air Force veteran and municipal officer for his community. Mr. Fish served our country in the U.S. Air Force for 32 years, including service during the Korean War. He went on to serve as an Old Town police officer for many years, was a selectman for the Town of Greenbush for 18 years and served proudly as a Code Enforcement Officer during his retirement. He served as a Boy Scout Leader and was a member of the Star in the East Lodge No. 60, a 32nd-degree Mason and a Shriner. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 376)

William J. Steeves, of Millinocket, former plumbing inspector for the town of Millinocket and United States Navy veteran of World War II, where he served as a diver in the Pacific Theater of

Operations. Mr. Steeves returned from the war to work in the family business, C.R. Steeves Heating, Plumbing and Electrical. He owned and operated the business until his retirement in 1988. Mr. Steeves was a member of numerous professional and fraternal organizations and was a former member of the Selective Service Board and its District Appeals Board for Maine. We acknowledge Mr. Steeves's dedicated service to his community and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 377)

William R. "Bill" Leino, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Leino graduated from Stearns High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and served in Okinawa. He was retired from Great Northern Paper Company, where he worked for more than 40 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 1521, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4154 and the Hillcrest Golf Club and was a founding member of the Millinocket Art Society. Mr. Leino was an avid hunter and fisherman, making his own lures and tying his own flies. He loved the Red Sox and reading western novels and followed the University of Maine Black Bears hockey team. He was a great cook and a very talented, prize-winning artist. He loved the outdoors and being with family and friends. Mr. Leino will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 378)

Rosemary Campbell, of Franklin, on her retirement from the Hancock County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Campbell is culminating a prestigious 30-year career that has entailed coordinating court cases, subpoenaing witnesses, managing the office and maintaining records and disbursements of restitution. Since she began in the office in 1977, it has grown from 5 employees to 12. Those who have come to rely on her knowledge and expertise will miss her proficiency and friendship. We thank her for her years of service and wish her well as she looks forward to spending more time with her family and exploring new adventures; (HLS 379)

the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, of Portland, on its many years of providing meals and bag lunches. Now headed by Arthur Ledue, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Portland, and his wife Doris, the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen was Portland's first soup kitchen when it opened in 1974 and is the city's oldest. It serves more than 125 meals and 75 bag lunches five days a week and prepares boxes of food for needy families, relying solely on volunteers and donations. We send our appreciation to the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen on its exemplary service to the community, and our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 380)

the following students at Dirigo High School, who have earned the distinction of being named the Top Ten students of the 2007 graduating class: Shannon Daley of East Dixfield, Abigail Fenstermacher of Peru, Rachel Hall of Peru, Melissa Harvey of Dixfield, Jasmine Jacques of Peru, Korina Lee of Carthage, Jessica Mayo of Peru, Bradley McLeod of Dixfield, Molly Ray of Dixfield and Tiffany Virgin of Peru. We extend our congratulations to the students on their accomplishments and we send them our best wishes for continued academic success; (HLS 381)

Camp Pinecliffe, in Harrison, for its 90 years of training thousands of young women from across the nation. Since its inception in 1917, Camp Pinecliffe has created a warm, family atmosphere with many happy, fun-filled educational experiences for its campers. The basis for the camp's success has been the philosophy that guides it today, teaching campers to live cooperatively and successfully with others. With a focus on the

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individual camper, Camp Pinecliffe's goal is to encourage each camper to make her Pinecliffe summer a learning and memorable experience. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the campers and staff at Camp Pinecliffe in celebrating its 90th Anniversary, and we send our best wishes that the camp's goals and enjoyment continue to enrich the lives of young women for years to come; (HLS 382)

the following students at the Traditional Eastern Maine Karate-Do, of Brewer, who were honored to attend the University of Maine Shotokan School of Karate 4th Annual Traditional Karate Tournament: Daniel Vilasuso, Jaime Hammack, Ashlee Vilasuso, Samantha Perez, Kayleigh Bremer, Gavin Perez and Dan Colageo. Pupils participated in the art of weaponry, forms and sparring and earned first, second and third places, as well as Dan Colageo being named Grand Champion of the tournament. We send our congratulations to the students and their Sensei, Steve Apega, the instructor and owner of the school, on everyone's fine achievements at the tournament; (HLS 383)

Jackie Blanchard, 17, of Corinth, who was selected as honorary co-chair of this year's Relay for Life in Old Town, an event that helps raise money and awareness about cancer. Jackie was diagnosed with cancer in 2001 and remains an inspiration to others for her endurance, caring heart and courage. Despite 2 years of chemotherapy, 6 lung surgeries, reconstructive leg surgery and continuous doctors visits, Jackie has kept up with her schooling with tutors and will graduate 3rd in her class at Central High School. Her list of accomplishments includes class president, National Honor Society, Dirigo Girls State and Project Adventure Club. She has participated in the survivor's lap at the Relay for Life for the past few years. We congratulate her on her being chosen for this honor and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 384)

Audrey Mary Zimmerman, of Houlton, who has been named Maine's Women in Business Champion for 2007 by the United States Small Business Administration. Ms. Zimmerman is the Houlton Center Coordinator and Microenterprise Trainer for Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community. Ms. Zimmerman has provided training and individual technical assistance to women in rural Maine for 18 years. She also creates networks for women entrepreneurs and helps them target their market. Her leadership affords women the opportunity to increase their income and achieve business success. She has served on many boards including the Economic Development District Council of the Northern Maine Development Commission, the Aroostook Business Information Group, the Board of Directors of the Battered Women's Project and the School Administrative District #70 School Board. She is the founder and president of the Southern Aroostook Cultural Arts Project and a current committee member at the Maine Arts Commission. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Zimmerman on her receiving this award; (HLS 385)

David M. Whitney, of Machias, whose business has been named the Maine Jeffrey H. Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for 2007 by the United States Small Business Administration. Mr. Whitney is the President of Whitney's Blueberries, Whitney Wreath and Whitney's Tool Shed. Mr. Whitney works tirelessly to develop and expand his business, provide employment opportunities and be active in the community. Whitney's has been an active part of the Washington County business community for 4 generations. Mr. Whitney sits on the Wild Blueberry Research Advisory Committee and is an active member of the marketing committee of Wild Blueberry Association of North America. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Whitney on his receiving this award; (HLS 386)

M. Jane Searles, of Bangor, who has been named the Home-Based Business Champion for 2007 for Maine and New England by the United States Small Business Administration. Ms. Searles is the Regional Manager for the Maine Centers for Women, Work & Community and is the instructor for the New Ventures Program. As Regional Manager for the North Central and Downeast regions, Ms. Searles provides entrepreneurial training, teaches confidence-building skills and provides a safe environment for entrepreneurs to explore ideas and build camaraderie. She serves on the Penobscot County Transition Team, teaches business classes and helped organize a Professional Clothing Room for women needing new clothes for job interviews. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Searles on her receiving this award; (HLS 387)

Debra Adams Neuman, of Orono, who has been named Maine's Small Business Journalist of the Year for 2007 by the United States Small Business Administration. Ms. Neuman is a business columnist for *The Edge* and host of the Back to Business radio show. She is director of the University of Maine Target Technology Incubator and an authorized Associate Counselor with the Maine Small Business & Technology Development Centers. She has counseled and coached hundreds of small business owners from across the State and beyond to help them achieve their entrepreneurial dreams. She exemplifies a strong commitment to the interests of small businesses and ventures. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Neuman on her receiving this award; (HLS 388)

Michael R. Boulet, of Fairfield, who has been named Maine's Small Business Person of the Year for 2007 by the United States Small Business Administration. Mr. Boulet is President of Mainely Trusses, Inc. He has run the family-owned business for 14 years. He is a leader in his community and serves as a member of the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund Board of Trustees of the Maine Merchants Association, chairs the board for the Central Maine Youth Hockey Association and is a supporter of Habitat for Humanity. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Boulet on his receiving this award; (HLS 389)

John C. Witherspoon, of Kingfield, who has been named Maine's Financial Services Champion for 2007 by the United States Small Business Administration. Mr. Witherspoon is the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine. Under Mr. Witherspoon's leadership, the Finance Authority of Maine designed a loan program to provide financing to businesses in the York area that were affected by the severe floods of last spring. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Witherspoon on his receiving this award; (HLS 390)

WahlcoMetroflex, which has been named Maine's Small Business Exporter of the Year for 2007 by the United States Small Business Administration. The 35-year-old company was purchased in 2001 by John Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer; John Bader, Chief Financial Officer; Steven Boulet, Director of Administration; Michael Brousseau, Contract and Service Manager; Scott Hall, Product Manager; and Roger Poulin, Director of Operations. The company is located in Lewiston and has a reputation as a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture, installation and service of dampers, joints and bypass diverters used in power plants, refineries, pulp and paper mills and chemical plants around the world. WahlcoMetroflex currently employs a total of 88 technically experienced personnel. We extend our congratulations to WahlcoMetroflex on its receiving this award; (HLS 391)

Christine Bernier, of Auburn, a freshman at Edward Little High School, who came in first place in the 9th Annual Nike Indoor

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National High School Track & Field Championships in Landover, Maryland. Coached by Tom Menendez, Ms. Bernier racewalked her personal best time in the Girls One Mile Race Walk Event. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 392)

Roxianne Frances Wright, of Southport, a lifelong resident of the Boothbay region. Mrs. Wright attended public schools in Boothbay and graduated with honors from Husson College. After earning her degree, she worked for nine years at the *Boothbay Register* newspaper. For the past 20 years she worked at the office of the Superintendent of Schools in Boothbay Harbor where she was known as the "face" of the public schools in the region. Mrs. Wright was a major force in developing and maintaining the Boothbay Harbor Food Pantry and served on its Board of Directors for nine years. Mrs. Wright's contributions to the community are immeasurable and she will be sadly missed by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 393)

Charles McLean, of Anson, a member of Boy Scout Troop 481, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Charles made improvements to Pomelea Park in Madison. He has also accumulated a long record of perfect attendance; during all his years of scouting, he never missed a single day. We extend our congratulations to Charles for achieving this exemplary merit and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 394)

Bob and Nancy Vachon, of Orrington, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, February 23, 2007. Mr. Vachon is a 1951 graduate of Brewer High School and is retired from the baking business. He is now employed at B & L Auto. Mrs. Vachon is a 1952 graduate of Stearns High School and is retired from the Orrington School lunch program. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Vachon on this very special occasion; (HLS 395)

Donald Oakes, of Wilton, who will be inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. During his high school career, Mr. Oakes pitched 40 of the 60 games his team played, losing only 2 games in 4 years. He had 2 no-hitters, struck out 14 batters in one game and had an average of 8 strike-outs in all other games. In his semi-pro career, he had a batting average of close to .300 with several home runs and pitched 160 games, including one no-hitter, winning nearly all of them. He coached youth sports for 14 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Oakes for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his being inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame; (HLS 396)

Kyle Ellis, of Wilton, who has been named 2006 Dispatcher of the Year by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Ellis is recognized for his job performance, teamwork, good attitude and ability to stay calm under duress. He is also an EMT, a captain in the Wilton Fire Department and a reserve officer with the Wilton Police Department. He is completing his college degree at the University of Maine at Augusta in business and public administration. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Ellis for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 397)

Shem Dixon, of Avon, a senior at Mt. Abram High School, who is the recipient of the 2007 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Shem on his receiving this award; (HLS 398)

Linda Dwinall, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 21 years with School Administrative District No. 9

as bookkeeper. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Dwinall for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 399)

Cornelia Farmer, of Farmington, on the occasion of her retirement after 6 years with School Administrative District No. 9 as a psychologist. She also served several years on a contract basis. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Farmer for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 400)

the following members of Central Aroostook High School Boys Alpine Ski Team, who won the 2006-2007 State Alpine Ski Championship: Derek Smith, Ethan Stiles, Ethan Garrison, Ethan Kelly, Caleb Jewett, Jordan Robinson, Travis McDonald, Greg Cousins and Matt Graves and coach Dennis Larrabee and assistant coach Mia Pangburn. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 401)

Jeanne M. Chadbourne, of North Yarmouth, for her service to the people of North Yarmouth, serving as a selectman from 2001 to 2007. During her years of service, she served on the Events Committee and the Safe Walk and Bike Ways Committee. Mrs. Chadbourne is a retired teacher from MSAD #51. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Chadbourne for her dedication to her community, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 402)

Patricia K. Hamel, of North Yarmouth, for her service to the people of North Yarmouth, serving as a selectman from 1994 to 1996 and from 2004 to 2007. During her years of service, she chaired the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the "Pay per Bag" Committee. In addition to her service to the town, Mrs. Hamel is a nurse and a Red Cross Volunteer. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Hamel for her dedication to her community, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 403)

James "Jim" N. Cummings, of Northport, who passed away at the age of 71 on July 28, 2006. Mr. Cummings is recognized posthumously for his dedication and public service to the Town of Northport, where he was twice elected as Town Clerk. Mr. Cummings and his faithful black Lab companion, "Indy," were the warm and welcoming faces of Northport for many years. Prior to living in Maine, Mr. Cummings achieved many successes including his notable work on the design and construction of landing gear for the first lunar module. Using his background in technology, he introduced a computer-based record management system to the town, saving the town thousands of dollars. An entrepreneur at heart, Mr. Cummings owned the popular Bayside General Store for many years with his late wife, Marjorie. He further served as treasurer of the Northport Volunteer Fire Department and Knights of Columbus. A 1953 graduate of Everett High School in Everett, Massachusetts, he attended Tufts University, followed by a 2-year tour of duty with the United States Army. He later completed the General Electric Apprentice Program and attended MIT. He was a proud family man and is survived by his children, Cheryl, Michael, and Stephen and their families. His service to this country, state and community is most appreciated by all. We join his family in honoring his lasting memory; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 404)

the Honorable Lynwood E. Hand, of New Limerick, lawyer, Probate Judge and lobbyist. Mr. Hand attended Ricker College, Northeastern University and Northeastern Law School. He was admitted to the Maine State Bar in 1947. He served in the Maine House of Representatives during the 95th and 96th legislative sessions. For many years he served as a lobbyist representing Great Northern Paper Co., the Maine Milk Commission and the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. He worked on the Maine State

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Property Tax Review Committee and served on many local boards and civic committees. He was a member and past grand master of the Monument Lodge 96 AF & AM and a member of the Meduxnekeag Club. He was an accomplished commercial and instrument pilot. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 405)

the memory of the late Stephen E. Walsh, a Winslow businessman who was posthumously named the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Professional of the Year. Mr. Walsh died last year after a year-long battle with cancer and was a prominent member of his community as both a professional and a volunteer. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a network of community-based health centers in Maine dedicated to enabling those in small, rural communities to have better access to health care services. Mr. Walsh, with his wife, Donna, coached several school teams in the Odyssey of the Mind contest, a problem solving competition for students. One of the teams took second place in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. With his enthusiasm for life and his great sense of humor, Mr. Walsh left a legacy of inspiration. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his profession and to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (HLS 406)

the importance of early detection and screening for those at risk for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, in order to reduce the financial and clinical burden of the illness upon the citizens of Maine. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the 4th leading cause of death in the United States and the only one of the top 5 causes for which prevalence and death rates are rising. It is a progressive disease that affects over 59,000 residents of Maine and it generates an annual estimated cost of \$37 billion. Over 60% of those diagnosed with COPD are under the age of 65 and the incidence of the disease in women has surpassed that of men. Many patients with COPD are not diagnosed until they have reached an advanced stage of the disease, which often includes a disabling degree of lung dysfunction. Early diagnosis of COPD, including the use of spirometry, can reduce the financial burden of the illness within public programs such as Medicaid and MaineCare. Studies have proven that COPD patients benefit from disease management programs and yet COPD has often been overlooked as a chronic disease suitable for inclusion into such programs. We encourage the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Dirigo Health's Maine Quality Forum and other stakeholders in Maine's health care community to include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in their chronic disease management programs in an effort to reduce the financial and clinical burden of the illness to our public programs and to the citizens of Maine; (HLS 407)

Yvon "Yvie" Bourque, of Sanford, a United States Navy veteran of World War II and longtime employee of General Electric. Mr. Bourque was a 1942 graduate of Sanford High School and served aboard the USS Hambleton, which fought in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day. After the war he worked for the Goodall-Sanford Textile Mills, Western Electric, Sprague Electric and General Electric. He was assistant football coach at St. Ignatius High School and president of the boosters. A football referee, he was a former member of the Maine Association of Football Officials. Mr. Bourque will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 408)

Jayme Lynn Cram, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating

class at Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Jayme on this accomplishment; (HLS 409)

Kayla Mae Osborne, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class at Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Kayla on this accomplishment; (HLS 410)

Alice D. Swallow, of Harpswell, longtime resident of Cundy's Harbor. Mrs. Swallow attended a one-room schoolhouse on Bethel Point and boarded with a family in Brunswick while attending Brunswick High School. She married George H. Swallow, Jr., in 1952 and they moved to Brunswick in 1955 and then to Bethel Point in 1962, where she became involved in many aspects of life in Cundy's Harbor. Mrs. Swallow was a member of the Cundy's Harbor Fire Department Auxiliary and along with her husband, who was the fire chief, became one of the first ambulance attendants in the area and was made honorary assistant chief. She was a founder of the Sebascodegan Garden Club and was instrumental in the restoration of the Cranberryhorn Cemetery and the historic East Harpswell Baptist Church building. Mrs. Swallow served as librarian, president and board member of the Cundy's Harbor Library almost since its founding. She loved the ocean and in 2001 published a book, "Hoover the Seal and George," the true story of her late husband and the orphaned seal he raised that became the famous talking seal at the New England Aquarium. She will be long remembered in the area for her contributions to the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 411)

Lewana Stendel, of Spruce Head, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of teaching in MSAD #5. Ms. Stendel is a 2nd-grade teacher at South School. We extend our appreciation to her for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State, and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 412)

Gary Wright, of Rockport, on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of teaching in MSAD #5. Mr. Wright teaches English at Rockland District High School and is the assistant football coach, the head track coach and the head skiing coach. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 413)

Dorothy Robinson, of Warren, on the occasion of her retirement after 21 years of teaching in MSAD #5. Ms. Robinson is a 1st-grade teacher at MacDougal School. We extend our appreciation to her for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State, and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 414)

Joseph Keller, of Nobleboro, on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of teaching in MSAD #5. Mr. Keller teaches Physical Education at Rockland District Middle School and has coached there as well. He is the assistant football coach, the head baseball coach and the assistant basketball coach at Rockland District High School. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 415)

Louise Wieland, of Union, on the occasion of her retirement after 11 years of teaching in MSAD #5. Ms. Wieland teaches German at Rockland District High School. We extend our appreciation to her for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State, and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 416)

Jeffrey Weatherbee, of Owls Head, on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of teaching in MSAD #5. Mr. Weatherbee teaches Industrial Technology at Rockland District

Middle School. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 417)

Judy Green, of Waterford, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years of dedicated service as Director of Oxford Hills Adult Education. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Green for her commitment to the citizens of this State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 418)

Theodore C. Pavone, of Millinocket, a United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. During the war, he served in the Philippines. Mr. Pavone worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 42 years and was a member of numerous fraternal and veterans organizations. He was married to his wife Lydia, who died in 1999, for 58 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 419)

Lieutenant Colonel Jay Zeamer, Jr. (Ret.), of Boothbay Harbor, who had been the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient who was a full-time resident of the State of Maine. The Medal of Honor is the highest award given in the United States for military service, bestowed for valor in combat. Lieutenant Colonel Zeamer (then Captain Zeamer) was presented the Medal of Honor in 1944 for his bravery and valor while surviving a dangerous mission in the Solomon Islands in the Pacific in which he was wounded. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Lieutenant Colonel Zeamer was awarded 2 Silver Stars, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Purple Heart and 2 Air Medals. We acknowledge his distinguished service to his Nation. Lieutenant Colonel Zeamer will be greatly missed and long remembered by his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 420)

Alex Willette, of Presque Isle, of Boy Scout Troop #171, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alex on his accomplishment; (HLS 421)

the Wilton Free Public Library on its being recognized as one of 6 Family Place Libraries in Maine by the Americans for Libraries Council. The Wilton Free Public Library is housed in a 100-year-old building in the heart of downtown Wilton. As a Family Place Library, the Wilton Free Public Library offers a welcoming and supportive environment that promotes child development and early literacy and collaborates with related agencies to steer families to the library. Programs at the library now include an outreach program to 6 area child care centers to which, every other week, librarian Sandy Warren brings a tote bag filled with books. There are library story hours for toddlers and preschool and elementary school youngsters. Once a month the local kindergartners walk over to browse in the cozy and well-stocked children's library. The library has a summer reading program and twice a year sets up parent-child workshops for children 1 to 3 years of age and their caregivers that feature toys, books and art supplies for the children and professionals from community agencies speaking about parenting, literacy and other issues that concern children. We extend our congratulations to the Wilton Free Public Library on its receiving this distinction; (HLS 422)

Bea Milewski, of Strong, a longtime music director and teacher, who will be honored at the town's Paddlefest for her dedicated community service. Mrs. Milewski grew up in Temple, graduated from Farmington High School and was a graduate of the Bangor Conservatory of Music. She taught music at

Carrabec High School, the Madison schools, the Rangeley schools and School Administrative District No. 58. She worked with the students in School Administrative District No. 58 to start a marching band. She headed a fundraiser to purchase new uniforms and a trip to Universal Studios in Florida, where the band performed. Mrs. Milewski has also been the music director at the Strong Methodist Church for more than 30 years and has given music lessons. She had a catering service and hosted a radio show called "Aunt Bea's Kitchen" from which she developed a cookbook. She and her husband ran a local restaurant called "The Lunchbox." They also started and ran the Strong Nursing Home. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Milewski for her years of commitment to the citizens of her community and join the town in honoring this exceptional lady; (HLS 423)

Stan Harnden, of Wilton, beloved husband, father and grandfather and talented musician. Mr. Harnden was well known for his longtime leadership role in the Old Crow Band, always marching alongside the band wearing an Indian headdress that ran all the way down his back to the ground, a horn pressed to his lips. He got his first violin at the age of seven and played from that day on. Mr. Harnden played the piano, tuba, drums, violin, trombone and guitar. Any instrument he picked up he could play. Despite the demands of running a dairy farm, a saw mill and an apple orchard, he taught all his nine children to play instruments and taught at least six of his grandchildren to play. Mr. Harnden and his children played at all the local grange halls, nursing homes and birthday parties. In 1987, Mr. Harnden bought the old Chesterville dance hall, now known as the Harnden Dance Hall, and the family has been having old-time dances there twice a month ever since. He was a jack-of-all-trades, but he mastered everything he did. Mr. Harnden will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 424)

Darrell Johnston, of South Portland, on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of teaching at Mahoney Middle School. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to the youth of the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 425)

Richard Ray Storer, of Damariscotta, a member of Ducks Unlimited, the Republican National Committee, the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, the Masons, the American Legion and the Kora Shrine Temple and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. Mr. Storer was born in Boothbay Harbor and grew up in Brunswick and Boothbay Harbor. He joined the United States Navy and served from 1946 to 1948, and earned his GED after returning home. He attended Massachusetts Industrial Technical School. He was an instructor of arms at West Point. In 1950, Mr. Storer joined the United States Army and was stationed in Japan and Korea with the 24th Infantry Division as a mortarman and in combat infantry. He opened his own business in 1955 constructing buildings of all sizes, including the Damariscotta Post Office. One of his last jobs before retirement was building the Maine Center for the Arts at the University of Maine. Mr. Storer will be greatly missed and long remembered by his large family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 426)

Josh Young, of Brewer, of Boy Scout Troop #1, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Josh on his accomplishment; (HLS 427)

Steve Schley, of Bangor, of Boy Scout Troop #1 in Brewer, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in

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recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Steve on his accomplishment; (HLS 428)

the Honorable Edgar M. Wheeler, of Bridgewater, former Member of the Maine House of Representatives and High Sheriff of Aroostook County. Mr. Wheeler was born in Mars Hill and was a graduate of Bridgewater Classical Academy. He served in the United States Army and began his career in law enforcement in 1968. He was a deputy, detective and chief deputy and was elected High Sheriff in 1983, a position he held for 12 years. Mr. Wheeler served in the Maine State Legislature for 8 years, from 1994 to 2002. He was a member of the Bridgewater Free Baptist Church, where he served as deacon, trustee and most recently as Sunday school superintendent and moderator. He also served his community on the Bridgewater Town Council. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 429)

Madison Junior High School, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Madison Junior High School; (HLS 430)

Lyman Moore Middle School, in Portland, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Lyman Moore Middle School; (HLS 431)

Athens Elementary School, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Athens Elementary School; (HLS 432)

the Eddington School, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Eddington School; (HLS 433)

Pemetic Elementary School, in Southwest Harbor, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Pemetic Elementary School; (HLS 434)

the Holbrook School, in Holden, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Holbrook School; (HLS 435)

the Machias Valley Christian School, on its participation in the 2007 Project Citizen Maine Showcase and for its efforts to

engage students as responsible and involved citizens in their communities. Project Citizen is an extensive education program that teaches young people the public policy-making process. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Machias Valley Christian School; (HLS 436)

the Sanford High School Band, which was chosen to march in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The band held bake sales and hosted many events to raise funds for this important trip to be part of a world-famous parade. We extend our congratulations to the Sanford High School Band on its participation in this great event; (HLS 437)

the Sanford Regional Vocational Center on its winning 18 medals at the 2007 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of eight nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. The SkillsUSA Championship competition in Maine was hosted by the City of Bangor. Forty-seven students from Sanford Regional Vocational Center were among 710 students from the 28 vocational centers across the State who competed in 61 different contests in various fields at the event. Sanford Regional Vocational Center was recognized for having the greatest number of students participating in the competition. The center won 3 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 9 bronze medals. The 3 gold medal winners will attend the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to the team and wish them well at the national competition; (HLS 438)

Kendal Nicely, of Gorham, for her excellence in archery. From 2003 to 2007, she has won Maine State Championships in archery and numerous national titles. In 2006, Kendal broke 5 national records and secured first place on the United States Junior Team and led the team to a gold medal at the Junior World Championship in Merida, Mexico, where the team set a world record in the team event. In 2007, Kendal placed first at the Junior World Trials in Texas, which secured her first place on the United States World Junior Team. She competed at the World Championships in Izmar, Turkey, where she finished 6th and set the high qualifying score for the event. Kendal led the U.S. World Junior Team to a silver medal as well. She won first place at the Indoor Nationals this year, also winning Shooter of the Year in Maine, breaking her own record. Recently, Kendal competed in California, earning a place on the United States adult team that will compete in the Outdoor World Championship this summer in Germany. We send her our congratulations on her remarkable achievements and send her our best wishes on her future accomplishments; (HLS 439)

Cindy Tuck, of Brewer, Transition Coordinator for the Maine Transition Network Region III Penquis Area. Ms. Tuck has been recognized as the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities Maine Advocate of the Year. The recognition was a result of her work in developing a youth service program, improving access to transition services for families in the area and increasing delivery of services in the region's schools. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Tuck on her receiving this award; (HLS 440)

Devan P. Arnold, of Vassalboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop #410 who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle service project, Devan constructed a picnic table and trail behind the Vassalboro United Methodist Church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Devan on his accomplishment; (HLS 441)

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Daniel S. Arnold, of Vassalboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop #410 who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle service project, Daniel constructed a nature path behind the Vassalboro Town Office, which is now available for community picnicking. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Daniel on his accomplishment; (HLS 442)

Paul Brogan, of South Portland, on his retirement after 38 years of coaching and teaching at South Portland High School. Mr. Brogan has coached almost 2,000 athletes and has taught nearly 5,000 students. He is a social studies teacher and a cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track coach. One of the highlights of his coaching career was the privilege of coaching a blind runner. South Portland has won 21 total state championships under his guidance and 2 runner-up New England championships. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Brogan for his 38 years of outstanding achievement in interscholastic sports and his years of dedication as a teacher, mentor and friend and we wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 443)

Laura Jurewicz, of Pleasant Point, a Passamaquoddy community, on her dedicated service and commitment to the elderly people of the community. Ms. Jurewicz has helped to develop a stronger and safe environment for older people. As the elder services liaison, she has gone beyond her duties and has made our community a better place. We send her our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 444)

Kani Malsom and Joe McLaughlin, of Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point, founders of Wabanaki Nation Foundation, a mentoring program that promotes native cultural revival for the young people of the community. They have developed a bond with the youth of the community to whom they have taught a strong cultural ethic. We congratulate Kani Malsom and Joe McLaughlin for their important work in their community and the State and we send them our appreciation; (HLS 445)

Francis and Kathleen Vienneau, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 11, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 446)

Robert J. "Bob" Thibodeau, of East Millinocket. He served in the United States Air Force for 3 years. After serving in the Air Force, he returned to East Millinocket and worked at Great Northern Paper for many years. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, John F. Kennedy Chapter No. 6 where he served as adj/treasurer. He received a plaque for his dedication and support for honoring our military troops. Mr. Thibodeau loved to spend time fishing and hunting and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and playing pool. Mr. Thibodeau will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 447)

James Joseph Durant, of Scarborough, a United States Army decorated soldier and combat veteran of the Vietnam War. For over 25 years, Mr. Durant worked as an electronic technician for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Portland International Jetport, retiring in 1996. In 1985, he was honored with a Red Cross Certificate of Merit for saving the life of a coworker. The Certificate of Merit is the highest honor that the Red Cross can bestow upon an individual. Mr. Durant was an extraordinary man who volunteered on many projects and activities in Scarborough, including the Volunteers in Police Service. On December 15, 2006, while serving the citizens of Scarborough as a Volunteer in Police Service, Mr. Durant was directing traffic at the scene of a motor vehicle accident and a vehicle came up from behind and

struck and killed him. He was a founding member and communicant of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Scarborough. Mr. Durant will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and the community of Scarborough; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 448)

Irving F. Chipman, beloved longtime resident of Harpswell who had more than 60 years of service in the Harpswell Neck Fire Department. Born in Harpswell, Mr. Chipman served in the United States Army during World War II. He worked for Glen Rollins Construction and later for Bowdoin College, from which he retired as locksmith and head of carpentry. Mr. Chipman was one of the founders of Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue and served as chief of the fire department for 32 years. In 2001, the community renamed the fire station the Irving F. Chipman Station in his honor. He retired from the fire department as an ambulance driver in 2002. As a former Boy Scout leader, he was instrumental in starting the popular bean hole suppers in Harpswell. Mr. Chipman was a former master of the Merriconeag Grange and a member and life deacon of the Elijah Kellogg Church. He was also one of the founders of American Legion Post No. 171. We gratefully acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 449)

Richard Brooks, of Orrington, on his retirement from Hannaford Brothers Co. Mr. Brooks' career as a grocer began with Columbia Markets on May 22, 1957. By 18 years of age, he was the head meat cutter and later became an assistant meat manager in the largest meat operation in the company. Mr. Brooks served his country in the United States Marine Corps, where he was awarded the Dress Blues Award. After completing his enlistment, he returned to his original vocation, assuming the position of meat manager until March of 1972, the time at which he began working for Doug's Shop 'n Save and Hannaford Brothers Co. Mr. Brooks became part of a small project team that developed and led the introduction of the Management Planning Program, a labor tool for the retail stores for Hannaford Brothers Co. In the 26 years since joining the Management Planning Department, Mr. Brooks has held many different job titles and has made huge contributions to the department and company. Some of his key contributions to the Hannaford Brothers Co. include support to Independents and Hannaford Home Runs. He has also participated in the expansion of Hannaford Brothers Co. into New York and the Southeast. We congratulate him for completing 50 years of service to the grocery industry; (HLS 450)

the members of the Somerset Valley Middle School Show Chorus for their earning a gold rating and winning first place in Division II at the State Jazz and Show Vocal Festival sponsored by the Maine Music Educators Association for 2006 and 2007. The 2007 Show Chorus also earned a gold rating for best choreography. We also congratulate Nick Lagross on being chosen best vocalist in 2007. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Somerset Valley Middle School Show Chorus on their achievements; (HLS 451)

the members of the Somerset Valley Middle School Jazz Band on their earning a gold rating and winning first place in Division III at the Middle School Jazz Instrumental Festival sponsored by the Maine Music Educators Association for 2006 and 2007. The band also received 10 soloists awards. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Somerset Valley Middle School Jazz Band on their achievements; (HLS 452)

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the members of the Fryeburg Academy Vocal Jazz Ensemble, on their outstanding performances at the Berklee Jazz Festival, the largest high school jazz competition in the country. Judges Choice trophies were given to Jared LaCasce for Big Band trumpet; Owen Conforte for Birth of the Cool Combo guitar and Vocal Jazz Ensemble guitar and vocals; and Sarah Sawin for Headhunters Combo flute. Fryeburg Academy also took 3 of the 4 top individual awards in the Vocal Jazz Division: Jared LaCasce and Tim Even for Outstanding Vocalists and Owen Conforte for Superior Vocalist. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble placed first in the Big Band Division, with the Individual Award for Best Trumpet going to Jared LaCasce. The Big Band Group also received 3rd place. Along with the trophies and accolades, Fryeburg Academy won scholarships to Berklee's summer program for students in the winning ensembles, as well as a free clinic by a Berklee College instructor. We commend the students for the dedication and hours of practice and wish them well for continued success; (HLS 453)

the following members of the Fryeburg Academy Jazz Combo: Owen Conforte, Tyler Arnold, Jared LaCasce, Anya Rose, Rob Crowson, Dan Rounds and Tim Even and director Brent LaCasce, winners of the Division One State Title at the Maine State Jazz Festival. The school's Birth of the Cool Jazz Combo once again gave an outstanding performance, and individual awards were given to Jared LaCasce on trumpet and Owen Conforte on guitar. All members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication. We wish them continued success in the years to come; (HLS 454)

Henry Schmelzer, of Somesville, who has been named 2007 Business Leader of the Year by Mainebiz. Mr. Schmelzer is President and CEO of the Maine Community Foundation and is responsible for the leadership, management and development of this community organization. He has served on numerous professional and nonprofit boards and is an active member of many organizations. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Schmelzer on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 455)

the Georgetown Historical Society, on the occasion of the commencement of its expansion, after 5 years of planning and 3 years of fund-raising. The Georgetown Historical Society was formed in 1975 and includes a library and museum, presently housed in a temporary building and in an 1830 one-room stone schoolhouse. The Navy Seabees will donate their construction skills to the new Georgetown Historical and Cultural Center. Reservists from around the country will participate in this United States Navy Seabees Innovative Readiness Training project to donate their skills in construction labor at an estimated value of \$180,000. Money has also been raised in a capital campaign, which received donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. We extend our congratulations to the Georgetown Historical Society as it celebrates this event at the annual meeting on June 24, 2007. We send the society our best wishes on the future of the Georgetown Historical and Cultural Center; (HLS 456)

the late Larry Boyce, of Temple, on his being inducted posthumously into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Boyce was a Pine Tree League luminary, serving as player-coach for the Temple Townies over a three-decade career. In 1957, the Temple youth league Tigers dedicated Boyce Park to his memory; (HLS 457)

Major Kenneth Bryant, of Phillips, who was recently awarded the Bronze Star for exceptional service during his deployment in Afghanistan. Major Bryant has 17 years of service and has been with the Maine Army National Guard since 1998. We

acknowledge his dedicated service to the State of Maine and to the Nation, and we extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 458)

Isabelle and George Walsh, of Kenduskeag, on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 10, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were married on March 11, 1957 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Millinocket. They raised three children and have six grandchildren. We extend our congratulations on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 459)

William Thomas Chouinard, of Oxford, on the celebration of his 80th Birthday, May 29, 2007. Mr. Chouinard has been married to Ruth Chestina (Twitchell) Chouinard for 46 years and they have 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He served in the military from 1944 to 1967, first as a merchant marine, then in the United States Army, the National Guard and the Army Reserves. He is currently chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9787 and has served as a deacon for the Oxford Advent Christian Church for the past 50 years. During his 80 years, Mr. Chouinard has contributed greatly to his community and to the Nation. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his birthday; (HLS 460)

the following members of the Windsor Elementary School Girls Soccer Team, which won the Sheepscot Valley Athletic Conference Soccer Championship: players Nicole Webb, Ashley Haskell, Olivia Boivin, Tori Kelly, Kori Thompson, Sammie Belanger, Kaitlyn Honea, Heather Rock, Michelle Beckwith, Rene Moody, Shannon Blanchard, Destiny Silcott, Raven Carleson, Amy Phillips, Tinsley DeForest and Sara Beckwith; coaches Kim Boivin and Theresa Haskell; and athletic director Karen Wilcox. We send the members of the team our congratulations on their accomplishment; (HLS 461)

the following members of the Windsor Elementary School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Sheepscot Valley Athletic Conference Championship: players Kori Thompson, Olivia Miner, Gabrielle Farwell, Olivia Boivin, Sammie Belanger, Nicole Webb, Ashley Haskell, Kaitlyn Honea, Michelle Beckwith, Sierra Tjelmeland, Raven Carleson, Amy Phillips and Shannon Blanchard; head coach Kristen Bartlett; assistant coaches Erin Mastin and Jason Bartlett; and athletic director Karen Wilcox. We send our congratulations on their accomplishment; (HLS 462)

Benjamin D. Farrar, of Gorham, who has been named a Presidential Scholar by the United States Department of Education. Benjamin is recognized for his exceptional academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship and service. He is a National Merit Scholar, an Eagle Scout, a talk radio host on WMPG and a member of the Gorham High School marching band, concert band and jazz band. He will attend Dartmouth College. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on his receiving this honor; (HLS 463)

the following top graduating students in the Maranacook Community High School Class of 2007: Elizabeth Gallant, Valedictorian; Jeffrey Goggin, Salutatorian; Jennifer Bourgoin; Lauren Fish; Amy Gifford; David Griffin; Michael King; John Kozak; Casey Spencer and Sam Watson. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 464)

the centennial anniversary of the William Fogg Library in Eliot. Established in 1907 by a trust from Dr. John S. H. Fogg in memory of his father, William Fogg, the facility was one of few public libraries existing in southern Maine during that time. Honoring his father's passion for education, learning and the citizens of Eliot, Dr. John Fogg bequeathed a trust including land, the family homestead and funds to provide a library for the

residents of Eliot. Designed by Boston architect C. Howard Walker, the library was dedicated on May 21, 1907. We join the community of Eliot in celebrating the 100 years of shared knowledge and history that the William Fogg Library has offered the Fogg family's beloved Town of Eliot; (HLS 465)

the Skowhegan High School Drama Team, which won the 2007 Central Maine Regional Championship. Since 1995, the school's team has won 9 out of 13 years at the regional level and advanced to the State competition. It has placed first in the State and represented Maine at the New England Drama Festival 4 times in that period. In 2002, the school's team became the first school in Maine to perform at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. That year's team was chosen from hundreds of nominations from across the country. The team is directed by Robin Lisherness, who is well-known and respected by all who participate in drama competitions. We extend our congratulations to the Skowhegan High School Drama Team on this remarkable achievement and send the members our best wishes in their future endeavors; (HLS 466)

Duane Everett Coburn, of Brownville, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Coburn served in the United States Army for three years. He was employed at Great Northern Paper Company for 39 years and was a deputy sheriff for 35 years for the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time at camp with his family. He was a member of the Brownville Junction High School Alumni Association, the Bernard Jones American Legion Post No. 92, the K.I. Riders and the National Rifle Association. Mr. Coburn will be fondly remembered for his willingness to help people and will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 467)

Timothy C. Plumer, a third-generation resident of Hallowell and a prominent member of Hallowell's merchant community. Mr. Plumer was a graduate of Cony High School and attended Berwick Academy and Thomas College. He worked for the Kennebec Journal until 1976, and then opened up shop selling antiques and toys, especially old toy trains. He named his business Dukinfield's, in honor of W.C. Fields, and he kept the shop open nearly every day for over 30 years. Mr. Plumer was also a member of the Maine Senate Chamber staff from 1984 to 1987, and spoke fondly of his days as a courier. He was a great storyteller and had published a humorous book about Hallowell. His store was a gathering place for musicians, artists, family and friends. Mr. Plumer was known for his wit, his love of the arts and his fondness for parties. He will be truly missed by the community of Hallowell and by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 468)

the following members of the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon Team, on winning the 2007 State Championship: students Arianna Bratt, Matthew Couillard, Emily Jameson, Caterina McLean, Saerim Park, Jonathan Russell, Nolan Scheemaker, Matthew Schaefer, Matthew Sirocki, Kenton Whipple and Alex Whittemore; and coaches Shane Davis and Jon York. This is the 20th State Championship that the school has participated in and it is the 18th State Championship it has won. The team placed 14th in the nation and 4th among small schools at the United States Academic Decathlon national finals in Honolulu, Hawaii. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon team on their achievements and wish them well in their future endeavors; (HLS 469)

Adam Theriault, of Gray, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 86, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. We extend our congratulations to Adam for achieving this exemplary merit and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 470)

Maureen K. O'Meara, of Cape Elizabeth, who has served as the Town Planner since October 1990. In her impressive 17-year tenure, she has preserved and enhanced Cape Elizabeth's commitment to the preservation of open space while improving public access to it through development of the greenbelt trail system. Ms. O'Meara was a major resource for the current Greenbelt Plan, which was named "Plan of the Year" by the Maine Association of Planners, a distinction typically awarded to professional outside consultants. Members of Cape Elizabeth's Conservation Commission prize her wealth of knowledge and credit her with the town's vision to establish a town-wide network of greenbelt trails by connecting the town center to important open spaces. She has also served as chair of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association and is a current member and past vice-chair of the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Study, which is part of the Greater Portland Council of Governments. Her work exemplifies the spirit of Maine that makes our quality of life and place so remarkable and unique. We extend our appreciation to Ms. O'Meara for her commitment to her community and State; (HLS 471)

the Maine Small Business Development Centers, for 30 years of outstanding service to the State of Maine and the small businesses and entrepreneurs upon which the economy relies. Since 1977, the Maine Small Business Development Centers have been dedicated to helping small businesses succeed by helping launch 2,650 new businesses, supporting the creation or retention of more than 15,000 jobs, providing 200,000 hours of business assistance to more than 42,000 individuals, training nearly 35,000 individuals within 250,000 hours of classroom learning and helping small businesses access \$600 million to launch, grow or expand. We extend our congratulations to the Maine Small Business Development Centers on their 30 years of success in Maine; (HLS 472)

Richard Aronson, M.D., MPH, of Hallowell, who is the recipient of the 2007 Ray E. Helfer, M.D. Award from the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds and the American Academy of Pediatrics for his valuable contributions to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Dr. Aronson is a pediatrician and has almost 30 years of service and leadership as a public health and medical professional. He has served as the Maternal and Child Health Medical Director at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services since 2002. We acknowledge Dr. Aronson's dedication and service to the people of Maine and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 473)

George Fryer, a resident of Gorham House, who is the recipient of the Remember ME award from the Maine Health Care Association. Mr. Fryer, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on August 6, 2007, was born in New York City. His family moved to Cooper, Maine when he was 11. When Mr. Fryer was 16, he moved to Connecticut to work at Farrell Foundry and Machine Company. In 1929, he married Dorothy Blake, with whom he had 4 children. Mr. Fryer began a successful career with Pratt and Whitney building aircraft in 1939, where he worked stateside during World War II to keep the pilots safe. Mrs. Fryer passed away in 1966. Mr. Fryer was remarried to Esther in 1971 and retired from Pratt and Whitney in 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Fryer moved back to Maine in 1999 to Gorham House, where Mrs. Fryer passed away in 2000. Mr. Fryer has 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and he enjoys visits

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from all of them. He is popular at Gorham House and participated with the Gorham Red Hat Ladies in the Gorham Days parade as the "Mayor of Gorham House." We congratulate Mr. Fryer on his receiving the Remember ME award and on the upcoming centennial celebration of his life, and we extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 474)

the Airline Community School in Aurora, whose students won the K-3 State Scholastic Chess Championship for the second year in a row. We send our congratulations to Coach Dan DeLuca and the chess team on this accomplishment; (HLS 475)

Gregory Collagan, of Fort Kent, for his heroic efforts in saving the life of Ray Pelletier from a blazing house. Gregory and his friends were driving home late at night when they observed a house on fire in Wallgrass. He encountered Juliet Pelletier outside the home and persuaded her to stay back from the burning house. He helped Ray Pelletier, a senior citizen, from the fire through the window. Gregory remained at the scene until after the firefighters arrived. We congratulate Gregory on his courageous actions and send him our appreciation; (HLS 476)

the 60th Anniversary Session of Dirigo Boys State, on June 17 to June 21, 2007. The American Legion, Department of Maine teaches youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society by training our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. Dirigo Boys State is a unique educational program that focuses on participation and personal experience in a model to mirror the structure and operation of the State of Maine. We welcome the young Maine students to the State House and we join the Dirigo Boys State directors in wishing them great success; (HLS 477)

Dr. William McFarlane, of Portland, for his work in implementing and developing a program for early identification and intervention for people with serious mental illnesses. Since 2000, his Portland Identification and Early Intervention Program has worked with 130 young people in Cumberland County. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded a \$12.4 million, 4-year grant to the program to replicate it in Sacramento, California; Ypsilanti, Michigan; and Salem, Oregon. We extend our congratulations to Dr. McFarlane on his program receiving this important grant and we send him our appreciation for his successful work in helping people with mental illness; (HLS 478)

Angelo Sotiropoulos, of Gorham, who was named Business Person of the Year by the Gorham Business & Civic Exchange. Mr. Sotiropoulos is the owner of the Gorham House of Pizza. Mr. Sotiropoulos was chosen for his community involvement and leadership, promotion of local businesses and creativity in business. He is a member of the historical society, supports the DARE and Project Graduation programs and donates to exchange events. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sotiropoulos on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 479)

William Guinther, of Thomaston, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class of Georges Valley High School. Mr. Guinther will study engineering this fall at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is an avid swimmer and his potential was realized when he was chosen to compete on West Point's swim team. We extend our congratulations to William and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 480)

Caroline Letourneau, of St. George, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class of Georges Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Caroline and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 481)

Gordon J. McCauslin, of Millinocket, who was an active member in the community and a former town councillor. Mr. McCauslin attended Paul Smith College in New York, where he studied restaurant management. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for many years and held several positions there; at the time of his retirement he was a manager of the human resources department. After retiring, he owned and operated The Trail's End Diner, which is now known as The Appalachian Trail Cafe. Mr. McCauslin was a past director and participant in the Millinocket Players and he also sang with Dot and the Has Beens. He was serving a term as president of the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 482)

the following night custodians at Bonny Eagle High School for their generosity and the positive example that they have provided for others in the school: Jinxia Ruan, Jenifer Cable, Patti Haskell, Lillian Pomerleau, Dennis Pomerleau and John Sanfason. Under the direction of team leader Jenifer Cable, the night crew has raised \$200 for a scholarship for a student member of Safe Passage for a trip the organization is taking to Guatemala. The staff was able to raise the money by collecting bottles and cans. They will give the scholarship to a student who has been especially polite and cooperative with the custodians this year. We acknowledge the night custodians at Bonny Eagle High School for their generosity; (HLS 483)

Mike Pierce, of Auburn, parts department manager at Emerson Toyota, who was chosen the best Toyota parts professional in the United States. Mr. Pierce has been the parts department manager at Emerson Toyota for 8 years. He earned a perfect score on a written test and was picked because of his excellent knowledge and customer service skills. He was awarded a weeklong trip to Japan and the honor of representing United States parts professionals at Toyota's Assembly of Champions, a conference and awards ceremony for the company's top professionals from 50 countries. We congratulate Mr. Pierce on his winning this well-deserved award and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 484)

Carl W. Sawyer, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran who served for 26 years. On his retirement, he worked as security supervisor for Great Northern Paper Company for 12 years. Mr. Sawyer was a member of the American Legion, Rodney Stinson Post No. 80, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks No. 1521 and the Fleet Reserve Association. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 51 years, Earlene, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 485)

Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Cottle, of East Millinocket, on the special occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, May 23, 2007. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on this milestone anniversary; (HLS 486)

James Boisvert, of Old Orchard Beach, principal of Loranger Middle School, for his 24 years of dedicated service to the youth of his community. Mr. Boisvert has taught for 13 years and has been an administrator for 11 years, serving the students of Biddeford and Old Orchard Beach. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine with degrees in Elementary Education and Educational Administration. We extend our congratulations and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 487)

George Shabo, of Old Orchard Beach, on his nomination as Maine Teacher of the Year. Mr. Shabo is the band director at Loranger Middle School in Old Orchard Beach, and he also coaches middle school baseball and has organized a floor

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hockey league. We send Mr. Shabo our congratulations on his nomination for this prestigious award and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 488)

Marie Hatfield, of Winthrop, for her dedication to teaching at Rhymes and Reasons Nursery School. Ms. Hatfield has been with the school for 21 years. Rhymes and Reasons Nursery School will be closing its doors on June 8th after having enrolled more than 600 preschoolers over 26 years. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Hatfield for her commitment to the children of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 489)

Karen Richards Toothaker, of Winthrop, who has operated Rhymes and Reasons Nursery School for 26 successful years. The school will be closing its doors on June 8th after having enrolled more than 600 preschoolers over the years. She graduated from Lasell College in Auburndale, Massachusetts, where she received an associate degree in Early Childhood Education, earned a bachelor's degree in Parent Child Education from the University of Maine Farmington and gained certification through the Gesell Institute of Human Development. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Toothaker for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 490)

Deborah Bradburn, of York, for being named Maine's 2006 Presidential Award winner for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. As a 4th-grade teacher at Coastal Ridge Elementary School, Ms. Bradburn conveys to her students a passion for mathematics through meticulous instruction. She has been a lead trainer for the past several years in the Everyday Math curriculum, while also educating college students and sharing her knowledge by authoring a chapter in a mathematics text book. By achieving this mark of distinction, considered to be the nation's highest honor for math and science teachers in kindergarten through grade 12, Ms. Bradburn earned a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. to attend various festivities, including a ball at the United States State Department and a meeting with President George W. Bush. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Bradburn and thank her for her 26 years of preparing our young people for the challenges of tomorrow; (HLS 491)

the following top ten graduating students of the 2007 class of Mt. Abram High School: Stephanie Boyd of Freeman Township, Hillary L. Bubier of Avon, Krysta Lee Davenport of Phillips, Shem S. Dixon of Avon, Justin J. Eustis of Phillips, Hannah E. James of Avon, Eric R. Richards of Strong, Foster Dillon Robinson of Kingfield, Kylie Paige Shaw of Kingfield and Brittany Lynn York of Strong. We congratulate these students on their achievement, and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 492)

Gerald Duffy, of Bangor, beloved husband and father. Mr. Duffy coached a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball and soccer. One of his memorable coaching moments came in 1969 when he led Caribou High School to the State high school title on a last-second, half-court shot that defeated Westbrook High School, 65-63. In the course of his 31-year basketball coaching career, Mr. Duffy amassed a 373-151 record, for a winning percentage of .712. Other schools that gained from Mr. Duffy's instructional prowess were East Grand School, Limestone Community School, Katahdin Middle High School and the University of Maine at Presque Isle. He was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 and was part of the inaugural class inducted into the Maine Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2001. We offer our condolences to Jean, his wife of 52 years, and their four children. He will be remembered for the positive influence he had on the lives of so many of Maine's young people; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 493)

Charles Harold Merrill, beloved husband, father and pioneering news photographer. Born in Portland, the son of Charles H. and Alice Frizzell Merrill, he graduated from South Portland High School in 1947 and was a proud resident of South Portland all his life. He served in the United States Marine Corps and attended the early Portland Junior College, today the University of Southern Maine. For almost 40 years he was a news photographer for the Guy Gannett newspapers, winning many awards for his work chronicling the great and small events making up the mosaic of a changing Maine. He retired in 1991 with the rank of Chief Photographer. He was a longtime member of the Portland Newspaper Guild and served as secretary-treasurer of the New England District of the National Press Photographers Association. Proud of his professional accomplishments, he was also an avid local historian and eagerly entertained listeners with memories of the great events he had witnessed, including coastal events of World War II, the shipwreck of the SS Oakley Alexander and Maine's "Great Fires" of 1947. He will be sadly missed by his loving family, professional associates and his many admirers cheered by his buoyant enthusiasm for living; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 494)

Kevin Pedro, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Deering High School. Kevin will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall and major in physics. He is the recipient of the Rensselaer Math and Science Medal, Academic Letters in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 and the Most Valuable Leader Award at PATHS, was a National Merit Finalist and has a Black Belt in Shotokan Karate. His extra-curricular activities included karate at Fournier's Leadership Karate Center, Mock Trial, Ramblings student newspaper, student representative to the Technology Advisory Committee, National Honor Society, student senate and math team. He participated in the development of a website for Deering High School and the Portland School District. We extend our congratulations to Kevin on his accomplishments and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 495)

Alexander Roy, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class at Deering High School. Alexander will attend Wesleyan University in the fall and major in English. He is the recipient of the NCTE Writing Award. He is a National Merit Scholar and was first in the State on the AATG test for the last two years. He was a member of the German Club, Breccia, Ram & Lambs (Big Brothers-Big Sisters), National Honor Society and the yearbook staff. He enjoys ultimate frisbee. We extend our congratulations to Alexander on his accomplishments and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 496)

the memory of United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Paul Everett Getchell, of Portland, who has been long identified as Missing In Action from the Vietnam War and whose remains have been finally discovered. Lieutenant Colonel Getchell was the copilot of a B-57 Canberra bomber that faced hostile fire and crashed into a mountain in Laos on January 13, 1969. After six excavations of the crash site, the military's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command was able to confirm the findings through DNA testing. He was given a full military funeral and burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. At long last, the loving family and many friends of Lieutenant Colonel Getchell were able to finally bury their beloved hero. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends, and we join in their relief that he has finally come home after his ultimate sacrifice to his State and Nation; (HLS 497)

James "Chico" Hernandez, of Washburn, a member of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame since 2006. Mr. Hernandez won a

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Gold Samurai Sword and Silver Samurai Sword in the Heavyweight Division of the 2006 North American Grappling Association Championships in Fairfield, Connecticut. In the Executive Division, he is currently ranked as 5th in the United States in No-Gi Fighting and is ranked as first in the State for the 2006 season. Mr. Hernandez is a graduate of the University of Maine at Presque Isle and is a self-defense instructor at the Maine State Prison. We extend our congratulations to him on his remarkable accomplishments and his induction into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame; (HLS 498)

Adam N. Michaud, of St. Agatha, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class of Wisdom Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Adam on this accomplishment and send our best wishes for his future success; (HLS 499)

Samuel A. Lavoie, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Honor Essayist of the 2007 graduating class of Wisdom Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Samuel on this accomplishment and send our best wishes for his future success; (HLS 500)

Kenny R. Chamberlain, of St. Agatha, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class of Wisdom Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Kenny on this accomplishment and send our best wishes for his future success; (HLS 501)

Dustin Butler, of Madawaska, son of Raymond Butler and Sherry Pelletier, who received an award by having placed first in his class. Dustin also received top honors in English and Science for having consistently achieved the highest ranking for four years of high school, the Madawaska High School Scholars Award for achieving honor roll status throughout his high school career, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the United States Marine Corps' "Scholastic Excellence" Award. Dustin is a member of the National Honor Society and he participated in the school band, pep band and math team. He was also on the yearbook staff and was a Boys' State Delegate. His extracurricular activities include baseball, golf and volleyball. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dustin on his achievements; (HLS 502)

Andrea K. Cyr, of Madawaska, daughter of Charles and Monique Cyr, who received an award for having ranked second in her class. Andrea also received the Business Award, the Madawaska High School Scholars Award for achieving honor roll status throughout her high school career and the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Andrea was treasurer of the senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the yearbook staff and a Girls' State Delegate. Her extracurricular activities include soccer, softball, volleyball, downhill skiing and cross-country skiing. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrea on her accomplishments; (HLS 503)

Richard Pope, of Buckfield, on his retirement from the Buckfield Village Corporation Water Department after 24 years of dedicated service to the community. Mr. Pope is also on the recreation committee for the town and has been very helpful over the years in many community affairs. In addition, he has assumed custodial responsibilities for all the cemeteries in town and he is the commander of the local American Legion Post #58. We acknowledge Mr. Pope's exemplary dedication to his community and we send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 504)

Kyle Dow, of Swanville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 27, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and

community service. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on his accomplishment; (HLS 505)

Andrew Riley, of Belfast, of Boy Scout Troop No. 27, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We congratulate Andrew for receiving this award; (HLS 506)

Matthew Schleicher, of Northport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 27, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew built an information kiosk and worked to restore the trailhead to the old lookout on Mount Percival in Northport for the Coastal Mountains Land Trust. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 507)

Beth McPherson, of Damariscotta, for her service to the people of the State as Executive Director of the Genesis Community Loan Fund. Ms. McPherson will retire in June after serving 14 years and has been recognized among peers as one of the most determined, creative and visionary people working behind the scenes on affordable housing in Maine. After a thirty-year career in Washington, D.C., she returned to Maine and was chosen to lead the newly formed Genesis Community Loan Fund. The fund is a nonprofit community development loan fund formed by a Lilly Foundation grant and investment loans from four midcoast churches. Her patience, expert assistance and impressive capacity to leverage funding for worthy efforts have made a huge difference for more than 134 affordable housing and community facility projects across the State. We extend our appreciation to Ms. McPherson for her generous contributions to the people of Maine and for her commitment to the betterment of her community and wish her the best in her future endeavors; (HLS 508)

Sharon Millett, of Auburn, who has been named the Auburn Business Association Citizen of the Year for 2007. Mrs. Millett, who in 1999 was inducted as the second woman president of the National Association of Realtors, the world's largest trade organization, has built Coldwell Banker Millett Realty in Auburn into a widely known Central Maine real estate company. She volunteers as a Y teen adviser and for WCBB Channel 10 charity auctions and serves as a campaign supporter and organizer of many local and state political races. She received the Economic Development and Achievement Award from the Auburn City Council and Mayor Normand Guay. She has served as a member of the Maineiacs Development Council and chair of the Maine Real Estate Commission. She currently serves on the board of Auburn Savings Bank and is vice-chair of the Sisters of Charity Healthcare System. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Millett for her dedicated commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 509)

Waterville Public Schools, which has been selected for a 2007 Excellence in Coordinated School Health Award. This award is designed to recognize school systems that serve as models of excellence for others. Waterville Public Schools was chosen for its leadership in coordinating school health for the benefit of student learning and health promotion for students and staff. We extend our congratulations to Waterville Public Schools on its receiving this honor; (HLS 510)

Ian Phair, of Oakland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 454, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

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community service. We extend our congratulations to Ian on his accomplishment; (HLS 511)

Raymond and Marilyn Beaulieu, of Limestone, on being named the 2007 Limestone Citizens of the Year by the greater Limestone Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu were recognized for their hard work and dedication. They are involved with the Limestone Historical Society, Meals on Wheels, the ski club, the local Catholic Church, the highway department and Friends of the Library. Other contributions by Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu to the community of Limestone include a long list of services to the Limestone Community School and Limestone FFA program. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu our congratulations on their receiving this recognition and send our appreciation to them for their selfless spirit of volunteerism; (HLS 512)

Annie Charles, of Limestone, who has been named the 2007 Aroostook Idol. Ms. Charles is an employee at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. She took part in the Aroostook Idol Competition sponsored by the United Way of Aroostook. Her powerful voice and inspirational song choices secured the necessary votes from audience members to earn this mark of distinction. Over the next year, Ms. Charles will perform at various United Way of Aroostook events, further sharing her talent with citizens of The County. We extend our congratulations to Annie Charles for rising to the occasion to merit this award; (HLS 513)

Stephanie Corriveau, of Van Buren, for her ninth place finish in the annual Voice of Democracy national competition. A student at Van Buren District Secondary School, Stephanie earned first place honors on both the regional and state levels before traveling to Washington, D.C. to compete against other winners from across the country. Inspired by her grandfather, Lionel Corriveau, a World War II veteran, Stephanie's essay was based on this year's theme "Freedom's Challenge." We extend our congratulations to Stephanie and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 514)

Joseph John R. Cyr, of Van Buren, son of Remi P. and Alexina Cyr. Mr. Cyr graduated from Van Buren Boys High School and Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute prior to fulfilling a four-year enlistment in the United States Air Force. Later, Mr. Cyr joined the American Legion Post No. 49 and was employed as a police officer for the Town of Van Buren. Mr. Cyr worked for the Van Buren Water District and was operator of the Van Buren Waste Water Treatment Plant. He retired as a waste water treatment plant operator at Loring Air Force Base in 1992. He served with the Van Buren Fire Department and as an EMT with the Van Buren Ambulance Service. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1635. The Aroostook Area Agency on Aging board, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Gateway Credit Union Board of Directors, of which he was president, all benefited from Mr. Cyr's participation. We extend our condolences to Mr. Cyr's family. His contributions to the State and to his country will be remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 515)

Teresa Cooper, of St. Albans, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 Graduating Class of Nokomis Regional High School. Teresa is the daughter of Janet Nichols and Harlen Cooper and has been very active during her high school years. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, Environthon and Jazz Ensemble for three years. She has also been a member of the Jazz Chorus and Marching Band for four years in addition to being involved in Jazz Band, Concert Band and Show Chorus Band. Teresa played soccer and basketball for four years and participated in track and field for

two years. We extend our congratulations to Teresa on this outstanding accomplishment and wish her continued academic success at Bates College; (HLS 516)

Brittany Neal, of Palmyra, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 Graduating Class of Nokomis Regional High School. Brittany is the daughter of Dean and Lisa Neal. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and has participated in Jazz Chorus, Jazz Ensemble and Show Chorus for four years as well as being involved in cheering. We extend our congratulations to Brittany on this outstanding accomplishment and best wishes to her for her continued academic success at the University of Southern Maine; (HLS 517)

Dr. Chester Smith, of Madison, who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 25, 2007. Dr. Smith was born in Provincetown, Massachusetts and graduated from the New England College of Optometry in 1949. He and his wife Ethel moved to Madison, Maine in that year and he opened his optometry office, where he practiced for 47 years. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and has spent 50 years helping to make his community and our world a better place through his service. We send him our congratulations on his recent birthday and our appreciation for his commitment to the community; (HLS 518)

Alphonse and Beatrice Jandreau, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 28, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jandreau on this very special occasion; (HLS 519)

Reed and Reed, Inc., of Woolwich, recipient of the 2007 Build Maine Award in the industrial division for its efforts in constructing the Mars Hill Wind Farm. The project is the first large-scale wind farm in New England. Build Maine Award winners are selected by a panel of judges that includes representatives from Maine's construction and engineering industries. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Reed and Reed, Inc., on its receiving this award; (HLS 520)

Judge Joseph Field and the West Bath Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, along with Day One, a nonprofit company that helps young people with substance abuse, for making the juvenile drug treatment court one of the most successful treatment courts in the nation. Seven years after Judge Field became involved, his court is recognized as exceptionally successful in helping youth take steps to establish drug-free, productive lives. It is an alternative to incarceration and provides comprehensive community-based intensive treatment and supervision services to juvenile offenders and their families. Youth who enter the treatment court have a lower recidivism rate than those offenders who are incarcerated. Several studies have concluded that the program is more effective and more cost-effective than the traditional jail and probation process. Day One was recently awarded \$5,000 from the Davenport Foundation Temperance Fund to help the youth in the Bath area and to establish a fund for the court. We extend our congratulations to Judge Field, Day One and the West Bath Juvenile Drug Treatment Court on their exemplary and successful efforts to give youthful drug and alcohol offenders a second chance; (HLS 521)

Nellie Wood, of Hampden, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class of Hampden Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nellie on this accomplishment; (HLS 522)

Samuel Wood, of Hampden, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class of Hampden Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Samuel on this accomplishment; (HLS 523)

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Sidney Lindsley, of Camden, for his dedicated commitment to the citizens of the Town of Camden. Mr. Lindsley is an involved and enthusiastic citizen of the town. He moved to Camden in 1981 to start a business, Knox Semiconductors. He has been a member of the Harbor Committee, the Budget Nominating Committee, the Board of Voter Registration, the Land Use Ordinance Review Committee and chair and secretary of the Board of Selectmen. As a volunteer with the United States Coast Guard, he has also been a mentor to many young people, teaching boater safety and being a steward for Penobscot Bay. He has also taken young people out on the ocean, teaching them about the wonders of the ocean and showing them the skills necessary to use and preserve those wonders for the future. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lindsley for his dedication to his community and its citizens; (HLS 524)

Andrew Francis Gleason, of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 525)

Eugene and Betty Ann Irish, of Standish, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Irish were married on May 30, 1947. They have 5 children. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irish on this tremendous milestone and send our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 526)

Roger Mosely, Public Works Director for the Town of Standish, who has received the Eco-Maine Excellence Award for his organization of the "Annual Standish Recycler! Week." Mr. Mosely has demonstrated a commitment to the recycling of trash and waste with this event and every year he goes to every school classroom to talk about the importance of recycling. He invites all of the Standish students in grades K-5 to participate in a poster contest by creating a calendar called "Recycle Standish!" using poster entries. We congratulate Mr. Mosely on his intensive commitment to improving the recycling efforts in the Town of Standish and on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 527)

the Honorable Mitchell Cope, of Portland, former member of the Maine State Legislature and beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Cope also served as a city councilor of Portland and as the Mayor. Born and raised in Portland, he had a lifelong record of achievement, innovation and contribution to the housing industry, the people of Maine and to the Nation. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army. After the war, he built a strong business of building houses and formed a very good business reputation. He was dedicated to the community and was a member of numerous boards and committees. Because of his achievements and contributions, Governor Angus King declared January 29th, 1997, Mr. Cope's 80th birthday, as "Mitchell Cope Day." He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 55 years, Thelma, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 528)

the following top graduating students in the Winthrop High School Class of 2007: Meghan McCarthy, Valedictorian; Kristopher Cooper, Salutatorian; Kimberly Flynn; Kayla Frechette; Nicolaos Lemieux; Lauren Remley; Bailey Roberts; Garth Vdoviak; J. David Zimmerman; and Kristina Zimmerman. Their exceptional scholastic achievement and dedication to excellence in education is commendable. We extend our congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment and best wishes for their continued academic success; (HLS 529)

Julia Bald, of Brunswick, a student at Brunswick High School, who was one of 3 students in the State given the 2007 Governor's Young Writer of the Year Award. The entries in the contest consisted of poems, essays and short stories from 231 students from around the State. We extend our congratulations to Julia on her winning this award, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 530)

Aimee St. James, of Brunswick, a student at Brunswick High School, who was one of 3 students in the State given the 2007 Governor's Young Writer of the Year Award. The entries in the contest consisted of poems, essays and short stories from 231 students from around the State. We extend our congratulations to Aimee on her winning this award, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 531)

the Maine Troop Greeters, of Bangor, on the occasion of the 500,000th soldier greeted at the Bangor International Airport on their way to or from deployment overseas. The young men and women wearing the uniforms of our 4 military branches and wearing the patches of historic units have been an inspiration to those who have had a chance to meet with them. At all hours of the day and night, the Maine Troop Greeters of the Bangor area have met each flight of our Armed Forces personnel who have landed in Bangor. They are a great credit to Bangor and the State of Maine for their dedication and support of the young men and women in uniform. We send our appreciation to the Armed Forces for their dedicated service to our Nation and we thank the Maine Troop Greeters for their comforting role as greeters; (HLS 532)

Roger Verrill, of Oquossoc, a retired grocer and a Registered Maine Guide. Mr. Verrill was a United States Navy veteran of World War II, who served aboard the USS Everett F. Larson. He and his wife, the former Virginia May Stevens, owned and operated Roger's Market in Oquossoc for 24 years. He later managed the Westshore Camps on Rangeley Lake for L.L. Bean for 10 years. He was a Registered Maine Guide since 1955 and loved hunting and fishing in his beloved western mountains of Maine. He was a member of numerous professional and fraternal organizations, as well as a volunteer fireman and served as Captain of the Oquossoc station for many years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 533)

Dana L. MacDonald, of Scarborough. Mr. MacDonald worked as a construction surveyor and consultant throughout his life and worked for such companies as H.E. Sargent, Inc., of Stillwater and Deluca and Hoffman Associates of South Portland. He served as a trustee for the Town of Scarborough Sanitary District from 1975 to 1990. He received a plaque in recognition of his distinguished public service. Mr. MacDonald was a member of the Pioneer Lodge #72 AF and AM of Ashland and a member of Ducks Unlimited. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 534)

the following top ten students of the 2007 graduating class of Mt. Ararat High School: Maya Tepler, Reuben Fischer-Baum, Sara Todd, Kate Reichert, Tim Baker, Erik Brooks, David Rollins, Aaron Leaver, Noah Lumsden and Megan Utecht. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 535)

the following top ten students of the 2007 graduating class of Skowhegan Area High School: Nicole Ames of Canaan, Tucker Davis of Smithfield, Benjamin Doty of Cornville, Matthew Dunn of Skowhegan, Alice Faucher-Kuhlman of Cornville, Tracy Gould of

Skowhegan, Amy Luce of Skowhegan, Haili Muse of Norridgewock, Tamara Nelson of Norridgewock and Zara Saydjari of Skowhegan. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 536)

the Skowhegan High School Speech Team, which has won the State Championship for 8 years in a row. The Speech Team has won the State Championship 11 out of 14 years since 1994 and has placed as runner-up the other 3 years. It has won the State Sportsmanship Award for Speech 6 times, including for the past 4 years. The team has also won the Kennebec Valley Championship every year since it was begun in 1998. Coach Robin Lisherness has built the Speech Team into the largest in the state and it is well-known and respected by all who participate in the Speech Competition. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Lisherness and the Skowhegan High School Speech Team on their remarkable achievements; (HLS 537)

Joe and Liz Murphy, of Leeds, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were married on April 29, 1947. We extend our congratulations to them on this milestone anniversary and our best wishes for their continued happiness; (HLS 538)

Mrs. Hasson's fourth-grade students at Holy Cross School in South Portland for their participation in the Department of Transportation's "Back Seat Driver" poster contest. The contest is aimed at fostering a greater awareness for work safety zones. The students all created posters to submit to the statewide contest. Classmate Andrew Volent's poster won first prize. We commend the students for taking part in the contest and for learning about work safety zones, and we congratulate Andrew on his winning the contest; (HLS 539)

the Lewiston High School Hockey Team, on its winning the 2007 Eastern Class A Hockey Championship. The team overcame adversity and obstacles and remained positive throughout the season to reach the finals. It is a young team, with only 3 seniors on it, and it is a team with a fine academic record as well. Twenty-three out of 30 members of the team have a grade average of 85 or better, and 4 are members of the National Honor Society. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the coaches and the members of the Lewiston High School Hockey Team on their remarkable season; (HLS 540)

Dr. Zark VanZandt, of New Gloucester, Dean of the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College, who is stepping down to return to the position of a senior faculty member in the Counselor Education Program in January 2008. Dr. VanZandt previously served as the Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Southern Maine and as the interim director of the university's libraries. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the University of Southern Maine and the College of Lewiston-Auburn and to the communities they serve. We send him our appreciation for his work and our best wishes on his future work; (HLS 541)

Charles Norman Shay, of Indian Island, a Penobscot Indian who valiantly fought in World War II and the Korean War, on the occasion of his returning to Europe's battlefields to tell his stories of the war. Mr. Shay, continuing a long tradition of Native Americans fighting in all of America's wars, from the Civil War to Iraq, was a combat medic in the 16th Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division, which heroically stormed Omaha Beach in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944 and lost 1,000 men. Private Shay received the Silver Star for extraordinary valor on D-Day. He remained on the front, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, and was captured by the Germans after crossing the Rhine Bridge at Remagen, spending the rest of the war as a prisoner-of-war until liberation. Mr. Shay returned to Indian Island in 1945, but re-

enlisted in early 1946, returning to Germany. He was assigned to the Military Police in occupied Austria, where he remained for 4 years. In 1950, he joined the 3rd Infantry Division and fought in North Korea, where he was promoted to Master Sergeant and won the Bronze Star. In 1953, Mr. Shay joined the United States Air Force and participated in the atomic bomb test in the Marshall Islands, retiring in 1964. He returned to Vienna to work for the International Atomic Energy Agency for 20 years and then for 3 years as Security Officer for the Vienna Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees until 1988. At the age of 83, Mr. Shay will return for the first time to the World War II battlefields to detail the oral history in situ with video camera, sound recorder and notepad. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Shay for his extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation, and we send him our best wishes on this remarkable and valuable project he is undertaking; (HLS 542)

Charles Jacobs, of Winthrop, on the occasion of his second retirement from Maine State Government. We send our appreciation to Mr. Jacobs for his service to the State with the Maine Emergency Management Agency. As the agency's first Homeland Security Coordinator, he established partnerships and put in place a framework for a cooperative, multidisciplinary approach to homeland security that is a model for the nation. As Acting Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, he guided the agency through a challenging transition period that included response to and recovery from a major disaster in southern Maine. His commitment to improving Maine's emergency management and homeland security capability was noted and greatly appreciated by the Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs. We acknowledge Mr. Jacobs's long record of public service and we offer our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 543)

the members of the Belfast Area High School Band, for their 3rd-place finish at the "Music in the Parks" Music Festival held in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 14, 2007. The students' concert presentation earned them a rating of "Good" after competing against schools from Maine to Florida and as far west as Wisconsin. Conducted by Music Director John Cameron, the Belfast band performed "Chorale and Shaker Dance" and the 3rd movement of Holst's "First Suite in E-flat for Military Band." We congratulate the following young instrumentalists and offer them our best wishes on their future endeavors: Flutists Jesse Wakeman, Margaret Campbell, Erin Vasil, Carrie Hart, Christine Hill, James Knight, Lydia Rocheleau, Veronica Penniman, Skylar Olson and Allison Blake; Oboist Anna Marceau; Violinist Kristian Winslow; Bassoonist Anne Campbell; Clarinetists Samantha Munson, Belinda Place, Ellen McDonald, Brian Miller, Maleah Chadwick and Sierra Ventura; Bass Clarinetist Amber Resmini; Alto Saxophonists Joshua Nougaret, Yates Murphy, Dylan Lindsey, Genevieve Black and Emily Friberg; Tenor Saxophonists Devin Lehman and Tim Rossner; Baritone Saxophonist Austin Turner; French Horn players Russell Varney and Mariah Smith; Trumpeters Dustin Lindsey, Noah Goldstein, John Talbot, Emma Clark, Chelsea Lord, Carlton Huntsberger, Kelsey Woodbury and Nathanael Thomas; Baritone Tyler Benjamin; Trombonists Darcie Simmons and Patrick Howard; Tuba players David Delano and Morgan York; Percussionists Lucas Miller, Matt Francis, Jacob Yentes, Kailyn Connor, Alex Shaffer, Megan Curtis, Kyle Smith, Gary Desautels and Jacob Denham; (HLS 544)

the members of the Belfast Area High School Chorus, for their 1st-place finish at the "Music in the Parks" Music Festival held in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 14, 2007. The

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students' Best Choral performance earned them a rating of "Superior" after competing against schools from Maine to Florida and as far west as Wisconsin. Conducted by Music Director John Cameron and accompanied by pianist Anne Campbell, the Belfast chorus presented their renditions of "Salvation is Created," "Drunken Sailor" and "Gloria Patri." We congratulate the following young vocalists and offer them our best wishes on their future endeavors: Sopranos Desiree Arnold, Allison Blake, Sarah Bowen, Crystal Chadwick, Maleah Chadwick, Whitney Cross, Ariel Durkee, Amy Greenleaf, Emily Harford, Christine Hill, Kari Lisa, Bethany Loureiro, Samantha Munson, Veronica Penniman, Cory Prisco, Misty Ray, Gabrielle Scribner, Mariah Smith, Sara Stalla and Sierra Ventura; Altos Miriam Baldwin, Anne Campbell, Maggie Campbell, Alyssa Curtis, Eliza Duggan, Anna French, Carrie Hart, Paige Kelley, Janet Mathieson and Jaleesa Riley; Tenors Jack Davis, Carlton Huntsberger, Brian Miller, Nathaneal Thomas, Jesse Wakeman and Jacob Yentes; and Basses David Delano, Desmond Haskell, James Knight, Victor LeSan, Dustin Lindsey, Dylan Lindsey, Jeffrey Morgan and Evan Welch; (HLS 545)

Sister Barbara Brennan, of Portland, who is embarking on a new career after 12 years as principal at St. Mary's School. Among many other accomplishments at the school, Sister Brennan brought St. Mary's into the computer age by opening a computer lab and hiring a teacher to go along with it. She joined the Sisters of Mercy after completing high school and spent several years in a mission on Andros Island in the Bahamas. She also worked as a unit secretary at Mercy Hospital. She earned a teaching degree from St. Joseph's College in Standish and a master's in education from the University of Southern Maine. We extend our appreciation to Sister Brennan for her unswerving support of teachers and her devotion to students and we wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 546)

Daniele Girard, of Biddeford, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class at Biddeford High School. We extend our congratulations to Daniele on this achievement; (HLS 547)

Anna Briard, of Biddeford, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Biddeford High School. We extend our congratulations to Anna on this achievement; (HLS 548)

Robert Blasi, of Kittery, beloved husband and father. He was employed as a sales and marketing manager for Shipyard Brewing Company in Portland. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially being outside with his children. He managed Kittery Little League and coached basketball. He was well respected by his co-workers, friends and members of the community. He believed in being a great neighbor and would step up and help a friend. He will be sadly missed by his loving family, friends and members of the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 549)

Nancy A. Chandler, of Presque Isle, Supervisor of Conservation and Education Services for Maine Public Service Company, who has been selected to receive the Philip C. Hastings Award for her exemplary efforts to advance the mission and principles of "Efficiency Maine," a statewide program of the Public Utilities Commission, which includes promoting energy efficiency, supporting sustainable economic development and reducing environmental damage from electricity generation. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Chandler on her receiving this award, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 550)

Matthew Plumley, of Standish, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 875, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle

Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew renovated the basement of the Richville Public Library in Standish. In preparation for this work he had to clean out decades of materials that had collected in the library. He then undertook the task of insulating the space before he and his helpers could build and install new shelving which provided the library with much needed usable space. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 551)

Joseph T. R. "Rick" Remillard, of Lewiston, a United States Army veteran and member of the Board of Appeals for the City of Lewiston. Mr. Remillard retired from the United States Army after more than 30 years of dedicated service in Korea after the war, in Vietnam and in Operation Desert Storm. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization and he loved to hunt, fish, bowl and play bingo. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 552)

Cianbro Corporation of Pittsfield and Reed & Reed of Woolwich for winning the 2007 Build Maine Award presented by the Associated Constructors of Maine for their joint construction of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. Cianbro and Reed & Reed, normally competitors of each other, joined forces for this project and produced one of the modern engineering marvels of our time, which will be used and enjoyed for generations to come. We congratulate Cianbro Corporation and Reed & Reed on their receiving this well-deserved award and we commend them for uniting to produce the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. We wish them well in the future; (HLS 553)

Will Reid, of Skowhegan, for his years of service to his town. Mr. Reid served on the Conservation Committee from April of 1992 to April of 2007. We join the Town of Skowhegan in sending appreciation for his many years of dedication to the betterment of his community and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 554)

the Honorable Pamela Hatch, of Skowhegan, on her years of service to the Town of Skowhegan. Mrs. Hatch served as selectperson from March 2001 through June 2007. She also served four terms in the Maine House of Representatives and one term in the Maine State Senate. She and her husband, Paul, plan to spend the summer at their camp and relax after many years of dedicated service to the community. We join the Town of Skowhegan in sending our appreciation to Mrs. Hatch for her years of service to her community and to the State; (HLS 555)

Martin McKeon, of Sanford, who has been nominated for Maine's 2008 Teacher of the Year. Mr. McKeon is a teacher at Sanford High School. He was named 2006-2007 Sanford Teacher of the Year. He is to be commended for his many years of preparing young people for the challenges they will face in college and in the workforce. We extend our congratulations to Mr. McKeon and wish him the best of luck in the Maine Teacher of the Year program selection process; (HLS 556)

Kay Blanchard, of Bangor, who was chosen to receive the Junior League of Bangor's Volunteer of the Year Award for her contributions to the community. Mrs. Blanchard has been a member of the Junior League since 1965 and has volunteered in several community projects during the years, such as the Jaycees Wives, Eastern Maine Medical Center Auxiliary, the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter and working at the Bangor election polls. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the community and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 557)

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Meagan Tilton, of Corinth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2007 Graduating Class of John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations to Meagan on this achievement; (HLS 558)

Larry Littlefield, of Old Orchard Beach, Superintendent of Schools in Kittery, who has been named the 2007 Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association. He was chosen for his devotion to the Kittery school system, his leadership at the local and state levels and his commitment to education. Mr. Littlefield has been in Maine public education for over 37 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 559)

Jon Carter, of Kittery, who has been named Town Manager of the Year by the Maine Municipal Association. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Carter on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 560)

the memory of Jan Smith, in whose honor the town report of Wilton has been dedicated for her longtime service to the community. Ms. Smith was a dedicated nurse, and a leader and volunteer for Dirigo's Girls State. She was active with the Wilton Blueberry Festival, worked with the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and was the founder of the Jennifer Lowe Smith Scholarship fund. She will be sadly missed by the Wilton community and she will be long remembered for her generosity; (HLS 561)

the City of Machias as they celebrate the historic event of June 1775, when the Wabanaki tribes and the citizens of Machias won the first sea engagement of the Revolutionary War with the capture of the British armed schooner, the MARGARETTA. The name Machias is a Passamaquoddy word meaning "place of bad falls," and so it is fitting that the first naval battle of the War of Independence took place here. News of the April 1775 battles at Lexington and Concord had reached the community of Machias just as the citizens were anxiously awaiting long-needed supplies from Boston. The supply ships arrived accompanied by the British MARGARETTA, whose commander, Lieutenant Moore, wanted lumber for the British in Boston. As the patriots resisted, the MARGARETTA fled the harbor and was pursued by the UNITY and the schooner BENJAMIN FOSTER. On June 12, 1775, near Round Island on Machias Bay, the MARGARETTA was taken and the commander was mortally wounded. Not only was this the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War, this was the start of the merchant marine's war role. We join the good citizens of Machias and the descendants of the original native people who assisted the engagement, in celebrating the anniversary of the success of that battle at sea; (HLS 562)

Anthony Loring, a member of the Deering High School Debate Team, of Portland, who qualified for the National Forensic League National Tournament to be held in Wichita, Kansas in June 2007. Anthony, under the guidance of coach Kathryn Toppan, will be representing the team and Maine in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, a value-based debate form that requires a 40-minute debate with one other individual. We extend our congratulations to Anthony on qualifying for the nationals and wish him luck in Kansas; (HLS 563)

William Day, a member of the Deering High School Debate Team, of Portland, who qualified for the National Forensic League National Tournament to be held in Wichita, Kansas in June 2007. William, under the guidance of coach Kathryn Toppan, will be representing the team and Maine in the International Extemporaneous Speaking event, which requires each speaker to prepare a 7-minute speech in 30 minutes and then deliver the speech without the use of any written materials.

We extend our congratulations to William on qualifying for the nationals and wish him luck in Kansas; (HLS 564)

Sergeant Conan Marchi, of Kittery, who has returned home from active duty with the 136th Infantry Division stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Marchi who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Marchi home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 565)

Richard Marchi, principal of the Great Salt Bay Community School in Damariscotta, on the occasion of his retirement after almost 30 years of dedicated service to the community. Mr. Marchi started as principal on August 1, 1978 and has worked with at-risk students and with the Maine Principals' Association to work on truancy prevention programs for the junior high school level. He has been a constant supporter of the faculty and staff, as well as the students, and is considered a leader with great warmth and insight. We acknowledge his exemplary career in education and we send him our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 566)

Judith True on her retirement after more than 25 years of dedicated service in the field of education. Ms. True worked at Spurwink in the Classroom Teacher Regional Day Treatment Program. She was a consulting teacher for the behaviorally impaired and Director of Special Services at Falmouth. She was the Director of Special Services and Director of Instructional Support at North Yarmouth and Director of Instructional Support in South Portland. We extend our appreciation to Ms. True for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 567)

Wendy Houlihan on the occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of the South Portland School Department. Ms. Houlihan has held many different positions during her years in education. She has been a principal, an assistant principal, high school library/media specialist, a K-12 library/media specialist, a Gifted and Talented program coordinator and a high school English and Humanities teacher. She was selected to participate in the Seminar on Preparing for the Superintendency funded by the UNUM Educational Foundation. While working in South Portland, Ms. Houlihan has been actively involved in the many activities of the school system to provide an educational environment that will engage and challenge students to attain high levels of performance. Through her leadership both as an assistant superintendent and as a superintendent the number of students going on to college has increased from 63% to 86%. She has focused the district goals on student achievement while developing the structures necessary to support teaching and learning. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Houlihan for her dedicated commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 568)

Marie A. Donahue, of South Berwick, at the home she was born in and had lived her entire life. Miss Donahue was a graduate and the valedictorian of Berwick Academy, Class of 1937. She attended the University of New Hampshire, where she earned her bachelor of arts and master's degrees. She began her teaching career at the University of New Hampshire and she taught at Berwick Academy until 1957. Miss Donahue also taught at Dover High School for many years and was the chair of the English Department. Upon her retirement in 1980 from Dover High School, she was persuaded to return to Berwick Academy, where she taught until 1988. She was a member of the New Hampshire Retired Teachers Association and the Maine Retired Teachers Association. Miss Donahue was a co-founder of the

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Old Berwick Historical Society and she was a recognized Sarah Orne Jewett scholar. She was a member of the Friends of UNH Library, as well as the Jewett/Eastman Memorial Committee. Miss Donahue was a freelance writer for *Down East Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Maine Sunday Telegram* and *New Hampshire Profiles Magazine*. She was also the author of the history of Berwick Academy, *The Old Academy on The Hill, 1791-1991*. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 569)

Kermit Hodgdon, of Windham, on the occasion of his retirement from the Windham School Department after almost 35 years of employment. He was hired as the school department maintenance supervisor and later joined the department's grounds crew. Mr. Hodgdon is a lifelong resident of Windham. He has always been active in town and a real fixture at Windham's schools. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hodgdon for his dedicated service to the people of Windham and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 570)

Robert and Betty Palmer, of Corinna, on the special occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 12, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have two children and two grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 571)

Mabel Monroe Batty, of South Thomaston, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, July 28, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Batty on this very special occasion; (HLS 572)

Jarrett Lukas, a student at Old Town High School, who has been named the 2006-2007 Gatorade Maine Baseball Player of the Year. A senior captain of the team, Jarrett is a pitcher-shortstop for the Coyotes. He has maintained a 94.8 academic average and serves as a volunteer peer mentor at the local elementary school. Jarrett is also a teaching assistant for special-needs students at his high school. We extend our congratulations to Jarrett on his receiving this well-deserved award, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 573)

the Scarborough Girls Track and Field team, which won its second straight Class A State Championship. The Red Storm girls dominated the relays and scored in 13 of 19 events, racking up 92 points, 21 more than their closest competitors. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievements; (HLS 574)

the 15th anniversary of the Maine Gay Men's Chorus' first public performance. Since its founding, the chorus has been bringing superlative music to stages across the State of Maine and to competitions and presentations at sites across North America. The Maine Gay Men's Chorus has established a reputation as one of Maine's most entertaining and innovative musical performance ensembles, and with the same pride with which the members raise their collective voices in song, the Maine Gay Men's Chorus has used its performances to foster its commitment to diversity and to advance equality and acceptance of not only the members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community, but for all citizens throughout the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Maine Gay Men's Chorus on this occasion and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 575)

Lucas Butler, of Caribou, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 185, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lucas on this achievement; (HLS 576)

Edward and Gisele Dobransky, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Dobransky were married on August 16, 1947. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 577)

Rene and Therese Lagace, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lagace were married on May 11, 1957. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 578)

Raymond and Madeleine Boulay, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Boulay were married on February 14, 1947. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 579)

Joseph and Priscilla Caron, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Caron were married on January 25, 1947. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 580)

Donald and Claire Austin, of Brunswick, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Austin were married on August 2, 1947. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 581)

Ralph and Erlene Judd, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Judd were married on April 5, 1952. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 582)

Donald and Jacqueline Sicard, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sicard were married on April 6, 1957. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 583)

Richard and Anita LeBlanc, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc were married on July 20, 1957. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 584)

George and Therese Janosco, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Janosco were married on July 12, 1952. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 585)

Fernand and Louise Laroche, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Laroche were married on September 2, 1957. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued happiness; (HLS 586)

Christo Anton, of Scarborough, beloved husband and father. Mr. Anton was a professional bowler who ran the Big 20 Bowling Center in Scarborough for more than two decades. Inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1995, Mr. Anton was the State's top candlepin bowler for three consecutive years and was, at one time, considered one of the top candlepin bowlers in international competition. In 1972 Governor Kenneth Curtis named him the first director of the Maine State Lottery. Mr. Anton served eight years on the Biddeford School Board and five years on the State Board of Education, including two years as chairman. He was active in local churches and participated in mission trips to Mexico and Haiti. Mr. Anton will be sadly missed by his loving family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 587)

Ronald Tewhey, of Glenburn, who is the recipient of the 2007 Service to Maine Youth Award, for which he was recognized at the Maine Principals' Association 2007 Spring Conference Awards Banquet Program. Mr. Tewhey is revered in the Town of Glenburn for his volunteerism and community service. He has assisted in class projects, organized fundraising efforts for a variety of needs ranging from safety lights and cross-walks to class activities, chaperoned countless field trips, built items for

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the school and volunteered at numerous events. He has served on numerous school and town committees, ranging from the Glenburn School Committee to the Glenburn Town Council, which he has chaired for the last two years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Tewhey for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on winning this award; (HLS 588)

Jack Swift, of Georgetown, who was named the 2007 Citizen of the Year by the Town of Georgetown for his contributions to the community. Mr. Swift has lifelong ties to the town and has served as president and board member of the Georgetown Historical Society. He has spent more than 10 years on the town's Financial Advisory Committee and has been serving on the Board of Appeals since the late 1990s. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Swift on his receiving this honor from his community; (HLS 589)

Dan Bell, of Georgetown, on the occasion of his retirement as manager of Reid State Park. Mr. Bell came to the park in 1993 and his career in the Maine State Parks system extends back 35 years. He has worked at Lily Bay State Park in Greenville, Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park in Freeport and Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the State of Maine and we send him our congratulations on his retirement; (HLS 590)

Maurice C. "Monty" Toothaker, of Avon, who has been a longtime and dedicated member of American Legion Post No. 64 for 60 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Toothaker on this anniversary; (HLS 591)

Donald G. James, of Phillips, who has been a longtime and dedicated member of American Legion Post No. 64 for 60 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. James on this anniversary; (HLS 592)

Gabrielle A. Nadeau, of Sanford, a devoted mother and generous member of the community. Mrs. Nadeau was a devout Catholic who always made time for her family. She was born in Sanford and, due to tragedies in her family, she and her sisters and brothers were raised in orphanages or by relatives. She married Martin Nadeau and had 5 children, to whom she gave a caring and stable upbringing. She always stressed the importance of family to them and she gave her children the family closeness that she had missed. Mrs. Nadeau loved attending church and doing volunteer work. She was a loving woman who would help anyone she could, no matter the circumstances. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by all whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 593)

Skye Galusha, of Phillips, who is the recipient of an American Legion Citizenship Award. The award is presented to a student who shows strong qualities in courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. Skye is often the first to volunteer for any task. She is an elected official in class government and participates in the community outside of school. She is a member of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary and has won awards for Americanism. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Skye on her receiving this award; (HLS 594)

Dalton Gordon, of Phillips, who is the recipient of an American Legion Citizenship Award. The award is presented to a student who shows strong courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service qualities. Dalton is the Governor of the Eighth Grade class. He is a caring big brother, is willing to take responsibility for his actions and is helpful above and beyond the call of duty. He has taken leadership roles in the Outdoor Education class and his soccer, basketball and baseball teams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dalton on his receiving this award; (HLS 595)

Danielle Smith, of Strong, a student at Strong Elementary School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 2007 Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. The award is presented to a student who shows strong leadership qualities and uses those to willingly participate in not only school activities but the community as well. Danielle has made high honors through middle school and has been an active member in every extracurricular activity her time allows. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Danielle on her receiving this award; (HLS 596)

Brooke Gilchrist, of Phillips, a student at Phillips Elementary School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 2007 Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. The award is presented to a student who shows strong leadership qualities and uses those to willingly participate in not only school activities but the community as well. Brooke has volunteered in the community and is involved in student government and school activities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brooke on her receiving this award; (HLS 597)

the following members of the Vassalboro Community School baseball team, on winning the 2007 Sheepscot Valley Junior High School Championship: players Jeff Pulver, Nick Kothman, John Suga, Eric Petito, Shawn Soucie, Sean Cabannis, Brenden Wood, Aaron Bard, Donald Camp, Josh Bailey and Shyler Scates; coaches Bill Pulver and Dennis Scates; and manager Cassie Scates. We congratulate the team members on their winning this championship; (HLS 598)

Wilfred Dunham, of Farmington, on the occasion of his retirement after 25 years with School Administrative District No. 9 as a custodian. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Dunham for his dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 599)

Vern and Betsy Cook, of Augusta, who, after 30 years of ownership of the Best Western Senator Inn and Spa, have sold the business to Lafayette Hotels, a Bangor-based hotel operator. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are invaluable contributors to the Kennebec Valley community and their inn has an excellent reputation in the lodging industry throughout New England. They were the recipients of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award for 2003. We acknowledge their exemplary business contributions to the capital area of Maine, and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 600)

the Finnish Congregational Church, of South Thomaston, on its centennial anniversary on October 21, 2007. The church was organized as a "Mission Station" in October 1907 when Finnish immigrants began arriving in America. It was not until 1923, after holding services for several years in private homes and one-room school houses, that the church building was constructed. In 1937, a parsonage was built to house a succession of Finnish speaking pastors and their families. As one of fewer than half a dozen original churches in existence in all of America, it is the South Thomaston congregation that is the last to retain the word "Finnish" in their official name. We join the Finnish Congregational Church's congregation in acknowledging the significant historic and cultural contributions this place of worship has brought to the community of South Thomaston over the last century. May it continue to thrive and flourish under the leadership of Reverend and Mrs. Terrence Willis for many years to come; (HLS 601)

Clem Jodoin, head coach and general manager of the Lewiston Maineiacs, the only United States-based member of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Mr. Jodoin was recently named Coach of the Year by the Canadian Hockey League at its

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annual awards banquet for his excellent coaching. He is a former National Hockey League assistant coach. Under Mr. Jodoin's coaching and leadership, the Maineiacs compiled 3 winning seasons. The most recent season ended for the Maineiacs with 50 wins as the league's regular-season champion and winner of the league's President's Cup. Following these successes, the team made its first appearance in the Canada-wide Memorial Cup games. Mr. Jodoin is rejoining his wife in Canada, where she has recently established a medical practice, and where he will be taking on a new position as head coach of the Rimouski Oceanic team. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Jodoin on his exemplary coaching of the Lewiston Maineiacs. We join the Lewiston community in sending him our appreciation and our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 602)

Christopher Burnham, of Naples, who was honored on May 22, 2007 by Maine EMS for his dedicated service to his community. Mr. Burnham became the manager of the Naples Rescue Unit in 2004 after years of working for Cumberland County as a paramedic. He reshaped the Naples Rescue Unit by blending together fire and rescue workers to form a cross-trained department that provides 24-hour, 7-day-a-week coverage for the community. He has accomplished this by working with the fire chief to train the firefighters to be rescue workers, many of whom took an E.M.T. class, and rescue workers to be firefighters, many of whom passed a structural firefighters exam. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Burnham for his service to the people of Naples and wish him well; (HLS 603)

Ray Labbe and Sons, Inc., of Brunswick, for more than 50 years of service to the Brunswick community. Ray Labbe and Sons, Inc. was chosen for recognition by the members of Brunswick High School's Service Learning class as part of its "Businesses in Brunswick" program based on its history in the town and its contributions to the Brunswick community. Ray Labbe Trucking was started in 1955 by Ray Labbe, Sr. and offered excavation services. When Peter Labbe and his brothers took over the business, they changed the name to Ray Labbe and Sons, Inc. The business expanded its services to include utility work, paving and plowing, and supplying materials for local landscaping companies. The company is known for its support of children's sports and Brunswick High School's Project Graduation. We extend our appreciation to the Labbe family for their contributions to the community and wish them continued success; (HLS 604)

Gilles E. Auger, of Sanford, on his retirement after over 30 years of service to the Town of Sanford. In 1974, Mr. Auger was appointed to Sanford's Board of Registration and elected as chair in 1978. He has held the highly regarded position of Registrar of Voters since 1981 and among his contributions, he has actively encouraged voting by personally registering more than 2,000 Sanford High School students. We acknowledge his dedication to his community and to the State of Maine, and we send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 605)

the following members of the Washburn District Elementary School Girls Softball Team, who won the 2007 Aroostook County Eastern Division Softball League Championship: players Angelita Hernandez, Dakota Koch, Rebecca Campbell, Kelsey Churchill, Lindsey Blackstone, Sarah Sjoberg, Kristi Sperry, Tia Dee, Amanda Libby, Meagan Fitzpatrick, Meghan Saucier, Kayla Brewer, Marlaina Spooner, Hillary Jackson and Rayah Saucier; head coach Marci Barbarula and assistant coach Peter Koch; and athletic director Ron Erickson. We send our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 606)

Roy Trombley, of Chapman and Presque Isle, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Trombley is the patriarch of a

large and very close family. He is a retired general contractor and redi-mix concrete supplier. His children and grandchildren continue to honor him as their role model in business, work ethic and family loyalty. Mr. Trombley is a testament to the healthful benefits of hard work, family strength and a strong faith. His hands are never still and, whether in Maine or Florida, he fabricates, refinishes and repairs for his family every day. He owns numerous antique vehicles that he has rebuilt. He is a proud citizen of Aroostook County, and we join his community in wishing him good health and a happy birthday; (HLS 607)

Penobscot County Sheriff Glenn Ross, of Exeter, who is the first sheriff in the State to be appointed to the board of the New England State Police Information Network. The network is a member organization of the Regional Information Sharing System, a national network made up of six multistate centers designed to operate on a regional basis throughout the United States Justice Department. We congratulate Sheriff Ross on his appointment to the board and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 608)

Kenneth and Thelma (West) Philbrick, of Fairfield, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick were married at Hilltop House in Carmel by the Reverend Ballou on June 6, 1937 and they celebrated this anniversary with their family, including their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this milestone anniversary; (HLS 609)

the following members of School Administrative District No. 6 Recreation Department Girls Basketball Team, who won the Statewide Recreation Department Basketball Championship for the Grades 3 to 6 Division: Kristen Gagne, Shannon Sanborn, Haley Thorne, Victoria Cady, Anna French, Monique Denney, Brooke Estes, Ashley Daniello, Lauren Whitten, Makayla Gillespie and Megan French. We extend our congratulations to the team on its accomplishment; (HLS 610)

Barry Wood, of Jay, who won the "Little" Jimmy Dempsey Award at the annual competition of the North American Country Music Association, International. The "Little" Jimmy Dempsey Award is a prestigious award given to one person out of hundreds of competitors and recognizes special talent. He also received the 2006 Horizon Award for Traditional Country Instrumentalist. Mr. Wood has been playing the guitar and singing since he was a teenager growing up in the Town of Mexico. He has a very smooth traditional country style of playing and singing. He has performed country western music throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Canada. He played on the Ken MacKenzie Show and on WRUM Radio in Rumford. Mr. Wood received the Down East Country Music Association's 2005 Traditional Country Entertainer and Instrumentalist of the Year awards and received the third place award for Traditional Country Male Vocalist. He donates his time and talent to many worthy causes. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Maine Country Music Association and entertains at local clubs and nursing homes. He has a deep love for the youth and is willing to help them realize their musical ambitions. In 2006 he won the prestigious Down East Country Music Association Lenny Breau Memorial Award as well as the Instrumentalist of the Year Award. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wood on his accomplishments; (HLS 611)

Dana Norton, of Eliot, upon his receiving the 2007 Fabyan Drake Citizen of the Year Award. Mr. Norton is receiving this honor for his many years of dedicated public service, from serving as a leader in the annual Memorial Day parade to being Commander of the area American Legion post. His acts of

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generosity have earned him the admiration of the town. Many Eliot organizations have benefited from his philanthropy, as demonstrated by his willingness to maintain the Eliot American Legion while it endured financial difficulties. His most recent contribution helped in aiding in the recovery of a sunken fishing boat and also in the planning of the William Fogg Library centennial anniversary. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Norton for his diligent work on behalf of the Eliot community. We offer our congratulations to him on his receiving this notable and distinguished award; (HLS 612)

Betts Gorsky, of Cumberland, for her service to the people of Maine School Administrative District No. 51 as a school board member from 2001 to 2007. Ms. Gorsky served as vice-chair from 2004 to 2005 and chair from 2005 to 2007. While on the school board she served on the Policy Committee and the Finance Committee. She also worked on the high school referendum. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Gorsky for her service and dedication to the people of Cumberland and North Yarmouth and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 613)

Polly Haight Frawley, of Cumberland, for her service to the people of Maine School Administrative District No. 51 as a school board member from 2001 to 2007. Ms. Frawley served as vice-chair from 2002 to 2004 and 2005 to 2006. While on the school board she served on the Finance Committee and the Sports Done Right Committee. She also worked on the high school referendum. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Frawley for her service and dedication to the people of Cumberland and North Yarmouth and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 614)

Donna Miller Damon, of Chebeague Island, for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Cumberland. Ms. Damon has served as town councilor from 1980 to 1983 and 2001 to 2007. The Town of Cumberland dedicated the 2006 Annual Report in her honor, noting that she is "one of the most versatile and dedicated public servants and her energy, insight and unsurpassed knowledge of the Town will be greatly missed." Ms. Damon has served as President of the Chebeague Historical Society and was a trustee of the Chebeague Library. She was a founding director of the Cumberland Mainland and Islands Trust, was instrumental in encouraging Cumberland to purchase Chandler's Cove Beach and was a contributing author of Phyllis Sweetser's classic history of the Town, *Cumberland in Four Centuries*. When her term expires in June 2007, she will be the last Chebeague Island resident to serve on the Cumberland Town Council. She has been instrumental in working with her fellow Chebeague Island residents to pursue and receive formal state approval for Chebeague Island to secede from Cumberland and become, as of July 1, 2007, one of the newest towns in America, the Town of Chebeague Island. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Damon for her service and dedication to the people of Cumberland and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 615)

Paul Johnson, of Eliot, who is the recipient of a 2007 Statewide Historic Preservation Honor Award, which was presented by Maine Preservation. The award is given to acknowledge projects and people exemplifying the best practices and principles of historic preservation in Maine. Mr. Johnson and the Eliot Historical Society were bestowed with this mark of distinction for their excellence in the rehabilitation and restoration of Schoolhouse No. 8. We extend to Mr. Johnson our congratulations and offer him our thanks for bringing to life a part of Maine's past so that others may see and appreciate the artifacts of our State's heritage; (HLS 616)

the City of Lewiston, on its being one of ten cities in the United States to win official All-America City status at the

National Civic League award ceremony in Anaheim, California. The judges selected Lewiston after hearing a presentation about the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, the Lots to Gardens program and tax preparation for low-income residents. The award demonstrates national recognition for hard work and civic pride. We send our congratulations to the good citizens of Lewiston on their being named an All-America City; (HLS 617)

Louise Mable Briggs Gamage, 94, of Litchfield, who has received the Litchfield Cane and been recognized by the town as its oldest citizen. Mrs. Gamage held a variety of positions at the Blaine House for more than 30 years and did not retire until she was 75 years old. She was very active at the Litchfield United Church, where she sang and played the organ, and the Litchfield Grange, where she played the piano. She also played the organ for many years for the Order of Eastern Star, Mystic Chapter 69 in Litchfield. She loves music and still plays the organ and the piano. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Gamage on her receiving this distinction; (HLS 618)

the life of our friend and colleague Patrick Daniel Damon, 41, of Falmouth, who died unexpectedly one year ago while in service to our Nation in Afghanistan. Pat served with distinction as a captain in the 240th Engineer Group of the Maine Army National Guard. He had been with the Maine Army National Guard for 20 years. He was born in Portland and grew up in Newcastle. He earned his bachelor's degree at American University in Washington, D.C. and his master's degree at the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. From 1994 to 2004, Pat was a mainstay at the State House, first working in the House Democratic Office and then for the Office of the Speaker of the House, including as the Chief of Staff. He also worked in Governor John E. Baldacci's administration before serving as administrative director of the Public Utilities Commission. Pat was widely respected and admired by his friends and colleagues, and he brought an unusual compassion and enthusiasm to all his endeavors. He touched many lives and was committed to making Maine a better place for everyone. We acknowledge his exemplary dedication to the State of Maine and to his Nation, and we take this opportunity to remember a good friend and a great American. He will be missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 19 years Hildi Halley, his children Mikayla and Jan-Christian, his mother Barbara, his twin sister Alecia and his father Ellsworth and his friends and colleagues and the people of the State of Maine. May he rest in peace; (HLS 619)

Marjorie Campbell, of Caswell, who won the 2007 Catholic Charities Maine Bishop Proulx Award. An attendee of St. Joseph's worship site, St. Peter Chanel Parish, Hamlin/Caswell, Ms. Campbell has committed herself to the betterment of her community, parish and church for more than 43 years. Ms. Campbell has educated young people in preparation to receive the sacraments of Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. As an avid fundraiser, Ms. Campbell organized walkathons, card parties and parish dinners for the benefit of her church and community. Her involvement in both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality through the St. Louis Church in Limestone has enabled Ms. Campbell to further help many area citizens. Her practice of the "Golden Rule" is visibly a testament to her faith. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Campbell for her dedicated commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 620)

the top ten graduating students in the Greely High School Class of 2007: Katherine Griffin Googins Gorsky, Valedictorian; Michael W. Frewin, Salutatorian; Danielle M. Cyr; Samuel

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Hawkes Hutchinson; Holly J. Jacobson; Heather Anne Antz; Emily Kodis; Lucy Schmid; James Fitch and Tessa Elizabeth Churchill. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements and send them our best wishes in their future endeavors; (HLS 621)

Jeffrey Porter, of Cumberland, recipient of the Maine International Trade Center's President's Award. The award was presented to him by Governor Baldacci for his outstanding service to the Maine International Trade Center. Mr. Porter is a University of Southern Maine graduate and works for the United States Department of Commerce's United States Foreign Commercial Service. He served on the staff of former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell before joining the United States and Foreign Commercial Service. He is the Director of the Portland Export Assistance Center and was a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on International Trade. He is on the board of the Maine International Trade Center as well as the Maine District Export Council. He is the Board Chair of the People's Regional Opportunity Program and has served 9 years on the Cumberland Town Council. He recently received the Golden Hammer Award from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Porter on his receiving this award; (HLS 622)

the following students from the Longfellow Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team in Portland: Francesca Butterfield, Zac Dufour, Peter Dutton, Erin Mahoney, Griffin Py, Charlotte Spritz and Justin Very. The team placed in the top 10 at the 2007 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University. More than 800 teams from 11 countries, including 23 teams from Maine, participated in the creative problem-solving competition. The Longfellow Elementary School team tied for 6th place out of 60 teams in its category. We extend our congratulations to the team on a job well done; (HLS 623)

the annual Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival, as it celebrates the popular American music form on July 14th and July 15th, 2007 in Harbor Park, Rockland, overlooking the scenic harbor. Some of the biggest names in blues music perform at this prestigious festival. We extend our best wishes to the Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival for its continued success; (HLS 624)

James A. Arcaro, Jr., of Gorham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to James on this accomplishment; (HLS 625)

Sergeant James W. Owens, of Bangor, a member of the Bangor Police Department, on the occasion of his retirement on June 28, 2007 after 36 years of dedicated service to the City of Bangor. Sergeant Owens began working at the department on February 17, 1971. We acknowledge his commitment to his community and to the State of Maine. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 626)

the top 10 percent of the Falmouth High School Class of 2007: Carly Applebaum, Alice Bennett, Rachel Bennett, Eileen Brandes, Laura Carter, Evan Doyle, Amy Eklund, Lauren Kingry, Haley Kinner, Kelly Morris, Olivia Rowse, Jennie Shapiro, Madeleine Sheehan, Whitney Thomas and Joshua Thompson. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 627)

the BridgeFest Celebration on June 23, 2007 in honor of the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge that crosses the Penobscot River between Prospect and Verona Island. The celebration is sponsored by the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and is meant to highlight the remarkable engineering and

economic benefits of the new bridge and its observation tower. The observatory is the first of its kind in the United States. Only 2 other bridges in the world have this innovation, one in Thailand and the other in Slovakia. We wish the good citizens of the Bucksport Bay area a happy BridgeFest Celebration and send our best wishes for the future; (HLS 628)

Theda Scott Howard, of Augusta, a former teacher and a freelance writer of poetry and stories. Mrs. Howard graduated from Wilton Academy in 1934, and went on to earn her teaching degree at Farmington State Teachers College, where she was an honor student, thespian and author of her class ode in 1937. She did graduate work at Boston University. Mrs. Howard was first runner-up in the Miss Maine contest in 1934, an event she entered at the spur of the moment. She taught in Augusta in a one-room schoolhouse for 2 years and subsequently taught 4th and 5th grades at the former Williams Elementary School in Augusta. She married Francis Howard in Austin, Texas while Mr. Howard was on furlough during World War II. After the war, they returned to Maine to live and raise their family. Mr. Howard passed away in 1985. Mrs. Howard was a member of the Maine Teachers Association, the Maine Retired Teachers Association and the National Education Association. She also belonged to the Academy of American Poets and the Maine Poetry Society. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 629)

Ruth's Reusable Resources, of Scarborough, for its unwavering support of Maine's teachers and students. Founded in 1994, Ruth's Reusable Resources has transferred surplus materials to schools and nonprofits throughout the entire State. Ruth's Reusable Resources has diverted over \$14 million worth of business surplus supplies to over 70,000 Maine students through 7,500 teachers and 230 member schools and nonprofits, including over 2,000 computers, as well as paper, pencils, books, binders, furniture and other basic school supplies. These supplies have been donated by over 500 businesses throughout Maine, benefitting the environment by saving over half a million pounds of reusable materials from landfills in 2006 alone. Ruth's Reusable Resources was named the 2003 Recycler of the Year by Regional Waste Systems. We extend our appreciation to Ruth's Reusable Resources for its many years of service to Maine's education community and wish it continued success as it pursues a new location for this extremely valuable service; (HLS 630)

Micah Pawling, of Bucksport, on the publication of his book entitled, *Wabanaki Homeland and the New State of Maine: The 1820 Journal and Plans of Survey of Joseph Treat*. The book describes the journey into the center of Maine of Major Joseph Treat and John Neptune. Mr. Pawling worked tirelessly on making available the 1820 Treat Journal, which described the survey of the Penobscot River with Penobscot Indian guides traveling across the watersheds of the Penobscot, St. Croix and St. John. He worked with the Penobscot Nation, the University of Maine, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and others to relate an in-depth story. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Pawling on the publication of his book; (HLS 631)

the memory of the late Honorable Abigail Holman, of Fayette, for her extraordinary life and career and her dedicated service to the people of the State of Maine. As we come to the end of the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature, we take this opportunity to remember the good representative from District 83, who represented Belgrade, Fayette, Vienna, Manchester and Mount Vernon with distinction. Abby Holman also had a strong commitment to her town, where she served on the Fayette Board of Selectmen. We acknowledge and appreciate her long career

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in government and civic service. Abby Holman will be greatly missed by her loving family, her many friends and the people of the State. May she rest in peace and may she long be remembered for her life of service to the State of Maine; (HLS 632)

Richard Pierce, of Dixfield, as the recipient of the Dixfield Citizen of the Year Award. At the age of 87, Mr. Pierce has accomplished much in his life and continues to contribute greatly to the community. With a degree in forestry from the University of Maine and a Master's Degree in forestry from Yale University, Mr. Pierce served as the Chief Warden with the Maine Forest Service. He then worked for the timber industry, beginning at the mill in Old Town before moving to United Timber in Dixfield. He served on the Dixfield Board of Selectmen for 12 years and is currently on the Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board, an appointed position he has held for 17 years. Until recently, he served as its chair. Additionally, Mr. Pierce is on the finance and water advisory committees in Dixfield and he participates on the River Valley Growth Council and the River Valley Technical Center Committee. He is past treasurer of the Maine Forest Products Council, the Small Woodlot Owners of Maine and the Maine Tree Farm Committee and is a past member of the Board of Maine Tree Foundation. We acknowledge his long history of giving back to the community and we send him our congratulations on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 633)

Lebanon Volunteer Rescue Department members Assistant Chief Jason Cole, Lieutenant Stu Morrison and Scott Thibodeau for their heroic efforts during the recent severe flooding in Southern Maine. When people were stranded and in danger, the rescue members bravely worked in frigid and fast-moving water to try and help 3 people, 2 of whom died despite the most valiant efforts of the rescue members. We acknowledge their extraordinary courage and selflessness and we send them our appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty; (HLS 634)

Mary B. Nasse, of Saco, on her retirement as Associate Headmaster of Thornton Academy after 30 years of dedicated service to teaching Maine's students. Ms. Nasse has taught elementary and secondary students in Portland, Old Orchard Beach, Gray-New Gloucester and Saco. During her 20-year association with Thornton Academy, she has played an integral part in the success of the Academy and its students, faculty and staff as both a special education teacher and an administrator. As Thornton's Director of Student Services, she played a key role in the development of numerous student assistance programs, including Thornton's on-site day care program, Freshman Orientation and Project Success, as well as school wide initiatives such as a math and science achievement reform effort and Thornton's successful 1994 school accreditation. As Associate Headmaster, she has continued her work to improve student learning opportunities at Thornton through her instrumental work with alternative and special education, parent communication efforts, Thornton's one-to-one laptop initiative program and the development of Thornton's current student advisor and class dean programs. In 2001, the Maine Association for Curriculum Development recognized Ms. Nasse's superior efforts by naming her the 2001 Education Leader of the year. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Nasse for her dedicated commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 635)

Cathy N. Coffman, of Saco, on her retirement as Director of Finance and Advancement after 19 years of dedicated service to Thornton Academy. Ms. Coffman has played a key role in

advancing Thornton Academy's communications, alumni relations, development and financial initiatives, including the reinstatement of the academy's Alumni Association efforts. She is credited with playing an integral role in driving the 1994 capital campaign, which fostered the opening of a theater and fine arts wing in 1996; considerable growth and expansion of the Thornton Fund, the academy's annual fund initiative; implementation of a school-wide one-to-one laptop initiative; and the development of Thornton Academy's middle school program, which began offering classes to students in grades 6 to 8. Over the years, Ms. Coffman also has mentored several students as the yearbook advisor and an independent study advisor. Ms. Coffman plans to assist Thornton Academy part-time with preparations for the academy's bicentennial celebration in 2011. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Coffman for her dedicated commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 636)

Christopher A. Queally, of Scarborough, on his retirement as a teacher and chair of the English department at Thornton Academy after 31 years of dedicated service to Thornton Academy. Mr. Queally has taught students in all genres of English literature and composition, served as class advisor, student council advisor, active union officer and representative and mentor to younger teachers and theater directors. As a teacher and director, he has provided venues for students to take risks and be successful. Mr. Queally is credited with reinstating Thornton Academy's Drama Club and has given life to more than 50 theatrical productions. A dedicated poet himself, Mr. Queally is credited with establishing Thornton Academy's evening poetry class for students. The American Teacher Awards recognized his talents by naming him one of 36 outstanding Teachers of the Year and the American Council for International Education chose Mr. Queally to participate in the United States-Newly Independent States Awards for Excellence in Teaching. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Queally for his dedicated commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 637)

Richard A. Agreste, of Biddeford, on his retirement as Director of Athletics at Thornton Academy after 37 years with the school. Fresh out of Boston University, Mr. Agreste came to Thornton Academy in 1970, taking on the role of physical education teacher. He was later named Thornton's Athletic Director, serving as a key member of Thornton's leadership team. He has served as coach of Thornton's freshman and varsity football teams, girls and boys basketball teams and golf team. In 1986 and 1988, he led Thornton's football team to victory in the two state Class A championships. Mr. Agreste was recognized by the Southern Maine Athletic Association with the 1982-83 and 1984-85 Southern Maine Athletic Association Girls Basketball Coach of the Year awards. He also received the 1985 Maine State Basketball Coach of the Year award, the 1986 and 1988 Class A Football Association Coach of the Year awards and the 1988 Maine Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year award. Throughout his career, Mr. Agreste has remained an active member of numerous athletic associations. In 2000, the Western Maine Football Board of Officials honored him with the Joe Crozier Award for his contributions to football. The Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association also recognized him with a Special Achievement Award and he was nominated for the association's Bob Leahy Award, which recognizes one outstanding athletic director each year. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Agreste for his dedicated commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 638)

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the Honorable Michael J. Sockalexis, of Old Town, former Tribal Representative of the Penobscot Nation to the 122nd Maine State Legislature. Mr. Sockalexis traveled across the United States and worked with many tribal nations and the Indian Health Service. He founded the Andrew Sockalexis Track Club, which provided not only sporting events, but youth mentoring and health awareness. Mr. Sockalexis served as Tribal Council member of the Penobscot Nation. All his life he danced the traditional style of the Penobscot. He spent years studying and interpreting petroglyphs. He found many legends carved in the rocks and documented their locations. His work with petroglyphs helped preserve the Indians' legends, dances and customs. We acknowledge his dedicated service and many contributions to the Penobscot Nation and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, neighbors and friends and the people of the State of Maine; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 639)

Richard Morris Jacobs, Ph.D., of Orono, a beloved professor of music at the University of Maine, School of Performing Arts and a loving husband, son, father and grandfather. Dr. Jacobs retired as Professor Emeritus in 1997 after 34 years of dedicated teaching at the University of Maine. He performed with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra for 39 years, 33 as principal clarinetist. He also served on the Bangor Symphony Orchestra's board and spearheaded the creation of the Maine High School Concerto Competition, which continues to inspire young musicians today. Dr. Jacobs dedicated his life to music through performance, research, teaching, writing and administrative leadership. He was also recognized as a strong advocate of music education in the public schools with his induction into the National Music Educator's Hall of Fame in May of 2007. He also loved sailing and was a teacher, secretary and commander of the Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron. We acknowledge the remarkable life of Dr. Richard Morris Jacobs and his contributions to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, thousands of Maine music students and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 640)

the Honorable James S. Henderson, of Harpswell, on the occasion of his retirement as the State Archivist. Mr. Henderson served as Deputy Archivist from 1982 to 1987 and was appointed State Archivist in 1987. Mr. Henderson served as a member of the House of Representatives during the 107th and 108th Legislatures. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Henderson for his dedication to the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 641)

Edward L. Cummings, of Woolwich, beloved husband, father, friend and proudly independent Mainer. Born in Bath, the son of Edward A. and Christine Cotton Cummings, he was a 1956 graduate of Morse High School. With pride in craftsmanship, he made his own way in life, specializing in forestry, land development and general contracting. In recent years, he was a millwright at Bath Iron Works and a loyal member of Union Local 1996. As an avid outdoorsman, Mr. Cummings enjoyed countless hours with his family sharing the beauties of Maine. He treasured the history and heritage of the coastal towns where he had deep family roots, and he lovingly restored his century-old family homestead in Woolwich. His pride in the many accomplishments of his sons greatly enriched his later years. He will be sadly missed by his loving family, his large circle of friends and all those who admired his sense of humor, his sense of justice and his pride in independence that are symbolic of Maine, his native "Pine Tree State"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 642)

Elin B. Dozois, of Phippsburg. Mrs. Dozois was a graduate of Brunswick High School and attended Westbrook Junior College

and the University of Maine. She taught elementary school in Phippsburg and later worked at the post office there for 10 years. She was a member of the Phippsburg Congregational Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and where she also served as the church's treasurer. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 643)

the Honorable Verdi Tripp, of Brunswick, the beloved husband of Margaret and an effective leader in local and state government. Mr. Tripp and his wife owned and operated TFM Productions, producing a successful local newspaper, *The Topsham Cryer*. He was named 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1985. He served on the Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as its President in 1990-1991. Elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1995, he served 3 terms, during which he was a member of the Judiciary and Business & Economic Development committees, and served as chair on the Taxation committee. The Honorable Verdi Tripp will be greatly missed by his loving family, his colleagues and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 644)

Francis C. Rocheleau, of Westbrook, a United States Navy veteran of World War II and former Mayor of Westbrook. Mr. Rocheleau was a gunnery officer aboard the U.S.S. Roxane in the South Pacific. After the war, the history of the U.S. Navy remained his lifelong hobby. He graduated from Boston University School of Law and was the judge of the municipal court of Westbrook. In the 1960s, Mr. Rocheleau served as the 35th Mayor of Westbrook, where he is still remembered as a very colorful political figure. He had his own law practice, from which he retired in 1990. He was also past president of the Westbrook Kiwanis Club. Mr. Rocheleau will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and the citizens of Westbrook; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 645)

Robert A. Cobb, of Orono, on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Maine. He has been serving as Dean of Education since 1977, the longest-serving dean in the university's history. Dean Cobb has provided stability and vision, playing a key role in establishing and advancing the University of Maine's reputation as a statewide asset and a national resource for education reform. We acknowledge his leadership and his important contributions to the university, to his community and to the State. We send Dean Cobb our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 646)

the Chuck Wagon restaurant in Livermore Falls, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary of doing business in town. The Chuck Wagon opened on July 10, 1967 and is under the current ownership of Norman and Marc Paradis. We congratulate the owners, the patrons and the staff on this anniversary, and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 647)

the members of the Scarborough High School Girls Softball Team, winners of the 2007 Class A State Championship. The Red Storm members maintained their motivation and achieved their victory following a perfect season. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievements; (HLS 648)

Dorothy Timberlake, of Topsham, on her retirement from the teaching profession after 36 years of teaching. Ms. Timberlake spent 35 of those years teaching in School Administrative District No. 75, 33 of which were at Williams-Cone Elementary School. She taught kindergarten to grade 6. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Timberlake for her many years of dedicated service to the

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youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 649)

Mary Urlickson, of Topsham, on her retirement from School Administrative District No. 75 after 35 years of teaching. Ms. Urlickson has spent a majority of that time teaching 2nd, 3rd and 5th graders at the Williams-Cone Elementary School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Urlickson for her many years of dedicated service to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 650)

the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Palmyra. Incorporated on June 20, 1807 from the township T5 R3 NWP, the settlement was originally known as Shepherdstown after an early land agent. It was first settled by Daniel Gale and his family in 1800. We send our congratulations to the good citizens of Palmyra on the bicentennial celebration of the town, and we send our best wishes for the town's future success; (HLS 651)

the residents of Chebeague Island, on the occasion of their island community's becoming an independent Maine town on July 1, 2007, after much hard work and with the guidance of their Transition Committee. Chebeague Island has been a community since the late 1740s and has been a part of the Town of Cumberland since 1821, when the Maine Legislature allowed Cumberland to secede from the Town of North Yarmouth. Chebeague Island is a thriving maritime community with about 350 residents in the winter and a deeply rooted summer population of around 1,700 people. More than four dozen islanders earn their living lobstering, while equal numbers work on the island and commute to work on the mainland. Volunteerism is strong on Chebeague Island, and over the years islanders have established many nonprofit organizations and completed several ambitious building projects. The islanders are willing to do whatever is necessary to support and sustain the island school and the future of their community. In 2005, the residents of Chebeague Island decided that becoming an independent town was integral to sustaining the island as one of Maine's last fifteen year-round island communities. To this end, on April 5, 2006 the Maine Legislature passed a bill creating the Town of Chebeague Island and Governor John E. Baldacci signed it into law the same day. We congratulate the residents of the new Town of Chebeague Island and send them our best wishes as the island becomes Maine's newest town; (HLS 652)

Judy Tarr, of Boothbay, on her retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to Miles Health Care. Ms. Tarr began her career as an accountant at the hospital in 1983 before quickly being promoted to controller. In 1985 she began serving as the organization's Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer in 1993. During her tenure as CEO, the organization expanded significantly to serve a growing retirement community. Along with new facilities such as the Women's Center and Chase Point Assisted Living, Ms. Tarr expanded the organization's services by developing the Miles Medical Group and secured its future with the MaineHealth affiliation in 1996. She was also instrumental in raising \$6 million towards a \$10 million expansion and renovation to the Miles Hospital in 2002. Throughout her tenure, she encouraged an open, friendly environment with patients, trustees, employees and medical staff alike. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Tarr for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 653)

Terrence St. Peter, upon his retirement as the City Manager of Belfast. His 9-year tenure with the city is the culmination of a dynamic and constructive 33-year career in municipal service. We send our appreciation to Mr. St. Peter for his service and

commitment to the City of Belfast and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 654)

the 100th anniversary of Harbor View Chapter #136, Order of the Eastern Star of Deer Isle. The chapter was instituted on February 9, 1907 and received its Charter from the Grand Chapter of Maine in May of that year. Juanita Chapter #47 of Stonington consolidated with Harbor View Chapter in 1974 and Columbia Chapter #56 followed in 1981. Harbor View Chapter has had a very active role in the Order of the Eastern Star in Maine as well as in communities around Deer Isle. The chapter provides school supplies to area schools and books to the local libraries. In addition, it awards several scholarships each year to area students and makes contributions to the local food bank. We send our congratulations to Harbor View Chapter #136, Order of the Eastern Star of Deer Isle on the occasion of its centennial celebration and we send the good members our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 655)

Gary Crocker, of West Gardiner, on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of advocating for Maine's community colleges and the students they serve. Mr. Crocker first joined the Maine Community College System as the Director of Adult Education at the Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Auburn. He has been involved in the colleges through their transition from vocational technical institutes to technical colleges and finally to community colleges. Mr. Crocker holds a deep belief in the mission of the community college system and in his current position as Director of State and Federal Programs for the Maine Community College System has been successful at forming meaningful connections with people at all levels of State Government. He has been extraordinarily effective in his role as ambassador. We acknowledge his remarkable contributions to education in Maine and we send him our congratulations on his retirement; (HLS 656)

Linda Kuzyk, of Bethel, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching. She is a longtime award-winning educator who has been teaching for 37 years. Ms. Kuzyk received the 2007 Education Employee of the Year Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and the 1996 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, the highest professional level of recognition for American educators. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the children of Maine, and we congratulate her on her retirement and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 657)

Leroy and Virginia Titus, of Norway, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Titus were married on June 28, 1947. Mr. Titus had a career in sales and Mrs. Titus was a homemaker. They raised 4 children and are the proud grandparents of 8 and great-grandparents of 6. We honor them on this tremendous milestone and wish them continued happiness; (HLS 658)

Evelyn Adelle "Bin" Durgin, a lifelong resident of Gray. Mrs. Durgin passed away on the morning of June 6, 2007 in her village home at the age of 87. She was an only child who grew up during the Great Depression. She graduated as the Valedictorian of her class at Pennell Institute in 1937 and attended the University of Maine Northeastern Business School in Portland. She married Paul Durgin, with whom she had four children who were the loves of her life. She is survived by her children, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Durgin lived on Gray Corner and has been a presence in Gray for many years. This past year she was the first recipient of the Evelyn Morrill Durgin Award, established in her honor by the Town of Gray, which will be awarded annually to someone who exhibits outstanding community service of their own free will and

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out of the goodness of their heart. Mrs. Durgin will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 659)

Charles and Barbara Cole, of Gardiner, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 29, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are longtime residents of Gardiner. They are the parents of 2 children, grandparents of 5 grandchildren and great-grandparents to one great-grandchild. Prior to his retirement from New England Telephone, Mr. Cole served his country honorably in the United States Navy during World War II. Now enjoying her own retirement, Mrs. Cole was employed for some time by Central Maine Power Company. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cole on this very special occasion and wish them many more years of happiness together; (HLS 660)

Gilberte Mayo, of Lincoln, on being awarded lifetime certifications as municipal treasurer and associate tax collector. This unique and prestigious award is bestowed only on a very few municipal employees. Out of 757 members of the Maine Municipal Tax Collectors' and Treasurers' Association, currently there are only 2 members who have earned this distinction. Ms. Mayo has been employed by the Town of Lincoln for 22 years and has also acted as the interim town manager. We commend Gilberte Mayo for her unwavering dedication to the Town of Lincoln and wish her years of continued success; (HLS 661)

Audrey Ahlholm, of Warren, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the Medomak Valley High School Class of 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Audrey on this achievement; (HLS 662)

Jasmine Doughty, of Friendship, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the Medomak Valley High School Class of 2007. We extend our congratulations to Jasmine on this achievement; (HLS 663)

the Honorable Louis J. Marstaller, of Brunswick, member of the Maine State Legislature during the 104th and 105th Legislative Sessions. Starting in 1932, Mr. Marstaller began working at a young age in the family business, when the Maine Idyll Motor Court opened in Freeport. He also worked with his father in lumbering, and from 1957 to 1982, he worked as field secretary for the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. Mr. Marstaller served the town of Freeport on various committees, was on the Board of Selectmen and served as moderator of town meetings. He was known for his ready smile and laugh and his quick rapport with people. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 664)

Colonel Joseph Fessenden, of East Winthrop, chief of the Maine Bureau of Marine Patrol, who is the recipient of the annual enforcement category "award of excellence" from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission recognized Colonel Fessenden's contributions in helping establish the Joint Enforcement Agreement program with the National Marine Fisheries Service, as well as his leadership in helping set up a cooperative program with the Coast Guard on maritime security. Colonel Fessenden has worked in marine law enforcement for almost 32 years and was selected to be bureau chief in 1995 because of his dedication to cooperative law enforcement and his long-term commitment to the commission's Law Enforcement Committee and species management boards. He was involved in the establishment of the State's lobster zone council system, the bureau's Big Boat Program and the trap tag program. He has spent his entire career building close working partnerships with

the commercial fishing industry and the United States Coast Guard. Colonel Fessenden has also received the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine's "Warden of the Year" award and the Maine Lobstermen's Association's "Outstanding and Dedicated Service" award. We extend our appreciation to Colonel Fessenden for his many years of dedicated service to the people of the State and congratulate him on receiving this award; (HLS 665)

Arthur and Jean McInnis, of Saco, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, August 6, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. McInnis have 12 children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McInnis on their Diamond Jubilee Wedding Anniversary and wish them many more years of good health and happiness together; (HLS 666)

the St. Dominic Regional High School Baseball Team, of Auburn, which has won the 2007 Class C State Championship, its second state title in three years. We congratulate the members of the team on their win and send them our best wishes; (HLS 667)

Evan Miliano, of Swanville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 27, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Evan on this accomplishment; (HLS 668)

Jordi Cheevers Pelletier, of Madawaska, who earned the distinction of being named valedictorian in her 2007 graduating class at Madawaska High School. Jordi also received top honors in English, science and social studies for having achieved the highest ranking during her 4 years of high school, the Madawaska High School Scholars Award for being named to the honor roll throughout her high school career, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. Jordi was a member of the National Honor Society and the HIV Student Leadership Team and was a Dirigo Girls' State Delegate. Her extracurricular activities included soccer. We extend our congratulations to Jordi on her achievements; (HLS 669)

Kristin Danie, of Madawaska, who earned the distinction of being named salutatorian in her 2007 graduating class at Madawaska High School. Kristin received the Madawaska High School Scholars Award for being named to the honor roll throughout her high school career as well as the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Kristin was a member of the National Honor Society, HIV Student Leadership Team, Math Team, Mid-Crew, yearbook staff and Youth Ministry and was a Dirigo Girls' State Delegate. Her extracurricular activities included volleyball and volunteering. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kristin on her achievements; (HLS 670)

Bill Diehl, of Mechanic Falls, for over 30 years of dedication and public service to the community of Mechanic Falls. Mr. Diehl has served the people of Mechanic Falls on the Planning Board, the New Library Study Committee, the Town Council and the Community Development Block Grant Committee and was a charter member of the Industrial Development Committee. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Diehl for his dedication to the citizens of Mechanic Falls; (HLS 671)

Carter J.D. Handy, of Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for his contributions to the community. Carter is a Big Brother volunteer and has served as a volunteer at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care, earning

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a Lewiston Mayoral Citation. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 672)

Jacob LaRoche, of Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for his contributions to the community. Jacob has a talent for pottery and is an excellent athlete, as well as a good student. He was honored to attend the prestigious Haystack Center for the Arts weekend clay workshop and is a Big Brothers volunteer. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 673)

Abigail Blaisdell, of Lewiston, an 8th-grade student at Lewiston Middle School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for her contributions to the community. Abigail is a great athlete, a member of the Civil Rights Team and a dedicated student. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 674)

Ted Blaisdell, of Lewiston, a sophomore at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for his contributions to the community. Ted completed his Eagle Scout service project at the Good Shepherd Food Bank, which took 265 hours to achieve. He also received the Youth Recognition VIP Award from the food bank. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 675)

Patrick W. Smith, of Lewiston, a sophomore at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for his contributions to the community. Patrick has a strong interest in music and is a dedicated student. He has hiked the Lewis and Clark Trail in Montana and has been a People to People Student Ambassador. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 676)

Katrina St. Claire, of Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for her contributions to the community. Katrina has received certification as a Certified Nurses Aide and has worked in caring for the elderly at a local nursing home. She is known for her honesty, openness and commitment to family and school. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 677)

Mackenzi Masselli, of Lewiston, a 7th-grade student at Lewiston Middle School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for her contributions to the community. Among her many accomplishments, Mackenzi is the only student in her school to make District II Chorus. She also volunteers for Tri-County Mental Health Services' THRIVE Project. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 678)

Steven Donovan, of Auburn, a senior at St. Dominic Regional High School, who has received the distinction of being nominated to 4 United States military academies: the Army, the Air Force, the Navy and the Merchant Marines. Students who receive military academy nominations must be outstanding students with high grades and SAT scores, must be active in school or civic activities and must come with personal recommendations. Steven was nominated by 2 members of Maine's Congressional Delegation: United States Representative Michael Michaud and United States Senator Susan Collins. We congratulate Steven

on his receiving these high honors and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 679)

Nicole Court-Menendez, of Lewiston, a 7th-grade student at Lewiston Middle School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for her contributions to the community. Nicole volunteers generously both her time and resources to the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society and is a great athlete. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 680)

Nicole Bradbury, of Lewiston, a junior at St. Dominic Regional High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for her contributions to the community. Nicole volunteers with Alzheimer's patients and is the recipient of the Saint Elizabeth Seton Stewardship Award. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 681)

Jama Ahmed, of Lewiston, an 8th-grade student at Lewiston Middle School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars by the Lewiston City Council at the 10th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 16, 2007 for his contributions to the community. Jama has volunteered once a week in the Children's Department at the Lewiston Public Library for the past 4 years and has also volunteered with several other worthwhile community projects. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 682)

Police Chief John E. Morris on the occasion of his retirement after 13 years with the Waterville Police Department. Chief Morris began his duties with the Waterville Police Department in 1994. Chief Morris has many accomplishments to be proud of, including successfully obtaining over one million dollars in grants; establishing a program to embrace the philosophy of community policing, which includes the first statewide, ground-breaking crisis counselor midnight team partnership; and implementing a citizens' police academy and dedicated neighborhood police officer. He established a program called "Are you OK?", which makes computerized daily calls to seniors and the homebound to check in on them. He is a Vietnam War veteran. He has worked for the State Department in places like Ethiopia and East Timor. He is tough, articulate and sometimes stubborn and he gets the job done. We extend our appreciation to Chief Morris for his dedicated commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in the next chapter of his life; (HLS 683)

Audrey Goucher, of Wayne, for over 30 years of dedication and public service to the community of Wayne. Ms. Goucher has served the town as deputy tax collector, treasurer, tax collector, deputy town clerk, registrar of voters and town clerk and as a member of the archival board and planning board. She will be retiring from her duties as tax collector, town clerk and registrar of voters on June 30th. We extend to her our appreciation for her commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wayne and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 684)

Karen Calloway, of Avon, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years with School Administrative District No. 58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Calloway for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 685)

the Brunswick High School Boys Lacrosse Team, on its winning the 2007 Class A State Championship. We send the members of the team our congratulations on this accomplishment and our best wishes for the future; (HLS 686)

Ralph R. Pettingill, Jr., of North Waterford. Mr. Pettingill was born on Peaks Island and graduated from Portland High School.

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He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He married his one and only love, Elsie; and together they lived on Peaks Island before moving to South Portland and then finally settling in North Waterford. Mr. Pettingill retired in 1981 from a career as an ironworker. Over the years, he enjoyed archery, hunting, snowmobiling and woodworking. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his six children, 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous other family members and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 687)

William Collin, of Madawaska, a member of the Madawaska Fire Department and a former longtime employee of Fraser Paper Company. Mr. Collin retired after 42 years with the company and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 688)

Gary Foster, of Gray, for his service to the people of Gray on the Gray Town Council from 2003 to 2007. We send our appreciation for his dedication to his community, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 689)

the members of the Searsport High School Baseball Team on winning the Eastern Maine Class C Baseball Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 690)

the late Jay Mason Holman of Gouldsboro and his brother Brian Holman of Fayette. These brothers earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout many years ago and lived lives of service that exemplify the values taught by the Boy Scouts of America for citizenship. Jay Mason Holman achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1973, and his brother Brian achieved the same in 1974. Jay went on to serve with distinction with the Merchant Marine and has recently passed away. Brian served his community on the Board of Selectmen. We acknowledge the Scouting values learned at a younger age ;by Jay Mason Holman and Brian Holman, and we send our condolences to Brian on the passing of his beloved brother; (HLS 691)

the following members of the Georges Valley High School softball team: Danielle Frye, Ashley Geel, Liz Hall, Erin Judkins, Jessica Keating, Danielle Leavitt, Emily McLaughlin, Nicole Poland, Lexi Rackliff, Karis Sawyer, Desiree Smith, Bethany Snow, Arianna Wadsworth, Aley Watts, Brittany Worcester and Hannah Yovino, winners of the 2007 Maine State Class C Championship. This is the Buccaneers' first state title. The young team's relentless offense, tenacious defense and instruction by veteran coaches Russell Worcester and John Frye were key components to the champions' season record of 17 wins and only 2 losses. We extend our congratulations to this team of skilled athletes; (HLS 692)

Troy Levassuer, of Poland, who is the recipient of the Royal Rangers' Bronze Medal of Achievement. Troy earned this mark of distinction after being awarded merits for safety, cooking, camping, camp safety, hiking, first aid and CPR, advanced marksmanship and carpentry as well as 15 bible merits. A Christian ministry for boys, the Royal Rangers instructs young men in the importance of local church and community involvement. Having also completed three hours of Christian service, Troy has displayed steadfast commitment to bible study, nature-related activities and other physical skills development that assist in the cultivation of self-esteem. We extend to Troy our congratulations for having attained this praiseworthy honor; (HLS 693)

Bernard and Gloria Staples, of Lee, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Staples were married on June 21, 1947. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Staples had careers in farming and the insurance business. Mrs. Staples was

a homemaker, and together she and her husband raised 5 children. We send our congratulations to them on this tremendous milestone and wish them continued happiness; (HLS 694)

Joseph E. Goodness, Jr., of Sanford, a longtime teacher in the Sanford schools and beloved member of his community. Mr. Goodness was born in Skowhegan, but moved to Springvale in 1947. A graduate of Sanford High School, he received a scholarship to Colby College. He received his master's degree in geology from Union College and eventually moved back to Sanford, beginning a 33-year teaching career at Sanford High School. Mr. Goodness retired in 1995, but continued as a substitute teacher for 5 more years. He was a lifelong grange member and past master of both Riverside Grange #475 and York Pomona Grange #14. He was also a past deputy and executive committee member of the Maine State Grange. Mr. Goodness was a former officer of the Maine State Guard and former director of the Sanford Emergency Management Agency. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 695)

Robert L. Campbell, of Portland, a veteran of the Korean War and a 28-year employee of the State of Maine. Born in Portland, Oregon, Mr. Campbell first came to Maine in 1954 and moved here permanently in 1974. He was medically retired from the United States Army in 1965, following nearly 18 years of active duty and service in the Pacific, Africa and Europe. In 1951, he was a participant in Operation Greenhouse at Eniwetok Atoll in the northern Marshall Islands, where he witnessed the atmospheric testing of 4 nuclear weapons, experiments leading to the discovery of the trigger device of the hydrogen bomb. Mr. Campbell was involved nationally and internationally in the problems associated with veterans and atomic radiation and recently co-founded the Atomic Veterans Radiation Research Institute. He testified numerous times before Congress and helped in the successful fight against the construction of a high-level radioactive waste dump in the Sebago Lake area. Mr. Campbell worked for many years on the staff of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission and was a longtime communicant of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, his fellow veterans, his State and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 696)

the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, on its unique role in education and in enriching the public's knowledge of wildlife in Maine. In 1992, the Maine Legislature implemented a mandate requiring the formerly named "Game Farm" to become financially self-sufficient. Under the authority of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the name was changed in 1998 and it became the Maine Wildlife Park. With a formal organizational plan, the park became self-sufficient and remains a favorite for children and adults alike. The most recent good news for the Maine Wildlife Park was the birth in captivity of a new baby moose calf, which is extremely rare. We extend our appreciation to the Maine Wildlife Park on its exemplary role in caring for Maine's wildlife. We send the park our best wishes on its future success; (HLS 697)

WZON, of Bangor, an all-sports AM radio station, on its receiving several sports broadcasting awards from the Maine Association of Broadcasters. The Sports Zone received first-place honors in the sports play-by-play division for its broadcast

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of a University of Maine women's basketball game by Jeff Solari and Clem Labree and in the sportscast division for the Sports Zone Morning Show hosted by Dale Duff and Clem Labree. WZON also received a third-place honor in play-by-play for a University of Maine football game by Rich Kimball and Bob Lucy. We congratulate the members of the station on their receiving these honors; (HLS 698)

Maine Air National Guard's 101st Air Refueling Wing, in Bangor, on its being presented with the 2006 United States Air Force General Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award for its commitment to the environment. The environmental quality award is presented for pollution prevention, recycling, environmental quality, restoration and the conservation of natural and cultural resources. The Bangor Guard unit reduced plane de-icing fluid runoff by about 60,000 gallons over 2 years. We congratulate the members of the unit on their receiving this honor and in particular for the installation of the control system that reduced the de-icing fluid runoff; (HLS 699)

Sharon Goguen, of Belfast, upon her being named Maine's Special Education Administrator of the Year for 2007 by the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities. Ms. Goguen holds a Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Maine and has shown her mettle for Maine School Administrative District 56 for over 30 years. In 1977 she implemented resource rooms and services for special education while holding the position of resource teacher for kindergarten through 12th grade. She assumed the responsibilities of district directorship of special services in 1979. A cofounder and past board chairperson of Waldo County Preschool and Family Services, Ms. Goguen now serves as first vice president of Delta Kappa Gamma and is a founding member and secretary of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities. She is also a contributing member of the Department of Education and the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities liaison and advocacy committees. Other projects implemented by Ms. Goguen include the Kids on the Block puppet troupe, Project ABLE for middle school students and diversity training and multiple intelligence practices in the schools. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Goguen and acknowledge her many efforts to improve the quality of special education in the State of Maine; (HLS 700)

Gilbert and Betsy Riley, of Wilton, who are the recipients of the Senior Vocational Service Award from the Rotary Club of Farmington for their long commitment to their community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this honor; (HLS 701)

Allen Sockabasin, of Indian Township Passamaquoddy Community, on the occasion of the publication of his second children's book, entitled An Upriver Passamaquoddy. The book is a bold look at Passamaquoddy life and stories in the village at Peter Dana Point, Indian Township. We acknowledge the importance of keeping the native stories alive and preserving the heritage of Passamaquoddy life for all Maine people. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on the publication of this book; (HLS 702)

Chris Goldsmith, of Talmadge, who was selected as the Teacher of the Year by the 8th-grade Passamaquoddy students of Indian Township Grammar School. We extend our appreciation to Chris for over 25 years of dedicated service to the youth of Maine; (HLS 703)

Michael James Keenan, of Yarmouth and San Francisco, California, founder of the clothing line "Maine-iac." The company's marketing slogan, "Work hard, play harder," summed up Mr. Keenan's life. He enjoyed camping trips in the mountains

and bungee jumping. Mr. Keenan was a true hero, widely regarded in San Francisco newspapers as a "Two-Time Hero." He received commendations from the city's mayor and the fire and police departments for his heroic efforts. On Christmas Eve in 2001, he witnessed a car plunge into the icy San Francisco Bay and, without regard for his own life, dove into the bay, kicked in the window of the car and rescued a woman from the submerged car. In February 2007, he ran back into a burning building to rescue a friend's dog. Mr. Keenan loved life and was never a bystander. We applaud and admire the selflessness and heroism of Mr. Keenan, one of our native sons. Mr. Keenan will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 704)

Adrienne Rosenblatt, of Gorham, 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 Adrienne on this accomplishment; (HLS 705)

Allyn W. Hutton, of Falmouth, who was named the 2007 High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association for her accomplishments as an educational leader. She was commended for her professionalism, leadership and commitment to a rigorous curriculum for every student. Ms. Hutton will attend the Principals' Institute as it honors the 2007 State Principals of the Year in Washington, D.C. and will be eligible for consideration as the National Principal of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 706)

Anna Willard, of Greenwood, a graduate of Telstar Regional High School, who won the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA championship competition while running for the University of Michigan, the fastest time ever recorded by a collegiate athlete and the fastest time by an American this year. Ms. Willard is a graduate of Brown University and is pursuing her master's degree at the University of Michigan. She placed second at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and will race on the United States world team later this summer in Osaka, Japan. We send her our congratulations on her remarkable achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 707)

Private First Class Douglas Kelly, of Allagash, who has returned home from active duty with the 3-172nd Mountain Infantry, Bravo Company stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Private First Class Kelly who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Private First Class Kelly home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 708)

Gwynne Hunter, of Lisbon Falls, 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. For her Gold Scout Gold Award project, Gwynne presented a series of musical workshops for the patients at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. The patients created musical instruments and used them in a sing-along. Gwynne donated music CDs and instruments for the patients to use. We extend our congratulations to Gwynne on this outstanding accomplishment and offer our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 709)

Sergeant Todd Hafford, of Allagash, who has returned home from active duty with the 3-172nd Mountain Infantry, Bravo Company stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with

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generations of men and women like Sergeant Hafford who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Hafford home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 710)

Sergeant James Jandreau, of St. Francis, who has returned home from active duty with the 3-172nd Mountain Infantry, Bravo Company stationed in Iraq. We have been blessed with generations of men and women like Sergeant Jandreau who have stepped forward to fight for the security of this nation so that we might continue to enjoy liberty and freedom. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming Sergeant Jandreau home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 711)

the Deering High School Boys Baseball Team, which won the 2007 Class A State Championship, its first title since 2004 and the tenth title since the playoff system began in 1970. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 712)

Andrew "Andy" Knight, Jr., of Wayne, for 60 years of dedication and public service to the community of Wayne. Mr. Knight joined the Wayne Fire Department in 1947 at 16 years of age, becoming in 1966 Assistant Fire Chief and from 1974 to 1995 serving as Chief of the Wayne Fire Department. Though he stepped down as chief in 1995, he has continued to be a member of the fire department. He has also held the positions of Town Fire Warden and Civil Defense and Emergency Management Director. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Knight for his commitment to the citizens of Wayne; (HLS 713)

Seth Wegner, of Wilton, a student at Mt. Blue Middle School, who has been recognized as a Middle Level Scholar Leader. This award is given to a student who demonstrates academic initiative and scholarship and who provides service to both classmates and school. Seth exemplifies the qualities of a good leader in the classroom and in school activities. We extend our congratulations to Seth on receiving this honor; (HLS 714)

Katelyn Holbrook, of New Vineyard, a student at Mt. Blue Middle School, who has been recognized as a Middle Level Scholar Leader. This award is given to a student who demonstrates academic initiative and scholarship and who provides service to both classmates and school. Katelyn exemplifies the qualities of a good leader in the classroom and in school activities. We extend our congratulations to Katelyn on receiving this honor; (HLS 715)

David and Caroline Mayo, of Wilton, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 7, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 716)

Norman and Doris Poulin, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Poulin were married on August 9, 1947. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Poulin on this very special occasion; (HLS 717)

Carleton and Jerry Mackin, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 6, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 718)

Burton and Launa Durost, of Blaine, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Durost were married at the Vaughn Bubar homestead in Blaine on July 15, 1947. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this important celebration; (HLS 719)

the 100th Anniversary of Pittston Farm, near Rockwood, one of the last of the self-sustaining settlements carved out of the

North Woods to serve the lumberjacks working for Great Northern Paper Company. Now a four-season resort owned by Jen and Bob Mills, the farm was first bought by Ken Twitchell from Great Northern Paper Company in 1992. Mr. Twitchell had served as its caretaker and then renovated and added extensively to the property. The farm symbolizes the long-gone era of river drives and was a gathering spot for Indians who favored the location nestled at the confluence of the south and north branches of the Penobscot River. We join the citizens of Maine in acknowledging the important part of Maine history that the Pittston Farm represents, and we send our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of Pittston Farm; (HLS 720)

the Portland Freedom Trail, upon the special occasion of its dedication in July 2007. Its thirteen marked sites commemorate the history, heritage and contributions of brave Maine people, both black and white, to the cause of abolition and the Underground Railroad in those contentious years before and during the Civil War when the fate of a unified nation was at stake. May this permanent walking trail symbolize the continuing journey of Maine and America toward full civil rights and true social justice for all. We salute the contributions of so many people in the past, the dedication of so many people to the future and that journey commemorated in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 721)

the service of the USS Belfast and her crew for their exceptional role in defending our Nation in the Pacific Theatre during World War II on the occasion of a reunion of 9 members of the original crew in Belfast, Maine in 2007 from July 16th to July 18th. A Tacoma Class patrol frigate named for the City of Belfast, Maine, the vessel earned 2 battle stars during her tour of duty. The ship was built in Wilmington, California in 1943 and crewed by the United States Coast Guard. On May 30, 1943, the USS Belfast was launched and was sponsored by Elizabeth C. Wilson, the great-great granddaughter of John Wilson, of Belfast, who served as congressman in the early 1800s. In 1945, the ship was loaned to the Soviet Union under the Lend-Lease program and was subsequently declared a total loss by the United States Navy after running aground in 1948 off the coast of eastern Siberia. We welcome the following members of the original crew of the USS Belfast PF35 on their visit to Maine: Lee W. Bothell, Walter J. Freed, John P. Halaburda, Floyd L. Hinkel, William E. LaPlante, Francis T. Matthews, Robert C. Paridy, Jesse G. Vaughn and Arthur L. Wells. It is an honor to have them as guests in our State during their reunion sponsored by the Belfast Historical Society and the American Legion Post #43. We send them our appreciation for their service to the Nation and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 722)

Sergeant Major Erik Ross, of Wilton, on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service to his country. Sergeant Major Ross served in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bosnia/Sarajevo, Haiti and throughout the Middle East. He received the Soldier's Medal for heroism when he rescued soldiers from an airplane that crashed at Fort Bragg. We extend our appreciation to Sergeant Major Ross for his commitment to the citizens of our country and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 723)

Allan D. Parsons, of Wilton, a devoted family man and dedicated member of the community. Mr. Parsons attended Farmington schools, graduating from Mt. Blue High School. He attended the Tri-County Emergency Medical Services Program for Paramedic Education and worked with the Monmouth Rescue, United Ambulance and Med-Care Ambulance Service. He also volunteered with the Wales Fire Department and was a member of the Monmouth Fish and Game Association and Maine

Militia. He was a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts in Monmouth and coached soccer and wrestling. Mr. Parsons always had a smile on his face and always had time to help someone else. He will be remembered for his years of selfless service to the people of western Maine and his dedication to the emergency services field. He touched the lives of many people and will be terribly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 724)

Nathan G. Price, of Fryeburg, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouting's highest honor. This achievement is testimony to Nathan's commitment to the Boy Scout principles of character, citizenship and personal fitness. He is to be commended for his many dedicated hours of service to his community. We send him our congratulations on this tremendous milestone; (HLS 725)

the Steep Falls Baptist Church and its congregation, on the occasion of the church's 160th anniversary. Built in 1847, the church serves the community with distinction. We send the good members of the Steep Falls Baptist Church our appreciation and congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 726)

Brian Spencer Kane, of Standish, a member of Boy Scout Troup #875 who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Brian and a group of volunteers renovated the amphitheater at the YMCA Otter Pond Day Camp to make it more easily accessible to the children in attendance during the summer. Campers and visitors are now able to enjoy the area trails because of Brian's efforts in removing nearby hazardous tree roots. We extend our congratulations to Brian on achieving this distinguished accomplishment; (HLS 727)

Rebecca McAllister, of Lewiston, 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. For her Gold Award Project, Rebecca developed a coaching program to help Special Olympics swimmers learn to swim competitively, coached the swimmers and helped at swim meets. Rebecca has made arrangements for her program to continue after she graduates. We extend our congratulations to Rebecca on this achievement; (HLS 728)

Wilmot Robinson, of Millinocket, a veteran of World War II and a prominent member of his community. Mr. Robinson served in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps during the war and was a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. He was a Maine master guide since 1950 and a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Maine Trappers Association. He was very active in numerous sporting groups in Maine and was instrumental in founding the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, also serving as its executive director for many years. Mr. Robinson also served the State of Maine as chair of the Maine Guide's Board of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council for 20 years and the White Water Advisory Council. We acknowledge his great contributions to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his wife of 61 years, Joyce (Morgan) Robinson, his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 729)

Josephine O. Leavitt, a lifelong resident of Millinocket. Mrs. Leavitt was employed for 26 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Millinocket Regional Hospital, working most of those years in the nursery. In later years, she worked as a ward clerk at the hospital until her retirement. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 730)

Daniel H. LaChance, of Springvale, devoted husband and father. Mr. LaChance graduated from Sanford High School and Wyoming Technical College in Laramie, Wyoming. After retiring

as plant manager from Jagger Bros., Inc., where he worked for 18 years, he purchased his father's Citgo station in Springvale and started LaChance Bros. Towing. In 2003 he and his wife Kimberly purchased the Sunoco station in Springvale. For more than 20 years, he was also a call firefighter for the Sanford Fire Department from which he retired as captain. During his time in the fire department, he received awards and commendations. He was a graduate of the 1994 Maine Fire Academy. He was chairman of the State of Maine Annual Fire Convention, which was hosted by the Town of Sanford. He was a member of the Sanford Kiwanis Club, the NAPA Auto Care Association and the Springvale Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree. He loved the outdoors, snowmobiling, skiing and fishing. He lived his life to the fullest and was a true family man, a kind and generous businessman and an avid supporter of the community. Mr. LaChance will be missed by his loving family, many friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 731)

the Reverend James Herrick, of Harpswell, who, at the time of his death, July 9, 2007, was 102 years of age. The Reverend Herrick was an active pastor for 75 years. He was a self-starter, a hard worker and a dynamic and energetic man. In 1927, he was ordained as a Methodist minister and subsequently served at churches in New Harbor, Wayne, Pemaquid, Orr's Island and Bailey Island. He became interested in the ministry after working with youth groups. He took theological courses at Bates College and Bowdoin College and attended Bangor Theological Seminary. He gave the opening prayer for the Maine State Legislature twice, most recently in 2005. He performed Easter sunrise services on Bailey Island for almost 30 years until 2006. The Reverend Herrick will be missed by his loving family, many friends and parishioners; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 732)

the following members of the All-Maine Wrestling Team, on the occasion of their participation in the National State Games-Kids Olympics on August 4-5, 2007 at the United States Air Force Academy: Coach Luis Ayala and players Antonio Ayala of Dover-Foxcroft, Ryan Botting of Hermon, Scott Carpenter of Calais, Matthew Cutrufello of Bangor, Nicolas Dyer of Dover-Foxcroft, Matthew Karnas of Brewer, Colby Johnson of Dover-Foxcroft, Spencer McCormick of Robbinston and Jerod Rideout of Dover-Foxcroft. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements, and we send them our best wishes for the competition; (HLS 733)

Colonel Myron Pierce, of Norway and South Paris, upon the honored occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his enlistment in the Maine Army National Guard and the 30th Anniversary of his membership in the Joshua Chamberlain Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both anniversaries are symbolic of his long lifetime of commitment and contributions to others. Born in Bethel, the eldest of eight children, he entered World War II at age 19, serving from 1941 to 1945 with the 12th Bomber Group and the 103rd Infantry of the 43rd Division, the famous "Winged Victory" division. Volunteering for the Korean War, he was wounded while leading combat patrols in the Iron Triangle at Pork Chop Hill. During his military career he was awarded over a dozen combat medals, including the Silver Star. He also rose from infantry private to battalion commander. After the wars, he served in the Maine Army National Guard. For over 25 years he also taught economics in the Old Orchard and Oxford Hills school districts. One of the founders of the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes by Governor McKernan and also by Governor King. In 2004 he received the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. His career as a citizen, soldier and community activist exemplifies the "Greatest

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Generation's" contributions, diligence and dedication to serving others in Maine, his beloved "Pine Tree State," and his Nation; (HLS 734)

Don and Fran Hutchings, of Gray, on the occasion of their retirement as owners and operators of Melon's Florist in Portland. Collectively, they have worked at Melon's Florist for 69 years. During those many years, they have brought joy and beauty into many peoples' lives with lovely floral arrangements for weddings, anniversaries, homecomings, get well wishes and other celebratory events. We send them our congratulations on their retirement and send them our best wishes for the future; (HLS 735)

David Milton, of Howland, who has been named the 2007 Penobscot Valley Conference Class C Softball Coach of the Year. Selected by his fellow coaches in the Penobscot Valley Conference, Coach Milton has coached the girls' varsity softball team at Penobscot Valley High School for three years. Prior to coaching at the school, he coached softball at the Recreation Department for several years. We send Coach Milton our appreciation for his years of dedication and service to the youth and to his community and we send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 736)

Clyde F. LeClair, of Augusta, on the special occasion of his 80th Birthday, August 11, 2007. Mr. LeClair has had a long and distinguished career in public service and is a prominent member of his community. He is currently serving with distinction as doorkeeper of the Maine House of Representatives. He served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1946 in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a member of the Old Town Police Department from 1957 to 1968, when he left the department with the rank of Deputy Chief to become Chief of Police of the Falmouth Police Department, serving nearly 16 and a half years in that position. He also served as Acting Town Manager of Falmouth for 6 months before his retirement. In 1984, Mr. LeClair was appointed Executive Director of the State of Maine Animal Welfare Board within the Department of Agriculture. He volunteered for 3 years as Legislative Liaison for the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and has worked on many political campaigns for state office, including his own run for the Maine State House of Representatives. We acknowledge Mr. LeClair's exemplary public service to his community and the State of Maine, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on this milestone birthday; (HLS 737)

Ann Meyer, of Orono, on the occasion of the establishment of the Ann Meyer Scholarship at Eastern Maine Community College to honor her for her longtime dedicated contributions to the school. Ms. Meyer has been a consistent champion of the Eastern Maine Community College Library for over 18 years. Her advocacy and persistence resulted in the creation of Friends of the Eastern Maine Community College Library, the first within the Maine Technical College System. Due largely to her energy, enthusiasm and unfailing support, the friends of the library have continued to make a positive difference for the library in areas of advocacy, community involvement and financial support for permanent acquisitions. Without Ms. Meyer's vision and guidance, the Friends of the Eastern Maine Community College Library would not exist today. We join the college community in thanking her for sharing her wealth of experience and her time and energy to focus attention on the library and to help create the state-of-the-art facility that exists today. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Meyer on the establishment of the Ann Meyer Scholarship and send her our best wishes; (HLS 738)

Mary Class, of Eliot, upon her retirement as Director and Head of Adult Services at the William Fogg Library. Ms. Class

will be remembered for her love of books and her faithful, innovative service to the library's patrons. It is because of Ms. Class's special interest in the Kent Children's Room that so many of Eliot's young people have developed an affection for reading. Through her devoted and creative work ethic, Ms. Class set a standard for others to follow. We send her our congratulations and best wishes for a relaxing retirement with her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren; (HLS 739)

United States Navy Captain Jonathan C. Iverson, of Eliot, upon his retirement after selflessly dedicating 28 years to the Nation. Having obtained his commission at the Officers Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 1979, Captain Iverson later reported to the USS Sargo (SSN 583) after attending submarine officer basic training. In 1988, he fulfilled the requirements to receive his Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In 1991, he was selected by the Chief of Naval Operations to be part of the Total Quality Leadership training team to assist the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet in developing the implementation process for all afloat commands. While serving as the Project Superintendent for the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Captain Iverson led the largest off-yard availability ever conducted by any shipyard. On October 13, 2004, he assumed the distinguished role of being the 81st Commander of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Through his collaborative efforts with Maine's and New Hampshire's congressional delegations and in partnership with the governors of both states, other state officials and the shipyard's dedicated employees, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission overrode the United States Department of Defense's closure recommendation and kept the shipyard open. During his career, Captain Iverson was decorated with Meritorious Service Medals and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. He also received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and several other unit and service awards. We extend our appreciation to Captain Iverson for his efforts in defending our Nation and serving his country. He will be long remembered in Maine for his contributions and his exemplifying the highest traditions of the United States Navy; (HLS 740)

Daniel Joyner, of Newfield, of Boy Scout Troop #320, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Daniel on his accomplishment; (HLS 741)

Charles E. Ferguson, of Windsor, of Boy Scout Troop #609, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Charles on his accomplishment; (HLS 742)

the Hobart Family, of Blanchard Township, who are the recipients of the 2007 Cooperators of the Year Award given by the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Steve and Diana Hobart were honored for their conservation practices implemented at the Breakneck Ridge Farm. We extend our congratulations to them on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 743)

the following members of the 10-U Capital Mainiacs, a summer travel softball team based in Augusta, upon their winning

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the Maine State Championship and the New England Regional Championship of the American Softball Association: players Alyssah Dennett, Olivia Deeves, Arika Brochu, Emily Quirion, Hayley Quirion, Lindsey Quirion, Brianna Brochu, Abby Farrin, Abby Wormell, Bayleigh Logan, Maggie Russell, Sonia Morse and Morgan LeVasseur; Head Coach Noel LeVasseur; and Assistant Coaches Al Brochu and Bill Logan. We extend our congratulations to the 10-U Capital Mainiacs on this impressive achievement and send our best wishes to the team on its future endeavors; (HLS 744)

the following members of the Phillips High School Class of 1957, on the occasion of their 50th High School Graduation Anniversary: Joyce Ballum Rego, Kathleen Hoover Caton, Kenneth Hill, Betty Mecham Wilber, Yolanda Savage White, Hayden Wilber, Sandra Kinney Cyr, Ray (Rudy) Leavitt, Glenis Pinkham Cottle and Marilyn White Sinski. We join them in remembering their deceased classmates Peg Carlisle, Richard Williams, Jack OA Wilber and Katherine Witherall Bubler. We extend our best wishes to the Class of 1957; (HLS 745)

Becky O'Brien, of Cumberland, who just completed her junior year at Greely High School, on her remarkable 8th-place finish in the girls' discus and her 4th-place finish in the shot put at the 5th IAAF World Youth Championships in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Becky was named Greely High School's 2007 Spring Female Athlete of the Year and 2006 Winter Female Athlete of the Year for her accomplishments. She was a member of Team USA and was one of 31 athletes representing the United States. We acknowledge her extraordinary talents and congratulate her on her achievements. We send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 746)

Forrester Clark Smith, of Tenants Harbor, at the age of 75 on July 21, 2007. Born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, Mr. Smith was educated at schools in Far Hills, New Jersey, the Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts, and Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and he attended classes at Harvard University. His patriotism drew him to enlist in the United States Navy. He served as an officer during the Korean War and he remained in the Naval Reserves after the war, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Mr. Smith was a teacher and chair of the English Department at Shore Country Day School in Beverly, Massachusetts and later joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In 1975, he founded a Boston design firm, Forrester and Company, Inc., an off-shoot of his successful television series, "In Good Taste." The company moved to Maine when he permanently relocated to Tenants Harbor in 1982. In the closing period of his life, Mr. Smith's book, Get the Hell Out was published. He was active in civic affairs on the local and state level, and was a positive contributor to many boards and committees serving the community. Mr. Smith was a Republican state finance chair and committee member, a Knox County Republican finance chair and a member of the St. George Planning Board. He also was a trustee of the Farnsworth Museum, the Boston Children's Theater, the Maine Audubon Society and the Blood Research Institute, to name a few of his many diverse interests. We acknowledge his dedicated contributions to his community, to the State and to the Nation. He was known for his quiet kindness to people in need and he will be greatly missed and long remembered by all; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 747)

Adam George, of Bangor, of Boy Scout Troop #10, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Adam on his accomplishment; (HLS 748)

Albert and Lorraine Berry, of Avon, who have been named the 2007 Phillips Old Home Days Honored Couple. Mr. and Mrs. Berry, who will celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary in November, were longtime owners of the hardware store in Phillips. They are also members of the Phillips Methodist Church, for which over the years they have provided support with church suppers. They have also been active in the restoration of the church and supporting the food pantry and local youth programs. We acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Berry for their dedicated commitment to their community and congratulate them on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 749)

Faith Varney, of Falmouth, who was named the 2007 Citizen of the Year at the town's annual banquet to honor board and committee members. Ms. Varney headed the committee that organized the celebration of R.B. Hall Day in Falmouth. She taught school in Falmouth for 34 years and, after she retired, Ms. Varney became president of the Friends of the Falmouth Memorial Library. She has been chair of the Falmouth Community Programs Advisory Committee for 2 years. Ms. Varney is also Director of the Maine Music Education Association and mentors a small group of brass musicians at Falmouth Middle School. We extend our congratulations to her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 750)

Kenneth Palleschi, of Monmouth, recipient of the 2007 Spirit of America Foundation Award from the Town of Monmouth. Mr. Palleschi has spent most of his life fixing or maintaining almost everything for the Monmouth Little League, including the grounds and the bleachers. He is currently Captain of the Monmouth Fire Department, and has served in that organization in many ways for more than 25 years. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 751)

the Monmouth Museum, recipient of the 2007 Spirit of America Foundation Award from the Town of Monmouth. The museum is a nonprofit organization that has preserved several historical landmarks of the town for the public to visit. It oversees the upkeep of six buildings, including a genealogical library. Museum volunteers host an annual fall Apple Fest that brings the community together. We congratulate the Monmouth Museum on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 752)

the Cottrell-Taylor Christmas Basket Committee, of Monmouth, recipient of the 2007 Spirit of America Foundation Award from the Town of Monmouth. The Cottrell-Taylor Christmas Basket Committee annually provides holiday food to more than 40 local families in need, together with gifts for the children. The program was started in 1968 by school nurse Charlene Cunliffe and, thanks to the assistance from the late Iva Fox and many others, the giving has continued every year since then. We congratulate the committee on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 753)

Katherine Perless, of Monmouth, recipient of the 2007 Spirit of America Foundation Award from the Town of Monmouth. Ms. Perless is the founder and director of the Vestry Thrift Shop, a nonprofit organization that has given more than \$100,000 to the Monmouth School System and local charitable causes during the past five years. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 754)

Paul Fox, of Monmouth, recipient of the 2007 Spirit of America Foundation Award from the Town of Monmouth. Mr. Fox has played a major role in building the secretary's main office and the sheep shed, arranging the exhibition hall and otherwise helping the Monmouth Fair Association over the past 40 years. He has served the town's fire department as Chief and in other

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capacities, as well. We congratulate Mr. Fox on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 755)

Iva E. Fox, of Monmouth, a longtime prominent member of the community. Mrs. Fox was married to Paul C. Fox and they moved in the fall of 1957 to Monmouth, where they raised a family. She worked for several years for Wilson's Dollar Stores and then for the Maine Department of Transportation for 27 years. At the time of her retirement, she was senior administrative secretary to the commissioner. Over the years, she was active in the Firemen's Auxiliary and a member of the UCC of the United Church of Monmouth, where she served on many committees. Mrs. Fox was a member of the United Church Women, serving as secretary and later as president. Following her retirement, she co-chaired the Cottrell-Taylor Christmas Basket Committee, for those in need. We acknowledge her commitment to her home, her community and the State of Maine. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 756)

the Honorable Dr. Thomas F. Shields and Bethel Shields, of Auburn, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Dr. and Mrs. Shields were married October 12, 1957 and have two daughters, Leslie Shields Thayer and Dana Shields Hubbell, and three sons, T. Bragdon Shields, Ford Shields and J.B. Shields. Dr. Shields served in the Maine House of Representatives during the 119th, 120th, 121st and 122nd Legislatures. Mrs. Shields has served on the Auburn City Council. They enjoy traveling and have toured the United States, Europe, Russia, Egypt and South America. We extend our congratulations to them on this Golden Anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 757)

the Town of Jefferson, on the occasion of its 200th anniversary of incorporation as a town. Originally settled by the Wabanaki people, the area was later settled by colonists in 1770 and was called Ballstown, after the first documented settlers, Samuel and John Ball. In 1807 the town incorporated and named itself after then-President Thomas Jefferson. We send the good citizens of Jefferson our congratulations on its bicentennial of incorporation, and we extend our best wishes for the town's continued success; (HLS 758)

Ernest and Anne Santerre, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 17, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Santerre were married at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Millinocket. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Santerre on this very special occasion; (HLS 759)

Madolyn Enright, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, September 5, 2007. Born in Benedicta, she married Jeremiah Enright and they lived in Boston until his retirement in 1962, when they moved to Millinocket. Mr. Enright passed away in 1973. We send Mrs. Enright our congratulations and best wishes on this centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 760)

Captain Leo Mauzerolle, of Sanford, for his 37 years of dedicated service to the Sanford Fire Department. We acknowledge his commitment to his community and to the State, and we send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 761)

Forrest S. Hutchins, of Phillips, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, September 7, 2007. Mr. Hutchins is a veteran of World War II who served on the USS Franklin as an aircraft ordinance man. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 762)

Sergeant Peter A. Barton, of the Farmington Police Department, on the 25th Anniversary of his dedicated and professional service to the Town of Farmington as a member of the police department. Sergeant Barton's first day with the police department started September 14, 1982. We congratulate him

on this special anniversary and send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 763)

Lorraine Thibodeau, of Fort Fairfield, on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, where she worked as a Family Independence Specialist. We acknowledge her commitment to her community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 764)

Richard and Bernice Jendrasko, of Portland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Jendrasko were married at the United Methodist Church in Clinton, Connecticut on November 9, 1957. They have 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jendrasko on this very special occasion; (HLS 765)

Chief of Police Paul McCarthy, of the Westbrook Police Department, on his retirement after 35 years of serving his community. Chief McCarthy joined the force as a patrol officer, rose to deputy police chief and in 2002 was asked to assume leadership. He was named police chief officially in 2003 and has served the City of Westbrook with distinction. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the citizens of Westbrook and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to Chief McCarthy on his retirement and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 766)

Tilda Bass, of Chapman, on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Health and Human Services on August 31, 2007. Ms. Bass has spent more than 23 years providing support to the citizens of Maine. Her dedication, professionalism and caring for Aroostook County residents as a family independence specialist are gratefully appreciated, and her years of service to the State are truly valued. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Bass for her commitment to the citizens of Aroostook County and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 767)

the St. Martin of Tours Council #680 of the Knights of Columbus in Millinocket, on the occasion of its 105th Anniversary. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Roman Catholic family fraternal service organization in the world. We extend our congratulations to the good members of the St. Martin of Tours Council #680 on this anniversary for the dedicated service to their community and to others; (HLS 768)

Michael Bruce Rioux, of Millinocket, of Boy Scout Troop #58, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on his accomplishment; (HLS 769)

Petty Officer Christopher H. Wilson, of South Hope, who received the United States Coast Guard Achievement Medal for the New England District for his superior performance of duty from January to December 2006. During this period he worked on the 45-year-old Coast Guard Cutter TACKLE with distinction, as well as other projects. Additionally, Petty Officer Wilson is involved with the Hope Volunteer Fire Department, accruing more than 370 hours and responding to more than 100 fire calls, and is also a "Daisy Scout dad" with the local Daisy Scout chapter. We congratulate Mr. Wilson on this distinctive honor and we commend him for his many dedicated hours spent serving his community and his Nation; (HLS 770)

Bethany Ann Williams, of Lisbon, 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,

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leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Bethany on her achieving this accomplishment; (HLS 771)

the Honorable Merton D. "Bud" Fillmore, of Freeport, member of the Maine State Legislature during the 109th Legislative Session. He worked hard for his constituents, was one of the first to arrive at the State House and never missed a day of session. Mr. Fillmore was a master plumber for more than 50 years and ran his own business, Fillmore and Sons Plumbing. He was the plumbing inspector for the Town of Freeport for ten years. Mr. Fillmore served the Town of Freeport on various committees, was on the planning board and the school board and served as selectman. He immersed himself in local politics and became a strong advocate for residents. He had a passion for hunting and enjoyed maintaining his lawn and garden. At the age of 85 he was still splitting wood. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends as a hard worker who cared about his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 772)

Donna Espling, of Woodland, on her retirement as a Family Independence Specialist within the Office of Integrated Access and Support at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. During her 26-year tenure, Ms. Espling was known for her outstanding service to some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens. In spite of the increased demands and various changes in her position, her respectful and compassionate work ethic has never wavered. We extend our deepest appreciation to Ms. Espling for providing so many citizens with dedicated assistance. Her commitment provides a model example for others to follow. We send her our best wishes for a restful, relaxing and well-deserved retirement; (HLS 773)

David R. Marley, of Portland, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, September 3, 2007. Mr. Marley worked for the Portland Police Department from August 1958 until he retired in December 1976. He also worked for the Maine Youth Center from November 1979 to December 1995. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 774)

Charles and Evelyn Wilbur, of Phillips, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 16, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur were married at East Dixfield Baptist Church. They have two children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur on this very special occasion; (HLS 775)

Conrad and Arlene Magrath, of Wilton, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 2, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Magrath were married at St. Rose of Lima Rectory in Chisholm by Father Maurice Plourde. They have two sons and four grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Magrath on this very special occasion; (HLS 776)

the World War II Liberty Ship S.S. John W. Brown, the oldest Liberty Ship still sailing, upon the honored occasion of its first-ever call to the Port of Portland and to the State of Maine. Launched in Baltimore in September 1942, she was named for the United States labor leader John W. Brown, a native of Maine. During World War II, she saw action under fire during 13 voyages to the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea and the Allied landings in southern France and at Anzio, Italy. Never seriously damaged by the enemy, postwar she served from 1946 to 1982 as a maritime trades school for the City of New York, training thousands of young students for merchant marine careers. Today, lovingly restored, she is one of only 2 surviving operational Liberty Ships. The S.S. John W. Brown symbolizes

the 2,700 sister vessels once built in American shipyards from Maine to California to carry men, materiel, food and armaments to the Allies, hailed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as America's "Bridge of Ships" to all theaters of war in World War II. May she long sail the seas to remind future Americans of the spirit of sacrifice, unity and dedication that saved the world for democracy in World War II. We extend our welcome to the S.S. John W. Brown on this visit to our shores; (HLS 777)

the Honorable Walter W. Hichens, of Eliot, who served the State of Maine in both the Maine House of Representatives and the Maine State Senate for over 21 years. Born in Lynn, Massachusetts on March 8, 1917, he was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School and Essex Agricultural College. In 1934, Mr. Hichens moved to Eliot, where he met his future wife, Elmira Ballard. They married in 1941 and spent 61 years together on their small farm. Between the years of 1967 and 2002, he spent his summers with his wife in Nova Scotia, Canada. Mr. Hichens drove the school bus in South Berwick and Eliot for 23 years, and it is still remembered as the "Happy Bus." He also published 6 volumes of poetry and 3 books of nonfiction. He was actively involved in his community: he served as a selectman in Eliot for 3 years and he served the water district for 3 years. He was also the first president of the Eliot Band Boosters. Mr. Hichens was on the board of directors of the Maine Christian Civic League and he was a member of the Eliot-York County Republican Committee. He served as the correspondent for Georgetown University and was a past member of the Southern Maine Area on Aging. We acknowledge Mr. Hichens's dedicated service to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 778)

Fairfield's Police Athletic League, or PAL, program, on the 50th anniversary of its serving the young people of School Administrative District No. 49. PAL stresses safety and teaching fundamentals, but within the context of having fun. Through PAL, young people learn the importance of teamwork, loyalty and commitment and civic and school pride. PAL was founded on March 19, 1957 by Fairfield Police Chief Fred Gould. It was expanded in 1967 to include the towns of Albion, Clinton and Benton. PAL provides a year-round program, which includes a variety of athletic opportunities, and it also provides a 5-week summer program offering nonathletic activities. Its football program involves over 200 players and 150 cheerleaders in grades 3 to 6, and is now in its 7th year in its new facility. The football program is made possible through the dedicated efforts of hundreds of volunteers, such as Dick McGee, who has served for 48 years as director, and Wally Oakes, who has served for 40 years as a coach. We extend our congratulations to Fairfield's PAL program on this special anniversary and wish the program continued success in its efforts on behalf of young people in the area; (HLS 779)

Mary Hughes Stuart, of Dover-Foxcroft, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, August 30, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 780)

the Franklin County Children's Task Force, on the 30th Anniversary of its strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect through mobilizing community resources and advocating for and providing services that promote healthy children and families. We acknowledge the important contributions the task force has made to its community and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations and our best wishes for future success to all the members of the Franklin County Children's Task Force on this occasion; (HLS 781)

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the members of the Augusta Babe Ruth All-Stars Team, on their excellent performance this year as the 2007 State and New England Champions. The team went on to play at the Babe Ruth World Series in Andalusia, Alabama. We commend the members of the team on their exemplary season and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 782)

the Masters Machine Company, of Round Pond, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of doing business in Maine. Founded in 1957 by George Masters, Sr., the company supplies precision-machined products to companies throughout the United States and beyond. The company continues to grow under the leadership of Mr. Masters's sons, Richard Masters, President and George Masters, Jr., Vice President of Manufacturing. We extend our congratulations to Masters Machine Company on this anniversary and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 783)

Richard and Shirley Waddell, of Farmington, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 24, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 784)

Sergeant Ryan Holt, of Harrison, who was recently awarded the United States Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving as a Squad Leader for the 3rd Platoon, India Co., 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regimental Combat Team 6 II Marine Expeditionary Force from January 16 to July 14, 2007, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sergeant Holt guided his squad in over 150 combat patrols and numerous raids. While under his command, the sergeant's squad located several weapons caches and apprehended nine known insurgents, and his squad also disrupted a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack with no loss of life and minimal property damage. Sergeant Holt is back in the United States after a seven-month deployment in Iraq, and he will train with the Marine Corps's anti-terrorism task force, Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force, to protect our nation's capital. We are indebted to Sergeant Holt for his commitment to the cause of serving his country and protecting the homeland, and we send him our appreciation and best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 785)

James W. Herring, of Millinocket, a veteran of World War II. Mr. Herring served in the United States Army with the 1892nd Aviation Engineers from January 1943 to January 1946 in New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa. After the war, he was a millwright at Great Northern Paper Company for many years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 786)

Edgar B. LaPlante, of Millinocket, a decorated veteran of World War II and prominent businessman in the community. Mr. LaPlante served in the United States Navy during World War II and was the recipient of the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theatre Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal with 2 stars and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 star. After the war, he worked for Great Northern Paper Company for many years and then owned and operated the local Montgomery Ward store until his retirement. He and his wife Hazel moved to Kissimmee, Florida, where they lived for more than 20 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 787)

May A. McPheters, of Millinocket, a patriotic and notable member of her community. Mrs. McPheters loved her hometown, state and country and was part of I Care Ministry Church and the Manzo Prayer and Bible Study Groups. She was instrumental in the building of Stearns Assisted Living Complex. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 788)

Gloria M. Ferland, of Millinocket, who was known at local, state and national levels for her efforts and accomplishments as an educator. Ms. Ferland attended Boston College and received her Ph.D. in reading from the University of Maine. She taught school in Millinocket as well as at the college level, and was the director of reading in the Millinocket School System. She served on the school board and, upon retiring from her career in public education, she opened her own business, which specialized in helping people improve their reading and study skills. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 789)

Bertrand and Therese Morneault, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 790)

Joseph N. Furbish II, of Eliot, of Boy Scout Troop #340, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Service project, Joseph diligently sought sponsorships and collected donations to refinish a Youth Room at the Eliot Congregational Church, managing troop leaders, fellow scouts, family and friends. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on his accomplishment, and we send him our best wishes for continued success as he begins his college career at the University of Southern Maine; (HLS 791)

Lawrence Carr, Jr., a lifelong resident of Fairfield and valuable member of his community. Mr. Carr was a graduate of Lawrence High School and an active member of the Lawrence High School Alumni Association. He received the Bulldog Award in 1993. He was employed as a Union Ironworker with Local 496, now known as Local 7, until his retirement. He organized the Ironworkers Retiree Group and was a member of the Waterville Elks Lodge 905. Mr. Carr was also a former director of the State of Maine Workers' Compensation Board and an active participant with the Central Maine Labor Council, the University of Maine Bureau of Labor Education and the Maine AFL-CIO. He was also an avid supporter of and volunteer for the Maine Special Olympics and Pine Tree Society Camps. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 792)

Mary Eva Jewers, of Millinocket. Mrs. Jewers was a civil service plane spotter during World War II. Along with her husband, Robert, she owned and operated Bob and Mary's Market on Medway Road for many years. She also worked as a crossing guard and as a custodian for the town of Millinocket. Mrs. Jewers will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 793)

Alfred James Brackett, of Medway, a United States Army veteran of World War II, who was a decorated war hero with two Bronze Stars. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 794)

Richard E. Skinner, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Skinner was an entertainer while in the service and afterwards. He was proud to have sung with the legendary Hank Williams, Sr. while entertaining the troops. In recent years he enjoyed entertaining people at Meals for Me. He was a member of the American Legion Post #80. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and many in the town of Millinocket; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 795)

Anna D. (McKeon) Tanous, of East Millinocket, an active member of her community. Mrs. Tanous graduated from Portland High School and went on to work in the Portland area.

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She married Wakine Tanous in 1955 and soon relocated to East Millinocket, where they raised their seven children. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, St. Ann's Circle and the local Sorority, as well as being a den mother for Cub Scouts. Mrs. Tanous was also a member of the local Pitch Club and the Millinocket Players and had worked as an in-home health aide for several years. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 796)

Bernard Lee Butler, of Wilton, on the occasion of his 75th Birthday, September 8, 2007. We send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 797)

the following four Maine Special Olympics athletes, who are going to compete in the 2007 World Games in Shanghai, China: Keith Draper of Greene, who will compete in Aquatics; Kala Emery of Minot, who will compete in Athletics; Robin Sibley of Bangor, who will compete in Bocce; and Jacquelyn Guisley of Raymond, who will compete in Equine. These four athletes, who recently returned from an Olympic Training Camp in Nashville, Tennessee, will be part of TEAM USA. We join the citizens in the State of Maine in sending our congratulations to these fine young Americans who are going to China to further the vision of the Special Olympics, which is to embrace and celebrate the diversity of all individuals and their abilities. We are proud of what they have already accomplished and send them our best wishes for all their future endeavors; (HLS 798)

Richard Davis, of Wilton, who as the Town Manager of Farmington is the recipient of the 2007 Leadership Award by the Maine Town & City Management Association, a program of the Maine Municipal Association. Mr. Davis has been town manager of Farmington since 2001 and has also served as the town manager of Wilton. He is involved in organizations that have a broad impact in the state, including the Maine Municipal Association's policy committee. Mr. Davis was recently selected to serve on the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees and he serves on the board of the Greater Franklin Development Corporation and the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Davis on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 799)

Edna Mason Davis, of Wilton, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, October 13, 2007. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her birth; (HLS 800)

Arline Potter, of Strong, on the occasion of her 101st birthday, May 11, 2007. Mrs. Potter was born in Strong and has noted many changes through the years. She taught school for many years at the Strong Elementary School and is visited, with their own children and grandchildren, by many of her former students. Mrs. Potter was recently presented with a plaque and the the Boston Post Cane as the town's oldest resident. We join the Town of Strong in congratulating Mrs. Potter on her longevity and sending her our best wishes; (HLS 801)

Marion Wing, of Phillips, on her 102nd birthday, September 10, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 802)

Joseph and Gail Savoy, of Madison, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Joseph Francis Savoy and Gail Liane Sirois were married on October 5, 1957 by Father John Beecher at Saint Sebastian Church in Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Savoy have three children and three grandchildren. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 803)

Lawrence Bowman Sturtevant, of Cousins Island, Yarmouth, scholar, author and devoted teacher. Born in Waltham, Massachusetts, he was educated in the public schools of

Concord, Massachusetts, birthplace of the American Revolution, where he gained an early love of the history and heritage of America. A 1953 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, he taught for over 40 years in five states, from Maine to California. Upon retirement, he served as a teacher of drama and was librarian for Yarmouth Intermediate School. A devotee of drama, he appeared for many years in community theater productions for the Lyric Music Theater in South Portland, the Portland Players and the University of Southern Maine. As a community activist, he was a proud member of Veterans for Peace and several national educational associations, and he served as president of Hebron Historical Society. As proprietor of Yankeeland Books, his own small business, he took pride introducing young people to fine writing about the Maine forest and seashore he so loved. His own final book of Maine history will be published this fall. He will be sadly missed by his former students, his loving family and all those whose lives he touched with his love of good literature, firm friendship and enthusiasm for life's adventure. As Shakespeare wrote, of him it could be said that he found "books in the running brooks, Sermons in stones, and good in every thing"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 804)

Dr. Doug Wood, of Belgrade, who was injured while assisting an accident victim on Route 133 in Wilton. Dr. Wood, an emergency room physician, was on his way to work on September 2, 2007 when he and Don Robinson stopped to help a victim of a car accident. While rendering aid, the two Good Samaritans were struck by a second vehicle. Dr. Wood sustained a serious injury to his right leg and was taken to the hospital. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Wood for putting his life in danger to help another person, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 805)

Dean Robinson, of Jay, who was injured while assisting an accident victim on Route 133 in Wilton. Mr. Robinson, an emergency medical technician, was returning home from work on September 2, 2007 when he and Dr. Doug Wood stopped to help a victim of a car accident. While rendering aid, the two Good Samaritans were struck by a second vehicle. Mr. Robinson was injured and taken to the hospital. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Robinson for putting his life in danger to help another person, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 806)

Dr. John B. McGuckin and Dr. William F. Frank, of Sanford, for their dedication to the community. Dr. McGuckin and Dr. Frank have been practicing medicine in Sanford for 30 years. They are dedicated to ensuring that the citizens of Sanford have a place to go for their medical needs. On August 18th, the day of the anniversary of the doctors' practice, Dr. McGuckin did not charge any of his patients. The community greatly appreciates having the doctors in town. We extend our appreciation to Dr. McGuckin and Dr. Frank for their commitment to the citizens of Sanford; (HLS 807)

Martin McKeon, of Sanford, who has been named the 2008 Maine Teacher of the Year. Mr. McKeon, who is currently teaching ninth-grade history, has been educating young people at Sanford High School for 23 years. The award announcement was made at a surprise ceremony with more than 1,400 supportive students in attendance. Commissioner of Education Susan Gendron recognized Mr. McKeon for his acting as a role model to his pupils. Principal Alan Young acknowledged Mr. McKeon's mentoring skills and commitment to preparing students for the challenges they will face in college and in the work force. During his tenure, Mr. McKeon has become renowned for stressing the importance of respect, good manners and discipline. Those under his tutelage realize that they come first,

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as demonstrated by the strong admiration they show toward Mr. McKeon. For 14 years he has served as grand marshal for the prom and led the school's Pep Club for 16 years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. McKeon and wish him the best of luck in the National Teacher of the Year program selection process; (HLS 808)

Elizabeth Libbey, of Eliot, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, August 16, 2007. Mrs. Libbey was raised in Massachusetts and worked for a number of years as a social worker for the Boston Welfare System. She relocated to the Eliot community in 1928 and was witness to a time when one had to take a ferry to cross the river into Portsmouth. As a lover of art, Mrs. Libbey attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston and has subsequently produced an array of paintings and braided rugs. She and her husband, Robert, resided on land granted to the Libbey family by the King of England, where she still lives. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Libbey on this very special occasion; (HLS 809)

Bank of America, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the City of Belfast on their presenting Walsh Fields to the people of Belfast on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. For years the fields have been used by recreation enthusiasts, area ball teams and the public. This generous gift from Bank of America will permanently bring these grounds into the City as a park for citizens to use and enjoy. We extend our appreciation to Bank of America and the City of Belfast for their making this generous donation, which will assuredly add to Belfast's charming quality of life; (HLS 810)

Kate Voit, of Kennebunk, on the celebration of her 107th birthday, September 17, 2007. Born in Germany, Mrs. Voit came to America in 1929 and was naturalized as an American citizen in 1939. She married her husband Max in 1933. She is now the oldest resident of Kennebunk. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 811)

Logan Morrison, of Millinocket, of Boy Scout Troop #55, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Logan on his accomplishment; (HLS 812)

Mark Rucci, of Millinocket, of Boy Scout Troop #55, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mark on his accomplishment; (HLS 813)

the following members of the Hall-Dale High School Girls Track Team, who were the 2007 Class C State Champions: Sara Bosse, Ashley Byerly, Aasta Devine-Hansen, Magen Ellis, Kerry Fredette, Kiki Fahumnyephol, Katie Frett, Ariel Howes, Jean Lee, Madison McCutcheon, Alyssa Pavese, Laura Peterson, Michelle Severence, Amy Skillings, Jessica Woods and Kristie Woods. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this first state championship; (HLS 814)

Charles S. Brown, of Belfast, on his passing at the age of 81 on August 26, 2007. Mr. Brown attended Morrill schools and graduated from Crosby High School in Belfast in 1944. From 1953 to 1955, he served his country honorably while a member of the United States Army. He was employed with the United States Postal Service in Belfast and was a rural carrier for many years. He was an earnest and committed Mason. He was raised in Phoenix Lodge 24 A.F. A.M. and later served as Worshipful Master; District Deputy Grand Master, 8th District; Grand

Standard Bearer; and Junior Grand Warden. Mr. Brown was Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Germany and President of the Past District Deputy's Association. He was exalted in Corinthian Chapter 7 and held the title of High Priest, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand High Priest. He was greeted in King Solomon's Council 1 and served as Illustrious Master prior to fulfilling the responsibilities of Grand Recorder of the Grand Council. Mr. Brown received the Orders of the Grand College of Viceroy and the Senate of Sovereigns from the Grand Imperial Council, State of Maine. He was a member of Primrose Chapter 152, Belfast, O.E.S., served as Worthy Patron 5 times and was a member of the Maine Past Officers Association, where he once held the designation of President. We offer our condolences to his family. May he be forever remembered for the positive contributions he made to this State and country; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 815)

Penny Kern, of Presque Isle, on her retirement from the Abnaki Girl Scout Council. Ms. Kern's leadership helped to build courage, confidence and character in girls to make the world a better place for all. She is a role model for many, and her volunteerism will continue to lead others in the greater community. We acknowledge Ms. Kern for her significant achievements in northern Maine throughout almost 20 years of service to the Abnaki Girl Scout Council. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Kern for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 816)

the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as the members gather for the Brownsea Centennial Celebration, bringing together Scouts and their families to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Scouting. In August of 1907, Lieutenant General Robert Baden Powell held the first Scouting encampment on Brownsea Island, England, an event regarded as the origin of the Scouting movement. Camping, observation, woodcraft, chivalry, lifesaving and patriotism were taught. Those skills and values that were the foundation of Scouting 100 years ago are still taught and encouraged in today's Boy Scouts, as tradition meets tomorrow. Over the years, Scouting has become the largest youth organization, having had over 100 million members. We extend our best wishes to the Pine Tree Council and the Boy Scouts and we congratulate them on 100 years of service to God and Country; (HLS 817)

Gail Tims, of Caribou, upon her retirement as manager of the Department of Health and Human Services office in Caribou. During her 38-year tenure, which began on May 12, 1969, Ms. Tims provided professional and courteous support to the people of Aroostook County. We extend our appreciation for her devotion to bettering the lives of area citizens. Her service will be long remembered, as it provided a model for others to follow in the years to come. We send her our best wishes for a restful, relaxing and well-deserved retirement; (HLS 818)

Evelyn Stinson, of Wilton, on the celebration of her 93rd birthday, September 25, 2007. Mrs. Stinson was born in Wellington. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Stinson on this very special occasion; (HLS 819)

Fran and Franny Bliss, of New Vineyard, on the occasion their 64th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in a lovely little cottage on top of Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss on this very special occasion; (HLS 820)

Edith Rowe, of Glenburn, on her retirement from the Social Security Administration after nearly 34 years of dedicated service. Ms. Rowe began her career in 1973 and was a Claims Representative in the Bangor office. We acknowledge her many

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years of serving the public, and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 821)

Douglas Bracy, of York, who was named president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. A 30-year member of the York Police Department, where he filled the role of chief of police since 1999, Chief Bracy assumed the responsibilities of president on September 21, 2007. It was in 1974 that Chief Bracy's career commenced as a summer reserve officer for the York Beach Village Corporation. He was later hired to a full-time position in 1977 upon the corporation's consolidation into the Town of York. For 35 years, Chief Bracy has served as a member of the York Beach Fire Department. His commitment to public safety is further demonstrated by his position as the Town of York's emergency management director. Earning the respect of York municipal officials, Chief Bracy's work to regionalize a dispatch center and his diligent response to two devastating floods are worthy of acknowledgement. We congratulate him on his recent honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 822)

Bob Leib, of Wilton, the women's soccer coach at the University of Maine at Farmington, who has earned his 400th soccer win. This is Coach Leib's 31st and last season of coaching women's soccer at the university. He also coached the men's team for 25 seasons. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Coach Leib on his 400th win; (HLS 823)

Marion Evans, of Millinocket, a loving wife, a devoted mother, grandmother and sister and a caring friend to many. Mrs. Evans worked at Millinocket Regional Hospital for 20 years and was a member of the American Legion Unit 80 Ladies Auxiliary. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 824)

Gilman A. St. Peter, of East Millinocket, who dedicated his life to taking care of and providing for his family. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 66 years, Rita, his family and his many friends in the Katahdin Region; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 825)

Clair G. "Buddy" Patchell, Jr., of Millinocket, after a long illness. He was born in Lincoln, and educated in Millinocket. He retired from Bowater Paper Company. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 826)

Arthur E. Willey, of East Millinocket, a veteran of World War II. Mr. Willey was retired from Great Northern Paper Company and was a member of the American Legion. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 827)

Richard A. York, Jr., of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran. Mr. York worked for the Lincoln News and then for Great Northern Paper Company for 32 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 828)

Philip J. Guertin, of Sanford, a United States Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Guertin served in the South Pacific with the 53rd Naval Construction Battalion. He had left high school to join the service and received his high school diploma in 2003. Mr. Guertin was employed by Pratt and Whitney and also the Baker Company. He was a member of numerous fraternal organizations. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 829)

Keith A. Kalman, of Springvale, former teacher and prominent businessman in the area. Mr. Kalman excelled at athletics, and was the recipient of Maine and New England wrestling titles. He taught for more than 10 years at Sanford High School and also successfully coached wrestling and football. Mr. Kalman opened his own insurance and financial services business, which he operated for more than 25 years, and continued to remain active

in local athletics. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 830)

Wayne Fordham, of North Yarmouth, on his retirement from the position of Assistant Principal of Greely High School in Cumberland after over 34 years of dedicated service to the school. Mr. Fordham is a lifelong resident of North Yarmouth and was a 1962 graduate of Greely High School. He is a United States Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of Southern Maine. He began teaching biology at Greely High School in 1973 and has coached cross-country track and basketball in addition to being assistant principal. Mr. Fordham has been admired by teachers, colleagues, students and community members and has been a devoted educator and role model for his community's youth. We congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 831)

Colonel Walter R. Walsh, (USMC Ret.), on the 70th Anniversary of his operation to take down the infamous Brady Gang in Bangor, Maine, on October 12, 1937. As a young Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, Walter R. Walsh posed as a store clerk inside Dakin's Sporting Goods Store as members of the Brady Gang attempted to purchase weapons. Special Agent Walsh apprehended gangster James Dalhiver, and a shootout ensued on Central Street that ended with the deaths of gangster Clarence Lee Shaffer and gang leader Alfred Brady. The shooting ended a reign of terror across America that began in Indiana, where a State Trooper was killed. Special Agent Walsh was seriously injured himself, but fully recovered. He left the FBI and later joined the United States Marine Corps reserve. Colonel Walsh retired in 1969 and recently celebrated his 100th birthday. We acknowledge Colonel Walsh's exemplary public service career and we extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Bangor and to the United States; (HLS 832)

Dorothy Sampson, of Gorham, on the celebration of her 90th Birthday, October 10, 2007. Mrs. Sampson was born in Windham, moved to the White Rock section of Gorham as a young girl and has lived there ever since. She has been active in the White Rock community and is a greatly loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. We join her family and friends in sending her our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 833)

Paul Eugene Gardiner, of Avon, as he retires from School Administrative District #58 after 19 years at the Phillips School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 834)

Oscar and Bernadine Tate, of Corinth, on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 6, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 835)

Tim Hortons, a new coffee shop and restaurant on Wilson Street in Brewer, which was named New Business of the Year by the City of Brewer for giving back to the community. Tim Hortons of Brewer held a fundraiser in which every cent raised through coffee sales on a certain date was donated to send children to camp. We extend our congratulations to Tim Hortons of Brewer on this honor; (HLS 836)

the following members of the Blackbear United U17 Girls Soccer Team, who competed in Montreal, Quebec to win the 2007 Brossard Cup and finish their successful season: Catherine LeClair of Bangor, Amy Hackett of Bangor, Megan Leibowitz of Pittsfield, Lauren Peer of Ellsworth, Hannah Breton of Greenville, Erin MacDermott of Bangor, Maggie Harding of Ellsworth, Alissa Dubois of Bangor, Callie Thompson of Waterville, Caitlin Kupferman of Knox, Rachel Roberts of Bangor, Molly Lammert of

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Glenburn, Casey Hartley of Bangor, Catherine Lammert of Glenburn and Maggie Kane of Bangor. Earlier this year, they won the Coastal Challenge Tournament and were semifinalists in the State Cup competition. They will compete in England in April 2008 as part of an English exchange program to play in British clubs and school teams. We send them our congratulations on their successes and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 837)

Celestine Lachance, of Augusta, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, October 15, 2007. Mrs. Lachance was born in Aroostook County and has lived nearly her entire life in Augusta on Pleasant Hill Road. She and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1978, and he passed away in 1980. Mrs. Lachance is known for her kind and generous ways and has many friends. We join her family and friends in extending our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 838)

Pamela Abzan, of Wayne, who teaches health science at Lewiston Regional Technical Center, who was awarded the American Star of Teaching for the State of Maine by the United States Department of Education. This award is given for those teachers who make a difference in the lives of their students. Ms. Abzan designed a program for students who want to be doctors, nurses and anything in between. We congratulate her on this honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 839)

Murray "Mike" Thurston, formerly of Bethel and now of South Paris, on his induction into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame for his contributions to the ski industry in Maine. Mr. Thurston was instrumental in starting the Sunday River Skiway, which opened for business in 1959. For more than a decade, he skied Sunday River nearly every weekend, and he was a hands-on owner-manager until the operation was sold in 1972. He currently lives at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. We acknowledge his appreciable contributions to skiing in Maine and we congratulate him on his induction into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame; (HLS 840)

the opening of the new living classroom, a geodesic dome, at Lincoln Middle School in Portland on October 18, 2007. The dome will be a combined classroom and sustainability laboratory and will be heated, cooled and powered entirely by the sun. Engineering technology teacher Thom Fournier and science teacher Cristel Driscoll collected \$36,000 in grants and donated supplies and started building the dome last spring with the help of students. The project has also earned for Lincoln Middle School a grant of over \$37,000 from the Public Utilities Commission recognizing the school's commitment to becoming a green school by cutting energy costs and reducing the use of fossil fuels. We extend our congratulations to all the people involved with this extraordinary achievement and we send our best wishes; (HLS 841)

Gilberte Seeley, of Newry, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, October 24, 2007. Mrs. Seeley, who has lived in Newry since the 1960s, has a great memory. She worked in several clothing factories and, during World War II, was responsible for monitoring her street to make sure all the shades were down for the blackout. While she has no immediate family, the town of Newry and the area beyond has "adopted" her. We congratulate her on this centennial celebration of her life and send her our best wishes; (HLS 842)

Daniel R. Cote, of Caswell, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Daniel is a member of Boy Scout Troop #193 and has earned a vast assortment of merit badges and awards. He has held several positions of leadership, including Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Quartermaster.

In addition to his scouting activities, Daniel is an honor roll student, a former Student of the Month and a Leadership in Service award winner. He is a well-rounded student and, in addition to his Scouting and scholastic honors, plays baseball and has received several athletic awards during the past 2 school years. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this exemplary mark of distinction; (HLS 843)

Alba Houghton Briggs, of Lubec, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. Alba is a member of Boy Scout Troop #152. We extend our congratulations to him on his achievement and send him our appreciation for his contributions to his family, his community and the State of Maine; (HLS 844)

Donald Fleurant, of Arundel, on his retirement from the Saco Fire Department after 7 years of dedicated service to the department, to his profession and to the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Fleurant on this occasion; (HLS 845)

Robert LeClair, of Saco, on his retirement from the Saco Fire Department after 27 years of dedicated service to the department, to his profession and to his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. LeClair on this occasion; (HLS 846)

Michael Devine, of Saco, on his retirement from the Saco Fire Department after 15 years of dedicated service to the department, to his profession and to his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Devine on this occasion; (HLS 847)

Steven Delorge, of Saco, an 8-year firefighter with the Saco Fire Department. We acknowledge Mr. Delorge's dedicated service to his profession and to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, colleagues and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 848)

the grand opening of the Little River Community Trail in Belfast, on October 26, 2007. The trail extends four and a half miles, beginning at the Belfast Water District building off Route 1 and ending near the Troy A. Howard Middle School and the Waldo County YMCA. Work on the trail was completed over a span of 2 years by the Belfast Bay Watershed and students from the Troy A. Howard Middle School, as well as members of the Belfast community. Funded in part by the Maine Forest Service, which awarded the Belfast Bay Watershed a planning and education grant totaling \$2,048 from Project Canopy, other special contributions deserving of acknowledgment include the Holmes Family, Raymond Wirth and Viking Lumber. We wish to express our gratitude to all participants who helped make the Little River Community Trail a reality for members of the public to reconnect with their environment and enjoy for many years to come; (HLS 849)

Jenna Morency, of Brunswick, a 2007 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington who has earned the distinction of being awarded a Fulbright Full Grant to conduct historical research at the University of Tasmania in Australia. Ms. Morency is earning her master's degree in history and she will be doing research based on her senior capstone research project at the University of Maine at Farmington. Sponsored by the United States Department of State, the Fulbright Program enables the United States government to increase mutual understanding between our citizens and the people of other countries. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Morency on this high honor; (HLS 850)

playwright Daniel Noel and the Portland Stage Company on the honored occasion of the world premiere of "Longfellow: A Life In Words," an original dramatic presentation in celebration of the

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bicentennial of the birth of Maine native Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the most beloved American poet of the 19th Century. Born in Portland in 1807, in the then District of Maine, Longfellow was a Bowdoin College graduate and the first American author to work as a professional poet. Across 50 years Longfellow created many of the most enduring and influential works of poetry in the Victorian world, touching deep cultural chords in America and the English-speaking nations. His heroic works, celebrating American history, cultural heritage, multicultural themes and humanity's heartfelt eternals, still resonate in the modern world. We commend Mr. Noel and the Portland Stage Company for continuing the tradition of excellence in the arts that is the hallmark of Portland, the poet Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 851)

Edith Tibbitts, of East Millinocket, on the celebration of her 90th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 852)

Morris and Dotty Day, of Medway, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 28, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Day on this very special occasion; (HLS 853)

Roger and Mary Morin, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 10, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Morin on this very special occasion; (HLS 854)

Aroostook County Action Program, Inc. on its 35th anniversary. Aroostook County Action Program provides services and resources that help individuals and families achieve greater economic independence. As a leader and in partnership with others, Aroostook County Action Program provides guidance to the community in responding to emerging human needs. We extend our appreciation to Aroostook County Action Program for its continued commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 855)

Kenneth Cramp, of Auburn, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, November 10, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Cramp on this very special occasion; (HLS 856)

Kris Doody, of Caribou, who is the recipient of the prestigious Deborah Morton Award. The award is presented annually by the trustees of the University of New England to outstanding women who have achieved high distinction in their careers and public service or whose leadership in civic, cultural or social causes has been exceptional. Ms. Doody was nominated by past recipient Patricia Collins for her efforts as Chief Executive Officer of Cary Medical Center as well as for her other contributions to the surrounding community and the State. She is to be commended for her tenacity and zeal. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Doody on her receiving this award; (HLS 857)

Alfred and Ginette Sirois, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 22, 2007. Having met while Mr. Sirois was stationed in France as a member of the United States Air Force and Mrs. Sirois was working at a local cafe, the couple married in 1957 in Metz, France. They have lived in Caribou for the past 42 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Sirois on this very special occasion, and may they enjoy many more years of happiness together; (HLS 858)

the Honorable Wallace Hull Nutting, of Biddeford Pool, 2-term Mayor of the City of Biddeford. Mayor Nutting served in the United States Army for 35 years, retiring with the distinguished rank of Four-star General. His active duty began in World War II, when he served in the Maine State Guard. He also served during the Korean War and completed two command tours during the Vietnam War. The National Defense University presented him

with the Lyman L. Lemnitzer Award in recognition of his significant contributions to joint military operations. He also served as a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Higher Defense Studies at the National Defense University and is an Associate Fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. Mayor Nutting has served as Chair of the University of Southern Maine's Senior College Board and, with his wife, Jane, plays an active role in the direction of Thornton Academy. We acknowledge his dedicated public service and his commitment to his community, to the State of Maine and to the Nation; (HLS 859)

Bill Weston, of Rumford Center, who received the Larry Keisman Award from the president of the Fryeburg Fair Association. For 17 years, Mr. Weston has volunteered at the booth of the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine of the Forestry Resource Center at the Fryeburg Fair. We congratulate Mr. Weston on this honor; (HLS 860)

Michael Sinclair, of Rumford, on his being honored on the 35th Anniversary of the federal Clean Water Act for his work to lower nutrient discharges in industrial wastewater. Mr. Sinclair, a chemical engineer at Rumford Paper, was recognized by Governor John E. Baldacci and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for his contributions to restoring and protecting our waterways. We join in extending our appreciation to Mr. Sinclair and send him our best wishes; (HLS 861)

Rodney Wayne Moody, of Lisbon, on his retirement as Finance Director for the Town of Lisbon after 31 years, 2 months and 3 days of service. Mr. Moody was known as a dedicated employee who rarely took time off and whose knowledge and experience of the job was immeasurable. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Moody on his exemplary town service and send him our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement; (HLS 862)

Erin Norris, of Glenburn, a 7th-grade student at Glenburn Elementary School, who won a state poster contest sponsored by the Shade Foundation, which promotes sun safety. Erin received a \$250 savings bond and won a \$500 grant to promote sun safety in the school. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this honor; (HLS 863)

the Old Town-Glenburn All-Stars, which won the 2007 Senior League Softball State Championship, its 4th championship since 2000. We congratulate the team on its winning this championship and send our best wishes; (HLS 864)

Raquel Tibbetts, of Glenburn, assistant vice president of business banking for KeyBank in Bangor, who has received national recognition for her work with the bank's Key4Women program by being named the Key4Women Relationship Manager Worth Watching for the 3rd quarter of 2007. The Key4Women program offers assistance, networking and educational opportunities for women business owners. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Tibbetts on this honor; (HLS 865)

Adam Craig, of Corinth and Bend, Oregon, who has won his first professional men's cross-country title during the 2007 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships in West Dover, Vermont. Mr. Craig also recently won a gold medal at the Pan American Games held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is the top-ranked competitor from the United States on the International Cycling Union's World Cup circuit. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Craig on his remarkable achievements; (HLS 866)

William A. Wallace, of Thomaston, at the age of 81 on October 21, 2007. Born in Howland, he followed in the footsteps of his three older brothers by entering the United States Army.

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He served in the European Theater of World War II with the 176th Infantry Division and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and three Battle Stars. He was a member of the Williams-Brazier American Legion Post No. 37 and V.F.W. Post No. 03095. Mr. Wallace held the positions of commander and other leadership roles in both organizations. In 1955, he was elected selectman in Thomaston, a position he held for 33 years. He was also an active member of the Thomaston Fire Department. In 1988, Mr. Wallace was presented the Community Service Award for his many outstanding civic contributions. A 37-year member of the United Methodist Church in Camden, he was also active in the Knights of Pythias, Weymouth Grange and St. George Grange. We acknowledge his long and selfless service to his community of Thomaston, to the State and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 867)

Clifford J. Deveau, Sr., of East Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Deveau worked at Great Northern Paper Company for many years and retired in 1984. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 868)

Norma Milton, Connie Tucker and Caprice Miller, of Caribou, the founders of Caribou Pet Rescue, who are being honored as genuine Aroostook County heroes by the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter. Caribou Pet Rescue has been a refuge for abused or abandoned animals. More than 500 animals have been cared for and nurtured at Caribou Pet Rescue with the goal of having them adopted into a loving home. These women have worked tirelessly to recruit volunteers, raise much needed funds and improve the living areas for the animals taken in each week. We join the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter in commending Norma Milton, Connie Tucker and Caprice Miller for their dedication to providing attention to the neglected animals, and we send them our appreciation; (HLS 869)

Shirley Fortin, of Caribou, who is being honored as a genuine Aroostook County hero by the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter. Ms. Fortin's gracious effort to raise needed revenue has allowed the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen to serve those less fortunate. Her sole compensation is the satisfaction of helping those in need as she works to keep the soup kitchen well-stocked, daily meals prepared and for walking up to two miles a day to volunteer her exemplary services. We join the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter in commending Shirley Fortin for her compassionate devotion in caring for the disadvantaged, and we send her our appreciation; (HLS 870)

Brenda Munn, of Caribou, who is being honored as a genuine Aroostook County hero by the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter. Ms. Munn's hometown pride is the driving motivation behind her desire to provide exemplary community service. During her daily routine, she collects trash and bottles along the city's roadways and preserves Caribou's scenic beauty. We join the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter in commending Brenda Munn for her compassionate devotion in caring for the environment, and we send her our appreciation; (HLS 871)

Josephine Stevens, of West Gardiner, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, November 9, 2007. Born in New York City, she met and married Embert Stevens of Maine. They lived in Massachusetts, where they ran a successful dairy farm and raised seven children. They also ran a summer camp for boys in Boston for a short time. Later on in life, they followed her husband's dream to return to Maine, where they bought and ran a sporting camp, the Katahdin Lake Wilderness Camp, from 1970 to 1975. Mrs. Stevens is a proud mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of several children of

which she lovingly calls her "little nation." At the age of 93, she got her moose hunting permit and shot a moose. She is proud to say she has shot two moose in her lifetime. Mrs. Stevens belongs to the First Baptist Church in West Gardiner and actively attends Adult Ed classes in Gardiner. She was awarded the honor of being the oldest student last year at Gardiner Adult Education. Mrs. Stevens is the current holder of the Boston Post Cane in West Gardiner as the town's oldest citizen. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 872)

the following members of the Maranacook Community Middle School football team, who have won the 2007 Central Maine Football League Championship: players Bailey Clark, Brandon Daigle, Cory Laliberte, Caden Brown, Ben McIntosh, Luke Leyden, A.J. Stevens, Alex Burroughs, Spencer Lucas, Jimmy Shanahan, Bobby Shanahan, Mike Shaw, Chris Crockett, Logan Emery, Cody Lyons, Cyle Laflin, Adam Betts, Zack Bessette, Tucker Cameron, Jason Gordon and Peter Prescott; Coaches Joe Emery, Cory Laliberte, Rick Stevens, Dick Cameron and Dave Lucas. The team finished the season undefeated. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 873)

Harriet Bibber, of Brunswick, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Bibber began to work part-time for the Brunswick Housing Authority when she was in her mid-sixties and worked full-time until she was 72. She served on the Brunswick Housing Authority Board of Commissioners until she was 94. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 874)

Mathews Brothers in Belfast, for being named the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Business of the Year. A manufacturer of traditional wood, vinyl and contemporary windows and doors since 1854, Mathews Brothers has three local market divisions and more than 145 employees. The firm is a significant contributor to the Midcoast economy. Its community involvement and sound environmental policies have helped it earn this distinctive honor. We extend our congratulations to Scott Hawthorne, the president of Mathews Brothers, and to all who have contributed to the company's success over the years; (HLS 875)

Colburn Shoe Store, on its 175th Anniversary of doing business in the Belfast area. Known as the "Oldest Shoe Store in America," Colburn Shoe Store was founded in 1832 and is currently operated by its sixth owner, Brian Horne. With annual sales of approximately 9,000 pairs of shoes, the historic business is a key tourist attraction in the quaint downtown area of Belfast. We acknowledge Colburn Shoe Store's enduring success as a small, family-owned enterprise and for its contributions to Maine's Midcoast region; (HLS 876)

Alexander G. Hernandez, of Thomaston, of Boy Scout Troop #214, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Alexander planned and executed the installation of a new and reliable access ramp for the handicapped for the Federated Church of Thomaston. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alexander on his accomplishment; (HLS 877)

Roger Lane, of Chesterville, who is the recipient of the Non Commissioned Officers Association's World War II Veterans Medallion for his military service during the war. The NCOA Patriot Medallion of Honor and Remembrance bestows the respect and the honor of the association and is presented to a member of the Armed Forces who answered the Nation's call to

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duty in World War II. United States Army T. Sergeant Lane served 38 months in the Signal Corps, when he was first assigned to the South Pacific. While in Australia, his work was of a secret nature and he served as Chief Operator and Message Center Chief. As NCO in charge of a group of men, he was assigned to the Royal Canadian Forces, after working with men and women in the United States, British, Australian and New Zealand armed forces. He also served in the Philippines, at Morotai, Leyte and at San Miguel, Luzon. He was on orders for duty in Japan when he was discharged from the service in 1946. In addition to this new honor, Mr. Lane received the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with two bronze service stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. We send our appreciation to Roger Lane for his service to the Nation and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on receiving this high honor; (HLS 878)

the following members of the Madawaska High School Boys Soccer Team, the Madawaska Owls, who won the 2007 Class C Eastern State Soccer Championship: Jordan Albert, Chad Bechard, Craig Cyr, Matt Dechaine, Tim McDermott, Brandon Beaulieu, Nate Beaulieu, Shawn Parker, Kyle Pelletier, Ethan Welch, Nathan Beaulieu, Michael Cannan, Aaron Marquis, Christian Lizotte, Curtis Thibeault, Jamie Cyr, Jeff Cyr, Alex Lavoie, Andrew Dechaine, Jacques Daigle and Jon Lee; manager Jacques Albert; head coach Ben Sirois; and assistant coach Dean Gendreau. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 879)

Shirley Benoit, of Sanford, who has been named Advertising Person of the Year by the Maine Press Association. For almost 30 years, Ms. Benoit has been doing an excellent job for the York County Journal Tribune. She has become known in the community as a professional with a personal touch. We congratulate Ms. Benoit on her receiving this honor and we send our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 880)

E. J. Hersom, of Sanford, who has been named Photographer of the Year by the Maine Press Association. This is the 11th MPA award given to Mr. Hersom and the 16th award that he has received since starting work at the Sanford News in 2001. He has also been named Photographer of the Year twice in the past by the New England Press Association. We send our congratulations to Mr. Hersom on his impressive career and accomplishments; (HLS 881)

the Sanford News, which has been named Newspaper of the Year by the Maine Press Association. We acknowledge the following staff members for their contributions: Shawn Sullivan, editor; E. J. Hersom, photographer; John Cochin, sports editor; Christopher Olio, marketing consultant; Jeffrey Grinnell, advertising coordinator; Vicky Willette, corporate office; Ellen Todd, senior staff reporter and Buzz Dietterle and Jon Green, editorial board members. Buzz Dietterle is the son of Paul Dietterle, who founded Sanford News in 1980. We extend our congratulations to all of the staff members of the Sanford News on their receiving this honor; (HLS 882)

Mark L. Peterson, Sr., of Madawaska, on the occasion of his 98th birthday, October 29, 2007. We extend our very best wishes to him; (HLS 883)

Audrey V. Buffington, of South Thomaston, on her retirement as Chair of the Maine School Administrative District #5 Board of Directors. Ms. Buffington is to be commended for her tireless commitment to increasing the knowledge and skills of her students by raising the learning standards in her district. Her passionate scrutiny of education policies on the local, state and federal levels is a testament to her desire to have the best possible education opportunities available. Ms. Buffington dedicated herself to the goal of making MSAD #5 the best school

district in Maine. We congratulate Ms. Buffington for her countless contributions toward improving the quality of education in her district and in the State; (HLS 884)

George Farnum, of Wilton, on his 30-year membership with the Wilton Lion's Club. We congratulate Mr. Farnum on this special achievement; (HLS 885)

Gerald Wiles, of Wilton, on his 35-year membership with the Wilton Lion's Club. We congratulate Mr. Wiles on this special achievement; (HLS 886)

Calvin Sewall, of Wilton, on his 45-year membership with the Wilton Lion's Club. We congratulate Mr. Sewall on this special achievement; (HLS 887)

Harold Beisaw, of Jay, on his 50-year membership with the Wilton Lion's Club. We congratulate Mr. Beisaw on this special achievement; (HLS 888)

Howard Bickford, of East Wilton, on his 30-year membership with the Wilton Lion's Club. We congratulate Mr. Bickford on this special achievement; (HLS 889)

John Clemens, of Wilton, on his 50-year membership with the Wilton Lion's Club. We congratulate Mr. Clemens on this special achievement; (HLS 890)

Steve Shaw, of Mars Hill, on his induction into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. This honor is presented to men and women for their extraordinary commitment to working behind the scenes, both academically and athletically. Mr. Shaw was a coach for a basketball clinic and he has also been a field tester for Nike shoes. We congratulate Mr. Shaw on his receiving this honor; (HLS 891)

Jerry Desmond, of Mapleton, Army veteran and teacher. Throughout his high school teaching career, Mr. Desmond was an excellent role model for and an inspiration to his students. His love of sports led him to be a coach and an umpire, as well as being an avid participant in basketball, baseball, softball and golf. Mr. Desmond was very active in professional and civic organizations such as the Mapleton Lion's Club, where he was a 50-year charter member. He also taught adult education and was a Civil War historian. Mr. Desmond was the husband of the Honorable Mabel Desmond, a former member of the Maine House of Representatives. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 892)

the Woolwich Central School Girls Soccer Team, who are the 2007 Bus Line League Champions. The team recently finished its third consecutive undefeated season. We congratulate all the team members and the coaches on their victory; (HLS 893)

Kenton and Carole Nadeau, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Nadeaus have five children and four grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Nadeau on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 894)

James Wesley Walsh, Jr., of Millinocket, a World War II veteran. Mr. Walsh served two tours of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time of service he worked in demolition and was injured while fighting at Iwo Jima. After the war, Mr. Walsh returned to Maine where he worked for Great Northern Paper Company for many years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 895)

Michael Cormier, of Wilton, who has been named the 2008 Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association. Mr. Cormier, who has led School Administrative District 9 for the past 15 years, is an outstanding example of a leader. He is known for his dedication to his students and education excellence. Mr. Cormier started his career as a teacher and a principal in Bradley, and then as a superintendent at School Union 76 and School Administrative District 56. He will

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be representing Maine in the 2008 National Superintendent of the Year Competition. We congratulate Mr. Cormier on his receiving this honor and we thank him for his dedicated service to the students of Maine; (HLS 896)

Colin Emery, of Rockland, on his retirement after 27 years with the Public Works Department of the City of Rockland. Mr. Emery started working for the City in 1980 as a truck driver and laborer and was appointed foreman in 1990. He has also served as Acting Public Works Director. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Emery on this special occasion; (HLS 897)

the Bowdoin College field hockey team, of Brunswick, on its winning the school's first NCAA Championship. The team set a school record of 20 victories with no losses, completing the 7th perfect season in Division III history. We congratulate the members and the coaches of the team on their victory; (HLS 898)

Dr. Dale Bardo, of Wilton, on his receiving the annual Community Health Leadership Award from Franklin Community Health Network. Dr. Bardo was awarded this honor for the quality care that he provided during the 30-plus years that he served the community as a surgeon and a primary care provider. Now that he is retired, he devotes his considerable medical skills and knowledge to international missions through his church in Wilton. We congratulate Dr. Bardo on this award and his many accomplishments; (HLS 899)

Lisa Laffin, of New Vineyard, on her receiving the Collaborative Spirit Award from the Maine Alzheimer's Association. As the Community Building Coordinator for the Healthy Community Coalition, she was honored for her tireless dedication and commitment to sponsoring programs that raise awareness of the prevalence of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and for connecting residents of Greater Franklin County to the appropriate resources for coping with these issues. We congratulate and extend our best wishes to Ms. Laffin; (HLS 900)

Richard Alan "Skip" Grass, Sr., of East Millinocket. Mr. Grass worked at Katahdin Paper for 36 years. He was a member of Pine Tree Lodge No. 172, AF & AM, Mattawamkeag, since 1971 and was a past district deputy and lodge master. He also served as the district deputy grand master of the 24th District of Grand Lodge of Maine in 1984 and 1985. Mr. Grass was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Lee. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 901)

William Curtis Kenyon, Jr., of Millinocket. Mr. Kenyon attended schools in Orono where he graduated in 1948. He received letters in football, baseball, basketball and track, and he was a member of the National Honor Society. Mr. Kenyon served for four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including one year in Korea. He was a lifetime member of Francis Elliot Post No. 4154, VFW, Millinocket. Mr. Kenyon worked for 40 years for Great Northern Paper Company and Bowater as a beater engineer and a day foreman. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 902)

Douglas L. Farquhar, of Millinocket, a World War II veteran. Mr. Farquhar served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Haraden, which survived a Japanese kamikaze attack. He also worked at the Great Northern Paper Company, retiring after 44 years. He was an aviator for 60 years, making his last flight in June of 2007. Mr. Farquhar will be sadly missed by his family and friends, including his wife, Carrie, of 62 years; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 903)

Mildred Pasquine, a longtime resident of Millinocket. Mrs. Pasquine worked for the Millinocket Theatre before she went to work for the telephone company, a job which she held for many

years. She was a communicant of Christ the Divine Mercy Parish and a sports enthusiast. Mrs. Pasquine will be sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 904)

Mary and Steve White, of Strong, true community leaders, humanitarians and unsung heroes of their town. For many years, Mr. and Mrs. White have held lawn sales and used the proceeds to benefit others. The following are just a few examples of their exceptional generosity: they paid one woman's light bill anonymously; they have given to cancer patients and other people in the community with illnesses; and they helped to purchase new uniforms for the town's Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. White also started and continue to support the Santa Claus program for the town. They solicit donations from the community, buy the toys themselves and ask people to knit hats and mittens for each child who comes to see Santa. We commend and thank Mr. and Mrs. White for the outstanding service work that they do for their town; (HLS 905)

Clyde and Lois Barker, of Strong, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 1, 2007. The couple have three children, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Mr. Barker is retired from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Mrs. Barker taught in local schools and serves as the Strong Town Clerk. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Barker on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 906)

Laura Shedd, of Mattawamkeag, on the occasion of her 96th birthday on December 20, 2007. A lifelong resident of Mattawamkeag and the town's eldest citizen, Ms. Shedd maintained her home while raising three sons and three daughters. The community is proud to have Ms. Shedd as a resident and we wish her continued happiness; (HLS 907)

Bryant Christopher Shannon, of Scarborough, of Boy Scout Troop #47, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bryant on his accomplishment; (HLS 908)

Michael A. Posey, of Scarborough, of Boy Scout Troop #47, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on his accomplishment; (HLS 909)

Barry J. Tibbetts, of Whitefield, an ardent supporter of agricultural and conservation efforts in the Maine mid-coast area. Mr. Tibbetts is leaving the position of Chairman of Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District after 24 years of service. He presided over the district during a productive, rewarding and challenging period, contributing countless hours to collaborative meetings and projects that furthered the development of viable small family farms. Mr. Tibbetts balanced many civic responsibilities while running a competitive dairy farm during a time of extreme labor shortages and volatile prices. We thank him for his decades of leadership and hard work; (HLS 910)

the Foxcroft Academy Boys Cross-country Team, of Dover-Foxcroft, on its winning the Eastern Maine Class C Championship for the second consecutive year. The team also

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won its second consecutive Penobscot Valley Conference Small School Championship. We congratulate the team on its success; (HLS 911)

the Foxcroft Academy Girls Field Hockey Team, of Dover-Foxcroft, on its winning the Class C State Championship. This is the second field hockey state championship in the school's history. The team had a season record of 12 wins and 2 losses and is coached by Gene Philpot, who has a career record of 300 victories. We congratulate the team on its success; (HLS 912)

Tom Upham, of Wilton, on his induction into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, Class of 2007. The Maine Ski Hall of Fame recognizes those skiers who have contributed to Maine's rich traditions in the sport. Mr. Upham was a four-event skier on four state championship ski teams at Edward Little High School, then concentrated on straight nordic skiing at the University of Colorado. His success led him to the U.S. Nordic Combined Team and the 1968 Olympics. Following his competitive career, Mr. Upham coached at the high school, college and U.S. Olympic Team levels. We congratulate Mr. Upham on his receiving this honor and we send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 913)

the following members of the Lewiston Recreation Department Cross-country Team on their completing a successful season: Marley Byrne, Andrew Balsamo, Jordan Balsamo, Emma Byrne, Nicole Court-Menendez, Courtney Aldrich, Sylvia Beliveau, Taylor Morrison, Amanda Bennett, Mitchell Bennett, Jake Dumas, Cody Mousseau, Kevin Lavertu, Matt Chouinard, Justin LeClair, Adrianna White and Mary Turmel. The team was led by Coaches Jackson White and Mark Lavertu. In the team's final meet, the Capital League Invitational, they recorded a double victory against eight other teams. The successful season shows their level of commitment and the dedication of the coaches. They represented the City of Lewiston in an exemplary manner. We congratulate the team members and their coaches on their success; (HLS 914)

Tara Robinson Bachrach, of Portland, activist and lawyer. Ms. Bachrach graduated seventh in her class from Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield in 1996 and magna cum laude for the University of New Hampshire Honors Program in 2000, and received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Maine School of Law in 2003. A member of the Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma, she served as the president of the Native American Law Student Association at the University of Maine. After graduating, Ms. Bachrach went to work for Gateway Title Company and later became the manager of Neighborhood Land and Title. The community of Pittsfield has always been very special to Ms. Bachrach and it was very supportive of her family during her illness. Ms. Bachrach will be sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 915)

Steve Musica, of Richmond, who is retiring as the Litchfield Town Manager after 13 years of service. Mr. Musica is an experienced administrator and was the town manager and code enforcement officer of Readfield before becoming the Litchfield Town Manager. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Musica for his continued success; (HLS 916)

Robert and Jean Marquis, life-long residents of Old Town, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 11, 2007. Their family business, Marquis Heating, serves Old Town, Lincoln and the surrounding northern Penobscot County communities. They have nine children, five of whom work in the family business, twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Marquis was an Old Town Police Officer and is a veteran and member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Marquis have given

much to the community, organizing and volunteering in a wide range of community events and charities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Marquis on this very special occasion; (HLS 917)

Emma Lillian Tomlinson Bennett, of Freeport, on the occasion of her 103rd birthday, December 14, 2007. Mrs. Bennett represents the core values of the village of South Freeport and is known as a wonderful mother, an avid reader, a faithful and devoted member of South Freeport Church and a generous spirit who continually contributes to her community. She has been a member of the Mothers Club, the Frankly Forties and the South Freeport Church Choir. Mrs. Bennett has four children, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The launching of the "EMMY" at Porter's Landing was the signal that winter was over. She and her beloved husband, Paul, spent many summers "gunkholing" along the coast, sharing their friendship with countless friends. She received the Boston Post Cane Pin from the Freeport Town Council on December 5, 2006 and was recognized as the town's oldest citizen. We send our best wishes to Mrs. Bennett on this special occasion, and we thank this exceptional woman for her many contributions to her community; (HLS 918)

Richard Frances Prince, of Gray, United States Army veteran and patriotic citizen. Mr. Prince graduated from Pennell Institute in Gray. He served in the United States Army for 26 years, being stationed in Korea, Germany, Texas and Massachusetts. He was a lifelong patriot and a life member of the Gray American Legion Post #86. Mr. Prince's vision and continuous attention to detail were the success of such projects as the Gray Memorial Day Parade, the flying of flags on Shaker Road on all patriotic holidays and the annual Gray Legion blood drive. He received the Evelyn Morrill Durgin Award for 2007 from the Town of Gray acknowledging his years of outstanding service to his hometown. Mr. Prince was married to Beverly L. (Maxwell) Prince for 58 years and had a daughter, Terry. Mr. Prince will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Beverly, his family and his many nieces, nephews, friends and comrades; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 919)

Sergeant Kristopher Beck, of Glenburn, on his return from three tours of active duty in defense of our nation. After completing basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, Sergeant Beck was deployed in 2003 with one of the first units to enter Iraq. Their mission was to focus on insurgents, home in on military targets and secure power stations and hospitals. Sergeant Beck was the radio operator for his lieutenant, whose life he saved by shooting a sniper one day. He returned to the United States, marrying his high school sweetheart, and then was deployed again to Iraq, serving from November 2004 to April 2005. When Sergeant Beck crossed the Iraqi border for the third time, in August 2006 with his squad from the 82nd Airborne Division, he was not only a confident squad leader; he was also a family man with a newborn son. During this tour, Sergeant Beck received the Bronze Star for meritorious service for his heroic actions during an enemy attack on his convoy. We thank Sergeant Beck for his bravery and his extraordinary commitment to the service of his country and we send our best wishes to him and to his family; (HLS 920)

the Maine Mountain Sustainable Development Initiative of Farmington, a collaboration of the Western Mountains Alliance and Mountain Counties Heritage, Inc., on its receiving the Maine Community Foundation's 2007 Noyce Award for Nonprofit Excellence. The Maine Mountain Sustainable Development Initiative was honored for its efforts to promote prosperity and improve the social, economic and environmental landscapes and preserve quality of place in Oxford, Franklin, Somerset and

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Piscataquis Counties. We congratulate all of the participants on their receiving this award; (HLS 921)

Sherwood and Betty Glidden, of Weeks Mills, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 21, 2007. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Glidden on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 922)

Brenda White, of Freeport, who has been named the Maine School Nurse of the Year 2007-2008 by the Maine Association of School Nurses. Ms. White is a compassionate and caring professional who earned this honor by winning the trust of teachers, parents and students alike. She has been in school nursing for 23 years and presently works with about 250 students at Freeport's Mast Landing and Morse Street elementary schools. Every day she helps students with problems that range from runny noses to serious illnesses, works closely with parents to help them maintain their children's health, and educates students about nutrition and health. We congratulate Ms. White on her receiving this honor and we send our best wishes for her continued success in her career; (HLS 923)

Thomas and Annette Harmon, of Caribou, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2007. Married in Van Buren in 1957, the couple later renewed their vows of commitment at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. We join with their four children, Gregory, Denise, Peter and Suzanne, in extending our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harmon on this very special occasion; (HLS 924)

the Honorable Earl E. Richardson, Sr., of Greenville, who passed away while serving in the Maine House of Representatives. Mr. Richardson served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a hospital corpsman at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California during the Korean War. Following his military service, he obtained his accounting degree from Husson College. He served as the town manager of Monroe and Greenville before venturing into business on his own. Mr. Richardson and his wife, Avis, owned and operated the Boom Chain Restaurant, a popular local gathering place in Greenville, for over 30 years. He started Moosehead Cable TV in 1963 in Greenville, which is still a viable business today. In addition to being an entrepreneur, Mr. Richardson had a long and dedicated career in public service. He served on several local boards and committees, including the Greenville Board of Selectmen, the Moosehead Sanitary District, the Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce, the Moosehead Economic Development Committee, the International Sea Plane Fly-in Committee and the Greenville Airport Committee. He was serving his fourth term in the Maine Legislature for District 27 at the time of his death, where he worked on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. Mr. Richardson was an avid pilot, hunter and outdoorsman, and he was proud to be a registered Maine Guide. He was a faithful servant of the people he represented and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends and by his colleagues in the Maine House of Representatives; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 925)

the Honorable Deane Ernest Jones, of Mount Vernon, who passed away while serving in the Maine House of Representatives. A lifelong Maine resident, Mr. Jones graduated from Waterville High School in 1956 and from the University of Maine at Orono. He served his country in the United States Air Force and the Maine Air National Guard from 1961 to 1967, achieving the rank of captain. Mr. Jones was a dedicated public servant who served the community of Mount Vernon as a selectman for 18 years, including service as chair of the board. A Master Maine Guide and an avid outdoorsman, he set out on a remarkable quest after his retirement in 2000 from J.S. McCarthy

Printers. At the age of 60, he successfully completed the Appalachian Trail, hiking solo from Georgia to Maine. Mr. Jones and his wife, Pat, enjoyed traveling together in their retirement and had just recently returned from a trip to China and Tibet. Mr. Jones won election to the Maine House of Representatives in June of 2007, just months before cancer would claim his life. He quickly became an important colleague and friend, and his service in the House of Representatives was far too brief. Mr. Jones will be remembered for his generosity as a public servant and as an unwavering family man who loved spending time with his wife, his two sons and his granddaughter. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family and by the communities that he so selflessly served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 926)

Scott Sevigny, of Fort Kent, who has been chosen as Maine's nominee for the National Education Association Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence. Mr. Sevigny, who teaches high school social studies, also received an "I CAN Learn" Award from the National Education Association. Mr. Sevigny has been teaching at Fort Kent Community High School since graduating in 1992 from the University of Farmington with a bachelor's degree in education concentrating on social studies. He says his goal as a teacher is to have students internalize their learning instead of memorizing, so he rarely uses textbooks and prefers motivation and thought-provoking activities such as role-playing to engage his students in discussions. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sevigny on his receiving this impressive nomination and send our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 927)

Delano and Valtrude Duplessis, of Van Buren, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 30, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Duplessis exchanged marriage vows at the St. Bruno Parish in Van Buren on November 30, 1957 with Father Gerard Turgeon, S.M. officiating. We join the Duplessis' four children and four grandchildren in extending our congratulations and send our best wishes that they enjoy many more years of happiness together; (HLS 928)

Kaetlin Parent, of Van Buren, who has been crowned Miss Maine U.S.A. 2008. The daughter of Lyn and Karla Michaud and Tim Parent, Ms. Parent will compete for the title of Miss U.S.A. in March of 2008. Her past titles include Miss Maine Teen U.S.A. 2005, Teen Miss United States of America, Teen Miss New England and Miss New England American Teen. A graduate of Van Buren District Secondary School, Ms. Parent is currently studying communications as a sophomore at St. Joseph's College. She volunteers at St. Jude's Children's Hospital and has also given her time to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Celebrate Courage Breast Cancer Awareness events. We join with Ms. Parent's family and friends in extending our congratulations on her earning this mark of distinction and we send our best wishes for representing Maine in the national competition; (HLS 929)

Dr. Eric Nicholas, of Mars Hill, who closed his office on September 27, 2007, after practicing family medicine for 45 years. Dr. Nicholas is known by many in the Central Aroostook area for providing a level of personal care that is rare in today's medical world. He grew up in Nova Scotia and, after receiving his medical degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, moved to Fort Fairfield, Maine to begin his practice. For 45 years, Dr. Nicholas has been providing a variety of medical services from general health care to fracture treatment. In addition to assisting in surgery, he has delivered over 900 babies. Dr. Nicholas is also very actively involved in the community. He has served on numerous committees and boards and has generously shared his professional knowledge by serving as a medical advisor to local schools, migratory programs, nursing home services and the

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Pregnancy Care Center. He has been a medical examiner for his community for over 20 years. We thank Dr. Nicholas for his immeasurable contributions to his community and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 930)

Alfred Glover Jr., of Bridgton, for his committed civic involvement and selfless contributions to his community and State. Mr. Glover, who taught government, political science, biology and reading at the high school level, gained the respect of his students by his caring and attentive attitude and made a difference in the lives of many students during his 48 years of teaching. He also served as a Bridgton reserve police officer and a reserve Maine State Trooper for many years and is very active in his community, serving on the Deertrees Theater Board of Directors. Mr. Glover has been involved with such organizations as the Masons and the Lions Club, where he has been a member for 49 years with perfect attendance and serving as District Governor and King Lion three times. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Glover for his continued success and we thank him for all of his contributions to his community; (HLS 931)

Thomas Edward Linder and Mona Elizabeth (Roberts) Linder, of Wilton, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Linder were married at the Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church on December 27, 1947. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special anniversary; (HLS 932)

the Honorable Jean Dellert, of Gardiner, on her retirement from the Gardiner City Council after 17 years of service to the city. Mrs. Dellert has worked tirelessly most of her life for the youth of her community through her involvement as an executive officer of the Maine YMCA, executive director of the Maine Youth Camping Association and member of the Board of Directors of the Gardiner Boys and Girls Club. She represented Gardiner in the Legislature for six years and continues today to lobby for organizations advocating for youth and the elderly. We extend our best wishes to her and our profound thanks for her dedicated service to the people of her community and her State; (HLS 933)

Barbara Keef, of Windham, who was named Outstanding Librarian of the Year by the Maine Library Association. Ms. Keef is a technology/reference librarian at the Windham Public Library and is a very active member of her community. She joined the library as an administrative assistant in 1995 and since then she has completed her master's degree in library and information science. Ms. Keef provides exceptional services to her patrons through her duties, which include developing the library collections and program schedule, maintaining the public access computers and instructing patrons how to use them and facilitating a monthly book group. We congratulate Ms. Keef on her receiving this honor and send our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 934)

Jerry A. Hinton, of Brunswick, who is retiring as the Brunswick Chief of Police after an impressive 35-year career in law enforcement. He is a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Air Force. Before coming to Brunswick, he had a 20-year career with the Portsmouth Police Department, serving in multiple capacities. During his 14 years as the Police Chief of Brunswick, Chief Hinton initiated several important programs that have enhanced the lives of the people in his community, particularly children and the elderly. Chief Hinton also instituted changes within his department such as updating computer technology and expanding the number of personnel. He has been a longtime member of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and has received several awards from them, including the 2001 Chief of the Year Award and a 2003 Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement Award. Chief Hinton is also very active in his

community as a member of many local organizations, including the American Legion, which named him the Law Officer of the Year in 2001. We send our best wishes to Chief Hinton and we thank him for his years of hard work and commitment to the people of his community and the State; (HLS 935)

James L. Ashe, of Brunswick, on his retirement from the position of Superintendent of the Brunswick School Department after 13 years of service. Mr. Ashe also served for 6 years as Superintendent of School Union #48 in Wiscasset. He received his postsecondary education at the University of Maine at Machias, Husson College and the University of Maine at Orono. He has been working in the field of education since 1971 as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and superintendent. Some of his accomplishments as Superintendent of Schools include completion of school construction projects in Wiscasset and Brunswick, introduction of high-tech integrated learning systems in Wiscasset and passage of the Sports Done Right Program in Brunswick. As Principal of Moore Middle School, Mr. Ashe developed a gifted and talented program. He has been very involved in local and regional organizations such as the New England School Superintendents Association and the Mid-Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross. We send our best wishes to Mr. Ashe on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for all of the hard work that he has done for the education community in Maine; (HLS 936)

the Honorable Edward C. Kelleher, of Scarborough, who is retiring from the position of Public Information Officer after 21 years of service with the Judicial Branch of the State Government. Mr. Kelleher represented the City of Bangor for eight terms in the Maine House of Representatives from 1969 to 1984. During that time he served on various committees, including eight years with the Public Utilities Committee and six years with the Appropriations Committee. We congratulate Mr. Kelleher on his retirement and we thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the people of the State of Maine; (HLS 937)

David Gervais, of Lewiston, who is known locally as "Top Dollar Dave" because of his tireless volunteer work, most notably for the American Diabetes Association. Mr. Gervais has raised more than \$80,000 for the American Diabetes Association over the past eight years, mostly through a letter-writing campaign. He has volunteered for other organizations and causes, such as the Great TV Auction, and works at the Bates College coffee shop/snack bar. Mr. Gervais is a 4th-degree Knight and a member of the Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus at Holy Family Church in Lewiston. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and we commend and thank Mr. Gervais for his admirable volunteer work; (HLS 938)

William E. Haggett, of West Bath, on his induction into Maine Maritime Academy's Alumni Association as a Lifetime Member for his dedicated service to his community, his State and his profession and to Maine Maritime Academy. Mr. Haggett is former president of Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd. of New Brunswick, Canada, and former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bath Iron Works Corporation, Maine's largest employer. Among his numerous board memberships, Mr. Haggett served as Chairman of the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees, the Bath City Council and the Shipbuilders Council of America. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Haggett on this special occasion and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 939)

St. Peter's Church, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. On December 25, 1907, St. Peter's Church had its first Christmas Service. We extend our congratulations

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and best wishes to the members of the congregation of St. Peter's Church on their centennial celebration; (HLS 940)

Carroll and Priscilla Lyons, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 941)

Richard and Mary Ellen Stanley, of East Millinocket, on their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 942)

Charles E. Noddin, of Millinocket. After graduating from Stearns High School in 1951, Mr. Noddin served for four years in the United States Navy. He worked for 36 years at Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Noddin was active in his community and a member of the Millinocket Elks, American Legion, VFW, Great Northern Retirees Association and St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Millinocket. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Marilyn, his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 943)

the members of Phillips Middle School Student Council, who were presented recently with the Jane deFrees Youth Rural Leaders Award by the Western Mountains Alliance. This award was established to honor the community-building work of the late Jane deFrees of Rumford Point and to encourage youth in Somerset County, Piscataquis County, Franklin County and northern Androscoggin County to work for social change. The Phillips Middle School Student Council was selected for its work as a model of democratic citizen involvement. The members of the council created a brochure highlighting heritage attractions in the Phillips area, held special ceremonies at the school to build school spirit and to celebrate diversity, attended leadership summits and conferences, conducted a get-out-the-vote campaign and raised over \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society through local team participation in Relay for Life events. We congratulate the members of the Phillips Middle School Student Council, and we thank them for their vital contributions to their community and their State; (HLS 944)

Sara Gorham, 13; Kendra Gorham, 14; and Marley Harmon, 14, of Buxton, for their extraordinary service to the community by spending 2 days during their Thanksgiving break from school both this year and the past 3 years to help prepare and serve a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Narragansett Temple #111 - Pythian Sisters of Buxton. The girls worked to help prepare the meal the day before Thanksgiving and then were there to serve the meal on the holiday. There were a total of 84 dinners served, 14 dinners sent out and complete dinners prepared for two families. We extend our gratitude to them for their service to the community of Buxton and setting a positive example for others; (HLS 945)

Victor S. DiSilvestro, of Kittery, beloved husband, father and grandfather. After enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1938, Mr. DiSilvestro served at many bases and stations. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during the invasion of Okinawa during World War II. He served with the 1st Marine Regiment in the Korean War and finally retired from the Corps during the Vietnam War. Mr. DiSilvestro was a member of the Seacoast Detachment of the Marine Corps League, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6977 of Cape Neddick, the Disabled American Veterans Post 4 of Newington, New Hampshire, the Fleet Reserve Association and the Retired Enlisted Association. He volunteered with the Reserve Officers Association at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to help retired service personnel and their widows. He was an active member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church for many years and volunteered

at the Footprints Food Pantry in Kittery. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 946)

Barbara Hawkes, of Westbrook, City Clerk for the City of Westbrook, on the occasion of her retirement after 14 years of dedicated service to the community. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Hawkes and send her our best wishes for a happy retirement; (HLS 947)

Elmer Waterhouse, of West Paris, on the celebration of his 100th birthday. Mr. Waterhouse was born on January 30, 1908. He enjoyed more than 77 years of marriage with his wife, Eda May. Together they had 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Waterhouse made his living wallpapering, painting and doing finish carpentry work. He enjoys watching television, particularly The Price is Right. He is considered a master at dominoes and is a member of the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Waterhouse on this tremendous milestone; (HLS 948)

Ray F. Brown, of Medway. Mr. Brown served in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1971. He completed his basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois and Military Training School in Lakehurst, New Jersey. He was a parachute rigger serving in Corpus Christi, Texas and Pensacola, Florida, where he trained on an aircraft carrier. He finished his naval service in Kafflavik, Iceland. He worked at Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 2005. Mr. Brown enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and camping. He will be sadly missed by his family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 949)

Fernande M. "Fern" Gagnon, of Millinocket, beloved wife and mother. Mrs. Gagnon earned her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. She was an elementary school teacher for more than 30 years and taught school in St. Francis, Caribou and Millinocket. She later earned a master's degree in education. She retired from teaching in 1991. Mrs. Gagnon was an avid gardener and enjoyed growing flowers. She was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Millinocket and was actively involved with the Prayer Line and the Thrift Shop. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 950)

the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program and its longtime executive director, Raymond Richard, on their receiving a 2008 Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. The program was created in 1965 to deal with poverty, neighborhood and drug issues and is now a multifaceted social service agency dealing with the education, transportation, family health, housing and energy needs of the citizens of Kennebec County and Somerset County. The program serves 8,600 families yearly with heating oil and 2,400 at family planning clinics and offers child care and Head Start to hundreds. We congratulate the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program and Mr. Richard on their receiving this honor and thank them for their contributions to the community; (HLS 951)

Stacey Morrison, of Gardiner, who has received a 2008 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Morrison is the owner of Ganneston Construction Corporation. Since she purchased the business in 2001, it has grown from \$6 million to \$15 million in annual sales. She is proud of her 45-member "family" workforce and strong management team at the 44-year-old firm. Ms. Morrison is chair of Maine's Associated Builders and Contractors and of the United Way of Kennebec Valley and vice-chair of the chamber. We congratulate Ms. Morrison and wish her continued success; (HLS 952)

Smart Eyecare Center, of Augusta, and Dr. Richard Smart, of Readfield, who have received a 2008 President's Award from the

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Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Smart opened his optometry practice in 1990, after 8 years of military and private practice in Alaska. Smart Eyecare Center has offices in Augusta, Farmingdale and Bangor, employing 50 people, including 6 full-time doctors. Dr. Smart emphasizes top quality and extra patient conveniences, such as evening and weekend office hours, 24-hour emergency service, glasses made while you wait and state-of-the-art equipment. He performs some 15,000 full patient eye exams each year. We congratulate Dr. Smart and all the employees of the Smart Eyecare Center and wish them continued success; (HLS 953)

Kim Vandermeulen, of Winthrop, who has been named the 2008 Business Person of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Vandermeulen is an electrical engineer and lawyer who gave legal support to Alternative Manufacturing, Inc., Winthrop's young electronics manufacturing company, before joining full time in 1997. His leadership has helped skyrocket the business, which produces printed circuit boards for worldwide clients, from 50 employees to more than 150 employees. We congratulate Mr. Vandermeulen on his receiving this honor and extend our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 954)

the Kennebec Journal, of Augusta, which has been selected as the 2008 Business of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. First published in 1825, the Kennebec Journal is Maine's oldest newspaper and continues to be the primary source of detailed public information and news 364 days a year for some 30,000 readers in the greater Augusta area. Since 2000, John Christie has published the newspaper, along with the Morning Sentinel in Waterville and Skowhegan, with his team of 60 journalists. The 183-year-old business is also a forum for public policy debate and a strong supporter of community projects such as the new Cony High School, the Kennebec Valley YMCA and the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care. We congratulate the Kennebec Journal on its success and extend our best wishes for its continued prosperity; (HLS 955)

Quality Inn & Suites - Maine Evergreen Hotel, of Augusta, and Alec and Julie Rogers, who have received a 2008 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers took over management of the Susse Chalet hotel from Mrs. Rogers' parents in 1995 with the intent of making repairs and then selling it. In 2003 they chose to purchase the hotel instead, and have now completed extensive renovations to great effect. The Quality Inn & Suites team offers a high-quality environment for their guests. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and all the dedicated employees of the Quality Inn & Suites and wish them continued success; (HLS 956)

the Bread of Life Ministries, of Augusta, and Executive Director John Applin, on their receiving a 2008 Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. First a soup kitchen, the Bread of Life Ministries soon offered shelter for the homeless. The soup kitchen now provides some 35,000 meals a year while "bed nights" have risen to 9,000. The Bread of Life Ministries also provides targeted case management, volunteer mentoring and training programs, a car donation service and self-help housing. The Bread of Life Ministries is building a 43-unit affordable housing complex in Augusta in partnership with the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program. We congratulate the Bread of Life Ministries and Mr. Applin on their receiving this honor and thank them for their contributions to the community; (HLS 957)

H. Allen Ryan, of Manchester, who has received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ryan, a Bowdoin College graduate, moved to

Augusta in 1970 to run a small food service company. In 1982 he bought the firm from Jos. Kirschner Co. and renamed it NorthCenter Foodservice. The business provides food products to restaurants and schools throughout Maine and New England. Mr. Ryan is a board member and major benefactor of Bowdoin College and Thomas College and a Florida school for immigrant children. He has been a key contributor to Cony High School, Kennebec Valley YMCA and the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Ryan on his receiving this honor and we thank him for his immeasurable contributions to the Augusta area and to the State; (HLS 958)

Charline Parsons, of South Berwick, upon her retirement as Head Librarian for the South Berwick Public Library. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to Ms. Parsons for more than 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of South Berwick and the surrounding communities; (HLS 959)

Ricky Craven, of Greenville, former NASCAR driver and current co-host on "The Driver's Seat," a NASCAR talk show, for his exceptional philanthropic activities. From 1998 to 2007, Mr. Craven led a charity snowmobile ride in the Moosehead Lake region that contributed over \$1.25 million to five charities, the local hospital, the local school and the snowmobile club. His extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Marrow Foundation, The Children's Miracle Network, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Travis Roy Foundation and the Give Kids the World Organization reflect Mr. Craven's deep commitment to the children of Maine. The organization and coordination of these events over a ten-year period has brought together the people, businesses and local organizations of many communities to focus on the goal of making things better for sick children. The culmination of the yearly snowmobile events has fostered a great sense of community and charity among the thousands of volunteers and participants that reflect the best traditions and motivation to service in our State. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Craven for his exemplary efforts; (HLS 960)

the Augusta Comprehensive Plan Commission, Les Wilkinson, Esq., and Lisa Dickson, who have received a Special Service Award for 2008 from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wilkinson and Ms. Dickson have chaired a large group of volunteers to formulate a new comprehensive plan for the state capital. The tremendous commitment of time and talent by this large group of Augusta citizens will set the tone for growth, development and livability in the community for the next decade. We congratulate Mr. Wilkinson, Ms. Dickson and the Augusta Comprehensive Plan Commission and thank them for their tireless contributions to the community and the State; (HLS 961)

Madison "Matt" Albert, Jr., of Winterport, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234 and will graduate as part of Hampden Academy's Class of 2008. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Matt planned and organized the creation of a Prayer Meditation Garden at the Ellingwood's Corner United Methodist Church. In addition to his scouting interests, Matt participates in many school activities, including the symphonic, jazz and pep bands, the Chamber Singers, Voices Unlimited, Dollars for Scholars, the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Task Force and Hampden Academy's ice hockey team and golf team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Matt for achieving this exemplary merit; (HLS 962)

William and Carol Hegstrom, of Brooks, for their contributions to the farming industry in Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Hegstrom own Roaring Acres Farm, which is known for its organic produce and award-winning hay. Recently, they were acknowledged as

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having the oldest cow in the State of Maine. "Nonny," now 20 years old, has given over 203,560 pounds of milk and has given birth to 11 heifers and a bull. We wish William and Carol Hegstrom and Roaring Acres Farm continued success; (HLS 963)

Alison Jones, of Hermon, for her act of heroism in saving the life of a person injured in a snowmobile accident. Her quick thinking enabled her to take control of the situation when most others on the scene panicked. Alison applied a tourniquet to the victim's leg to stop the bleeding and helped to carry him to a nearby house to call for help. Without Alison's calm reaction under pressure this tragic incident might have had a far worse ending. We extend our appreciation to Alison for her heroic act; (HLS 964)

Lynne Fuller, of Lisbon, who is the 2007 recipient of the Margaret C. Murphy Award. This is the highest honor that John F. Murphy Homes, Inc. presents to an employee. Ms. Fuller is the coordinator for respite services for John F. Murphy Homes, Inc. and consistently demonstrates a quality of professional compassion in providing support services for people with developmental disabilities. She is a kind, committed and caring person who goes above and beyond the call of duty. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Fuller for her dedicated service to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on receiving this award; (HLS 965)

Stephens Memorial Hospital, of Norway, on being chosen as the 2008 Employer of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Stephens Memorial Hospital has served the Oxford Hills area for more than 50 years and has an excellent record of providing high-quality care to the people in the community. Its commitment to the health and well-being of its employees is exemplary. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Stephens Memorial Hospital on its receiving this honor; (HLS 966)

Lisa Peterson Jones, of Norway, who has been named the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. She was recognized for her leadership and for more than 10 years of service to the Oxford Hills Food Pantry. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Jones on her receiving this honor; (HLS 967)

Jess Small, of North Turner, an employee of Turner Publishing, Inc., who has been selected as the 2008 Service Employee of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. She has been described as a top performer, who works hard for the company and her clients. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Small on her receiving this honor; (HLS 968)

Amanda Huotari, of South Paris, owner and Executive Director of Celebration Barn Theatre, who was named Rising Star of the Year for 2008 by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. She has generated a new excitement for the arts in her community, and she has become an important member of the creative economy in the Oxford Hills area and in Maine. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Huotari on her receiving this honor; (HLS 969)

Mark Gay, of York, longtime captain of the York Beach Fire Department, who was named as the 2007 Firefighter of the Year by the Maine State Federation of Firefighters. Captain Gay has been a member of the fire department for 35 years, beginning as a volunteer, and later serving as a trustee, lieutenant and captain. We acknowledge Captain Gay's exceptional firefighting career and we congratulate him on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 970)

Elmer M. O'Brien, of Kittery. Mr. O'Brien served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps as a flight

engineer aboard B-17 bombers during World War II. He met and married his loving wife, Elizabeth, while stationed in Scotland; together they returned to Kittery to raise a family. He worked for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for more than 31 years and was a member of the Neptune Yacht Club. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed camping with his family. Mr. O'Brien was a member of the Kittery Fire Department for more than 23 years, retiring as deputy chief. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 971)

Jessica Jendrick, of Waterford, who has been named as 2008 Employee of the Year-Health Care Sector by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. She has been office manager for Blue Moon Midwives since 2005 and has been recognized for her commitment, enthusiasm and dedication. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Jendrick on her receiving this honor; (HLS 972)

Aarika Ritchie, of Lee, who has been named to the 2007 High School Girls Scholar All-America Team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Ms. Ritchie is one of only 2 players selected from the State and 35 players from the entire country earning this distinction. She is a three-sport athlete and is planning on attending Colby College in the fall of 2008. We congratulate Aarika on her receiving this honor and offer her our best wishes for her continued success in both academics and athletics; (HLS 973)

Amanda Gifford, of Lee, who has been named to the 2007 High School Girls Scholar All-America Team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Ms. Gifford is one of only 2 players selected from the State and 35 players from the entire country earning this distinction. She is a three-sport athlete and is planning on attending Bates College in the fall of 2008. We congratulate Amanda on her receiving this honor and offer our best wishes for continued success in both academics and athletics; (HLS 974)

Karen Habeeb, of Caribou, upon her retirement as a Human Services Case Aide III. During her 28-year tenure with the Department of Health and Human Services, Ms. Habeeb provided professional and courteous support to the citizens of Maine. We extend our deepest appreciation to Ms. Habeeb for her devotion to bettering the lives of those she assisted. May she enjoy a restful, relaxing and well-deserved retirement; (HLS 975)

Peter N. Thompson, of Kittery, longtime resident and businessman in the area. Mr. Thompson was a graduate of Traip Academy and the University of Maine at Orono. Mr. Thompson worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery. He also opened the Red Roof Tavern in York with a friend, and a few years later he opened The Lobster Barn in York with several partners. Subsequently, they opened The Lobster in the Rough on the Barn property. Mr. Thompson was devoted to his family and active in the Kittery recreation department's soccer program. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 976)

Timothy R. Fenno, of Falmouth, a lifelong and notable horseman. Mr. Fenno was raised at his family's farm in Buxton, where he learned the sport of harness racing. Both his father and his brother also were involved in the sport. Mr. Fenno worked at the Roosevelt Raceway in New York and was prominent in the harness racing industry. He returned to Maine in the early 1990s and helped train a horse that broke the world record for trotters at the Meadowlands Racetrack. We acknowledge his contributions to harness racing in the State of Maine. Mr. Fenno will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 977)

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Alan Moir, of Woodland, upon being named the Maine Potato Board's 2007 Young Farmer of the Year. As a full-time cultivator for 16 years, Alan and his family grow 700 acres of potatoes along with 700 acres of rotation crops, broccoli and grain crops. Much of Alan's success can be attributed to his 400-acre increase in arable land over the past 5 years, as well as his application of the new technologies made available in today's farming operations. Alan is optimistic for the future of Maine's agricultural industry. He serves as treasurer of the Agricultural Bargaining Council and previously was president of the Central Aroostook Young Farmers. Most recently, Alan retired as a firefighter and emergency medical technician volunteer for the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department after 16 years of service. We extend our congratulations to Alan on his receiving this noteworthy tribute; (HLS 978)

the following members of the Winthrop High School Boys Cross-country Running Team, on their winning the 2007 State Class C Championship: Pat Lindsey, Tor O'Brien, Ned Burnett, Danny Soltan, Justin Carpenter, Alex Cottrell, Jake Gomberg, Pat Romar, Tom Conley, Kevin Leavitt, Ben Doughty, Zach Nichols, Josh James, Ben Rossignol, Connor Chu and Max Chapin. The team's coach is Jay Lindsey. This is the school's first boys cross-country running state championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 979)

Kevin James Kareckas, of South Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop #338, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kevin on his accomplishment; (HLS 980)

Caleb Mende, of North Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 312, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest honor in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Caleb improved the washed-out walking trail on Bauneg Beg Mountain with bog logs and bridges. We extend our congratulations to Caleb on this achievement; (HLS 981)

Nick Batal, of North Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 312, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest honor in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Nick replaced washed-out wood and sand stairs with permanent CorrectDeck decking, making the North Berwick Parks and Recreation site much safer. We extend our congratulations to Nick on this achievement; (HLS 982)

Travis Gookin, of North Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 312, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest honor in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Travis constructed a border around the children's play areas at the North Berwick Parks and Recreation site to contain the wood chips. We extend our congratulations to Travis on this achievement; (HLS 983)

Leslie D. Parker, of North Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 312, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest honor in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service

project, Leslie constructed a sixteen foot by eight foot storage shed to be used at the North Berwick Parks and Recreation site. We extend our congratulations to Leslie on this achievement; (HLS 984)

Ronald R. Rogers, of North Berwick, devoted husband and father. Mr. Rogers went above and beyond the call of duty to make his community a better place for all. As a community leader, he dedicated many hours to the North Berwick Athletic Association and to other organizations. His passion and inspiration to help others defined who he was and what he believed in. He worked for the North Berwick Lumber Company for 20 years and developed many long-lasting friendships there. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Rachel, and his sons, Justin and Joshua, and his coworkers and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 985)

Donald M. Johnson, of Millinocket, who served in the United States Navy. Mr. Johnson worked at Great Northern Paper Company for 36 years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 986)

Wayne Victor Scarano, of Millinocket, prominent member of the community. Mr. Scarano served in the United States Marine Corps as a sergeant during the Vietnam War. He joined the Houlton Police Department and began a lifelong career in law enforcement. He was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and served as the Chief of Police of Millinocket. He was a member of numerous charitable and fraternal organizations, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he served as Exalted Ruler of Houlton Lodge and state president of the Maine Elks Association. After retirement, he served as a town councilor for Millinocket and as a member of the Millinocket School Board. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, his State and his Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 987)

Blanche Hutchins Staples, a longtime resident of Ogunquit. Mrs. Staples attended Ogunquit Village School and later taught at the school. During World War II, she served in the Red Cross, attached to the 5th Air Force as a canteen worker, stationed in a combat area in the South Pacific. In the late 1950s she taught at the American School in Tangier, Morocco. She traveled extensively, visiting 60 countries. Most of her traveling was done with her husband, Robert, on cargo ships. Mrs. Staples was instrumental in the establishment of the Winn House Museum located in Ogunquit, which showcases the fishing community and art colony and where she was also a docent. She was named the 2004 Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Ogunquit Citizen based on a lifetime of service and involvement with the town. Mrs. Staples will be sadly missed by her family, friends and the citizens of the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 988)

Barbara Nellie Hillock Griffin, of Scarborough, on the celebration of her 80th birthday, January 30, 2008. Mrs. Griffin met her husband, James, at a grange hall dance. They were married on December 14, 1946 and have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Griffin has been a member of the North Scarborough Grange for 65 years. She has managed the grange since 1948 and has been putting on bean suppers since 1960. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Griffin on this special occasion; (HLS 989)

Brogan Liberty, of Fairfield, a member of the Lawrence High School Girls Basketball Team, who recently scored the 1,000th point of her varsity basketball career. Brogan has worked hard to be the player she is and was unaware that she was closing in on that milestone. In addition to her achievements on the basketball court, Brogan has also participated in soccer, track and softball

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and is an honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society. She has been a tutor to elementary school students and worked with the Family Violence Project. We extend our congratulations to Brogan and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 990)

John "Jack" Hersom, of Sidney, winner of the James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy, which is presented each year to the top senior football player in the State. Jack is the quarterback for the Lawrence High School Football Team and led the team to its second straight Pine Tree Conference Class A title. He is a very mature, motivated, exemplary young man. He is respected highly by both peers and faculty. Jack has earned honor roll status all 4 years of high school and has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past 3 years. He is a 3-sport varsity player in football, hockey and baseball. Jack was the 2007 recipient of the National "I Dare You" Leadership Award. He is active in the community by volunteering at the local soup kitchen and with the Fairfield P.A.L. Hockey and the P.A.L. Football clinics in the summer. His dedication, determination and motivation will continue to help him succeed in life. We extend our congratulations to Jack and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 991)

Burton Norval Hatlen, of Orono, a University of Maine English professor. Professor Hatlen served on the faculty since the 1960s and was instrumental in the development of the National Poetry Foundation at the university, serving as its director for more than 15 years. He received degrees from the University of California, Columbia University and Harvard University, receiving his doctorate in English in 1973. After teaching at colleges in Tennessee and Ohio, Professor Hatlen came to the University of Maine as an English professor, where he served as chair of the English Department and as the interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. He was also a Fulbright Senior Lecturer in American Studies and American Literature at the University of Bergen in Norway. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 992)

Anna Lola Harnois, of Indian Township Passamaquoddy Indian Community, who passed away in January 2008. Ms. Harnois served the tribe as a strong advocate for tribal rights and served many years as the tribal language teacher at the Indian Township school. Many generations of children are thankful for her promotion of the tribal culture. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family and the Passamaquoddy Tribe; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 993)

Maine's charitable nonprofit sector and the Maine Association of Nonprofits, who are hosting the fifth annual Nonprofit Day at the State House on February 7, 2008. The Maine Association of Nonprofits 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' mission is to strengthen the leadership, voice and organizational effectiveness of nonprofit organizations so that they can better enrich the quality of community and personal life throughout the State. Its membership consists of more than 650 nonprofit members and 100 business and individual supporters who work cooperatively to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of Maine's third sector. We congratulate the Maine Association of Nonprofits for its excellent work on behalf of the nonprofit organizations and extend our thanks for organizing the annual Nonprofit Day at the Maine State Legislature; (HLS 994)

the following members of the Leavitt Area High School Concert Band: Heidi Bean, Emily Hunter, Kate McKeown, Alexis

White, Morgan Smith, Sarah McKeown, Lauren Lord, Amelia Caron, Isaac Elie, Emile Castonguay, Natasha Smith, Jamie Archer, Michael Hunter, Dan Seavey, Dustin Harrison, Allison Hunter, Krista Lacroix, Allison Neal and Nathan Theriault and director William Buzza. The band is the recipient of a silver medal for their performance at the Heritage Music Festival in New York City, where the band performed in the historic Riverside Church. Five members of the band were chosen for the honor of representing the State in the Macy's Great American Marching Band, which led the 2007 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. We extend our congratulations to these talented students and to their director for their success and recognize them for their hard work; (HLS 995)

Bernadette C. Charette, of Van Buren, upon her turning the age of 95 on February 7, 2008. Born in Hamlin to George and Lottie Violette Sirois, Bernadette would go on to attend and graduate from Sacred Heart High School. She studied at the Aroostook State Normal School, now the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and later taught elementary school from 1931 through 1943. In 1943 Bernadette married Emile Cormier, with whom she had 2 children, Emilee and Gary. One of Bernadette's foremost achievements was her attendance at the University of Maine at Orono's French Institute, as she was one of 80 people from across the nation to be accepted into this program. Seven years after her husband's passing in 1975, Bernadette exchanged marriage vows with Toussaint Charette. The couple shared many memorable years together prior to Toussaint's passing in 2003. Bernadette has always endeavored to stay involved in her church and community in various capacities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bernadette on this very special occasion; (HLS 996)

Craig Collins, of Temple, a member of Boy Scout Troop #546, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Craig on his accomplishment; (HLS 997)

Peter L. Judkins, of Farmington, president and chief executive officer of Franklin Savings Bank, who is the recipient of a 2007 Community Bank Award for the Farmington-based bank from America's Community Bankers. The award, which honors banks that have taken innovative, creative and effective approaches to make a difference in the community, was given for Franklin Savings Bank's efforts to save jobs in Farmington after the closure of several factories in the area and the loss of a local call center. We congratulate Mr. Judkins on his receiving the award for Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin County's only locally owned bank; (HLS 998)

Jean M. Turner, of Caribou, longtime nurse and member of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church. Mrs. Turner was born in Charleston, New Hampshire and graduated from Bangor High School. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Maine at Orono and married Philip Turner in 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Turner lived in various areas of the country while he served in the United States Army. Mrs. Turner worked in private nursing practice and instruction at Amherst College and also in Lansing and Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Turner moved to Caribou, where she worked as a Registered Nurse at local nursing homes and at Fort Fairfield Hospital. Mrs. Turner served on the board of directors at Caribou Public Library; it is said that she was well-traveled and very well-read. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 999)

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Pamela Morrill, of Gardiner, Committee Clerk for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and former Committee Clerk for the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Pam was a loving mother, daughter and partner. She loved politics and was loyal to all legislators, regardless of party affiliation. Her cheerfulness and energy will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the State of Maine. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her partner Ike, her loving family, her colleagues and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1000)

Robert A. Darveau, Jr., of Levant, a veteran who served in Vietnam, on his recently receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal, which is awarded to veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in a combat theater, who were wounded by an instrument of war and awarded the Purple Heart and who meet other important criteria. We acknowledge Mr. Darveau's dedicated service to the Nation and we send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1001)

Earl Dean, of Pittsfield, recipient of the 2008 Joyce Packard Spirit of Community Award given by the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes extraordinary commitment to the betterment of the Sebasticook Valley area and the power and spirit of volunteering. Following his retirement, Mr. Dean took over the operations of the Community Christmas Project and the Pittsfield Food Pantry. For many years the work was done out of his home until a permanent location was found in 1997 in downtown Pittsfield. The Christmas Project, a year-round venture, supplies funds, goods and services to those in need. The Food Pantry consistently supplies over 100 families with food every month. Mr. Dean also helps to ensure that more than 300 coats are collected and donated to area children through the Coats for Kids program. He is well-known as a community leader with a humble character. His willingness to help is based on his love of community and we are grateful for his steadfastness and loyalty. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Dean on his receiving this award; (HLS 1002)

the Sebasticook Family Doctors, recipient of the 2008 Business of the Year Award from the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to a business that is dedicated to making our communities better through involvement, integrity, perseverance and innovation. Sebasticook Family Doctors' mission is to provide high-quality, cost-effective and comprehensive primary and preventative healthcare. Its services include a federal discount drug program, a healthcare hardship program, an on-site case manager, evening hours, patient and employee wellness programs and a healthcare discount program. The business participates in and hosts many community events such as Women's Night Out, blood drives, health fairs, an emergency preparedness event and monthly newsletters for staff and patients. We thank Sebasticook Family Doctors for its commitment to the community and its efforts in improving the lives of all; (HLS 1003)

the John Bapst High School Cheerleading Team, of Bangor, which won its 3rd straight Eastern Maine Class B championship. The team also won its 2nd straight Penobscot Valley Conference Large School Cheering Championship held at Mount Desert Island High School. We congratulate the John Bapst High School Cheerleading Team on its victories; (HLS 1004)

the members of the Bangor High School Red Math Team, who won first place in the 2008 Eastern Maine Math League Competition, Southern Division. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on their win; (HLS 1005)

the members of the John Bapst Memorial High School Purple Math Team, who won second place in the 2008 Eastern Maine Math League Competition, Southern Division. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their fine showing; (HLS 1006)

the members of the Central High School Math Team, of Corinth, who won first place in the 2008 Eastern Maine Math League Competition, Northern Division. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their win; (HLS 1007)

Timothy Newell, of Pleasant Point, a prominent leader in the Passamaquoddy community, who served his community in various endeavors. He is remembered for his service to the school committee, of which he was a member. A former elected official from Pleasant Point, he spent much time protecting the community and working to make it a better place in which to live. He was very proud of his grandfather, Lewis Mitchell, who served in the Maine State Legislature. We acknowledge his dedicated and longtime service to the community of Pleasant Point. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1008)

Greenville Middle and High Schools, for their extraordinary achievements of high performance and academic excellence in public education. During the last 10 years, the Greenville school system has sent 94% of its graduates on to postsecondary education at some of the finest colleges and universities in the United States. Its students learn the values of good citizenship, teamwork and selfless service through participation in co-curricular and athletic activities. A stunning 90% of students are involved in these activities. In 2007, Greenville High School was selected by *Newsweek* magazine as one of four high schools in Maine in the top 1,300 high schools in the nation. This award was followed by the honor of being selected as one of the top 1,591 schools in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine. Last year's Scholastic Achievement Test scores placed Greenville High School among the top twenty schools in Maine; this is particularly significant for a school of under 100 students. We extend our congratulations to the school leadership, the teachers, the parents, the students and the supportive community of Greenville on this exemplary record of excellence; (HLS 1009)

Robert E. Beals, Sr., of Phippsburg, a devoted husband and father. Mr. Beals served in the United States Army from 1946 to 1947. He married Geneva L. Wallace on August 25, 1949 at West Point. Mr. Beals was civic-minded and spent most of his life improving the health and safety of the people of Phippsburg. He was fire chief for 32 years and built several of the town's fire trucks by fabricating tanks and pumps on surplus military vehicles. Mr. Beals, his wife and his friend John Rogers started the Phippsburg Rescue with their private station wagons, stretchers and two suitcases of bandages. The growth of Phippsburg Fire and Rescue was in large part funded by the tens of thousands of dollars Mr. Beals raised by collecting returnable bottles and cans. He was a member of the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association, the Maine State Federation of Firefighters and the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. Mr. Beals was instrumental in the establishment of Elmhurst Center for special education services at the Hyde School. He enjoyed his family, his camp, raccoon and deer hunting, reading the weekly *Uncle Henry's* magazine, attending town suppers and breakfasts and daily contact with his comrades at Pinetree. Mr. Beals was known for his ability to fix anything and for helping everybody who came to him in need. He will be sadly missed by his loving

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family, his many friends and the people of the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1010)

Josephine "Josie" Dunn, of Augusta, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, March 13, 2008. Mrs. Dunn was married to her husband, Thomas Dunn, for 46 years. She has 4 sons, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She earned a Court Recorders Stenographer certificate from Bates Business College. Mrs. Dunn worked for the State of Maine Employment Security Commission and Brewers Dairy, retiring after 20 years. She has worked for St. Mary's Church for 19 years and is the oldest full-time employee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. She has been a member of the Daughters of Isabella since the early 1950s, holding many positions, including Vice Regent and Regent, and is a member of St. Michael Parish. Mrs. Dunn was President of the Maine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She is well known for her home cooking, especially her pies. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Dunn on this special occasion; (HLS 1011)

the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, of Presque Isle, on the 100th Anniversary. The citizens of Presque Isle voted to build a library in 1907, using a \$10,000 grant from the Carnegie Fund. The Presque Isle Library opened on July 1, 1908 with a collection of 2,000 books. As the city's population grew, the community needed a larger building and used state funding and a matching donation of \$60,000 from Mark Turner, a local businessman and philanthropist, to that end. In April of 1967, the newly expanded Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library opened its doors. We send our congratulations to the Presque Isle community on the centennial celebration of the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library; (HLS 1012)

Pamela Karr, of Lincolnville, on receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award for a cadet girl scout. The Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouting, recognizes accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community service as a girl matures, while working to better her life and the lives of others. Pamela, a student at Camden Hills Regional High School, donated a total of 64 project hours towards redoing the youth group room at her church. We extend our congratulations to Pamela on her receiving this significant award, and we send her our best wishes for continued success within the community; (HLS 1013)

Steven M. Deveau, of Medway, of Boy Scout Troop #56, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Steven on his accomplishment; (HLS 1014)

the Bonny Eagle High School Varsity Football Team, of Standish, on its winning the 2007 State Class A Championship. The following are the members of the team: Darren Lovely, Jake Boudreau, Zack Harmon, Sam Proudman, Wade Severance, Max Alfiero, Justin Smith, Kameron Kalmar, Nate Doehler, Matthew Rollins, Joe Davis, Cody Spencer, Josh Ruby, Brian Butler, Stephen Martin, Ryan Nason, Dayton McPherson, John Onesti, Caleb Gosselin, Ethan Cola, Ryan Lambert, Tony Forstner, Tyler Pratt, Travis Dunn, Nate Bilodeau, Dan Wiley, Nate Martel, Ethan Thorne, Garrett Hubner, Jesse Harmon, Jake Waterman, Joe Gallant, Shane Mudgett, Brandon Keene, Caleb Lussier, Sam Berry, Alan Clark, Kyle Wedge, Derek Watts, Zack Cook, Kyle Hanson, Dana Jackson, Nick Bickford, Brent Sawyer, Travis Smith, Nick Cawood, Mitch Foster, Matt Spearin, Dylan Perry, Josh Spearin, Josh Jones, Josh Lund, Brody Fish, Cory Vandeventer, Ricky Hoyt, Jeff Amell, Matt Beckwith, Cameron

McKague, Donald Hildreth and Otis Oakes. This is the team's 3rd Class A State Championship, having won it in 2004 and 2005. All championship teams have been coached by Kevin Cooper. The assistant coaches for this year's championship are John Suttie, Pete Cooper, Dan Baker, Nat Germond and Ben Ledue. We congratulate all the team members and coaches on their victory; (HLS 1015)

Kevin Cooper, of Buxton, who was named the Mike Landry Coach of the Year. Coach Cooper, who teaches social studies, just finished his tenth year as the head coach of the Bonny Eagle High School football program. After a playing career at Lawrence High School and Dartmouth College, he coached at Ohio University, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine before coming to Bonny Eagle High School. The Bonny Eagle football team under Coach Cooper has won three state championships in the last four years and has gone to the playoffs seven times. We congratulate Coach Cooper on his receiving this honor and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1016)

Matt Spearin, of Limington, on his receiving the Gerry Raymond Award. The Gerry Raymond Award is given to the player who is voted by the league coaches to be the best lineman in the Southern Maine Athletic Association. Matt helped the Bonny Eagle football team to achieve a 34-14 win in the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to Matt on this outstanding accomplishment and offer our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1017)

Nate Doehler, of Buxton, who has been selected as the *Maine Sunday Telegram* Most Valuable Player in high school football. Nate is currently a junior at Bonny Eagle High School. In his position as quarterback this season, he rushed for more than 1,000 yards and passed for more than 1,000. In the State Class A Championship game, he scored two touchdowns and passed for one more touchdown to help Bonny Eagle win the game. Nate also put his punting and place-kicking skills to use when he kicked three field goals and made 55 extra points this season. He scored 184 points and had a 35.5-yard punting average. We extend our congratulations to Nate on this outstanding accomplishment and offer our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1018)

Carrie V. Holman, of Richmond, the oldest citizen in town and holder of the Boston Post Cane since December of 2006, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, February 29, 2008. Mrs. Holman was born during the leap year 1908 and is "officially" 25 years old. She took out a work permit at the age of 14 so she could work at the Ames-Worcester Textile Mill, which she did into the 1950s. Her older son, Redlon Holman, Jr., was a firefighter, retiring as Fire Chief of Augusta. Her younger son, Philip, served in the United States Army, retiring as a full Colonel. We join her family and friends in sending Mrs. Holman our congratulations on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1019)

the Porter Lake Association, of New Vineyard, to which the New Vineyard town report is dedicated, for its efforts to protect Porter Lake, located in New Vineyard and Strong. We congratulate the Porter Lake Association on this honor; (HLS 1020)

Sam Webber, of New Vineyard, a senior at Mt. Blue High School who won the Class A State Wrestling Championship in the 130-pound weight class. This is Sam's second state title. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his achievements; (HLS 1021)

Arline Potter, of Strong, to whom the annual town report has been dedicated. Mrs. Potter was born in Strong in 1906 and has noted many changes through the years. Mrs. Potter remembers

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Strong as a thriving town with a hospital, drug store, several wood products mills, a blacksmith and a butcher shop. Having attended Farmington Normal School, which became the University of Maine at Farmington, she taught for many years at the Strong Elementary School and was recently presented with a plaque and the Boston Post Cane as the town's oldest resident. It is fitting that the Town of Strong dedicate the annual report to one of its most illustrious citizens. We send Mrs. Potter our best wishes; (HLS 1022)

Winona G. Badershall, of Freeman Township, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years with School Administrative District #58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Badershall for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1023)

Susan Kobb, of Oquossoc, on the occasion of her retirement after 16 years with School Administrative District #58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Kobb for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1024)

Delinda Smith, of Carrabassett Valley, on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years with School Administrative District #58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Smith for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1025)

Robert F. Jardine, Sr., of Millinocket and Milo, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Jardine served in the United States Army during World War II. He was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Purple Heart. He worked for many years for Great Northern Paper. He was an accomplished carpenter. He loved fishing, boating, snow sledding and hunting. He was a member of the Columbia-Doric Lodge No. 149 AF & AM, the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post No. 41 and the Greenville Methodist Church. Mr. Jardine was a good, hard-working man who was a tremendous role model for his family. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit and upstanding morals. He will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1026)

Gary Oswald, of Jay, principal at Mt. Blue Middle School, of MSAD #9, who was named Maine's 2008 Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association for his effective leadership, commitment to academic excellence, high expectations and standards and creation of a culture that supports learning. Mr. Oswald exemplifies the qualities of an effective middle level principal. The entire school community has benefited from his leadership. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1027)

Kayla Provencher, of Peru, a 13-year-old student at Dirigo Middle School, who has been invited to join the United States Junior team to compete in two Goodwill Games karate competitions, to be held at the Junior Karate-Do tournament in Japan. Kayla has been competing for six years and has consistently placed in the top three in her age group in competitions. She placed first in the Junior Olympics in Knoxville, Tennessee and placed in the top third in the nationals in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Kayla earned her adult black belt in karate more than a year ago and now helps teach beginner classes at Pelletier's Karate in Lewiston. She is also vice president of the student council at her school. We congratulate Kayla on her extraordinary achievements, and we send her our best wishes on her trip to Japan and on her future endeavors; (HLS 1028)

The Foxcroft Academy Wrestling Team, the Ponies, which won its 5th consecutive Eastern Maine Class C Wrestling Championship. The team finished ahead of 15 other teams. Earlier the team placed first in the Penobscot Valley Conference. We congratulate the Ponies on their accomplishment; (HLS 1029)

Joyce Potter, of Avon, who is retiring as an Avon selectman after 7 years of dedicated service to the community. During that time, she was instrumental in acquiring and developing the new town office/community center and town garage. We acknowledge her commitment to the Town of Avon and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1030)

Gayle N. Petrie, of Avon, on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years with School Administrative District #58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Petrie for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1031)

Jonathan M. Potvin, of Fort Kent, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 189, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jonathan on this accomplishment; (HLS 1032)

the members of Girl Scout Troops #191, #1998 and #189, and Boy Scout Troop #546, for their service to the Town of Temple. This year's town report is dedicated to the members of these Scout troops. We congratulate them on this honor; (HLS 1033)

Cynthia Dixon, of Avon, who is retiring after many years of service as the Mt. Blue Water District Office Manager and as the Treasurer for the Town of Avon. We acknowledge her years of commitment to the community and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1034)

Geraldine L. Campbell, of Avon, on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years with School Administrative District #58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Campbell for her dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1035)

Steve Weiner, of Avon, who has been named the 2008 Citizen of the Year for the Town of Avon. Mr. Weiner has served as the town's tax collector for 15 years. He has always made himself available to help people with licensing and registering their vehicles. He is the town's ambassador, as he is often the first person that new residents meet. His honesty, pride and dedication to the Town of Avon and its citizens is unsurpassed. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Weiner for his commitment to the citizens of Avon and congratulate him on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 1036)

Alice Jeanette Moore, born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts in 1915 and a resident of Phillips since 1974, for her volunteer work at the Veterans Association at Togus for over 13 years. Mrs. Moore has also been an active member of the Shared Ministry in Phillips, where she worked diligently as secretary and clerk for many years. She has been president of the Ladies Social Union and has always been eager to assist in fund-raisers and celebrations. Mrs. Moore is a life member of the Eastern Star and past member of the Legion Auxiliary. She is a wonderful neighbor to all. We send her our appreciation for her civic contributions to the community, the State and the Nation; (HLS 1037)

Jesse T. Jandreau, of Fort Kent, a member of Boy Scout Troop 189, who has attained the high rank and distinction of

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Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jesse on this accomplishment; (HLS 1038)

Cody J. Dubois, of Fort Kent, a member of Boy Scout Troop 189, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Cody on this accomplishment; (HLS 1039)

the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, of Lewiston, on its many projects, including its development of a film entitled "Smashed," which was created to educate the community's youth about the dangers of drinking and driving, and funded through a grant from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety with volunteer assistance. The film has been approved for use in driver's education classes throughout Maine. The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council advises the Lewiston City Council concerning community issues affecting youth and serves as a liaison between the youth of the community and the City. We congratulate the dedicated members of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council on the success of their hard work and vision and we commend them for their efforts; (HLS 1040)

Samantha Gifford, Melissa Hancock, Morgan Hisler, Lorri Hiltz, Caitlyn Lancaster, Krista Wiles and Katherine Milligan: all seniors and members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team who were named to the Academic All-American Team. We extend our congratulations on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 1041)

Melissa Hancock, of Mercer, who was named Miss Maine Field Hockey for 2007. The award is given annually to the top senior field hockey player in the State. Miss Hancock, who is a sweeper for the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, helped lead the Indians to their past 4 Class A State Field Hockey Championships. She scored 7 goals this season and was a strong component of the team's defense. We extend our congratulations to Miss Hancock on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 1042)

the members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, who won the 2007 Class A State Championship. This marks the team's seventh consecutive state championship and tenth overall. Skowhegan Area High School has won 13 Eastern Maine Field Hockey State Championships. Members of this year's championship team include: players Samantha Gifford, Melissa Hancock, Morgan Hisler, Lorri Hiltz, Caitlyn Lancaster, Krista Wiles, Katherine Milligan, Morgan Lambert, Erin Sevey, Kylie Damon, Courtney Lyons, Sam Gray, Jasmine Garsceau, Makayla Hancock, Mallory Hancock, Megan Hancock, Rebecca McCarty, Liz Noddin, Rebecca Pratt, Mackensie Smith, Katie Washburn and Renee DesPres and coaches Paula Doughty, Tammie Veinotte, Fawn Haynie, Norma Hurlbert, Jane Bigelow and Lauren Stevens. We extend our congratulations to the team on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 1043)

the Four Seasons Trail Association, of Madawaska, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of healthier lifestyles for the people of the community. The association, staffed and supported entirely by volunteers, provides first-class outdoor facilities and programs for all to use that take advantage of the natural beauty of the area, and it promotes healthy activities and economic opportunities for the community. The association is open to anyone and offers activities such as cross-country skiing, mountain biking, snowshoeing, walking and hiking and interpretive nature trails. We send our appreciation to the

Four Seasons Trail Association for its hard work for the community; (HLS 1044)

the memory of Agnes MacGregor Cunningham, of Saco, on the one-year anniversary of her passing, to celebrate the life of a woman known affectionately as "Nan" and informally by her students as "Miss Cunningham." The community of Saco will long remember her as a strict but beloved educator, a compassionate elder of her church and a woman of character and gentility. At the time she died, she was 94 years old and had been extremely alert, articulate and full of life up until the end. She was a modern woman for her time, and was a 1932 graduate of Farmington State Normal School. She taught school in Saco for 40 years, attending summer school at Gorham Normal School to complete her bachelor of arts in education in 1952 to meet increased teaching credential requirements. After World War II ended, she volunteered countless hours to teach English to new immigrant families. During the fire of 1947, she donated her time to help families who were burned out of their homes. During her teaching career, Miss Cunningham was known for her rigorous teaching standards and she expected self-discipline in the classroom. She taught 8th-grade English, reading and language at C.K. Burns School. Many years after she retired, she was quoted as saying, "when I first started out, I thought 'I just hope they like me,' and later on I thought, 'never mind the like, I hope they respect me.'" People told her she touched thousands of lives, but her reward was that they had touched hers. Miss Agnes "Nan" Cunningham will always be remembered by her many devoted nieces and nephews, and we join her many former students in celebrating the memory of this extraordinary educator; (HLS 1045)

Saint Andrews Home Health, of Boothbay Harbor, which has been chosen as one of the top 100 home health care units in the United States for 2007. Saint Andrews Home Health is ranked as one of the most successful Medicare-certified home health care providers in the United States. The annual review conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services identifies the top 25% of home health care agencies. They are ranked by an analysis based on publicly available information of performance measures in quality outcome, quality improvement and financial performance. Saint Andrews Home Health is a community-oriented nonprofit agency serving friends and neighbors with a variety of needs. Saint Andrews Home Health offers a full spectrum of home health and professional care services, including skilled nursing assessments, nursing care, medical social work, speech and language therapy, physical and occupational therapy and enterostomal therapy. We extend our appreciation to Saint Andrews Home Health for its commitment to the people of the State and congratulate it on its receiving this prestigious recognition; (HLS 1046)

Machinery Technician Second Class Charles N. Rockefeller, who serves with distinction on board the United States Coast Guard Cutter ABBIE BURGESS, and who has been named the 2007 Sailor of the Year for that vessel. Petty Officer Rockefeller displays professionalism in his work and used his extensive knowledge of major propulsion and electrical generating equipment to save the Coast Guard thousands of dollars in costs and to contribute to the high level of readiness of the ABBIE BURGESS. We congratulate Petty Officer Rockefeller on his being named the 2007 Sailor of the Year, and we send him our appreciation for his commitment to the United States Coast Guard, the State of Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1047)

Machinery Technician Second Class Aaron Strickland, who serves with distinction as the Assistant Engineering Petty Officer

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on board the United States Coast Guard Cutter TACKLE, and who has been named that vessel's 2007 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Strickland has worked diligently to maintain TACKLE's main propulsion and auxiliary systems and is one of the primary mentors on board for TACKLE's junior personnel. He also has volunteered many off-duty hours, representing the Coast Guard at events requiring military honors within the local community. We congratulate Petty Officer Strickland on his being named the 2007 Sailor of the Year, and we send him our appreciation for his commitment to the United States Coast Guard, the State of Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1048)

Machine Science Technician Second Class R. G. Cherkauer, who serves with distinction at the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Belfast, and who has been named the 2007 Sailor of the Year for that unit. Petty Officer Cherkauer is one of the most outstanding petty officers in the Marine Safety Detachment, having distinguished himself through his leadership, personal actions and experience. He exhibits the core values of the Coast Guard in his day-to-day life, both professionally and personally. We congratulate Petty Officer Cherkauer on his being named the 2007 Sailor of the Year, and we send him our appreciation for his commitment to the United States Coast Guard, the State of Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1049)

Machinery Technician First Class Daniel S. Burke, who serves with distinction on board the United States Coast Guard Cutter THUNDER BAY, and who has been named that vessel's 2007 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Burke exemplifies the core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty, and is a shipmate who can be counted on to improve any situation. His positive attitude and enthusiasm as a member of the United States Coast Guard is reflected in his excellent job performance. We congratulate Petty Officer Burke on his being named the 2007 Sailor of the Year, and we send him our appreciation for his commitment to the United States Coast Guard, the State of Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1050)

Gary Potvin, of Raymond, on his receiving the 2008 Business Achiever Award by the Gray-New Gloucester Business Association. Mr. Potvin, founder and owner of Pine Tree Food Equipment in Gray, is known for his strong work ethic and outgoing personality. He is widely known for giving back to the community in such ways as supporting local businesses by buying locally, supporting local organizations and donating funds for area endeavors. Beneficiaries of his generosity include the Gray Little League, the Gray-New Gloucester Lions Club, Opportunity Farm for Boys and Girls and the Fiddlehead Center for the Arts. We thank Mr. Potvin for his continued commitment to the community and his kindness that extends to everyone; (HLS 1051)

Troy Gaudet, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Troy for his achieving this distinction; (HLS 1052)

Benjamin Weston, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Benjamin for his achieving this distinction; (HLS 1053)

Christopher Parent, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of

Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher for his achieving this distinction; (HLS 1054)

Benjamin Rogers, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Benjamin for his achieving this distinction; (HLS 1055)

the hard work and tremendous accomplishment of the 2008 International Snowmobile Festival Committee in Madawaska. The annual festival is held the first weekend in February and includes competitions, meals and social events on both sides of the border. The festival also features 400 miles of marked trails in both the United States and Canada. With support from the Town of Madawaska, the City of Edmundston, the Province of New Brunswick and the State of Maine, the International Snowmobile Festival is a tremendous boost to tourism and the economy of the area in both countries. We extend our appreciation to Jean Ouellette and Steve Hughes, president and executive director, respectively, of the Madawaska Chamber of Commerce, for their efforts. We also thank the many volunteers and the members of the committee, both in the United States and Canada, who make the festival possible and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1056)

the Maine Troop Greeters, of Bangor, on the occasion of their greeting the 3,000th flight of members of the United States Armed Forces traveling to and from harm's way overseas. At all hours of the day, the Maine Troop Greeters of the Bangor area have met the flights of personnel who have landed in Bangor. The troop greeters continue to be an extraordinary example of generosity and dedication and exemplify the best of the Bangor area and the State of Maine. As the 3,000th flight arrives in Bangor, we send our appreciation to the Armed Forces for their dedicated service to our Nation, and we thank the Maine Troop Greeters for their comforting role as greeters; (HLS 1057)

the Cloudveil Company and Cameron Barker, of Jackson, Wyoming, for their expression of patriotism and support of our Nation's service men and women. During the 2007 Christmas season, the Cloudveil Company donated thousands of dollars' worth of outdoor apparel, including ski suits, pants, jackets and sweaters, to be presented to members of the Armed Forces returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Most of the clothing was presented to the soldiers returning to the United States on Christmas Eve by members of the American Legion Department of Maine and the Maine Troop Greeters at Bangor International Airport. This generous and thoughtful expression of gratitude was deeply appreciated by the returning soldiers, and the gesture reflects the best of what America represents. We send our appreciation to the Cloudveil Company and Cameron Barker for their extraordinary generosity; (HLS 1058)

the Mt. Abram High School Girls Ski Team, on its winning the 2008 Mountain Valley Conference ski championship, the school's 3rd straight championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1059)

Allan M. Levinsky, of Portland, author and historian, upon the honored occasion of the publication by Commonwealth Editions of his latest book, *A Short History of Portland*, the first comprehensive narrative of Maine's largest city to be published since the early 20th century. As an author, public lecturer and longtime docent at the homes of General Joshua Lawrence

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Chamberlain in Brunswick and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in Portland, Mr. Levinsky has educated and entertained countless tourists, students and fellow Mainers with enthusiasm and a comprehensive knowledge of Maine's history and heritage. So it is with pleasure that, upon the publication of this book and in anticipation of his future volumes, we congratulate Mr. Levinsky, a proud native son of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1060)

Barbara Rozelle, of Levant, a student at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor, who will represent the State of Maine as one of 13 Maine nominees to the All-USA Academic Team Program sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, *USA Today* and the American Association of Community Colleges. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Rozelle on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1061)

Michael McCabe, of Whiting, upon his being named the 2007 Volunteer of the Year by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce for his dedication of time and energy to help create the Cobscook Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Due to Mr. McCabe's organizational talent, persistence and leadership skills, the Chamber of Commerce has become a valuable resource for the community. Mr. McCabe has also developed an internet website and kiosks and has hosted several events and informational meetings each year. During the past 6 years, he has selflessly given more than 40 hours of noncompensated time to fill not only the role of president, but also those of executive director and administrative assistant. We send our appreciation to Mr. McCabe for his commitment to creating the Cobscook Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and his dedication to the community and to the State of Maine. We send our best wishes that his vision of an invigorated Washington County economy be realized; (HLS 1062)

the volunteer members of the Town of China's Emergency Services, for their dedication to the community. The volunteer fire department, the constable service and the rescue service exemplify civic commitment. We acknowledge their excellence in emergency services and send our appreciation for their efforts; (HLS 1063)

Katahdin Trust Company, of Patten, on its 90th anniversary of doing business in Northern Maine. On March 7, 1918, 8 months before the end of World War I, the Katahdin Trust Company opened for business and today it has 14 branches throughout Northern Maine. We acknowledge the important role the Katahdin Trust Company has in the banking industry in this State, and we send it our congratulations on this notable occasion; (HLS 1064)

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Darrell Stevens, of Bangor, on his 28 years of military service and achievements. Chief Warrant Officer Stevens joined the Maine Army National Guard after serving 6 years on active duty. As a medical evacuation pilot, he was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm and he has served for several years in a small aviation detachment providing military support to law enforcement agencies throughout Maine. While with the detachment, Chief Warrant Officer Stevens has held several key positions: operations officer, safety officer and aviation life support equipment officer, for both the detachment and the Army Aviation Support Facility. He is currently assigned as the State Aviation Safety Officer for Joint Force Headquarters. He has been selected as the Command Warrant Officer for the Maine Army National Guard and will work directly for the Maine Adjutant General, Major General Libby. We acknowledge Chief Warrant Officer 5 Darrell Steven's dedicated service to the Armed Forces, the State of Maine and the Nation, and we send him our best wishes in his new position; (HLS 1065)

Bertrand E. Lafrance, of Lewiston, a World War II veteran, on his recently receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal, which is awarded to veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in a combat theater, who were wounded by an instrument of war and awarded the Purple Heart and who meet other important criteria. We acknowledge Mr. Lafrance's dedicated service to the Nation and we send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1066)

Raymond J. Cyr, of Lewiston, a World War II veteran, on his recently receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal, which is awarded to veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in a combat theater, who were wounded by an instrument of war and awarded the Purple Heart and who meet other important criteria. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's dedicated service to the Nation and we send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1067)

Romeo Huppe, of Lewiston, a World War II veteran, on his recently receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal, which is awarded to veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in a combat theater, who were wounded by an instrument of war and awarded the Purple Heart and who meet other important criteria. We acknowledge Mr. Huppe's dedicated service to the Nation and we send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1068)

Henry Gehring, of Oakland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 433, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Henry organized a blood drive in his community. We extend our congratulations to Henry on this achievement; (HLS 1069)

Derek Veilleux, of Winslow, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 433, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Derek built an access platform for people with disabilities at Winslow High School. We extend our congratulations to Derek on this achievement; (HLS 1070)

Michael McClellan, of Raymond, who was named the 2007 Chamber Executive of the Year by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. Nominated by members and officers of the Board of Directors of the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, Mr. McClellan has played a pivotal role in revitalizing this part of our State. Mr. McClellan has selflessly worked to transform the financially challenged chamber into one that is self-sufficient through doubling its membership, creating profitable events and integrating municipal economic development. Realizing the importance of establishing a cohesive network of small businesses to stimulate growth and investment in the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region and in western Maine, Mr. McClellan has infused his sense of professionalism, tenacity and entrepreneurial spirit into the region. Without a doubt, Mr. McClellan has collaboratively increased this area's prosperity, while enhancing tourism and business survivability. In addition to his duties as Executive Director, Mr. McClellan also serves as Vice President of the Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. In this capacity, he has revived communication among the members of the Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives through his persistent and insightful reminders. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce

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clearly made a wise decision in honoring Mr. McClellan with this mark of distinction. We acknowledge Mr. McClellan's many contributions in retaining existing commerce and industry while attracting new enterprises to Maine; (HLS 1071)

George Moody, of Glenburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to George on this achievement; (HLS 1072)

the members of the Glenburn Elementary School Boys B Basketball Team, who were the runners-up in the Penobscot Valley Middle League Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1073)

the members of the Glenburn Elementary School Girls A Basketball Team, who were the runners-up in the Penobscot Valley Middle League Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1074)

the members of the Glenburn Elementary School Boys A Basketball Team, who were the runners-up in the Penobscot Valley Middle League Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1075)

James G. McGowan, of Levant, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 24, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to James on this achievement; (HLS 1076)

the following members of the Glenburn Elementary School Chess Team, who won the Penobscot Valley Middle League Chess Tournament: Gavin Perez, Zach Hamilton, Joseph Belanger, Gunnar Heckler, Brandon Terra, Humza Khan, Josh Burleigh, Jordan Guillaume, Noah Jacques and Cody Smith. The team will be participating in the University of Maine All-Star Chess Challenge. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1077)

the members of the Glenburn Elementary School Cheering Team, who won the All-Saints School Cheering Competition. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1078)

the members of the Glenburn Elementary School Girls B Basketball Team, who won the Penobscot Valley Middle League Championship. The team also received the Penobscot Valley Middle League Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievements; (HLS 1079)

the following members of the Deering High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, of Portland, who have won the 2008 Class A State Championship: Britni Mikulanecz, Jessica Ruhlin, Diana Manduca, Maria Apon, Porscha Lewis, Anna Apon, Nicole Garland, Heather Dadiago, Jordan Cuddy, Kristal Saavedra, Maria Salamone, Stefanie Saavedra, Casey Everest, Kayla Burchill and Claire Ramonas. The Head Coach is Mike D'Andrea and the Athletic Director is Brendan Conway. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Deering High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team on their achievement; (HLS 1080)

Greta R. Sulkowitch Miller, of Portland, upon her turning 100 years of age on April 4, 2008. Ms. Miller was born and raised and has lived her whole life in the Forest City. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Miller on this very special occasion; (HLS 1081)

Machine Science Technician Third Class Tyson Ligsay, who serves with distinction at the United States Coast Guard Station Rockland in the Engineering Department and who has been

named the 2007 Sailor of the Year for that unit. Petty Officer Ligsay is one of the most outstanding petty officers in the Engineering Department, having distinguished himself through his leadership, personal actions and experience. He exemplifies the core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty in his day-to-day life, both professionally and personally. We congratulate Petty Officer Ligsay on his being named the 2007 Sailor of the Year, and we send him our appreciation for his commitment to the United States Coast Guard, the State of Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1082)

the members of the Oxford Hills High School Girls Basketball Team on their winning the school's first Class A Eastern Maine Basketball Tournament. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1083)

Alfred B. "Al" Sherman, of Boothbay, who was honored by the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services with the Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal for his "honorable service in the Armed Forces of our country and for his award of the Purple Heart for wounds received during World War II." The presentation also included a Certificate of Appreciation from the Citizens of Maine, which was signed by Governor John E. Baldacci and Major General John Libby, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard. Mr. Sherman joined the United States Marines in 1942 and, during the war, he fought with the 4th Marine Division on Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian and Roi-Namur as a gunnery sergeant. He was wounded five times and received three Purple Heart commendations. We acknowledge Mr. Sherman's extraordinary bravery, his sacrifices and his accomplishments during World War II, and we extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service to his State and to the Nation; (HLS 1084)

Muriel Northrup Higgins, of Belfast, upon her turning 100 years old on March 17, 2008. Born in Kings County, Canada in 1908, Muriel married Roland Higgins in 1927. It was in her forties that Muriel became an American citizen; she is known for persistently declaring it was her choice to become an American, she was not born one. Throughout her years, Muriel has been a productive member of society, having driven a school bus, labored at Freedom's corn factory and worked as a staff member at Bethany Nursing Home in Albion. Muriel's devotion to her faith in God is evident in her daily Bible reading and her efforts to ensure that children attend Sunday school and church. In 1986 Muriel and her husband relocated from Albion to Belfast, where she now resides at Harbor Hill Nursing Home. We join Muriel's 2 sons, one daughter-in-law, 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 1085)

Donald Emmons, of Brewer, for his successful effort in obtaining a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart. Mr. Emmons is an employee of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Brewer. As part of its community involvement, Wal-Mart provides money through grants to organizations to make improvements in the community. Mr. Emmons applied for and received a \$1,000 grant, which he gave to the Frankfort Fire Department for the purchase of new equipment. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Emmons for his dedication to the community and the State; (HLS 1086)

Colonel Allan Weeks, of Wiscasset, Chief of the Maine State Police for 11 years. Having served in the United States Navy during World War II, he joined the state police in 1950 and served as a state police officer for 37 years, primarily in Troop D in Thomaston as a trooper, sergeant and lieutenant. Deputy Chief from 1974 to 1976, Colonel Weeks was appointed Chief in 1976. From 1976 to 1979, he also served as Commissioner of Public Safety. He dedicated his life to the state police and was a

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decisive, no-nonsense administrator who earned the deep loyalty and respect of the hundreds of troopers who served under him. During his years as Colonel, he established the State Police tactical team, the canine program, the hostage negotiator team, the dive team, the internal affairs unit and the crime laboratory. He set the highest standard for the state police and embodied their core values of integrity, fairness, compassion and excellence. We extend our condolences to his wife, Jen, and their son. We acknowledge his dedication to the State and the nation. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his fellow law enforcement officers and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1087)

David K. Bridges, of York, who is a recipient of the York County Firefighters Association Public Service Award for 2007. Mr. Bridges has been a member of the York Beach Fire Department for 37 years, holding positions from firefighter to Chief, his present position. Since becoming chief, he has replaced 2 rescues, replaced the department's Engine 1 with a new 2006 E-One Pumper, totally remodeled the captain's living quarters, put in a new heating system for the station, remodeled the stairway to the second floor, including a stairchair, and remodeled the lobby and radio room. When he is not busy at the station, Mr. Bridges is busy with his family and operating the family business, Coastal Landscaping and Garden Center. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bridges for his commitment to the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1088)

Steve Harding, of Alfred, who is a recipient of the York County Firefighters Association Public Service Award for 2007. Mr. Harding is York County's National Incident Management System coordinator. He has volunteered for 8 years with the York County Emergency Management Agency, for which he serves as chair of the Local Emergency Management Commission. Mr. Harding is also an instructor and coordinator for the Incident Management Assistance Team. He spent over 30 years with the Maine Forest Service. He serves as a public information officer when needed by the agency and is always willing to pitch in and help. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Harding for his commitment to the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1089)

Albert Jones, Jr., of Livermore Falls, on his 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter. Mr. Jones, known as Sonny, has held several officer positions, including 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Chief of the Fire Department. Currently, he is 1st Lieutenant and driver-operator with the first piece of apparatus out of the station. We acknowledge his 50 years of dedicated commitment to the firefighting profession and to his community. We congratulate him on his Golden Anniversary of firefighting; (HLS 1090)

Samuel Mullen, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop High School, who is the recipient of the 2008 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Samuel has been a very active member of the school community all 4 years of his high school career. He is a participant in the Youth in Government Program, is serving as a student representative to the Winthrop School Board and serves as vice-president of the student council. He was nominated for the Daughters of the American Revolution Award given for citizenship. Samuel has participated in the Art Club and Outing Club and is a member of the football team and the basketball team. We extend our congratulations to Samuel on his achievements and wish him continued success; (HLS 1091)

Elizabeth Lyons, of Bernard, Maine and Port Hood, Nova Scotia, a respected educator in the Mount Desert Island High School community. Mrs. Lyons first taught English at Sumner High School, and in 1982 she started a 25-year career at Mount Desert High School, first as a teacher and finally as a department head and curriculum administrator. She was considered an innovative teacher and was a formally recognized Master Teacher and a National Board Certified Teacher. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to the students of her community. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1092)

the following members of the Mount Desert Island High School Boys Swim Team, who won their 5th consecutive Class B State Swimming Championship: Michael Breen, Patrick Breen, Ian Carbone, Ben Cline, Will Dickey, Justin Gilmartin, Abe Gladstone, Norman Haynes, Evan Hendricks, Jeremy Hyde, Rowan Kase, Cullen O'Brien, Ty Onda, Ben Steel, Tyler Steel, Andre Stevens-Rosa, Nigel Storer, Jamie Thormann, Max Timko, Calvin Tweedie and Stephen Zirkilton and Coach Tony DeMuro. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1093)

Erin Buck, of Caribou, who has been named the 2008 Aroostook Idol. The daughter of Steven and Pamela Buck, Erin has also held the title of Miss Teen Maine 2007. In addition to her vocal talent, she has achieved highest-high honors scholastically, was named to Who's Who Among Outstanding Middle School Students and has earned varsity letters in soccer and alpine skiing. A freshman at Caribou High School, Erin has been singing professionally for 8 years. Her other talents include dance and piano, which she has been playing for 9 years. Erin selflessly gives of her time to various organizations, including St. Jude's Hospital, the Cary Medical Center's Maternal and Child Health Unit and the United Way of Maine. We offer Erin our most sincere congratulations for earning this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1094)

the United States Army Reserve on its 100th anniversary, April 23, 2008. The United States Army Reserve was established in 1908 by the United States Congress to supply a federal reserve force of skilled and trained personnel. The Reserve is composed of 3 components: the Ready Reserve, the Stand-by Reserve and the Retired Reserve. The Reserve has a presence in 1000 communities with 975 Reserve Centers. The Army Reserve, in time of peace as well as in crisis, functions as an integral and essential operational reserve in support of the missions of the Active Army. These are truly citizen soldiers, our friends and neighbors and associates at work. Army Reserve soldiers will continue their tradition of distinguished service and sacrifice today and into the future. We are pleased to honor the United States Army Reserve on its 100th anniversary; (HLS 1095)

Robert W. Scammon, of Scarborough, a longtime art teacher for the Scarborough School Department. Mr. Scammon also was involved with the Scarborough 350th Anniversary Committee, serving on its logo committee. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1096)

Vernon Walter Paulsen, a lifetime resident of Scarborough. Mr. Paulsen had the distinction of being the first Eagle Scout from Scarborough, attaining that high rank in 1935 in Boy Scout Troop #39. He was the first charter member of the first rescue unit for the State of Maine and built the first 3 rescue unit vehicles. Mr. Paulsen had served on the Scarborough Fire Department since the age of 14, and he was the Clerk of the Works for the fire station at Dunstan Corner. He served on the Scarborough Board of Education for 14 years. We acknowledge Mr. Paulsen's

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dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1097)

Leroy W. Fox Rand, of South Portland, at 74 years of age on February 18, 2008. A Maine native born to Roy Warren and Elizabeth A. O'Brion Rand, Mr. Rand graduated from Cheverus High School in 1951. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1956 at Gorham State Teachers College and went on to earn his Masters degree at Clark University in 1957. He married Joan Given on September 8, 1956. Pursuing a vocation in the field of education, Mr. Rand helped shape the minds of young students while a teacher at Cape Elizabeth High School from 1958 through 1987. He taught at Catherine McAuley High School from 1987 through 2001. Mr. Rand's coaching prowess at both schools was made evident through the numerous state championships won by the teams he guided. In 1988 he was elected to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Rand's devotion to his faith was made evident through his being an original communicant of St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church. He was also a communicant at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church and was a Eucharistic Minister at both churches. He was a member of the Cheverus Council of the Knights of Columbus and was a Fourth Degree Knight. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1098)

Dave Gonyea, of Auburn, who has been named Coach of the Year by the Yankee Small College Conference. Mr. Gonyea has coached the men's basketball team at Central Maine Community College for 14 years. He led the team to the conference final this past season. Mr. Gonyea serves as the Director of Athletics, Housing and Residential Life at CMCC. Under his leadership, the team has won 8 state titles, 2 regional crowns and one national championship. Mr. Gonyea also serves as President of the USCAA Board of Directors. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Gonyea on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1099)

James W. Smith, of New Sharon, who has served the Town of New Sharon for 46 years as a Selectman. We acknowledge his extraordinary commitment to his community and send him our congratulations; (HLS 1100)

Betti and Roger Curran, of Topsham, who operate an animal rescue organization called the Coastal Maine Great Dane Rescue. Mr. and Mrs. Curran have been rescuing Great Danes and other dogs for nearly 30 years. We acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Curran for their commitment to helping animals; (HLS 1101)

Kyle Goan, a junior at Westbrook High School, who won the Class A State Swim Championship in the 100-meter freestyle and the 100-meter breaststroke. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on these achievements; (HLS 1102)

Sister Yvette Plante, of Van Buren, on the occasion of her renewing her vows as a Sister of the Good Shepherd on her Golden Jubilee. Sister Yvette pronounced her first vows on August 15, 1958 before entering the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, also known as the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec. Sister Yvette received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from St. Joseph's College in 1969. She became an educator and over the years has taught various grade levels at schools around the State. She has been involved in Van Buren's bilingual education program since its inception in 1995. We acknowledge Sister Yvette's commitment to her faith and to the communities she has served, and we send her our appreciation for the positive impact she has had on the lives of her many students. We congratulate her on her Golden Jubilee; (HLS 1103)

the following members of the Lewiston High School Boys Swim Team, the Blue Devils, which won the 2008 Kennebec

Valley Athletic Conference Championship: swimmers Tucker Adams, James Fecteau, Thomas Tripp, Ted Blaisdell, Devin Carrier, Tyler Lussier, Derek Morris, Jordan Brown, Nate Chaloux, Michael Paradis, Ryan Profenno, Dustin Record, Matthew Reed, Paul Romanov, Kurtis Stocker, Brandon Waite, Colby Miles and Ryan Pare; Captains Patrick Roy and David Tirabassi; Head Coach Rebecca Angelides; and Assistant Coach Dennis Roy. This is the team's first KVAC championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Blue Devils on this achievement; (HLS 1104)

Lee Breton, of Winslow, on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Winslow Parks and Recreation Department after 30 years of service. During his time with the department, Mr. Breton emphasized fun rather than competition. In addition to a thriving soccer program in both the fall and spring, he established a basketball league for children in grades 1 to 6 in the winter, as well as a full summer program. One of his final projects as recreation director included locating and converting some municipal property in the middle of town into a sledding area for the children of the town as well as the surrounding communities. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Breton for his years of service to the community and offer our congratulations and best wishes for an enjoyable retirement; (HLS 1105)

Pearley and Alice LaChance, of Waterville, on their being inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame for their lifetime of work and support of the French heritage in Maine. Mr. and Mrs. LaChance grew up speaking French at home and attending bilingual elementary parochial schools in the Winslow and Waterville areas. Mr. LaChance attended evening classes on Franco-American Culture at Waterville High School Adult Ed and attended Franco-American courses, seminars and conferences. He was an active member of the group that founded the "Le F.A.R.O.G. Forum" at the University of Maine. In 1975 Mr. and Mrs. LaChance ventured to French-speaking Algeria, Mr. LaChance as a machine tool instructor and Mrs. LaChance as a coordinator welcoming newly arriving families from the United States, Canada and Europe. Retirement has allowed Mr. and Mrs. LaChance to be active participants in Franco-American groups such as the Bavards, the Franco-American Heritage Society of the Kennebec Valley and the Franco-American Heritage Center in Lewiston as well as volunteering in many other organizations. Mr. LaChance has conducted tours for school and adult groups of the "Museum in the Street," which highlights the contributions of Franco-Americans to the Waterville Area. In 2004 they served as the Honorary Memere and Pepere for the Franco-American Festival in Waterville. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. LaChance on their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1106)

Madeleine Giguere, of Lewiston, on her being inducted posthumously into the Franco-American Hall of Fame for her lifetime of work and support of the French heritage in Maine. Professor Giguere, an internationally recognized sociologist, was known locally and regionally as "la marraine," the godmother, of Maine's Franco-Americans. Professor Giguere had a long and distinguished academic career, specializing in ethnic and women's issues. She taught at St. Joseph's College and Boston College before accepting a position at the University of Southern Maine where she established Franco-American Studies as a legitimate and important part of her curriculum. The author and editor of numerous publications about Franco-Americans, she was an authority on the analysis of ethnic components of the United States Census since 1970. She served on statewide committees defending women's rights and promoting Franco-American contributions to Maine's development. In 1992, the

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Library of Congress recognized her for her contributions to Acadian culture. Professor Giguere was instrumental in establishing the Franco-American Heritage Collection at Lewiston-Auburn College. The Reading Room at the Franco-American Collection and a scholarship fund have been named in her honor; (HLS 1107)

Rachel Desgrosseilliers, of Auburn, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame for her lifetime of work for and support of French heritage in Maine. Ms. Desgrosseilliers's family immigrated to Lewiston from St. Ludger, Canada. She grew up speaking French in the vibrant Francophone world of Lewiston, going to L'Eglise St. Famille and reading *Le Messager*. Preserving the history, telling the stories and honoring the memory of Franco-Americans have been a great part of Ms. Desgrosseilliers's professional life for the past decade. Ms. Desgrosseilliers has been the director of the Museum L-A for the past 3 years. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Desgrosseilliers on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1108)

Julie D. Albert, of Madawaska, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame for her lifetime of work and support of French heritage in Maine. Mrs. Albert was born Juliet Daigle in St. David and attended Madawaska schools. She married Elmo Albert and they had 4 children. Having a lifelong interest in Acadian history, she wrote *Madawaska's Centennial Book* in 1969, single-handedly researching, interviewing and making sketches to produce a book that was about the people of the region. It is considered one of the most complete researches of the modern history of the St. John's Valley. She is an avid reader and has written a volume of poetry, and she is also a talented painter. Mrs. Albert is a life member of the Madawaska Historical Society. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Albert on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1109)

Quinn True Value Hardware, in Skowhegan, on its receiving the Small Business of the Year award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. The Quinn family has owned the business since 1959, when Willis Quinn purchased Blunt's Hardware, the oldest retail business in Skowhegan, which dated back to 1864. It was later taken over by his sons, Thomas and Jeffrey. The business is now operated by his granddaughters, Vanessa York and Alicia Powers. The fourth generation is also well represented by great-granddaughter Emma, who is the star in the television commercials. Quinn True Value Hardware gives good old-fashioned service to its customers. Members of the Quinn family are active in many local organizations and give back to the community. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Quinn family on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1110)

Le Club Calumet, of Augusta, on the occasion of Franco-American Day, for its exemplary contributions to the French heritage of the Augusta area. Founded in 1922, the club's aims were the propagation of the French language and intellectual development, by means of music, literature and all things judged beneficial to the interests of Franco-Americans. Le Club Calumet Educational and Literary Foundation has made over 1,500 financial awards to students, totaling more than \$1,000,000 in grants, scholarships and interest-free loans. The club supports local sports teams and food banks and is a good neighbor in the community. As part of the club's civic contributions, it gives its Outstanding Citizens Award to non-Franco-Americans and its Medallion Award to Franco-Americans who benefit the community. In addition, Le Club Calumet hosts the annual Le Festival de la Bastille, a three-day event to celebrate Franco-

American culture. We acknowledge the importance of Le Club Calumet, not only to the City of Augusta, but to the State of Maine, as we join the members in celebrating Franco-American Day in the State Capitol. We extend our appreciation to the good members of Le Club Calumet; (HLS 1111)

James R. Mockler, of Caribou, who has been named the 2008 Citizen of the Year for the City of Caribou. A longtime resident of our nation's most northeastern city, Mr. Mockler is a director of Mockler Funeral Home and Captain of the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department. His knowledge and expertise have earned him the distinction of serving as president and treasurer of the Maine Funeral Directors Association. In the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attack in New York City, Mr. Mockler was called to duty as a member of the national DEMORT team. In 2005, following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Mockler was again called to respond to those in need on the Gulf Coast. During his 16 years of service as a firefighter, he has selflessly worked to ensure that he and his colleagues are well prepared to respond in cases of emergency. Mr. Mockler is involved in a number of civic organizations, including the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery board and the area Masonic Lodge. We wish to congratulate Mr. Mockler for earning this richly deserved mark of distinction; (HLS 1112)

J.P. Martin & Sons Construction Corporation, of Caribou, recipient of the 2008 Caribou Chamber of Commerce & Industry Business of the Year Award. An enterprise that has operated in the City of Caribou for 3 generations, this family-owned business has successfully completed work on schools, churches, medical facilities, large housing projects, office facilities and light-manufacturing plants. Jim Martin and his team of skilled employees are to be recognized for their commitment to quality craftsmanship and for their devotion to the Caribou community. We extend our congratulations to J.P. Martin & Sons Construction Corporation on its receiving this award; (HLS 1113)

Nancy Bosse Chandler, of Caribou, who is the recipient of the Caribou Citizen Spirit Award. With well-established roots in the community, Ms. Chandler's passion for some time has been to build a facility that will offer children a fun place to learn. The realization of the Caribou Children's Discovery Museum is the compilation of that vision. Her compassionate and caring demeanor is evident through her desire to provide young people with a nearby cultural and educational experience. An avid supporter of Caribou, Ms. Chandler is to be commended for her home town pride. We wish to congratulate Ms. Chandler for earning this richly deserved mark of distinction; (HLS 1114)

Brandon Briggs, of Lincoln, who won the Class C State Wrestling Championship in the 112-pound weight class. Brandon, a senior at Mattanawcook Academy, is the first wrestler from the school to secure this title since 1999. He has wrestled for 3 years and has earned a total of 98 wins. Brandon is to be commended for his efforts and hours of dedication to this sport and we wish him continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1115)

Dr. Larry S. Taub, of Falmouth, upon his retirement as the Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in Falmouth. Dr. Taub is respected and admired by all at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and has served with great honor and distinction for 8 years. Beginning July 1, 2008, Dr. Taub will serve as Head of School for the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. He will be the first deaf individual to head the Pennsylvania school. Dr. Taub's departure from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf will be a

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great loss to the State. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors; (HLS 1116)

Karen Greenleaf, of Skowhegan, who has received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to a chamber member who has given an overwhelming amount of time to the chamber. Ms. Greenleaf currently serves as treasurer of the Skowhegan Rotary Club. She is on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and has served on many chamber committees. She is the Executive Vice President of the Franklin-Somerset Federal Credit Union. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Greenleaf on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1117)

Cinjin Goewey, a senior at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, who won the 2007-2008 Maine State Wrestling Championship in the 135-pound weight class. Cinjin is the first wrestler in Maine Central Institute's history to have achieved 100 career wins. He finished with a total of 111 wins in his 4 seasons, 74 of which were by pin. He also won the 2007-2008 Eastern Maine Regional Championship and the Kennebec Athletic Conference Championship and finished 6th in the New England Wrestling Championships. We extend our congratulations to Cinjin on these achievements;

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Hillary Maxim, of Old Town, who won the Class B Individual State Indoor Track and Field Championship in the 1-mile and 2-mile indoor track events. She completed the 1-mile event in 5 minutes and 6.9 seconds, which is the top time of any runner in the State in any division. She placed 15th overall at the New England Regional Championships in 2007. Hillary is a senior at Old Town High School and is a high honor student. She is active in a number of extracurricular and community service activities. She will attend the University of Maine at Orono this fall on an athletic scholarship. We extend our congratulations to Hillary on these achievements; (HLS 1119)

the Mt. Blue High School Boys Ski Team, on its winning the 2008 Class A State Ski Championship. The team was also the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Alpine Champion. We extend our congratulations to the skiers and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1120)

the Mt. Blue High School Girls Ski Team, on its winning the 2008 Class A State Ski Championship. The team was also the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Alpine Champion. We extend our congratulations to the skiers and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1121)

Jeanne Tucker, principal at Mt. Abram High School, who has been named 2008 High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Tucker has been the principal at Mt. Abram High School for 8 years. Ms. Tucker was recognized for her accomplishments as an educational leader in the areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction and assessment; personalization of learning; and contributions to the profession. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Tucker for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her upon her winning this award; (HLS 1122)

Ben Milster, of Temple, on his serving 2 terms as selectman for the Town of Temple. We send our appreciation to Mr. Milster for his commitment to his community; (HLS 1123)

the members of the Mt. Blue High School Drama Team, who won first place in the 2008 Class A regional competition of the Maine Drama Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1124)

the following members of the Lewiston High School Boys Hockey Team: Scott Ouellette, Ben McDonough, Matt

Letourneau, Jesse Leeman, Craig Sirois, Cody Dussault, Jon Roy, Sam Cloutier, Jordan Bourgoin, Brandon Lebrun, Casey Poussard, Ben Wigant, Justin Nadeau, Robbie Leeman, Andrew Marden, Jake Brown, Devin McLellan, Joey Fournier, Ryan Lemelin, Nick Mathon, Cam Poussard, Alex Lafreniere and Zac Racine and Head Coach Norm Gagne and Assistant Coaches Jeff Ross, Mike Hefty and Richard Boulet, who won the 2008 Eastern Class A Championship. This is the fifth straight year the school has won. We send our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1125)

Garrett Field, of Glenburn, who came in second place at the 9th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Chess Tournament, hosted by Stillwater Montessori School. One of 48 participants in 4 sections, Garrett was in the unrated K-6 section. We congratulate Garrett on his accomplishment; (HLS 1126)

Levi Ashley, of Glenburn, who attended Orono High School, on his being deployed to work with AmeriCorps, a residential national service program created to assist with disaster relief, improve the environment, enhance education, increase public safety and address unmet human needs. Levi was on a search and rescue team in his community for 5 years. He has volunteered for 10 months of full-time service with AmeriCorps. We congratulate Levi Ashley on his commitment to active citizenship and send him our best wishes on his endeavors; (HLS 1127)

Raymond and Ruth Grover, of Eliot, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary on March 28, 2008. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Grover our most sincere congratulations and wish them continued happiness together; (HLS 1128)

William P. Page, of Winslow, on his retirement as Chief of both the Waterville and Winslow Fire Departments after a 47-year career in fire service. Mr. Page was the first chief to lead both the Waterville and Winslow fire departments at the same time. He played a larger role in regionalizing some emergency services between the two municipalities after becoming Chief of the Waterville Fire Department in 2004 while serving as Chief of the Winslow Fire Department. He was only the second Maine fire chief to have been fire chief in two major communities at the same time. We acknowledge Chief Page's dedicated service to his profession, the communities of Waterville and Winslow and the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1129)

the York Street Baptist Church, of York, on its bicentennial celebration. Founded on May 13, 1808 as the York Christian Church, this house of worship grew out of a renewal of the religious movement known as the Great Awakening. Initially organized at the dwelling of John Tenney by Elder Elias Smith, the church professed to be known by no other name but Christian. The first pastor, York native Peter Young, was ordained on September 7, 1808. Enduring difficult times through its history, the York Street Baptist Church is a testament to the congregation's unwavering faith. We extend our congratulations to the good members of York Street Baptist Church as they celebrate 200 years of offering citizens a place to worship; (HLS 1130)

Bernard Lown, of Lewiston and Massachusetts, who is a world-renowned cardiologist. Mr. Lown and his family emigrated from Lithuania in 1935 and settled in Lewiston. He attended Lewiston High School and the University of Maine prior to entering medical school at The Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Lown is the primary developer of the defibrillator, a founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility and a cofounder of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. Mr. Lown and the International Physicians for the Prevention of

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Nuclear War were recipients of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. The South Bridge connecting Lewiston and Auburn will be renamed the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge in Mr. Lown's honor. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Lown; (HLS 1131)

Limestone High School's 100th graduating class. This educational institution has enlightened the minds of a diverse group of young people from around the globe. Having experienced a growth in school enrollment subsequent to the opening of Loring Air Force Base, the Limestone community underwent a dramatic drop in its total population after the military facility's closing in 1994. The loss of family and friends was devastating, but the school's mission to build tomorrow's future on today's dreams endured. We congratulate the members of Limestone High School's centennial graduating class and wish that they and all of the previous years' graduates realize much success in the pursuit of excellence; (HLS 1132)

the South Portland Robotics Team, the Riot Crew, which is the recipient of the General Motors Industrial Design Award at the 2008 robotics championship competition. The award is given for form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively achieves the game challenge. The Riot Crew's robot this year was the Ball Tech Haulah. Team members include students from South Portland High School and South Portland Middle School and students from surrounding communities. The team is sponsored by Fairchild Semiconductor and coached by Jon Meade. The Riot Crew consistently wins awards for its robotic creations at the BAE Systems Granite State Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, sponsored by the Foundation for the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. They won the regional championship in 2003. The Riot Crew represents the best of community partnerships and inspires students to explore science, technology, engineering, design and robotics. We extend our congratulations to the South Portland Robotics Team on its achievements; (HLS 1133)

Ashley Morgan, of Lewiston, who has been chosen by WCSH Channel 6 to receive a Teens Who Care award. Ashley is a senior at Lewiston High School. She is being recognized for her work with the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council and for her help in writing and directing the council's video, "Smashed." We extend our appreciation to Ashley for her commitment to the citizens of this State and congratulate her on receiving this award; (HLS 1134)

the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of its annual Maine convention and of the anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus, March 29, 2008. On October 2, 1881, a small group of men called together by Father Michael J. McGivney met at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut to form a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Roman Catholic family fraternal service organization. The Knights of Columbus was incorporated on March 29, 1882 under the laws of Connecticut and named in honor of Christopher Columbus, who introduced Christianity to the New World. The Knights of Columbus has more than 1.7 million members around the world and 10,000 members in Maine. The principles of the Order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. In the past 11 years, the members of the Knights of Columbus have raised more than \$1.174 billion for charitable causes and provided in excess of 560 million hours of volunteer efforts in support of charity. Last year the Knights of Columbus donated \$139 million to charity and provided over 60 million hours of volunteer service in the United States. From 1979 to 2005, the Maine Knights of Columbus raised nearly \$2 million for the mentally handicapped through the Tootsie Roll Program. We extend our congratulations to the good members of the Knights of Columbus

in this State and around the world for their generosity and exemplary contributions to society. We send State Deputy Robert King, Sr., and the Maine Knights of Columbus our best wishes on their upcoming convention on the weekend of April 19th and 20th, 2008; (HLS 1135)

Betty Austin, of Skowhegan, who is the recipient of the annual Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Alton W. Whittemore Award for extended service to the community. Ms. Austin has served the town as a selectman and as a member of the planning board. She is a director of the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, chair of the board for the local public access cable television station and a member of and lay speaker at the United Methodist Church. She is also a lay minister for the Salem Community Methodist Church in Salem. Ms. Austin is an insurance agent and is employed by the Skillings Insurance Agency. The Town of Skowhegan is proud to have Ms. Austin as a resident and a dedicated worker. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Austin on her receiving this award; (HLS 1136)

the following members of the Maranacook Community High School Boys Basketball Team, who won the 2008 State Class B Basketball Championship: Sam Poulin, Ryan Martin, Will Bardaglio, Mike Poulin, Patrick Norwood, Jeff Duplisea, Corey Stephens, Conrad Gilman, Ben Johnson, Max Hoddwells, Brian Bean, David Clough, Devin Gerrity, Mike Allen and Mike Lachance and coach Rob Schmidt, assistant coaches Dick Hall and Paul Bean and managers Megan Heath, Pat Danforth and Ryan McPhedran. This is the team's 2nd championship in 3 years. We extend our congratulations to the Maranacook Black Bears on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 1137)

the following members of the Caribou High School Wrestling Team: Corey Lajoie, Danielle MacDonald, Lance Jandreau, Brian Vrieze, Dan Saucier and Carlin Dubay, who are the recipients of the 2007-2008 Class B East Good Sportsmanship Award. The Vikings' excellent behavior and attitude warranted this recognition, bringing to culmination an already successful season. We commend the team members for their good sportsmanship; (HLS 1138)

the following members of the Caribou High School Varsity Cross-Country Ski Team: Joey Bard, Lindsey Cote, Jordan Powers, Laura Collins, Jesse Stephens, Finn Bondeson, Jared Sleeper, Taylor Jepson and Spencer McElwain and coaches P.J. Gorneault, Neal Genz and Bob Sprague. The team won second place at the 2008 Class B State Nordic Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team members and coaches on their successful season; (HLS 1139)

Jerome P. O'Kane, of Millinocket, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was the owner of O'Kane's Electronic Service for many years before going to work at Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. O'Kane retired in 1993. He was known to many as the local locksmith and radio and TV repairman. He also supplied several years of fireworks displays for the community. Mr. O'Kane was a member of the American Legion, the Fin and Feather Club and the local search and rescue team. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1140)

Molly Neptune Parker, of Indian Township, a Passamaquoddy community in Washington County, on her being awarded the Maine Arts Commission's 2008 Traditional Artist Fellowship. Ms. Parker's basketmaking is known nationally, and she has worked with the Smithsonian Museum in conducting basketmaking workshops. She has also been featured in several national magazines for her Maine Indian basket craft. Ms. Parker is the

president of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance, a native group that promotes Maine crafts. She has served the Passamaquoddy Tribe as an elected official from the 1960s to 2000, as Lieutenant Governor and as a Tribal Council member. Currently she owns and operates Mikhu Lodge on Lewey Lake. We acknowledge Ms. Parker's extraordinary talents and we congratulate her on her receiving this distinguished award; (HLS 1141)

the 2008 members of the Lewiston Maineiacs, of Lewiston, the only United States-based member of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, as they near the end of their successful fifth season: players Jonathan Bernier, Peter Delmas, Kirk Rafuse, Michael Ward, Denis Reul, Tom Michalik, Alexander Beaton, Stefano Giliati, Todd Chinova, Matt Bourdeau, Lucas LaBelle, Marc Bourgeois, Billy Lacasse, Marc-Andre Daneau, Jakub Bundil, Chris Tutalo, Dominic Savoie, Stefan Chaput, Guillaume Durand, Eric Gelin, Kevin Marshall, Danick Paquette and Patrick Cusack; head coach and general manager Edward Harding; assistant coach Jeff Guay; athletic trainer Thomas Bourdon; and the rest of the Maineiacs staff and family. We are extremely proud of our home team for bringing championship professional hockey to Lewiston. We commend the players, their coaches and the Maineiacs management for their many positive contributions to our community, both on and off the ice, and we look forward to many more seasons with them; (HLS 1142)

Mike and Sheryle Towle, of Gorham, on their retirement as teachers from Mahoney Middle School in South Portland. Mr. Towle has taught at Mahoney Middle School for 38 years. He coached cross-country and track at Mahoney Middle School as well as the University of Southern Maine and developed the girls' cross-country program in 1972 for Mahoney Middle School. Mrs. Towle has been a teacher for 28 years. She taught at Kaler Elementary School, Frank I. Brown Elementary School and Mahoney Middle School. She was the principal's assistant at Kaler Elementary School, Henley School and Dora L. Small Elementary School. Mrs. Towle has coached the girls' cross-country team at Mahoney Middle School for the last 2 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Towle for their dedication to the youth of the State and wish them well in their future endeavors; (HLS 1143)

Carlin Dubay, of Caribou, who won the New England Wrestling Championship for the 103-pound weight class. A senior at Caribou High School, Carlin improved his record to 54 and 0 after defeating New Hampshire's top-seeded Cam Sullivan in a 12-6 decision. During a 2-day divisional event held in Lowell, Massachusetts, Carlin competed against 22 of the best wrestlers from the 6 New England states. Over the past 10 years, only 6 Maine wrestlers have earned a wrestling award at this level of competition. He is to be commended for his accomplished wrestling career, in which he has accumulated a total of 162 wins and only 12 losses. We extend our congratulations to Carlin for earning this mark of distinction; (HLS 1144)

Lawrence A. LaBrie, of Auburn, upon his retirement as Assistant Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association on June 30, 2008 and his retirement from teaching after 42 years. After receiving his master's degree from the University of Southern Maine in 1971, Mr. LaBrie has been a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal at various schools. During his tenure at the Maine Principals' Association, Mr. LaBrie was instrumental in the promotion of girls' activities in sports, as well as raising awareness of sportsmanship and safety issues. In 1991, Mr. LaBrie received a John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Secondary School Administrator Award. We wish to acknowledge the positive impact Mr. LaBrie has had on

the lives of Maine's young people during his career. May he enjoy a restful, relaxing and richly deserved retirement; (HLS 1145)

Anthony C. Hazelton, of Harrison, upon his retirement as Chief of the Harrison Fire Department. Mr. Hazelton joined the department in 1973 and was elected assistant chief in 1978 and chief in 1983. Chief Hazelton began the department's formalized training program and also initiated the "Learn Not to Burn" program in the area elementary school. While he was chief, the number of community fire trucks increased from 4 to 6, the E-9-1-1 mapping of Harrison was coordinated, a SCBA compressor was purchased, the training tower and maze trailer was constructed and the department started using National Fire Protection Association-approved personal protective equipment for all firefighters. Chief Hazelton was president of the Western Maine Firefighters Association and president of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Oxford Hills Fire Chiefs' Association. Under Chief Hazelton's insightful direction, the Harrison Fire Department relocated to a new fire station and added the first diesel automatic fire engine to its fleet of emergency response vehicles. We wish to acknowledge all that Chief Hazelton has achieved during his 25 years of service as head of the Harrison Fire Department and wish him a restful, relaxing and richly earned retirement; (HLS 1146)

H. Sturgis Hodgdon, of Hollis, a Maine native and World War II veteran. Mr. Hodgdon was a graduate of Windham High School and, after serving in the North African and European Theatres of the war, he completed undergraduate studies at the University of Maine. He obtained his master's degree in Education and worked as a guidance counselor at Washburn District High School and headmaster at Hamden Hall Country Day School in Hamden, Connecticut. He retired in 1979 after 16 years as principal of Cape Elizabeth Middle School. After his retirement, Mr. Hodgdon volunteered for Buxton Fire and Rescue until 2001. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, reading and watching satellite television, and was also known as a philanthropic individual who gave much of his time, money and talent. One of his life's highlights was traveling with his wife in their RV around the country. Mr. Hodgdon will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1147)

Ryan Martin, of Wayne, who has been named Mr. Maine Basketball, an award that is presented annually to the top senior player in the State. Ryan is a senior at Maranacook Community School and was a guard on the boys basketball team. During his 4 years on the team, he scored one point shy of 1,900 in a career that has yielded him and his teammates 2 Class B State Championships. He scored a school-record 56 points in one game and was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Player of the Year for the 3rd season in a row. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on his achievements; (HLS 1148)

Brian Palmer and Ernie Cloutier, of Dixfield, who saved the life of a young man, Cody Magoon, by rescuing him from bad winter weather in the wilderness, where he was stuck on his snowmobile. Cody Magoon called in to the Maine State Police barracks with his cell phone, and the call was patched through to the Maine Warden Service. The Maine Warden Service contacted Mr. Palmer, a hunter, trapper and tracker, to help speed the search effort. Mr. Palmer contacted Mr. Cloutier, who has a powerful snowmobile, and together they went out in search of the missing youth. Eventually they found Cody on the steepest part of Holman Mountain, unresponsive and nearing the last stage of hypothermia, with a soaked shirt and frozen jacket from

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the freezing rain. The two men responded quickly by giving him hand warmers and driving him to safety. Cody was treated at Rumford Hospital and later released. We acknowledge all the parties involved in this tense and heroic rescue and we join the Maine Warden Service in sending our appreciation to Brian Palmer and Ernie Cloutier for saving the life of Cody Magoon; (HLS 1149)

Thomas Harrison, of Mexico, who saved the life of a young man, Tyler Richard. Tyler came running toward Mr. Harrison's truck, calling that he had hurt himself and needed help. Mr. Harrison saw that Tyler was bleeding, so he quickly drove him to the Rumford hospital. Mr. Harrison kept talking to Tyler in an attempt to keep him awake, and when they arrived at the hospital a fireman standing nearby ran inside to get a doctor. We acknowledge all the parties involved in this rescue and send our appreciation to Mr. Harrison for saving the life of Tyler Richard; (HLS 1150)

Shelby Aseltine, of Wilton, a freshman at Mt. Blue High School, who has been named Girls Nordic Skier of the Year by the *Morning Sentinel*. Shelby stepped into the limelight in her very first meet for the Cougars, immediately showing her ability and strength as a premier Nordic skier. Her recent selection to the Maine Eastern High School team caps an outstanding season that featured 4 top ten finishes in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference and Class A championships, including a first-place finish in the KVAC classical race. Shelby is very dedicated to her training and is a tough competitor with lots of talent, strength and endurance. We extend our congratulations to Shelby and wish her success in the future; (HLS 1151)

Gifford's Ice Cream, on its receiving the Large Business of the Year Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. The Gifford family has been in the dairy business for more than 100 years and for five generations. Current owners John and Roger Gifford grew up working in the business and still use family recipes that have been passed down from their grandparents. Four members of the next generation are now involved with the business, and so the family tradition continues. Gifford's Ice Cream uses fresh milk and cream from local dairy farmers who pledge not to use artificial growth hormones. The company owns five ice cream parlors in the State, and Opening Day always has long lines. Gifford's Ice Cream quality ice cream won first place awards from the National Ice Cream Retailers Association, and its vanilla ice cream has been named World's Best Vanilla at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The company has made Skowhegan a destination for many. We extend our congratulations to Gifford's Ice Cream on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1152)

Dan Soltan, of Winthrop, who was named the Boys Nordic Skier of the Year by the *Kennebec Journal*. Dan is a member of the Winthrop High School Boys Nordic Ski Team. We extend our congratulations to Dan on this achievement and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1153)

Emily Harriman, a junior at Maranacook Community High School, who was named the Girls Nordic Skier of the Year by the *Kennebec Journal*. Emily is a member of the Maranacook Community High School Nordic Ski Team. We extend our congratulations to Emily on this achievement and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1154)

the South Portland Lions Club, on the special occasion of its 80th anniversary, March 28, 2008. The club has been and continues to be an important part of the South Portland community. It makes an outstanding contribution to the residents of the area through its charitable giving. In recent years, the club has provided scholarships to local high school students and has

provided support for youth activities. Its continued giving and activism exemplify the true spirit of community. We extend our congratulations to the members of the South Portland Lions Club as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of its charter; (HLS 1155)

the following members of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the 2008 Class C State Wrestling Championship: Forrest Cornell, Joshua Pomerleau, Matt Nicholson, Mike McNamara, Mike McManus, Kristian Taylor, Marcus Bubar, John Gamach, Cam Bubar, Kyle Huston, Art Stambach, Joe Doughty, Molly Watson, MaKayla Stevens, Katrina McKay, Stephanie Hayslip and Rachel LeGloahec and head coach Mark Stevens and assistant coach Ted Albasini. The team wrestled with true grit to earn its 5th State Championship in 8 years. We extend our congratulations to the team on this outstanding accomplishment and best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 1156)

Virginia Poland MacFarland, of Hartford, on the celebration of her 90th birthday. Mrs. MacFarland has enjoyed a full life. She and her husband, Edward, were married for 55 years and raised 4 children. Mrs. MacFarland was a Girl Scout leader and neighborhood chair. She taught Sunday School and was active in church activities. She is a charter member of the Needham Community Theatre in Massachusetts. She served 12 years on the School Administrative District #39 School Board and was on the Hartford Planning Board for 3 years. Mrs. MacFarland has always valued family above all else and that is clearly reflected in the time she continues to spend actively involved in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is not unusual to see Mrs. MacFarland welcoming home a friend from Iraq, at a basketball game or spending a day at school with one of her children. If there is something going on, she is there, in the thick of it. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. MacFarland on this very special occasion; (HLS 1157)

the National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program, on the 20th anniversary of its providing gun safety education to children in pre-kindergarten through the third grade. Children are taught four important steps to take if they find guns in an easy-to-remember format consisting of the following simple rules: "If you see a gun: Stop! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult." Begun in 1988, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has reached more than 21 million children in all 50 states. We congratulate the National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program on its successful 20 years of promoting the protection and safety of children; (HLS 1158)

Hector Alphe Dubay, of Van Buren, a veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion, Levasseur-Farrell Post #49 and the VFW Lister-Knowlton Post #9389. Mr. Dubay was the 11th child out of 19 in his family. After the war, he worked at a variety of grocery stores and retired after 27 years as a meat cutter at Loring Air Force Base. A beloved husband, father and provider, Mr. Dubay was happiest when spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, camping or riding his ATV. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1159)

Orville P. Anderson, of South China, known as Andy, a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and an avid collector and restorer of antique steam engines. Mr. Anderson was born and raised in Minnesota and after his military service lived in Virginia, where he had a contracting and woodworking business. He retired to Maine in 1976. He completed and operated his own scale model narrow gauge railroad to the delight of local children and he volunteered to help restore three engines for the Maine State Museum. He also assisted the Owls Head Transportation Museum and the Boothbay Railway Museum. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1160)

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Cesar E. Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers of America, on the anniversary of his birth, March 31, 1927. Mr. Chavez was a major force in American history and one of the heroic figures of the 20th century. He focused national attention on the plight of farm workers, making the world aware of their demands for safe and fair working conditions. Millions of Americans across the Nation, of all backgrounds, joined Cesar E. Chavez in the movement for farm workers' rights. He was also a champion of civil rights, labor rights, voting rights and women's rights. An early environmentalist, he warned the public of the devastating effects of pesticides on both farm workers and consumers. Because of his contributions to America, ten states now celebrate Mr. Chavez's birthday, and public institutions have been named after him. Governor John E. Baldacci has declared March 31, 2008 as Cesar E. Chavez Day in Maine and we join with Latino, labor, civil rights, interfaith and other organizations, leaders, elected officials and Maine citizens who are working to ensure that the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez is celebrated and emulated throughout our Nation. We encourage all people in the State to engage in service, learning and community actions that represent the best of Cesar E. Chavez on this occasion and throughout the year; (HLS 1161)

The Game Loft, a nonprofit youth center in Belfast, on the celebration of its 10th anniversary and its commitment to youth and community service. The Game Loft first opened its doors on February 1, 1998, founded by current Executive Directors Ray and Patricia Estabrook. It continues to pride itself in promoting "Positive Youth Development" through gaming camaraderie by playing nonelectronic games. Supporters of The Game Loft include the Department of Health and Human Services' after-school program, the City of Belfast, The Golden Rule Foundation and surrounding towns in Waldo County as well as donations from individuals and businesses. Staff members, including Executive Director Leah Watson, maintain open lines of communication with parents, ensuring that they are apprised of their children's activities. The student participants use gaming to learn about history, culture and people. The Game Loft has been named the #1 Exemplary Community Afterschool Program for the State of Maine by the Maine Afterschool Network. We acknowledge The Game Loft's civic contribution in providing a place for youth to gather and learn valuable interactive skills. We send our appreciation and best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1162)

The Geek Team, of Greene, which was presented with the 2008 Greene Business Award. Owned by William Clarke, this small enterprise is known for its development of custom software used by individuals on their computers, on the Web, on handheld devices and by voice command on telephones. The Geek Team coordinated the creation of a community map after the company that was originally in charge of the project went out of business before the project's completion. We wish to extend congratulations to The Geek Team and wish it continued success for years to come; (HLS 1163)

Charles E. Crosby, Jr. and Joanne M. Tardiff Crosby, of Topsham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, February 15, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby on this special occasion; (HLS 1164)

the following members of the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon Team, on their winning the 2008 State Championship and winning the Super Quiz crown: Matthew Couillard, Craig Delisle, Eric Fritz, Megan Manseau, Caterina MacLean, Saerim Park, Emilia Scheemaker, Alexander Sirocki and Alexander Whitemore. The team will represent the State of

Maine at the national championship in Garden Grove, California. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon Team on its success; (HLS 1165)

the members of the Lake Region High School Girls Basketball Team, upon their winning the 2008 Class B Western Maine Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1166)

Audrey B. Bergeron, of Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston High School, who is the recipient of the 2008 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Audrey on her receiving this award; (HLS 1167)

Theodore Blaisdell, of Lewiston, who has been named one of the top two youth volunteers in Maine for 2008 in the 13th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The program is America's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteerism. As a State Honoree, Theodore will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C. for a series of national recognition events. We send our appreciation to Theodore for his exemplary volunteerism and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this great honor; (HLS 1168)

the cheerleaders from Maine Event Cheer and Dance Center, of Lewiston, on their 6 1st-place finishes at the Eastern Cheer and Dance Extreme Championship in Boston. Maine Event's Senior Co-Ed Team also won Grand Champions in the Senior Co-Ed Level 5 Division and won a full-paid bid to attend the World's Best-Final Destination competition in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Maine Event's Mini Team also recently won a national championship in Rhode Island. We send our congratulations to all the cheerleaders on their accomplishments; (HLS 1169)

Ruth Pullen, 98, of Camden, women's advocate and civic leader. Mrs. Pullen, through the course of two impressive careers, devoted her life to improving the lives of women and their families. She received two degrees from Colby College, a bachelor's degree in 1933 and an honorary master's degree in 1961. After receiving her first degree, Mrs. Pullen built a 20-year career as an administrator at the Women's Reformatory in Skowhegan, where she retired as Superintendent in 1961. She then went to Temple University in Philadelphia to get her doctorate in law, returned to Maine and became the first woman to practice law in Franklin County. Throughout both of her careers, Mrs. Pullen was an active member of a number of state and local civic organizations. She was very proud of the role that she and her colleagues in the American Association of University Women and the Business and Professional Women Foundation played in supporting Margaret Chase Smith in her election to the United States Senate. Mrs. Pullen will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and the community she served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1170)

John Marsh, Jr., of Bath, on his being named the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his career at Bath Savings Institution, Mr. Marsh has been an example to others for his commitment to serving the less fortunate in the region. He has consistently given of himself to the community with his generous contributions of time and energy to multiple causes. Mr. Marsh was instrumental in the implementation of low-cost housing programs and helped obtain grants from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. He has numerous other projects he has been deeply involved in for the betterment of the area. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1171)

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Rocky and Lisa Freda, of Bethel, who are the recipients of the Maine Tourism Award for Commitment to Innovation in Tourism. Mr. and Mrs. Freda have operated Sun Valley Sports in Bethel since 1995 and offer a variety of four-season guided activities in the area. Some of their innovations include wine and cheese float trips on the Androscoggin River, ride-and-dine fireworks outings and ATV tours during snowless winters. Mr. and Mrs. Freda received the award at the Governor's Conference on Tourism and were described as "thinking creatively to expose visitors to the nature-based tourism opportunities in western Maine." We congratulate Rocky and Lisa Freda on their award and send our appreciation to them on their innovation; (HLS 1172)

Vivian Mabelle Sargent Wiley, of Naples, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, April 8, 2008. Born in Bridgton, she graduated from Bridgton High School in 1927. She married Shirley Wiley of Naples in 1930, and together they raised their six children in their Naples home, where Mrs. Wiley still resides. At 19 years of age, she joined the Naples Methodist Church, where she played the organ and sang in the choir for many years. She also belonged to a singing group called "The Cottage Singers," which traveled locally to perform at churches and social functions, as well as on a radio program in Portland. Mrs. Wiley worked as a switchboard operator at the Naples telephone office and was a store clerk and a bank teller at Casco Bank in Bridgton. She has always enjoyed gardening and spends much of her time watching and enjoying the deer, birds and squirrels on her property. Mrs. Wiley has 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. We join Mrs. Wiley's family and friends in sending her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1173)

Dielectric Communications, of Raymond, a division of SPX and leader in broadcast antenna systems, on its receiving a Technology and Engineering Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. This award was presented to Dielectric Communications in recognition of the firm's accomplishments in designing ATSC broadcast system RF filters. These filters play a pivotal role in keeping a transmission system in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission, while also eliminating interference from neighboring stations by absorbing out-of-band emissions coming from other broadcasters. We congratulate Dielectric Communication's President Garrett VanAtta and Vice-president Kerry Cozad and all of the company's supporting employees on their earning this distinctive honor; (HLS 1174)

Dahlov Ipcar, of Georgetown, renowned Maine artist, who celebrated her 90th birthday on November 12, 2007. Mrs. Ipcar, who had a solo show at New York's Museum of Modern Art when she was just 21 years old, has had an illustrious artistic career that has included many accolades, critical acclaim and honorary degrees. Born in Vermont and raised in Greenwich Village, New York, she met her late husband, Adolph, in Maine, where they made their home. Dedicated conservationists and anti-war activists, the Ipcars ran a dairy farm in Georgetown where the artist still lives and paints. We extend our warmest wishes to Mrs. Ipcar and thank her for her artistic contributions to the State; (HLS 1175)

Philip and Dolores Beaudette, of Biddeford, on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, April 10, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Beaudette on this special occasion; (HLS 1176)

Dorothy "Dot" Mason, of Carthage, who is retiring as Town Treasurer after 52 years of dedicated service. Ms. Mason decided not to seek re-election this year for the position she has

held since 1956. The Town of Carthage honored her for her work 26 years ago by dedicating the town report to her and she has continued to provide excellent service to the town since that time. We acknowledge her commitment to her community and we send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1177)

Spindleworks, an art center in Brunswick for adults with disabilities, on its 30th Anniversary. Spindleworks was established in 1978 as a program of the Independence Association, whose mission is to support children and adults with disabilities to achieve full and inclusive lives in their chosen communities. Today the art center supports 40 artists working in many media, including drawing, painting, weaving, fiber arts, woodwork, ceramics, writing, acting and most recently sound and video. It is a testament to the important and longstanding work that the Independence Association has done on behalf of people with disabilities by providing them with a safe and nurturing place. We extend our congratulations to Spindleworks on this important anniversary; (HLS 1178)

the Honorable Vaughn Stedman and Arland Stedman, of Hartland, and Byron Wiers, of Palmyra, members of the Hartland-St. Albans Lions Club, who are recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is the highest individual honor that a Lion can receive. They were honored for their good work and dedication to helping individuals in their communities. We extend our appreciation to these three gentlemen for their commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate them on their receiving this award; (HLS 1179)

Paul Eugene Saucier, of Bethel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Paul improved the Jackson-Silver American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. He cleaned the heating elements, washed the floors and repainted the floors to include the legion's symbol and the ladies' auxiliary symbol. We extend our congratulations to Paul on this achievement; (HLS 1180)

Robin Lisherness, of Skowhegan, who has been named the 2008 Maine Forensic Association Coach of the Year. Mr. Lisherness has coached the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team for the past 35 years, leading the team to 9 consecutive State Championships and 12 State Championships overall. He is retiring this year after many years of dedicated service to the students and the community. We extend our congratulations on his successful career and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1181)

the following members of the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team, winners of the school's ninth consecutive State Championship: Hanna Pillsbury, Megan Garland, Emily Pineo, Jake Primmerman, Brian Pratt, Emily Xie, Emma Brown, Samantha Allen, Evan LeBrun, Eric Axelman, Reeve Baker, Helen Marshall, Julia Johnstone, Robyn Noe, Samantha Paradis, Felix Xie, Kirsten Sylvain, Steven Savio, Jake Withee, Marian Jackson, Claire Marshall, Robert Boudreau, Sarah Lambert, Jon Doty, Alex Beach, Merelise Ametti, Sarah Jane MacKay, Minna Mathiasson, Cara Scozzafava, coach Robin Lisherness, assistant coach Joanna Hopkins and volunteer coaches Amy and Gene Rouse. Skowhegan Area High School's speech team has won the State Championship twelve times in the past fifteen years, and placed second in the other three years. Six team members won individual championships and the team also won the Good Sportsmanship Award for the fifth year in a row. We extend our congratulations to the team on these achievements; (HLS 1182)

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the Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. The Baxter Memorial Library was a gift of James Phinney Baxter, a noted Maine civic leader and philanthropist. The library building is constructed of pink granite and the interior is completed in oak. The Baxter Memorial Library and the Baxter House were built as a memorial to Dr. Elihu Baxter, James Phinney Baxter's father. The library continues to preserve the Baxter family legacy in its collections, including J.P. Baxter's journals and the Maine Collection, an accumulation of Gorham history, Maine History and books written by local authors. We extend our congratulations to the Baxter Memorial Library as it celebrates its centennial anniversary; (HLS 1183)

the following members of the Trinity Catholic School Girls Junior High Soccer Team, who have won the 2007 Pine Tree League Championship: Amanda Turcotte, Mary Caron, Emily Conner, Emily Rioux, Nicole Keaney, Jasmine Hussey, Jenna Bosse, Alexis Servidio, Taylor Teixeira, Becky Trytek, Courtney Costello, Stephanie Costello, Katelyn Lacombe, Ashley Lansley, Nicole Levesque, Anna Bolduc, Colleen Donovan, Dayle Jordan and Kate Sawyer. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1184)

the following members of the Trinity Catholic School Boys Junior High Soccer Team, who have won the 2007 Pine Tree League Championship: Ryan Robitaille, Nicholas Hatfield, Dakota Keene, Dan Nadeau, Billy Soper, Eric Link, Brad Carr, Joey Trytek, Zachary DeBlois, Robert St. Hilaire, Jordan Charest, Joe Bryant, Josh Bussiere, Ian McCracken, Jake Landry, Evan Keating, Austin Gervais, Matt Bouchard and Christian Labonte. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1185)

Kenneth Bassett, of Pleasant Point, a Passamaquoddy Tribal Community, who passed away at home. Mr. Bassett was raised at Pleasant Point and was proud of his community. He loved to fish on the Musquash Stream during the summers. Mr. Bassett served in the United States Army during World War II in the Battle of Normandy. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the war in Korea, where he was a prisoner of war for over 2 years. He was an active member of the Passamaquoddy Veteran Honor Guard. Mr. Bassett will be sadly missed by his loving family and the Passamaquoddy Tribe and members of the Honor Guard; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1186)

Erlon Mosher, a lifelong resident of Gorham, on the celebration of his 80th birthday. Mr. Mosher is an alumnus of the University of Maine and a former member of the Gorham Town Council. He is a well-known member of the agricultural community in this State, having owned and operated his family's farm, which has been in Gorham for several generations. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Mosher on this very special occasion; (HLS 1187)

Florence B. Hastings, 103, of East Bethel, who was the holder of the Boston Post Cane as the oldest citizen in Bethel. Mrs. Hastings was born in Portland and was a graduate of Gorham Normal School. She taught school in Lisbon, Hanover and Augusta. In 1926 she married Robert D. Hastings and together they made their home on the Hastings Farm in East Bethel, where they raised their four children. Mrs. Hastings taught school in East Bethel and was a substitute teacher in area schools for 20 years. She was known for her creative handicrafts, and the Florence B. Hastings Traditional Arts and Crafts room in the proposed new addition to the Robinson House at the Bethel Historical Society will continue her legacy. She was honored as an Outstanding Homemaker by the Oxford County

Extension Service in 1976, and she was the star of "The Center of Things," an hour-long documentary about the Hastings family farm, which was part of the PBS series "Our Stories." She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1188)

Irving Lee Lawrence, of Kittery, a United States Navy veteran of World War II and a longtime employee of the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery. Mr. Lawrence was born in Dansville, New York. He came to New England seeking work, first at the Quincy, Massachusetts shipyard and then in Kittery, where he worked for almost 39 years. Mr. Lawrence and his wife of 63 years, Evelyn, were active members of the town's social and religious life. He is survived by his wife and his four sons, Jeff, Gary, Jon and Mark and their families. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1189)

Kyle Stephen Estes, of West Baldwin, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 367, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on this achievement; (HLS 1190)

Rachael Mack, of Augusta, on scoring more than 1,000 points in her high school basketball career. Rachael, a senior at Cony High School, averaged 18.1 points, 10.1 rebounds and 3 assists per game. She was named Most Valuable Player of her varsity team and was a member of the McDonald's Senior All-Star team. She was named Maine's Miss Basketball. Rachael is to be commended for all her efforts and hours of dedication to the sport of basketball. We wish her continued success in the years to come with both her academic and basketball careers; (HLS 1191)

Andrew Pullen, of Augusta, on his scoring a career-high 1,059 points in basketball. Andrew, a senior at Cony High School, is the second boy's basketball player in Cony history to score more than 1,000 points. Andrew was also named Player of the Year for Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference South, was named a McDonald's Senior All-Star and was nominated for Maine's Mr. Basketball. Andrew is to be commended for all his efforts and hours of dedication to the sport of basketball and we wish him continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1192)

the following members of the Madison High School Girls Varsity Basketball team, who won the 2008 Class C Western Maine Championship: Lacey Ashbrook, Margo Russell, Danielle Hebert, Brittany Rich, Jessica Hayden, Mykayla Stoutamyer, Jennifer Hutchings, Briann Emery, Cecile Thibodeau, Bianca Stoutamyer, Ali Russell and Andrea Smith and head coach Albert Veneziano and assistant coach Bob Marandola. With a season record of 20-2, the team was also the 2008 Mountain Valley Conference Champions and the 2008 State Class C Runners-Up. All team members are to be commended for their efforts and hours of dedication and we wish them continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1193)

Steve Haines, of Phillips, to whom the annual town report has been dedicated. Mr. Haines has been the road commissioner for 24 years. He is a lifelong resident of Phillips and held various jobs including farming, working in the woods and truck driving, and served in the military before working for the town. He is very active in town affairs. Mr. Haines retired as road commissioner March 31st. We acknowledge his civic contributions to Phillips and send him our best wishes in his future endeavors; (HLS 1194)

Linton Robinson, of Chesterville, who has been named the 2007 Logger of the Year by the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District for adopting outstanding best management

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logging practices. Mr. Robinson has over 25 years of logging experience. His most important best management practice in 2007 was deciding to harvest wood on frozen ground from the Judith Gilmore property adjacent to Pease Pond, which had less erosion impact. He worked with camp owners, helping them to understand the logging operation on the Gilmore property, and worked with the Town of Wilton and its code enforcement officer to make sure his operations conformed to the zoning regulations around Pease Pond and its tributaries. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Robinson on his receiving this award; (HLS 1195)

Liam and Kathy Trodden, of Avon, who have been named 2007 Conservation Farmers of the Year by the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District. Mr. and Mrs. Trodden own and operate Longfellow's Creamery and Second Chance Farm, LLC., which was established in 2001 after Mr. and Mrs. Trodden purchased 56 acres along the Sandy River. Today it is a Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association certified organic, grass-based farm. Some of the conservation practices that Mr. and Mrs. Trodden have incorporated into their organic farm are developing a comprehensive nutrient management plan, putting in approximately 9,400 feet of permanent fencing to keep livestock away from streams and wet areas, implementing nutrient management and rotational grazing practices and building a manure storage facility and a concrete feed pad. They treat their animals with special care, making sure each one has a humane, stress-free environment. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Trodden on their receiving this award; (HLS 1196)

Stacey Nadeau, of Berwick, who is a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1464, who has earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Stacey on this achievement; (HLS 1197)

Elizabeth Valcourt, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1909, who has earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Elizabeth on this achievement; (HLS 1198)

Alyssa Flagg, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 639, who has earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Alyssa on this achievement; (HLS 1199)

Ashley Sheedy, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1464, who has earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement; (HLS 1200)

Kiana Goodwin, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 639, who has earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kiana on this achievement; (HLS 1201)

Ashley Chase, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1916, who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community

service. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement; (HLS 1202)

Sarah Morse, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 93, who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in girl scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Sarah on this achievement; (HLS 1203)

Katelyn Ann Kimball, of Springvale, a member of Girl Scout Troop 247, who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Katelyn on this achievement; (HLS 1204)

the following members of the Belfast Area High School Wrestling Team, on their winning the 2008 Class B State Championship: Michael Rolerson, James Spencer, Phil Kyser, Allison Murnane, Josh Robbins, Zack Shellabarger, Mark Smith, Travis Spencer, Kote Aldus, Justin Boyle, Winston Poole, Matthew Sanderson, Matthew Steinort, Josh Wolfe, Rico Borzoni, Brandon Peasley, Justin Philbrook, Dustin Turner, Kornealius Wood and Jordan Young. Coached by Ted Heroux, the team also won third place at the 44th annual New England High School Wrestling Championship in Lowell, Massachusetts. We extend our congratulations to the team members and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1205)

Glen Daigle, of Madawaska, who has been named Snowmobile Dealer of the Year by the Maine Snowmobile Association. Mr. Daigle has been in the snowmobile business since 1985. He is the owner of Daigle Sport Center in Madawaska. Mr. Daigle was chosen based on his service to customers, the community and the sport of snowmobiling. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Daigle on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 1206)

Maine State Music Theatre, of Brunswick, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, which will be celebrated during the 2008 summer season. Established in 1959 by Victoria Crandall, a well-known concert pianist, musical director and Broadway producer, it was first called the Brunswick Summer Playhouse. Using connections in New York and partnering with Bowdoin College, it opened its 1959 season at the Pickard Theater at Bowdoin College. Audiences at the Brunswick Summer Playhouse grew quickly. The name was changed to Brunswick Music Theatre in 1967. In the 1970s it became a nonprofit organization focused on arts education and community enrichment and started an intensive internship and apprenticeship program for students interested in careers in professional theatre. In 1988, in celebration of the theatre's 30th Anniversary, Governor John R. McKernan honored Victoria Crandall for her work in the arts and officially named Brunswick Music Theatre as the Maine State Music Theatre, to reflect the theatre's growing patronage, reaching beyond the midcoast region. It has since become the largest performing arts organization in the State, entertaining 60,000 theater fans each summer. We extend our congratulations to the Maine State Music Theatre community and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1207)

the Falmouth Middle School Boys Nordic Ski Team, on its first place win at the State Championships held at Titcomb Mountain. The team was undefeated during the regular season. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1208)

Raye's Mustard, of Eastport, one of Maine's premier small family-run businesses, on its winning a gold medal at the 2008 Worldwide Mustard Competition in Napa Valley, California for its

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Down East Schooner Mustard. The Down East Schooner Mustard has won the gold medal 5 times in the past 10 years. This gold medal is the most recent of over 40 prestigious national and international awards presented to Raye's Mustard in recent years. We extend our congratulations to Raye's Mustard on these honors and we send the company our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1209)

Mina Phinney, a lifelong resident of Dennysville, on the special occasion of her 99th Birthday, April 27, 2008. She was a 1926 graduate of Dennysville High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College. Ms. Phinney taught English and French at Dennysville High School from 1931 to 1938 and from 1952 to 1961, when the high school was closed. She also taught at Washington Academy during the 1960s and 1970s. She was organist at the Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church for many years. Ms. Phinney has a keen interest in local, state, national and international happenings and keeps up with current events. She is an avid Boston Red Sox fan. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her birthday; (HLS 1210)

the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, centered in Saco, for their years of service in educating students of northern Aroostook County. Having begun their contribution to the enlightenment of area young people in 1944, these kind-hearted women concluded their teaching in Caswell in 1962 and taught their last class in Hamlin in 1965, after which they taught for one more year, commuting from their Hamlin Convent to Van Buren. We send our appreciation to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for their dedicated and selfless work while teaching in Maine; (HLS 1211)

Maine State Wardens Gary Sibley and Adrian Marquis, who saved the life of Lyman Messer, 19, of Fort Fairfield, who had been reported missing after going out snowmobiling on Square Lake. Warden Gary Sibley and Warden Adrian Marquis responded and found Lyman lying in the snow about 30 yards into the woods on the other side of the lake. The two wardens transported Lyman, who was fading in and out of consciousness, on a 45-minute snowmobile ride to an ambulance and then to a hospital, where he was found to have frostbite. We acknowledge the exemplary performance of Warden Gary Sibley and Warden Adrian Marquis as they answered their call to duty. We congratulate them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1212)

Emil Landau, of Damariscotta, a Holocaust survivor and a longtime and notable Maine citizen. Mr. Landau was born in Witten, Germany, where his family had lived for 400 years. His family was sent to the Theresienstadt concentration camp, and in 1944 he was moved to Auschwitz, where he was placed in the condemned barracks by Josef Mengele. Mr. Landau courageously escaped to an adjoining gypsy camp and soon after was assigned to a work detail at the satellite camp at Czechowitz. In 1945, he was transferred to Buchenwald, where he was liberated by General George Patton's Third Army on April 11, 1945. He was reunited with his mother and sister, who had been told he was dead. His father died at Theresienstadt. Mr. Landau immigrated to America in 1946 and worked in New York as Western Hemisphere Manager for Printing Developments, Inc., a subsidiary of Time-Life. He later founded his own business, Printing Techniques International, in Madison, Connecticut. On his retirement, Mr. Landau and his wife and son, Carolyn and Alex, moved to Damariscotta, where he cultivated his passions for sailing, classical music and theater. He also began to share his Holocaust experiences with high school and college students in Maine, always refusing to think of himself as a victim. Mr. Landau was on the boards of directors of the Round Top Center for the Arts, the Gulf of Maine Foundation,

the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine and the Skidompha Public Library in Damariscotta. We acknowledge the extraordinary life and experiences of Mr. Emil Landau and his commitment to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1213)

Brett Wickard, of Cumberland Foreside, entrepreneur and owner of Bull Moose record stores. Mr. Wickard opened his first Bull Moose record store in Brunswick when he was a junior at Bowdoin College. He now owns 10 stores and employs over 100 people. Bull Moose started as a makeshift store carrying only a few records and is now the largest music, movie and video game retailer in Maine and seacoast New Hampshire. On April 19th Mr. Wickard will join other independent music, movie and video game store owners to celebrate Record Store Day, a national event that originated in Portland, Maine. We acknowledge the independent work ethic, spirit and entrepreneurship of Mr. Wickard and wish him continued success in the future; (HLS 1214)

the Biddeford High School Girls Hockey Team, on its winning the 2008 Tier I Hockey State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1215)

the Biddeford High School Boys Hockey Team, on its winning the 2008 Class A State Hockey Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1216)

the College of the Atlantic, of Bar Harbor, on its becoming the first higher learning institution in the world to be carbon neutral in its daily operations. In order to become carbon neutral, the school is employing a combination of: energy-saving technologies; individual practices, such as alternative means of commuting; and new residential housing standards. This year the College of the Atlantic was named the greenest higher learning institution in the world by Grist, an environmental news organization. We congratulate the College of the Atlantic on its accomplishment and commend the college for its dedication and commitment to the environment and the State; (HLS 1217)

Michelle Gagne, of Auburn, on her nomination as Teacher of the Year 2009. Ms. Gagne teaches 1st grade at Sherwood Heights Elementary School in Auburn. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Gagne on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1218)

Leota Denico Seaward, of Turner, who is the oldest citizen of Turner and has been honored with the Boston Post Cane. She was born on October 6, 1910 in Vassalboro and grew up in South China. She attended Erskine Academy and graduated with the class of 1929 as its salutatorian. In that same year she married Elmer Wilson Seaward and moved to Turner. There they ran a large farm. During the Great Depression, the farm provided plenty of meat and vegetables, and Mr. and Mrs. Seaward often took in homeless men who were looking for food and work. She raised 4 children. Mrs. Seaward was a good cook. Besides working on the farm, she worked in a shoe shop in Auburn, hooked rugs for 20 years at Priscilla Turner rug shop, worked at Decoster Hatchery and cleaned the Post Office at Turner Village. At more than ninety-seven years of age, she is still driving and has never had even a small accident. She attends church every Sunday. She loves watching basketball. She credits hard work and healthy living for her longevity. We send our best wishes to Mrs. Seaward; (HLS 1219)

Neil C. Corbett, of Cutler, a veteran of the United States Army who served during World War II. Mr. Corbett was the son of a lighthouse keeper and grew up on several stations along the Maine coast, including the Little River Lighthouse in Cutler, where he spent nearly 20 years. He and his wife, Allie, operated a

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wholesale-retail lobster business in Cutler for 36 years. He held numerous town offices, including the office of selectman, which he held for several terms. He also was an active and longtime member of the Cutler Methodist Church, as well as a longtime player and manager of the Cutler Cardinals baseball team. Mr. Corbett was the commissioner of the Quoddy League for more than 20 years and was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. He was a 62-year member of the American Legion, Post #65, a 78-year member of the Grange and a 64-year member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Corbett, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, was known for his love of family and friends, his sense of humor, his incredible memory and his storytelling skills. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1220)

Mary Mahar, lifetime resident of Dennysville, where she once served as town treasurer. She also worked most of her life in the region as a teacher. Ms. Mahar was a graduate of Dennysville High School and Washington State Normal School. She taught grades one through 4 at Dennysville Primary School from 1933 to 1961. When the Dennysville schools closed in 1961, she taught at Edmunds Consolidated School. She retired from teaching in 1972. She was the Treasurer for the Town of Dennysville for over 40 years, retiring from that position in the early 1990s. Ms. Mahar was the oldest long-standing member of the Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church, having joined in 1928. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends, her colleagues and the community she served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1221)

James "Jimmy" Sullivan, of Dennysville, a longtime selectman for the Town of Dennysville. Mr. Sullivan was a graduate of Babson Institute in Boston. He had been a member of the Board of Directors of the Regional Medical Center at Lubec, and he was actively involved with the Dennys River Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance. During his more than 40 years as a selectman, he ensured that the town was fiscally solvent. He wrote many grants, especially for the fire department, which funded many projects that continue to benefit the citizens of the town and the surrounding area. Mr. Sullivan will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1222)

Wilma Jordan, of Turner, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Jordan married Leroy Jordan on March 2, 1935, and together they raised 3 children. She worked at the Priscilla Turner rug shop and at Prince's and Greenwood Orchard's apple-packing plants, and she was also a hairdresser. Mrs. Jordan loves flowers and her yard was always beautiful. She has been a member of the Mothers Club and the Church Circle in Turner. We send our best wishes to Mrs. Jordan on her 93rd birthday, June 17, 2008; (HLS 1223)

Alfred "Al" B. Langley, Jr., of Fairfield, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Langley served in the Marine Corps from 1956 to 1959. He worked for Diamond International for 20 years and for Sappi for 15 years. He was past Master of Victor Grange Fairfield Center, and past president of Central Maine ATV Club, Fairfield County Riders Snowmobile Club and the Waterville Toastmasters Club and was a member of Waterville Management Club. Mr. Langley enjoyed fishing, ATV riding, snowmobiles and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1224)

William W. Gentile, of Old Orchard Beach, a highly respected educator. Dr. Gentile served as principal for 15 years, including 10 as Headmaster of Kennebunk High School, where he led the

school to national recognition for excellence and where he returned to the classroom as an English teacher. A native of Waltham, Massachusetts, he earned degrees from Boston College, Salem State College and Walden University, where he completed his doctorate in Education and Administration. He shared his life with his wife of 42 years, Heather, and their 4 children. He enjoyed his grandchildren, telling stories, especially about the family, and when he wasn't reading a book, he found pleasure in watching sports. Dr. Gentile will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, many friends and the thousands of young people whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1225)

Jane Webber Stevens, of Popham Beach, Phippsburg, a noted author, historian, artist, storyteller and photographer. Born in Bath, Ms. Stevens was a graduate of Morse High School. During World War II, she documented the unique shipbuilding methods used by Bath Iron Works with her photography. She worked as a photographic colorist during the 1940s. She worked in the local circulation office of the *Portland Press Herald* and then from 1957 to 1961 she was a reporter for the *Bath Daily Times*. The Stevens family has a history of public service; Ms. Stevens' father and mother both served as Sagadahoc County Registrar of Deeds, and Ms. Stevens succeeded her mother as the Registrar in 1975. Upon her retirement in 1983, she moved to her beloved Popham Beach home, "Hossketch." She became Popham Beach's unofficial historian, and her home was the focal point for the archaeological dig of the original Popham Colony of Fort George. Ms. Stevens also authored the book *One Man's World: Popham Beach, Maine* in 1974. During last summer's 400th anniversary celebration of the Popham Colony, Ms. Stevens was named "Mayor of Popham Beach" and presented with the ceremonial Key to the Village. Ms. Stevens will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her many friends and the community that she served for so long; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1226)

Corydon C. Hardy, of Phillips, former Lieutenant Commander of the United States Navy and naval aviation veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Mr. Hardy graduated from Phillips High School and attended Dartmouth College, Bowdoin College and Boston University. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and later graduated from the School of Naval Justice in Newport, Rhode Island. On his retirement from the United States Navy, Mr. Hardy returned to his hometown of Phillips, where he worked as a carpenter and served several terms as selectman, assessor and town constable. He was also employed as a substitute teacher, GED instructor and school bus driver. Mr. Hardy was a founding member of and a flight instructor for the Sandy River Flying Club. He was also a member of numerous clubs, business associations and fraternal organizations. He enjoyed many hobbies and interests and loved having friends and family gathered around him. Although he experienced many places and events throughout his vibrant life, he always said that the Town of Phillips and his community were closest to his heart. We acknowledge his extraordinary life and his commitment to his town. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1227)

Sylvia Fogarty, of New Vineyard, on the celebration of her 94th birthday, July 1, 2007. Mrs. Fogarty has served on the town planning board for 26 years, both as a member and, for many years, as chair. She has also been very active with the local library. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Fogarty for her many

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years of dedicated service to the Town of New Vineyard and congratulate her on the celebration of her birthday; (HLS 1228)

Evelyn Foss-Coolidge, of Leeds, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, May 27, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Foss-Coolidge on this very special occasion; (HLS 1229)

Alexandra Gribizis, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Deering High School. We extend our congratulations to Alexandra on this achievement; (HLS 1230)

Robert Harold Miller III, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class of Deering High School. We extend our congratulations to Robert on this achievement; (HLS 1231)

Jen Monsulick, of Readfield, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal's* Girls Alpine Skier of the Year. Jen, a senior at Maranacook Community School, took on the overwhelming task of becoming a skimeister. She is an outstanding Nordic skier and won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference title and placed third in the Class B state meet. Jen also became an excellent Alpine skier, laying down three top-25 finishes in two of her team's toughest competitions, the KVAC and the Class B championships. We extend our congratulations to Jen on these achievements; (HLS 1232)

Sean Vallant, of Readfield, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal's* Boys Alpine Skier of the Year. Sean is a senior at Maranacook Community School. He is one of the top technical skiers in the central Maine area and sets a positive example on the slopes during practice and at meets. He helped to catapult Maranacook to a successful season, culminating in an overall second-place finish for the Black Bear boys team at the Class B state meet. Sean earned a fifth-place finish in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference's giant slalom championships and two top-15 finishes in the Class B state meet. We extend our congratulations to Sean on his achievements; (HLS 1233)

Gerard Dennison, of Auburn, on his retirement from the Department of Labor after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Maine. Mr. Dennison is known for his in-depth knowledge of the local labor market and his largely behind-the-scenes contributions to every major economic development project in the tri-county area. He is also known for his commitment to the community in volunteer and elected capacities. We acknowledge Mr. Dennison's longtime commitment to his community and to the State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1234)

Thomas Rideout, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2008 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Rideout on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1235)

Harry F.C. True, of Kittery Point. Mr. True was born in West Epping, New Hampshire but moved to Kittery Point at an early age. He was a 1936 graduate of R.W. Traip Academy. He worked in Biddeford, Maine, Patterson, New Jersey and Lynn, Massachusetts before working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery in 1941. Mr. True worked as a machinist and planner/estimator in Kittery until he transferred to the United States Naval Ship Repair Facility on Guam in 1967. He traveled extensively throughout the Far East with his wife, Lillian, while living overseas. He retired in 1973. Mr. True enjoyed the title of the longest surviving past master of Naval Lodge 184 AF&AM of Kittery, where he was a proud member for 65 years. He was a member, former deacon and trustee of the First Congregational

Church of Christ at Kittery Point and served his community for many years as a member of the Kittery Point Fire Department. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1236)

Chief of Police Dana Kelley, of the Old Orchard Beach Police Department, on his 35th anniversary of service to the department. Chief Kelley joined the Old Orchard Beach Police Department on April 14, 1973. He graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy and served as a Special Police Officer, Patrolman, Sergeant, Detective and Captain before becoming Chief of Police on June 18, 1991. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. We acknowledge Chief Kelley's commitment to his community and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this anniversary; (HLS 1237)

the Ogunquit Playhouse, of Ogunquit, on the Diamond Jubilee of the historic summer theater. Founded in 1933 by Walter Hartwig, a former Hollywood director and accomplished Broadway producer, the Ogunquit Playhouse has become one of America's foremost summer theaters. The theater became one of the anchors of the Straw Hat Circuit, attracting such well-known actors as Clifton Webb, Sinclair Lewis, Ethel Barrymore, Tallulah Bankhead and Bette Davis. After Mr. Hartwig's death, John Lane turned the Ogunquit Playhouse into one of the finest resident theater companies on the circuit. It continued to attract talent and stars over the years, such as Olympia Dukakis, Patty Duke Astin, Walter Matthau and Steve McQueen, and the current season will star popular actress Sally Struthers. In 1997, Mr. Lane challenged the community to raise money to establish an endowment and nonprofit foundation to perpetuate the playhouse for future generations. We acknowledge the proud history of one of America's finest theaters and we send our congratulations to the entire Ogunquit Playhouse community on this 75th anniversary celebration; (HLS 1238)

the 25th Anniversary of the Maine Diner, in Wells. Myles and Dick Henry, and their families, took over the Maine Diner on February 19, 1983. This famed diner, which was praised on the Today Show by noted restaurant critics Jane and Michael Stern, is noted for its homemade food, extremely friendly atmosphere and great service. We congratulate the Maine Diner on its 25th Anniversary and we send Myles and Dick Henry and their families our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1239)

Mary T. Clerkin, of Moody, who was very active in the community. Ms. Clerkin worked at Stone Webster in Boston where she managed the engineering support personnel. She dedicated herself to the activities of the Legion of Mary and other faith-motivated social service groups. Moving to Maine, Ms. Clerkin continued active membership in the Ogunquit Women's Club, Moody Beach Association, Wells/Ogunquit Senior Center and Holy Spirit Sodality at St. Mary's Church in Wells. She loved trips to Mohegan and attending the 100 Club Dinner/Raffles. She understood that life was to be celebrated each and every day and that hospitality was a gift you give freely. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1240)

the Silver Star Families of America, for their support of soldiers wounded in action and their families with symbolic flags, certificates and packages of supplies to aid in recovery. The Silver Star Families of America have a presence at all the VA facilities and at many bases in the United States and around the world where soldiers are serving their country. We extend our appreciation to the Silver Star Families of America for their sacrifices and good deeds; (HLS 1241)

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United States Army Sergeant Nicholas A. Robertson, a Maine native who died from wounds suffered while conducting dismounted combat operations in the Zahn Khan District of Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Robertson was born in Bangor, grew up in Holden and was a 1998 graduate of Brewer High School, where he enjoyed performing with the jazz band. He later attended the University of Maine. Sergeant Robertson enlisted in the United States Army in 2005 and attended advanced individual training as a cryptologic linguist. He played an indispensable role in conducting counterterrorism operations against Taliban and Al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan. For his heroism and dedication to duty, Sergeant Robertson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the National Defense Medal. We acknowledge Sergeant Nicholas A. Robertson's exemplary military service and we recognize the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and his grateful State and Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1242)

Samuel C. Pennington III, of Waldoboro, founder and publisher of the *Maine Antique Digest*. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Pennington studied at Calvert School and Phillips Exeter Academy. He earned a degree in French from Johns Hopkins University and served in the United States Air Force as a career navigator and bombardier for 21 years before settling in Waldoboro and founding *Maine Antique Digest* with his wife, Sally. Mr. Pennington's many interests ranged from politics to education to fakes and forgeries, and he was highly respected and sought after in the antiques business in Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1243)

Wendy Larson, of Hallowell, owner and chef of Slates Restaurant, who has been named Restaurateur of the Year by the Maine Restaurant Association. Ms. Larson reopened her landmark establishment this year after it was destroyed by fire more than a year ago. Ms. Larson embodies the perseverance and hard work that create success in the highly competitive restaurant industry. She has been an active part of the Hallowell community for the 30 years she has been in business. Ms. Larson supports local artists and musicians and uses local farm produce in the dishes served. She has reopened the restaurant after the devastating fire with about 75 percent of her pre-fire employees. We acknowledge Ms. Larson's dedicated commitment to her community and to her profession and we congratulate her on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1244)

Bob and Priscilla Farrington, of Medway, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 18, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Farrington on this special occasion; (HLS 1245)

Carroll and Lindsay Nevells, of Lee, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 19, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Nevells on this very special occasion; (HLS 1246)

Elizabeth Pratt, of North Anson, on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Pratt taught physical education and health at Skowhegan Area Middle School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Pratt for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1247)

Helen Flewelling, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of her retirement after 13 years of dedicated service with School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Flewelling is a food service

worker at Norridgewock Central Grade School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Flewelling for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1248)

Jeanne Shay, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Shay taught Kindergarten at North Elementary School in Skowhegan. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Shay for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1249)

Jane Arthur, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Arthur taught 4th grade at Bloomfield Elementary School in Skowhegan. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Arthur for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1250)

Tammy Barker, of Farmington, who is the recipient of the Silent Hero Award presented by the Maine chapter of the National Emergency Number Association. The award is granted annually to an employee who exhibits the highest level of commitment to the profession and the agency. Ms. Barker, noted for her high performance in her work, compassionately and diligently carries out her duties by assisting the callers and responders at the Somerset Communications Center. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Barker on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1251)

Sharon Carey, supervisor, William Crawford and Tammy Barker, who have been chosen as Maine Communications Team of the Year by the Maine chapter of the National Emergency Number Association. They work at the Somerset Communications Center in Skowhegan. They were recognized for their professionalism in the handling of a domestic assault call that took place in Rockwood on January 11, 2007. Ms. Carey has been with Somerset Communications Center for 8 years. Mr. Crawford has been with the center for 9 years. Ms. Barker is a 2-year veteran. We extend our appreciation to all 3 of them for their commitment to the people of the State and congratulate them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1252)

Kathy Perelka, of Canaan, on the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Perelka taught art at Skowhegan Area Middle School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Perelka for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1253)

Steve Roderick, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Mr. Roderick taught industrial arts and technology at Skowhegan Area Middle School. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Roderick for his dedication to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1254)

Rita St. Clair, of New Sharon, on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. St. Clair taught English at Skowhegan Area High School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. St. Clair for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1255)

Betty Wing, of Cornville, on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Wing taught 3rd grade at Canaan Elementary School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Wing for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1256)

James Lamarca, of Kittery, who won the 189-pound weight class State Class C Championship, Western Maine Class C Regional Championship and Mid-State League Championship.

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We extend our congratulations to James on these accomplishments; (HLS 1257)

the following members of the Traip Academy Cheerleading Squad, of Kittery, who won the Western Maine Class C Cheering Championship: Brittany Johnson, Tammy Budaj, Kristen Egers, Harley Bird, Leighanne Bristow, Irene Pomerleau, Sarah Shanholtzer, Cortney Alessi, Lindsay DeWolf, Jessica Bedard, Laci Erickson, Katie Pelletier, Katie Ziegler and Susan Starkey. We extend our congratulations to the team members on this achievement; (HLS 1258)

Trevor Higgins, of Kittery, a senior at Traip Academy, who has been selected for the 2008 Maine McDonald's Senior All-star Basketball Team. The Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Basketball Games are a salute to the top student-athletes in basketball from across Maine. More than 100 individuals are honored for their achievements both on and off the basketball court. We extend our congratulations to Trevor on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1259)

Dave Knauber, of Georgetown, who has been named Citizen of the Year 2008. Mr. Knauber is a member of the fire department and is an emergency medical technician. He designed, built and updates the Georgetown Fire Department announcement sign. He also publishes the Fire and Ambulance Service's monthly newsletter. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Knauber for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1260)

the Town of Harpswell, on the occasion of its 250th Anniversary. A town in Cumberland County on Casco Bay, Harpswell was first settled in 1689, incorporated as a district in 1758 and as a town in 1775. It has the longest coastline of any town in Maine and includes Orrs Island, Bailey Island and the village of Cundys Harbor on Sebascodogan Island. The Town of Harpswell exemplifies the natural beauty of the Maine coast, and we send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of Harpswell on the 250th Anniversary; (HLS 1261)

Kara Violette, of Greene, a player on the Assabet Valley 12-and-under girls' hockey team. Kara and her teammates competed in and won the USA Hockey National Championship. Kara scored 2 goals, the second winning the game in the eighth overtime. She is a forward for team Assabet, which is the top team in the division. Kara's involvement on the team has required tremendous commitment and dedication from Kara and her family since the team is located in Massachusetts. She is the top scorer in her division. We extend our congratulations to Kara and her teammates on their victory; (HLS 1262)

Ruth Dyer, of Augusta, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, April 21, 2008. She married Robert T. Dyer and they raised 3 children, Robert, Larry and Carol. Mrs. Dyer was involved in many community activities, including scouting and Little League and continues to be involved in her church. Many people over the years have enjoyed her beautiful gardens, and she is valued as a wonderful person by her family, friends and neighbors. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 1263)

Lyla Kaylene Waindle, of Gorham, Special Assistant for Communications and Policy for the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 123rd Maine Legislature, on her acceptance into the prestigious Harvard Kennedy School of Government. The Harvard Kennedy School of Government is inspired by the late President Kennedy's call to service, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." As a graduate school, its mission is to train future public leaders to be innovative in striving to make the world a better place by helping to solve the world's most challenging

public problems. We acknowledge Ms. Waindle's dedicated service to the people of the State of Maine, and we congratulate her on being accepted into this program. We send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1264)

the students of Nokomis High School and teacher Howard Whitten, of Newport, who have been recognized by Guinness World Records for building the world's longest canoe. The canoe, made up of 8-foot modules, was floated on Sebasticook Lake in Newport for the first time on July 8, 2006. Each module was created by or sponsored by a local business or group and altogether comprised a length of 149 feet, one inch. The proceeds from the sponsorships went to the Maine Association for Disabled Sportsmen to assist disabled individuals in outdoor recreational activities, such as fishing and duck hunting. We extend our appreciation to the students for their efforts to help disabled sportsmen and congratulate them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1265)

Sergeant Ryan S. Stevens, 2nd Anglico, United States Marine Corps, of Strong, who has returned from his third deployment to Iraq. We commend Sergeant Stevens for his exemplary service to the United States Marine Corps. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming him home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to his State and Nation; (HLS 1266)

Henry D. Milligan, of Ashland, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Henry on this achievement; (HLS 1267)

Paul Michaud, of Frenchville, Athletic Director at Fort Kent Community High School, who has won the 2008 Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Special Achievement Award. Mr. Michaud has been an athletic director for 16 years, 10 years in Fort Kent and 6 years at Wisdom Middle/High School. He previously received the Certified Master Athletic Administrator Award. He has served seven years on the basketball committee and currently serves on the outdoor track committee and the ski committee, which includes scheduling for cross-country and skiing for Aroostook County and other challenging logistics. We congratulate Mr. Michaud on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1268)

Willard Hallam "Hal" Bonner, Jr., of Georgetown, lifelong dedicated scientist and an activist for world peace and the environment. He was also an anti-nuclear activist and a tireless community leader. Mr. Bonner was born in Lynn, Massachusetts and grew up surrounded by books, music and intellectual ideas. As a young man, he excelled in school and studied piano, collected postage stamps and engaged in chemistry experiments in the basement of his parents' home. His 30-year career in research and development led to 13 patents in foam, fabric and metal inventions. After his retirement, he lived in Beaver Valley. Mr. Bonner's contributions to Georgetown were impressively numerous and varied. He was a self-taught mycology expert and enjoyed guiding wild mushroom forays in Georgetown and throughout the State. He was a major organizer of the 31st Annual Northeastern Mycological Foray at the University of Maine at Orono and led forays and gave lectures at the Common Ground Fair. He served as a Director of the Lower Kennebec Regional Land Trust, a volunteer for the Georgetown Historical Society and chair of the Building Committee. He also taught chess to young children, and he served with the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Appeals. Mr. Bonner will be sadly missed by his loving family,

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many friends and members of the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1269)

Robert E. Walker, of Jefferson, who spent 50 years as a volunteer firefighter, 22 of which he served as Chief. A hero to some, a mentor to many, he presided over decades of growth and improvement in fire safety in his small town by obtaining new fire equipment and tankers, securing automatic mutual aid agreements between towns, leading a campaign for a new firehouse and lowering fire insurance rates for local homeowners. A United States Army veteran and an electrician by trade, Mr. Walker lived to help others, beginning in his youth growing up near a firehouse. From then on, he became committed to a life of service to families and communities in crisis. While his family, friends and community will greatly mourn his loss, it is widely believed that Robert E. Walker lived as a firefighter and died as a firefighter; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1270)

the Honorable Elizabeth "Libby" Mitchell, of Vassalboro, a member of the Maine State Senate, who was named Outstanding Citizen for 2008 by Le Club Calumet for her many years of dedicated public service. Le Club Calumet is one of the foremost civic organizations in the Augusta area and in the State. Senator Mitchell was first elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1974 and served until 1984. She returned to that chamber in 1991 and served until 1998. She was the first woman elected as House Majority Leader and also the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House. In 2004 she was elected to the Senate. She is involved in numerous local organizations and boards, and has served as a selectwoman for the Town of Vassalboro. Senator Mitchell received her law degree at the University of Maine School of Law and became a member of the Maine Bar at the age of 66. We acknowledge Senator Mitchell's strong commitment to her community and to the State. We congratulate her on being named Outstanding Citizen by Le Club Calumet; (HLS 1271)

Patricia Galgano, of Wilton, for her receiving an Exemplary Service Award from the Maine Commission for Community Service and Governor John E. Baldacci. This award honors the valuable contributions of Maine's extraordinary volunteers while inspiring others to follow their example. Ms. Galgano volunteers with the Senior Companion Program through the University of Maine Extension. She has devoted over 5,000 hours and traveled in excess of 16,000 miles to give companionship to senior citizens. We send her our appreciation for her volunteer work and our congratulations on her receiving this award; (HLS 1272)

Edwina H. Fletcher, 97, of Winterport, upon her receiving the Boston Post Cane. Born on October 27, 1910, Ms. Fletcher is the oldest citizen in her community. She has experienced many great historical events, including World Wars I and II and the Great Depression. We send her our congratulations on her being awarded the Boston Post Cane, and wish her continued happiness; (HLS 1273)

Muriel Havenstein, of Nobleboro, long considered a Maine musical treasure, on the occasion of her 85th Birthday. On May 3, 2008, Skidompha Library presents a "Jazz in May" concert to celebrate her birthday at the Opera House in Boothbay Harbor. Mrs. Havenstein was born and raised in Manhattan and started playing the piano professionally at age 16. She joined an all-girl jazz group that traveled from Philadelphia to Miami. She married Bob Havenstein in 1947 and they raised 2 daughters and a son. In the 1960s, they relocated to the Damariscotta area and she resumed her musical career. She continues to play throughout New England, appearing as the featured pianist at the biggest festivals and special events. She exemplifies the best of jazz

music and musical entertainment in Maine, and we send her our congratulations on this special event; (HLS 1274)

Robin Lisherness, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Mr. Lisherness taught English, speech and drama at Skowhegan Area High School. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lisherness for his dedication to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1275)

Jane Arthur, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of teaching for School Administrative District No. 54. Ms. Arthur taught 4th grade at Bloomfield Elementary School in Skowhegan. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Arthur for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1276)

George L. Jacobson, of Orono, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine, on his retirement after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. Professor Jacobson joined the university faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor of botany and quaternary studies. He served as associate director of the School of Biology and Ecology and became the Maine State Climatologist in 2008. He is the recipient of the 1999 Presidential Achievement Award for public service, the university's highest faculty honor. He also received the University of Maine Foundation's Leadership Award for 1994 to 2004, which honors the person who most changed the university during the decade. We acknowledge Professor Jacobson's contributions to the University of Maine, to the community and to the State. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1277)

Stephen H. Norton, of Bucksport, a professor of Earth Sciences at the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine, on his retirement after 40 years of dedicated service. Professor Norton joined the university faculty in 1968 as an assistant professor of geological sciences. He earned numerous awards during his tenure, including the inaugural Abraham W. Harris Award for leadership in 2005 and the 2005 New England Board of Higher Education's Award for Excellence in Project Achievement for his work on the National Science Foundation's GK-12 program at the university. Professor Norton has worked as a consultant for municipalities, the State and the United States Environmental Protection Agency on issues related to water quality. We acknowledge Professor Norton's contributions to the University of Maine, to the community and to the State. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1278)

Richard Harry Currier and Eleanor Lois Flint Currier, of Jay, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, May 5, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Currier were married in Flagstaff Township by Linwood Potter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Currier on this very special occasion; (HLS 1279)

David Lambert, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Calais High School. David will be attending Dartmouth College and majoring in Economics. He has his own DJ service and works in local stores. He has been a camp counselor. At Calais High School, he played basketball, golf and tennis and was a member of the National Honor Society, the student council, the Drama Club and the Math Team. He has received various awards during his high school years. He has volunteered with many organizations. David has been involved with the Maine Association of Student Councils. We extend our congratulations to David on these achievements; (HLS 1280)

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Paul "Bucky" Sproul, of Farmington, for his faithful and dedicated service to the youth of the State. For the past 3 decades, Mr. Sproul has been an umpire for the Wilton Little League and Cal Ripken baseball programs. He is always willing at a moments notice to help with the youth organizations in town. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Sproul for his commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 1281)

Jerod Rideout, of Dover-Foxcroft, who won the 2008 State Class C Wrestling Championship in the 160-pound weight class. This is his 4th career state crown. We extend our congratulations to Jerod on this accomplishment; (HLS 1282)

the memory of Pearl McBreairy Gardner, of Allagash, mother of a family that included fourteen children, on the occasion of a reunion of her family. Mrs. Gardner was born in 1903 and died in 1991. She had four daughters and ten sons. It was her great contribution to the State and to the Nation that she saw all of her sons serve in the United States Armed Forces in both World War II and the Korean War, and that they all came home. Mrs. Gardner was a dignified and humble woman, who never mentioned her sacrifice, but spoke only of the privilege bestowed on her sons in serving their country. We acknowledge the extraordinary life of Pearl McBreairy Gardner as her family gathers at this happy time; (HLS 1283)

the Waldo County YMCA, on the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony of its new natatorium, May 4, 2008. The expansion of the state-of-the-art YMCA, which first opened its doors in 2001, will house a six-lane swimming pool, a warm water therapy pool and a hydrotherapy pool. More than 340 donors have contributed financial support toward the \$3.5 million project, with the average donation exceeding \$5,000. The collective efforts of area citizens and businesses will allow the Belfast complex to fulfill its charge of building strong children, strong families and strong communities. We extend our congratulations to the Waldo County YMCA on this expansion; (HLS 1284)

Cecil and Mary Jane Beaupre, of Scarborough, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Beaupre were married on June 27, 1948 at the Catholic Church in the Town of Houlton. At that time, he was a student on the G.I. Bill and she worked for the First National Bank. Following his graduation, he taught at Washburn High School and she was a secretary. In 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Beaupre moved to Connecticut, where Mr. Beaupre taught English and French and later became Director of College Placement at Hamden Hall Country Day School, while Mrs. Beaupre was the secretary to the Assistant Headmaster. On their retirement in 1988, they moved to Scarborough and continue to spend summers at their camp on East Grant Lake in the small town of Orient. We extend our congratulations to the Beaupres on this milestone and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1285)

Seth Patrick Crean, of Freeport, of Boy Scout Troop #92 in Yarmouth, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Seth on his accomplishment; (HLS 1286)

Bradley Bouchard, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Bradley on this achievement; (HLS 1287)

Spencer Pelkey, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at

Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Spencer on this achievement; (HLS 1288)

Peter A. Pasquine, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved husband and father. Mr. Pasquine served in the United States Army during World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany and receiving the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle. He worked for Great Northern Paper for more than 33 years. He was a member of David Henry Post No. 80, American Legion, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 680, the National DAV and Francis Stinson Post No. 4154, VFW and was a communicant of Christ the Divine Mercy Parish. He enjoyed playing pitch at the Knights of Columbus Hall. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1289)

Charles "Max" Thomas, 16, of Freeport, a popular honor student at Freeport High School known for his positive outlook and his adventurous spirit. Max died from a rare form of brain cancer. He and his parents chronicled his illness for the benefit of others on a website. He participated in soccer and earned a varsity letter in alpine skiing as a freshman. Max was a world traveler and loved spending time at his family's cottage on Bustins Island. He was greatly loved and admired and was blessed with an amazing group of close friends and family who will greatly miss and long remember this kind and gentle soul; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1290)

Thomas C. LeVine, of Rockport, who passed away on April 19, 2008. Mr. LeVine graduated from the University of Vermont. His career began in Connecticut, where he developed a variety of new technology ventures. Mr. LeVine relocated to Rockport in 1999 and was able to continue his work with several technology enterprises and investors outside of Maine. That same year, he became a volunteer for the POP!TECH conference. In 2006 he became President and first Chief Executive Officer of POP!TECH Institute. Having prospered under Mr. LeVine's leadership, the Institute helped make Maine a center for world-changing people and ideas. In 2001, Mr. LeVine was appointed by the Governor to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of Maine's Small Enterprise Growth Fund. Mr. LeVine's accomplishments in this capacity can be attributed to his energetic advocacy for several of the Fund's portfolio companies, thus significantly aiding in their success. Known for his clever mind and dry sense of humor, Mr. LeVine could always be counted on to offer excellent insights to those around him. We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. LeVine's surviving family and friends. His friendliness and warmth will be missed by everyone who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1291)

Fortunat "Pete" Doucette, of Van Buren, upon his passing at the age of 84 on March 20, 2008. The son of Eddie and Lottie (Levesque) Doucette, Mr. Doucette began working at an early age with his father on the farm for Parent Brothers. His 40 years of employment as an oil delivery truck driver and burner service technician came to a conclusion upon his retirement in 1986. A civically active individual, Mr. Doucette served for several years as a volunteer firefighter and was also a former member of the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Council 1635 of Van Buren. He was renowned throughout the Saint John Valley for his never-ending storytelling. Mr. Doucette also spent a great deal of leisure time hunting, fishing and spending time with family at the family camp on Van Buren Cove of Long Lake. We offer our condolences to Mr. Doucette's wife of 60 years and his children, grandchildren and other surviving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1292)

Bob Stackpole, of Sanford, for his 15 years of service on the Sanford School Committee, 13 of which as chair. Mr. Stackpole is proud of the advances that the school department made in

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curriculum and programs for kids during the past 15 years, particularly in the areas of reading, literacy and math. He has been the technology administrator for School Administrative District 57 since 1981. He was a part-time faculty member at the University of Southern Maine. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Stackpole for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1293)

the following members of the Sanford Junior High School Odyssey of the Mind team, on their winning the State Championship in the Division II Road Rally: Patricia Leonard, Victoria Leonard, Nathan Faessler and Nicole Klassig. Coached by Nicole Leonard and William Leonard, the team is eligible to compete in the worldwide Odyssey of the Mind competition in Maryland. We congratulate the members of the team on their winning the State Championship and send our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1294)

Mark Fecteau, of Kittery, of Boy Scout Troop #320, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Mark held a coat drive to collect 150 coats for people in need. He surpassed his goal by collecting 320. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mark on his accomplishment; (HLS 1295)

Timothy S. Lomba, Jr., of Skowhegan, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 432, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Timothy is an avid football player, having played for 8 years. He will graduate from Skowhegan Area High School in June and plans to attend college in California. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Timothy on this achievement; (HLS 1296)

Jacob A. Couture, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement; (HLS 1297)

Ryan Crocker, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on this achievement; (HLS 1298)

Chris S. Smith, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Chris on this achievement; (HLS 1299)

Spencer F. L. Dunne, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Spencer on this achievement; (HLS 1300)

Tyler S. Trask, of Wilton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 518, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 1301)

The Reverend Doctor Tim W. Jensen, of Portland, on his installation as the fifteenth settled minister of the First Parish in Portland on May 4, 2008. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Dr. Jensen has served Unitarian Universalist congregations in Midland, Texas and on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. The First Parish in Portland is one of Maine's oldest churches and has a rich history. There has been a church at that site since 1740 and the Constitution of Maine was drafted there in 1819. We join the congregation of First Parish in congratulating Dr. Jensen and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1302)

Grady Fox, of Sanford, who has been named the York County Community College Student of the Year. A digital media student nominated by 6 different faculty and staff, Mr. Fox will graduate this spring with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. During his academic tenure Mr. Fox has been a Learning Center Tutor, digital lab monitor and editor of The Voice, York County Community College's student newspaper. Mr. Fox's leadership abilities earned him the distinction of serving as President of Phi Theta Kappa, while his academic prowess gained him an appointment to the All-Maine Academic Team. We join the faculty and staff of York County Community College in extending congratulations on this achievement; (HLS 1303)

the 100th Anniversary of the Farmington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit and nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children. As one of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, the Daughters of the American Revolution has 165,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States. The Farmington chapter, which is known as the Colonial Daughters chapter, has a rich history of civic and charitable contributions to the community, and we extend our congratulations to the good members on their centennial celebration; (HLS 1304)

Susan Hidden Buck, of Weld, on her retirement as Senior Legal Proofreader in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes of the Maine State Legislature after more than 18 years of dedicated service. Sue's professional commitment to clear language and good grammar has incalculably improved the laws of the State of Maine. Sue began working in the Revisor's Office in 1989 and for many years alternated her session work for the Legislature with employment at Mt. Blue State Park. She is a longtime, enthusiastic and highly effective volunteer at MOFGA's Common Ground Country Fair and is known for her green thumb. She also possesses a lovely singing voice and has a vast knowledge of folk and standard songs. Her intelligence, creativity, cheerful humor, thoughtfulness, tact and beautiful voice will be missed by her coworkers, but Sue's music and her generous spirit will surely continue to enrich the lives of those around her. We send her our congratulations on her retirement and our thanks for her years of service, and we wish her (and her beloved Boston Red Sox) well in the years to come; (HLS 1305)

Michael Martin, of Bradley, who received the William V. Haskell Distinguished Professional of the Year Award from the Maine Recreation and Park Association. Mr. Martin has worked for the Brewer Parks and Recreation Department for 19 years. His major accomplishments include the establishment of several new programs, including Brewer Days. He is known for his ready smile and his willingness to take on any job and do it right. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1306)

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Ethelyn M. Nichols, of Livermore, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, May 14, 2008. Mrs. Nichols has owned and operated the Nichols Farm since 1939. Mrs. Nichols still resides in her home on the farm, where she manages the day-to-day operation of the business. She is a wonderful friend and neighbor and has always shared her land with sportsmen and ATV and snowmobile riders. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Nichols on this very special occasion; (HLS 1307)

the first Midcoast Maine Women's Health Conference, which is taking place in Belfast at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center on Saturday, May 17, 2008. Hosted by the Women's Health Initiative, the day-long educational program has been organized in celebration of women's health. The event will promote healthy lifestyle choices for women and their families and helpful insight on how best to reach the underserved. We commend the participants of this valuable conference for their efforts in addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of coastal Maine women; (HLS 1308)

Philip and Gloria Ketch, of Woodland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple was married on May 17, 1958 in Perth-Andover in New Brunswick, Canada, with Reverend Donald Jackson officiating. We join Mr. and Mrs. Ketch's seven children, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren in congratulating the couple and in sending best wishes for continued happiness together; (HLS 1309)

the R.S. Osgood family, of East Dixfield, which has received the Community Service Award from the Mystic Valley Grange for service to the community and support for the grange. We send the Osgood family our congratulations on this honor; (HLS 1310)

Beulah Moore, of Kingfield, who will receive an honorary diploma at the Mt. Abram High School graduation. This is the 75th anniversary of her graduation from Kingfield High School, and she has maintained a connection with Mt. Abram High School and Kingfield High School ever since. The baton that the Class Marshall carries at graduation was made by Mrs. Moore. She keeps a large book that lists all of the graduates of Kingfield High School and Mt. Abram High School going back many years. She is also very dedicated to honoring the veterans. She is Kingfield's unofficial historian. She has filled a significant niche in Kingfield and thanks to her, Kingfield's history is recorded for all time and for all people. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Moore for her dedication to the people of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1311)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2008 Class of Mt. Abram High School: Diana Lee Allen of Strong, Emma Peck Coffin of Carrabassett Valley, Charlie Dexter of Strong, Georgia Dixon of Avon, Joshua R. Hill of Avon, Sterling Hooke of Salem Township, Kayla C. Howard of Salem Township, Nathan S. Kinney of Phillips, Chelsea R. Lecander of Stratton, Caitlin H. McFarland of Freeman, Jason Parrett of Langtown ;and Bethany B. Wheeler of Strong. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1312)

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Victor A. McKusick, M.D., of Parkman, Maine and Baltimore, Maryland, on his exceptional accomplishments as University Professor of Medical Genetics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is the physician-scientist widely acknowledged as the father of genetic medicine. In 1957 Dr. McKusick founded the Division of Medical Genetics at Johns Hopkins University and in 1966 created the first edition of the genetic reference Mendelian Inheritance in Man, a compilation of inherited disease genes. Raised on a dairy farm in Parkman, Dr. McKusick has since had a distinguished career as a master

clinician, scientist, medical historian and teacher. He has received both national and international recognitions, including the 2001 National Medal of Science. His accomplishments, spanning over six decades, reflect on his prodigious intellect, unsurpassed leadership in the field of genetics and deep concern for all citizens. We congratulate him on his extraordinary career; (HLS 1314)

Shawn Champagne, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class of Lawrence High School. Shawn has also been named to the National Honor Society for 3 years, has been on the school's honor roll for 4 years and has been named Student of the Month. Shawn has been on the varsity basketball and football teams for 3 years and served as captain on both teams his senior year. He also is the recipient of the 2008 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Shawn on his achievements and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1315)

Benjamin and Florence Brown, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Brown exchanged marriage vows on April 6, 1948 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Limestone, with Father Theodore A. Bouthot officiating. We join the Browns' six children, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild in congratulating the happy couple and wishing them years of continued happiness; (HLS 1316)

Suzanne Beale, of Winterport, who has been named the 2007 Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Beale on her receiving this honor and send our appreciation to her for the attention and support she provides as an employee of New England Home Health Care; (HLS 1317)

Carol Tucker, of Farmington, on her retirement as a guidance counselor in School Administrative District #9, after 19 years of dedicated service. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1318)

Arline Amos, of Wilton, who is retiring after 41 years of service at Weld Elementary School. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1319)

Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry, of Standish, on its recent grand opening, April 23, 2008. The pantry was named for Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, who proclaimed that "we can never say 'it is enough' while our friends and neighbors go hungry." It currently distributes bags of food from 6 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This helping hand in the community is a collaborative effort of Saint Joseph's College's Campus Ministry and Service Learning departments, the Town of Standish and Bon Appetit food services. The general funding for the project comes from an endowment to Campus Ministry gifted by the Andrew and Helen McSween Endowment to support good works in Standish. We send our appreciation to Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry for its efforts to help the community, and we wish them continued success; (HLS 1320)

Alan Sleight, of Carrabassett Valley, on the occasion of his retirement from MSAD #9 after 5 years of dedicated service to the children of Maine. Mr. Sleight taught at Mt. Blue High School. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1321)

Ron Hodgdon, of Mount Vernon, on the occasion of his retirement from Foster Regional Applied Technology Center after 11 years of dedicated service to the children of Maine. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1322)

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the following members of the 2008 Washburn Pee-Wee Girls Basketball Team, who were undefeated and captured the Aroostook County Girls Pee-Wee Basketball Championship: Mackenzie Worcester, Brittany Hernandez, Carmen Bragg, Kennedy Churchill, Carsyn Koch, Nicole Olson, Head Coach Larry Worcester and Washburn Recreation Director Marci Barbarula. We send our congratulations to the team members on their accomplishment and wish them continued success; (HLS 1323)

James "Chico" Hernandez, of Washburn, who won a pair of world titles at the North American Grappling Association's World Championship. Mr. Hernandez, a Team Irish and American Sambo Association member, competed with 2,500 competitors in the world's largest grappling event. He won a Bronze Medal in the No-Gi competition and a Silver Medal in the Gi competition. Mr. Hernandez now has 11 World titles, and we send him our congratulations on his impressive achievements; (HLS 1324)

the following members of the Washburn District Elementary School Girls Soccer Team, who have won the 2007 Aroostook County Eastern Division Girls Soccer League Championship: Mackenzie Worcester, Brittany Hernandez, Caitlyn Columbe, Carmen Bragg, Kennedy Churchill, Taylor Thompson, Carsyn Koch, Nicole Olson, Amelia Fox, Maegan Fitzpatrick, Olivia Doody, Rayah Saucier, Kelsey Churchill, Angie Hernandez, Tia Dee, Kristi Sperrey, Amanda Preston and Marlaina Spooner. The team was coached by Marci Barbarula. We send our congratulations to the team on its winning this championship; (HLS 1325)

David A. McAdam, of East Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. McAdam was a graduate of Schenck High School. After completing his military service, he worked for Great Northern Paper Company and he retired from Katahdin Paper Company. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1326)

the Livermore Fire Department for its advance planning and coordination in handling a fire that broke out at the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center. The fire started in the barn at the center due to a heat lamp that had been placed there to warm a litter of piglets. As the fire raged, it threatened to spread from the barn to the historic mansion, but, thanks to a pre-planned strategy of the Livermore Fire Department, under the leadership of Fire Chief Donald Castonguay and Incident Commander Andrew Berry, directed at this possibility, the various fire departments that came to aid in the fight were able to follow a plan that helped them to contain the blaze and keep the mansion from being engulfed. We extend our appreciation to the Livermore Fire Department for its forward thinking and comprehensive preparation and for keeping the citizens of the State safe; (HLS 1327)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2008 Graduating Class of Winthrop High School: Tarien Skye O'Brien, Alexa Gar-Wei Chu, Amanda Marie Ouellette, Briana Wei-San Chu, Daniel Gillis Soltan, Edmund Kingsland Burnett, Forrest P. Dwyer, Kayla Doris Kimball, Peter James Norris, Sarah Hutchins Pacheco and Shayna Kristen Camp. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1328)

John P. "Jack" Kelley, of Scarborough, on the celebration of his 80th Birthday, July 21, 2008. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 1329)

the Town of Scarborough on the celebration of the 350th Anniversary of its incorporation, July 14, 1658. Scarborough is a suburban community that offers open spaces, parks and

recreational areas for the State's citizens and visitors. Scarborough is a diverse community with a commitment to the quality of life and the environment. The town was named for Scarborough, England. Its Indian name is Owascoag, which means "place of much grass." The town was established in three settlements: Prout's Neck, Black Point and Dunstan. The settlement of Scarborough was one of the earliest made on the New England coast. It is the birthplace of the State's first governor, William King. The studio and home of the artist Winslow Homer are located in Scarborough at Prout's Neck. The great salt marsh known as the Scarborough Marsh, which is the State's largest tidal marsh, encompassing approximately 3,100 acres, and the Rachel Carson Wildlife lands are located in Scarborough. The first toll road in the State was located in the town along what is now known as U.S. Route 1. Scarborough offers lovely sandy beaches and the rocky coastline made famous by Winslow Homer. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens and friends of the Town of Scarborough as they celebrate the town's 350th Birthday; (HLS 1330)

Patrick Powell, of Camden, on the occasion of his retirement from Maine School Administrative District #5 after 22 years of dedicated service to the children of Maine. Mr. Powell taught the 5th grade at South School in Rockland. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1331)

Lona Wright, of Rockland, on the occasion of her retirement from Maine School Administrative District #5 after 36 years of dedicated service to the children of Maine. Ms. Wright taught physical education at Rockland District High School. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1332)

Cynthia Nelson, of Rockland, on the occasion of her retirement from Maine School Administrative District #5 after 36 years of dedicated service to the children of Maine. Ms. Nelson taught special education at Rockland District High School. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1333)

Gilbert and Betty Collamore, of Rockland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 14, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Collamore have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Collamore on this very special occasion; (HLS 1334)

Michael Gundel, of Rockland, on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated service to the children of Maine. Mr. Gundel was the Principal at Rockland District High School. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1335)

George A. Ward, of Harrison, upon his receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal. Wounded while valiantly serving his country as Technician 4th Grade in Battery C, 237th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Search Light Battalion in World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Technician 4th Grade Ward was also awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon. On November 2, 1944, Technician 4th Grade Ward was honorably discharged from military service. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Ward for his sacrifice in defending the homeland and ensuring the existence of freedom abroad; (HLS 1336)

Henry W. Leino, of Harrison, upon his receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal. Wounded while valiantly serving his country as Technical Sergeant with the 2135th Army Air Force Base Unit in World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Other commendations bestowed upon Technical Sergeant Leino include the Good Conduct Medal,

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the Air Force Presidential Unit Citation, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the Air Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 5 bronze stars. On October 16, 1945, Technical Sergeant Leino was honorably discharged from the military, having been recognized for his honest and faithful allegiance to this nation. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Leino for his sacrifice in defending the homeland and ensuring the existence of freedom abroad; (HLS 1337)

Arthur Wesley Mowatt III, of Bridgton, upon his receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal. Wounded while valiantly serving his country as Specialist during the Vietnam War, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Other commendations bestowed upon Specialist Mowatt include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and two Overseas Service Bars. On November 26, 1973, Specialist Mowatt was honorably discharged from military service. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Mowatt for his sacrifice in defending the homeland and seeking to spread freedom around the globe; (HLS 1338)

Delmore Maxfield, Sr., of Waterford, upon his receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal. Wounded twice while valiantly serving his country as Private First Class in Company E 5th Ranger Battalion in World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. Other commendations bestowed upon PFC Maxfield include the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge. On October 31, 1945, PFC Maxfield was honorably discharged from military service, having been recognized for his honest and faithful allegiance to this nation. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Maxfield for his sacrifice in defending the homeland and ensuring the existence of freedom abroad; (HLS 1339)

Robert Walter Scott, of Harrison, upon his receiving the State of Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal. Wounded while valiantly serving his country during the Vietnam War, Sergeant Scott was awarded the Purple Heart. Other commendations bestowed upon Sergeant Scott include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two service stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. On April 14, 1969, Sergeant Scott was honorably discharged from military service. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Scott for his sacrifice in defending the homeland and seeking to spread freedom around the globe; (HLS 1340)

Daniel Faloon, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this achievement; (HLS 1341)

Jordan Faloon, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Jordan on this achievement; (HLS 1342)

Mary Cassidy, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Mary on this achievement; (HLS 1343)

Melissa Davis, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Melissa on this achievement; (HLS 1344)

Rachel Porter, of Buxton, Salutatorian of Bonny Eagle High School Class of 2008. Rachel is a member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the Princeton Book Award, and she was a Girls State Delegate. She played soccer all 4 years of her high school career and served as captain her senior year. She

was named SMAA All Academic for the 2007-2008 season. Rachel was involved with the Fight Against Cancer Society, serving as President her senior year, the Foreign Language National Honor Society, the Prom Committee and Project Graduation. We extend our congratulations to Rachel on these accomplishments and send our best wishes to her for her continued success; (HLS 1345)

Amy L. Richardson, of Standish, Valedictorian of Bonny Eagle High School Class of 2008. Amy is a member of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society. Amy is an outstanding athlete. She played field hockey all 4 years of her high school career. She was named Academic All-American for the 2007-08 season, All State for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 seasons, Academic All State for the 2007-08 season and Player of the Conference for the 2007-08. Amy also played Lacrosse all 4 years and was named Academic All-American for the 2006-07 season. We extend our congratulations to Amy on these accomplishments and send our best wishes to her for her continued success; (HLS 1346)

Hannah Elizabeth Goodwin, of Warren, Salutatorian of the Medomak Valley High School Graduating Class of 2008. We extend our congratulations to Hannah on this accomplishment; (HLS 1347)

Downeast Energy & Building Supply, of Brunswick, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. The company began in 1908 as Brunswick Coal, selling coal and firewood. In 1931, Allen Morrell bought the company, added the words "& Lumber" to the name and expanded the business to sell heating oil, propane and building materials. During the 1950s Mr. Morrell's sons, Bob and Dick, joined the company. The brothers took over the company from their father in 1978 and have informally alternated as president and chair. Over the years, the company expanded through internal growth and by acquiring other companies; during the 1980s, wholesale and retail gasoline stores were added. In 1998, Brunswick Coal & Lumber became Downeast Energy & Building Supply. It is still a family-owned Maine company. Dick and Bob Morrell are still very much involved in the business along with four members of the next generation. They still put their customers first. Downeast Energy & Building Supply has a long history of giving time and money to community efforts. We extend our appreciation to Downeast Energy & Building Supply for its commitment to the State and congratulate it on its 100th Anniversary; (HLS 1348)

Zackary Scott Freeman, of Winslow, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 443, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout Project, Zackary built loon nests around Patties Pond in Winslow. We extend our congratulations to Zackary on this achievement; (HLS 1349)

Robert "Buddy" Rainey, of Wilton, to whose memory the annual town report has been dedicated. The Wilton Selectmen dedicated the 2008 town report to Mr. Rainey, to remember his many years of service to the Boy Scouts, the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Buddy worked for many years at G.H. Bass and, with his wife Sharon, ran the Dutch Treat Ice Cream Shop for 45 years. We acknowledge his civic contributions to the Town of Wilton; (HLS 1350)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2008 Graduating Class of Mt. Ararat High School: Keri West, Connor Fitzsimmons, Brandon Almy, Kurt Prescott, Chelsea Allen, Alana Joyce, Shea Geyer, Chelsea Williams, Victoria Bagwell and Brian Bousquet-

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Smith. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1351)

Mark Silk, of Orono, an investigator with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for his exemplary work and dedication to keeping Maine a safe place to live. Investigator Silk was diligent in his investigation involving a fugitive whom the United States Marshals were attempting to locate, and his efforts have helped lead to the apprehension of the offender in New Mexico. We extend our appreciation to Investigator Silk for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on a job well done; (HLS 1352)

James Gibbons, of Cape Elizabeth, recipient of the Silver Star, which he earned while serving in the Vietnam War. He was a sergeant in the United States Army. Although wounded when the tank he was in came under heavy fire, he managed to man his machine gun to ward off the attack and helped take his wounded men to safety. He was awarded the Purple Heart. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Gibbons for his dedication to his country; (HLS 1353)

Steve Obrin, of Topsham, on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years with the Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union. Mr. Obrin started with the credit union on July 21, 1975 as a loan officer. In October 1984 he became President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Obrin was a director of the Maine Credit Union League and the Tricorp Federal Credit Union. He helped to establish CUSO Mortgage Corporation and has served on the board since 1992. He was recognized as the Outstanding Credit Union Manager in the State in 1999. He is on the Board of Directors of MidCoast Hospital. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Obrin on his retirement and send him best wishes in his future endeavors; (HLS 1354)

Mike Warren, of Wilton, for 20 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Warren for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1355)

Kendall Burdin, of Wilton, for 38 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Burdin for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1356)

Larry Hand, of Wilton, for 34 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hand for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1357)

Sonny Dunham, of Wilton, for 30 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Dunham for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1358)

Tom Doak, of Wilton, for 25 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Doak for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1359)

George Guptill, of Wilton, for 23 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Guptill for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1360)

Mike Lilley, of Wilton, for 22 years of dedicated service to the Wilton Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lilley for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Wilton and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1361)

Marcia Abigail Ryder, of Kittery, beloved wife of Roger Cole and art teacher at Traip Academy, whose legacy continues in the lives of the hundreds of students she taught in her 28 years with the Kittery School Department, the people she worked with on community projects and the huge number of friends she

accumulated. Ms. Ryder recognized the beauty in every aspect of nature and at Traip Academy developed something she called an "artecology" curriculum. Along with teaching her students the techniques of capturing nature in all its diverse forms in their art, she urged them to study the creatures they were drawing or painting and to learn to really see them as they are. Ms. Ryder will be remembered for her loving nature and willingness to aid anyone who needed her help. Ms. Ryder's students, in writing of their affection for their art teacher, focused on her limitless cheer, her love of art and nature, especially dragonflies, and her uncanny ability to respond exactly to what was troubling a person. Ms. Ryder's philosophy was best summed up by words she wrote in the final month of her life: "Love: It will grow each time you give it away." Ms. Ryder will be greatly missed by her loving husband, her many students, her friends and members of the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1362)

Cort Hladik, of Buckfield, a member of the Livermore Falls Police Department, on being named Valedictorian of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Officer Hladik earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Officer Hladik set a record in the 1 1/2 mile run for the academy, finishing in 8 minutes and 34 seconds. He earned the top award in the defense tactic category of mechanics of arrest, restraint and control. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Office Hladik on this achievement; (HLS 1363)

Nate Kinney, of Phillips, a senior at Mt. Abram High School, who is the recipient of the 2008 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Nate on his receiving this award; (HLS 1364)

Phil and Bernice Berry, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Berry were married October 23, 1948. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1365)

Paul and Marguerite Goulet, of Lewiston, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Goulet were married September 27, 1958. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1366)

Paul and Muriel Fournier, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fournier were married November 28, 1953. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1367)

Richard and Esther Gould, of Brunswick, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gould were married June 27, 1953. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1368)

George and Anita Litalien, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Litalien were married October 3, 1953. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1369)

Robert and Claire Bedard, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bedard were married December 1, 1953. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1370)

George and Beryl Karkos, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Karkos were married April 12, 1958. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1371)

Frederick and Dianne Drottter, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Drottter were married June 21, 1958. We extend to them our

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congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1372)

Abigail Jones, of Owls Head, Valedictorian of Rockland District High School Class of 2008. Abigail will graduate summa cum laude with a four-year cumulative grade point average of above 98. Abigail played soccer and softball, was a member of the Student Senate and the National Honor Society, played in the fall musicals and participated in the United Methodist Summer Camp Youth Rallies at Mechuwana in Winthrop. During her senior year she was a cheerleader. She plans on majoring in Environmental Studies and subsequently attending law school. We extend our congratulations to Abigail on these achievements; (HLS 1373)

Elsie Mason, of Owls Head, Salutatorian of Rockland District High School Class of 2008. Elsie will graduate summa cum laude with a four-year cumulative grade point average of above 98. We extend our congratulations to Elsie on this achievement; (HLS 1374)

Bryson Cowan, of Thomaston, Salutatorian of Georges Valley High School Class of 2008. We extend our congratulations to Bryson on this achievement; (HLS 1375)

Stephanie Littlehale, of Thomaston, Valedictorian of Georges Valley High School Class of 2008. As a sophomore, Stephanie, in partnership with teacher Kerri Vilchinsky, founded the school's civil rights team. She served as president of the Amnesty International Club and played flute in the school band. We extend our congratulations to Stephanie and wish her continued success next fall at the University of Maine where she plans to major in International Studies and Political Science; (HLS 1376)

Rhonda Stark, of Canaan, on the occasion of her retirement after serving the Town of Skowhegan as clerk, treasurer, tax collector, office supervisor and passport agent for 25 years. Ms. Stark started her career for the town in 1983 with the community development department and then worked as clerk for payroll and collections before serving as executive secretary to the town manager. In 1985 she was appointed as assistant town clerk and in 1988 as town clerk. In 2002 Ms. Stark received the Lorraine M. Fleury Award from the Secretary of State for her outstanding contributions to the election process. She was named Clerk of the Year by the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association in 2003. We wish Ms. Stark well in her new position as town manager for St. Albans; (HLS 1377)

Kenneth and Martha Bate, of Wayne, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bate met while attending high school in Rockville, Connecticut. They were married in Talcottville, Connecticut June 7, 1958 and have 3 children. We extend to them our congratulations on this special occasion and send our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1378)

Clifford Roger Franck, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He married Rolande Bard in 1952 and they raised five children. He owned Cliff's barbershop and barbered for more than 50 years. People would often stop in at the barber shop, whether it was for a haircut or just some good conversation. Mr. Franck was extremely proud of his children and always encouraged them to strive for success, but admonishing them above all to be good, honest people. He enjoyed time spent at his camp on Long Lake, hunting, fishing and smelting. He was always game for a new adventure. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1379)

Annie Somers, a lifelong resident of Patten, on the celebration of her 94th birthday, April 15, 2008. Ms. Somers was born in Patten in 1914. She and her husband raised 8 children, 6

boys and 2 girls. She has been an active member of the Patten community and particularly enjoyed her membership in the Rebekahs. She is still an active member of the Shin Pond Babes and is looking forward to attending their summer sessions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Somers on this very special occasion; (HLS 1380)

the Church of the First Assembly of God, of Portland, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of its founding in 1908. Established by Reverend Arthur Chase as the first Pentecostal Apostolic Faith Assembly in New England, the congregation first met in the old Swedish Baptist Church on Wilmot Street. In 1917 the Assembly obtained the Portland home of famed Reverend Edward Payson and on the site constructed its new building, which was dedicated on September 1, 1918. The church has served the Greater Portland community from its original home for almost 90 years. As home to the famed Hephzibah Bible School, the church has sent out scores of pastors, teachers and evangelists to do spiritual work across New England and the United States. In its first century, just five long-serving pastors have held the pulpit of this active church. Today the First Assembly is the last remaining congregation on the Portland peninsula to continue the traditions of midweek assemblies and Bible studies open to all and, as a community anchor in the Bayside and Parkside neighborhoods of Portland, serves the most densely populated and most ethnically diverse single square mile of Maine. We congratulate the church upon its first century and wish it well as it enters its second century of serving the spiritual needs of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1381)

Parkview Adventist Medical Center, of Brunswick, which has been named a National Award Winner in healthcare service quality by Avatar International Inc. Parkview Adventist Medical Center received the Five Star Service Inpatient Care 2007 award. The award is based on inpatient surveys, and Five Star Service reflects the highest score. We extend our appreciation to Parkview Adventist Medical Center and its staff for their dedication to the medical needs of the citizens of the State and congratulate them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1382)

Michael Burnham, of Monmouth, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years with the Monmouth School Department. He has been a teacher, Cooperative Education Director, Athletic Director, Transportation Director and Coach and served at the Monmouth Academy as Assistant Principal for 11 years and Principal for 5 years. Mr. Burnham has served the Monmouth Schools with dedication, commitment and professionalism, giving of his time and energy for the students of Monmouth. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Burnham for his dedication to the teaching profession and send him best wishes in his future endeavors; (HLS 1383)

Danielle Gray, of Corinna, Salutatorian of Nokomis Regional High School Class of 2008. We extend our congratulations to Danielle on this achievement; (HLS 1384)

Rachel Gordon, of Newport, Valedictorian of Nokomis Regional High School Class of 2008. We congratulate Rachel on all her hard work and success and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors; (HLS 1385)

Hannah Emery, of Madison, a student at Madison Junior High School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 8th Grade Citizenship Award. Hannah has been active in sports at Madison Junior High School, particularly cheerleading, basketball and track. She participated in Student Council, drama, KV Honors chorus, Gifted and Talented, Maine Student Book Award and Oasis, an after-school activities program. She hosted a cheerleading clinic, kept the books at basketball games and

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assisted the flag football cheering squad. She participated in fund-raisers, including the St. Jude Math-a-thon, Toys for Tots and school-sponsored food and magazine drives. She walked the Relay for Life, sent cards and packages to veterans, helped decorate the local fire station for Halloween festivities and made nursing home visits as she delivered homemade valentines to the residents. Hannah is a high honors student and a respected individual and athlete with commendable leadership qualities and is, most definitely, a young lady of integrity. We send Hannah our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1386)

Donald Haines, a lifelong resident of Mexico, on the occasion of his 97th birthday, June 17, 2008. Mr. Haines started playing the organ at the age of 12 and has played the organ for the Mexico Baptist Church for more than 80 years. Mr. Haines played at local nursing homes and gave piano lessons in the church basement. When working for the Rumford paper mill, he refused to work on Sunday because he had the responsibility of providing the music for church services. He is an avid Red Sox fan and enjoys going to Dick's Restaurant after church on Sunday. Mr. Haines is a good, kind-hearted man and is faithful and dedicated to his community. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Haines; (HLS 1387)

Olivia Brown, of Skowhegan, a student at Skowhegan Area Middle School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 8th Grade Citizenship Award. Olivia is a member of the Civil Rights Team and Student Council and the leader of the recycling program at Skowhegan Area Middle School. She attended the 12th Annual Girls' Day at the State House. Olivia is a member of the Girl Scouts, a camp counselor and a member of the leadership council. She mentors the Girl Scout Daisy troop in the area and is a volunteer at the L.C. Bates Museum. She is an honor roll student, has taken the Babysitting Course at Redington Fairview General Hospital and learned CPR for young children. We send Olivia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1388)

Matthew Robert McAdam, of Sanford, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 327, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his service project, Matthew, with assistance from members of the Springvale First Baptist Church, cleaned, planted and mulched the church's memorial garden. He then conducted a posthumous recognition ceremony for 2 outstanding former members of the church, one of whom, Benjamin Keating, died while serving with the United States Army in Afghanistan in 2006. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 1389)

Paul Benjamin and Jamie Isaacson, of Rockland, founders of the North Atlantic Blues Festival. The annual two-day summer festival is held at scenic Harbor Park in Rockland. Some of the biggest names in blues music perform at this prestigious festival. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Isaacson for their bringing the blues artists and their fans to Rockland and offer our best wishes to the Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival for its continued success; (HLS 1390)

Debora Tanner, of Skowhegan, who has been chosen Mother of the Year by the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge. Mrs. Tanner has devoted her entire life to helping others, whether it is at church, school or home. She is married to the Reverend Mark Tanner of the Skowhegan Federated Church and together they have a blended family of 5 children living with them. Mrs. Tanner has taught at Skowhegan Area Middle School for 23 years and is director of the music program at Vacation Bible School at the Federated Church. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Tanner

for her devotion to the community and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1391)

Charlene Kinnely, of Gardiner, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years as Executive Director of Uplift, Inc. Ms. Kinnely has worked in the field of providing support and services to people with disabilities for almost 40 years. She has served as a social worker in the community placement and aftercare program, as coordinator of intake services, as director of client planning and evaluation and as assistant and superintendent at the Pineland Center. Ms. Kinnely is the recipient of the AAMD Leadership Award, the Public Policy Achievement Award, the David D. Gregory Community Inclusion Award, the MAPRR Legislative Advocacy Award and the Spurwink Trustee Award. She has served on the board of directors of the national organization ANCOR and of the Lewiston-Auburn Occupational Training Center as well as on the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board. She serves on the board of directors of CASA, Inc. She was chair of the legislative committee of the Maine Association for Community Service Providers. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Kinnely for her services and support for people of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1392)

Gwendolyn Sisto, of Eliot, who finished 3rd at the United States national weightlifting championships. This achievement qualified Gwendolyn to compete for one of only four positions on the U.S. Olympic team bound for Beijing. With a passion for the sport of weightlifting that commenced at the age of 14, Gwendolyn's focused preparation eventually led to her highest lift of the clean and jerk at 191.80 pounds. Since the onset of her training, Gwendolyn's distinctions include being crowned the 2006 national collegiate champion at Georgia Tech. We commend Gwendolyn for her determination and competitive spirit and wish her continued success in reaching her goals and dreams; (HLS 1393)

retired Colonel John Lippincott, of Eliot, recipient of the 2008 Fabyan Drake Citizen of the Year Award, presented by the American Legion for his many years of dedicated public service. He has served as head of the Memorial Day Parade since 1990, chairman of Eliot Festival Days since 1996 and a member of the Lions Club, the Eliot Bicentennial Committee and the United Methodist Church. Colonel Lippincott is also energetically involved with the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce as a small business owner of The Farmstead Bed and Breakfast. We extend our congratulations to Colonel Lippincott upon his receiving this mark of distinction and our appreciation to him for his allegiance to the Eliot community and his nation; (HLS 1394)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2008 Graduating Class of Mt. Blue High School: Alexandra West; Kimberly Cushman; Kinda Lilley; Kyle Cyr; Eric Formella; Sierra Medling; Elisabeth Stancioff, Valedictorian; Merina Iida; Kayla Olsen; Lauren Kerr, Salutatorian; and Alexandra Nichols. We send our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1395)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2008 Graduating Class of Noble High School: Anna Alex, Amanda Reynolds, Margaret Burns, Allison Heath, Sarah Morse, Katie Pelletier, Katelyn Straw, Christopher Chase, Kasey Woodworth and Samantha Avery. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1396)

Barbara Ann Fortier, of Biddeford, who is the recipient of the 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ms. Fortier has taught at Biddeford Middle School for 9 years. She currently teaches grade eight science and is a team leader for the school's NASA explorer school. She

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is a board member of the Maine Science Teachers Association, an analyst of online resources for the Phenomena and Representations for the Instruction of Science in Middle Schools and a leader for the National Optical Astronomy Observatory. Ms. Fortier's love of science and inquiry-based problem solving methods provide a creative learning environment for students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Fortier for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1397)

Cassandra Pelletier, of Madawaska, Honor Essayist of Madawaska Middle/High School Class of 2008. We congratulate Cassandra on her hard work and success and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors; (HLS 1398)

Chelsea Martin, of Madawaska, Valedictorian of Madawaska Middle/High School Class of 2008. We congratulate Chelsea on her hard work and success and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors; (HLS 1399)

Jordan Albert, of Madawaska, Salutatorian of Madawaska Middle/High School Class of 2008. We congratulate Jordan on his hard work and success and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors; (HLS 1400)

Michael J. Thorne, of Harrison, upon his retirement after 21 years as Town Manager. Mr. Thorne faced many challenges while serving as director and overseer of the friendly village's affairs. Through his budgeting competence, Mr. Thorne leaves the town with no outstanding obligation, and area residents are enjoying much-improved roadways due to his insightful planning and keen management of finances. Projects completed under the administration of Mr. Thorne include renovations to the town office, the construction of a new salt and sand storage shed and a fire station, the opening of a transfer station with recycling, the relocation of the town office and the reconstruction of Main Street. Mr. Thorne also served as tax collector, treasurer, road commissioner, general assistance administrator, purchasing agent, personnel manager and E-911 administrator. He was a member of the Cumberland County Managers Association, the Western Maine Managers Association and the Maine Town and City Managers Association. We wish to acknowledge all that Mr. Thorne has contributed to the betterment of Harrison and Maine throughout his career and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1401)

Justin Thomas Hastings, of Corinna, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 65, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his service project, Justin rebuilt the World War II Veteran Honor Roll, that will be displayed in the Town of Corinna. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this achievement; (HLS 1402)

Linwood "Darby" Davis, of Eliot, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. As Eliot's eldest citizen, Mr. Davis has endured many great historical events including both World Wars, the Great Depression and the Cold War. In 1927 Mr. Davis married Grace Joy and together they purchased a cottage from Mrs. Davis's father in the Town of Eliot. After the closure of the mill where he worked, Mr. Davis relocated to Massachusetts but still spent summers in Eliot working on his camp on River Road. Mr. Davis's craftsmanship became well-known around the community and when he was not working on his own projects he selflessly helped family, friends and neighbors with theirs. Mr. Davis was a member of the Masons, the Lions Club and the Order of the Moose. He is the oldest living Past Master of the St. John Lodge of Masons. We join the citizens of Eliot in congratulating Mr. Davis for attaining the age of 100; (HLS 1403)

Charles Merchant, of Addison, a student at Daniel W. Merritt School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 8th Grade Citizenship Award. Charles is an honor roll student. He is a member of the junior high school and senior high school bands. He participated in the Beth Wright Cancer Walk and in the Coastal Clean-Up Program and is a volunteer at the local animal shelter. We send Charles our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1404)

Ryan Newman, of Eastbrook, a student at Cave Hill School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 8th Grade Citizenship Award. Ryan has been very active in Boy Scouting. He has volunteered at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and is always willing to help at school wherever he is needed. He plays baseball, basketball and soccer. Ryan works very hard at his studies and was nominated for this award by his classmates. We send Ryan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1405)

the Aroostook County Branch of the American Red Cross - Pine Tree Chapter for its efforts in providing relief to the flood victims of northern Maine. The organization and its selfless, dedicated volunteers were instrumental in alleviating anxiety and providing much-needed comfort to those affected by the damaging waters. Their swift response and many hours of disaster relief training played a pivotal role in meeting humanitarian needs during the early May 2008 disaster. We extend our appreciation for their tireless work in restoring a sense of calmness and normalcy during this widespread tragedy; (HLS 1406)

Bridget Blood, of Phillips, a student at Phillips Middle School who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 8th Grade Citizenship Award. Bridget was an active member of class government and student council throughout her middle school years. She was instrumental in organizing the Winter Carnival and the annual Cinco de Mayo District Dance. She is a member of MAPS Brigade Relay for Life Team and was a key facilitator of the annual Mix It Up at Lunch event and emcee for several school assemblies. She is the President of the Phillips Middle School Student Council. Bridget has taken dance lessons since kindergarten and is an avid hunter. We send Bridget our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1407)

Jazmin Knapp, of Freeman, a student at Strong Elementary School, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's 2008 8th Grade Citizenship Award. Jazmin is a quiet leader and is an involved student at the Strong Elementary School and in the community. She is the manager of the school store. She is a member of the "Wicked Walkers," the school "Relay for Life" team; the school drama class; and the community drama group, "The Misfits." Jazmin serves as the President of her 8th grade class and of the Strong Elementary School Student Council. She helped to organize and participated in fund-raisers to help her class finance a 3-day trip to Boston. She won the 2008 school spelling bee and the 2008 Franklin County Spelling Bee. She has been at the top of her class throughout her entire school career. We send Jazmin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1408)

the Edward Little High School Boys Track Team on 100 consecutive wins. Since 2001, the Red Eddies have maintained a winning streak that has included 2 conference wins and a State Championship. We congratulate the coaches and all of the members of the Edward Little High School Boys Track Team on this great accomplishment and wish them continued success; (HLS 1409)

Daniel Adams, of Skowhegan, on his retirement as Skowhegan Fire Chief after 27 years in the firefighting profession. Mr. Adams began his career in firefighting as a teenager and

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became a permanent employee for the Skowhegan Fire Department in 1981. He followed in the footsteps of his father, who served as a firefighter for 37 years. Mr. Adams served as deputy chief and interim chief before being appointed chief in 2007. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Adams for his outstanding service to the community and wish him well with his new career in truck transport services; (HLS 1410)

Donald Salm, of Phillips, who is the recipient of the EMT of the Year Award presented by NorthStar. NorthStar is the ambulance service of Franklin Memorial Hospital. During the 3 years that Mr. Salm has been a part of NorthStar, he has risen from driver to EMT-I and is getting his paramedic license. Mr. Salm is known for his professionalism, his respectful patient care and his positive community activities. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Salm for his dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1411)

Chris Sweet, of Farmington, and the Maine Public Broadcasting Network. The Maine Public Broadcasting Network took home 2 gold statuettes at the 31st New England Emmy Awards ceremony presented by the New England Chapter of the National Television Academy. The awards were given for MPBN's original Maine history television series, "Maine Experience." Mr. Sweet, a producer and writer who works in MPBN's Lewiston studios, was recognized for his work on the second season premiere of "Maine Experience," which took top honors in the "Historical/Cultural Program" category. We extend our congratulations to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and Mr. Sweet on their receiving these awards; (HLS 1412)

Dr. R.C. Newman, of Island Falls, on the occasion of his retirement after 61 years of practicing veterinary medicine. Dr. Newman graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He came to Maine and worked for the State before moving and settling in Island Falls. Dr. Newman has served the health needs of pets and livestock in southern Aroostook County, northern Penobscot County and western Washington County. He and his wife, Joy, raised their 4 daughters, Candy, Sandy, Darcy and Heather, in their home on Harding Street. They spent their summers at their home on Pleasant Lake. Dr. Newman has been active in many organizations in the surrounding towns. He has earned the respect of all citizens of the area, and his services will be sorely missed. We extend our best wishes to him in his retirement; (HLS 1413)

the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary. The Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service is the primary ambulance service for the communities of Liberty and Montville. We extend our appreciation to the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service for its dedication to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1414)

Christine Bessette, of Dover, New Hampshire, who is the recipient of a Siemens Award for Advanced Placement by the College Board and the Siemens Foundation. For a decade, these organizations have partnered to acknowledge students, teachers and high schools in each of our 50 states for excellence in AP math and science. Ms. Bessette, a teacher at Berwick Academy, was bestowed this mark of distinction for having a minimum of 5 years of teaching experience in AP courses and for demonstrating exemplary instruction and enthusiastic dedication to her AP Program students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Bessette for the time and energy she invests to broaden the minds of our nation's next generation of mathematicians and scientists and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1415)

Jean "John" Poirier, of Eliot, upon his passing at the age of 48 on May 13, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Poirier was born in 1959 in St. Georges, Quebec, Canada to Leopold and Laurette Poirier. The family moved to Bingham, Maine in 1963. It was in 1978, prior to his graduation from Upper Kennebec Valley High School, that Mr. Poirier became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Four years after completing his secondary school studies, Mr. Poirier was selected to attend the Maine State Police Academy and remained employed by the State Police until his retirement in 2006. Throughout his career Mr. Poirier received a variety of accolades, including being named Trooper of the Year in 1993 and receiving the Maine State Police Meritorious Service Award in 2006. Developing friendships throughout his career, Mr. Poirier later had the pleasure of extending his profession in law enforcement with the Eliot Police Department from 2006 through April 2008. Mr. Poirier appreciated the outdoors. He enjoyed cheering on the University of Maine's men's ice hockey team. We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. Poirier's family and friends. May he be long remembered for his contributions to the welfare of the public he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1416)

Harry E. Slattery, of Limerick, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Slattery served in the United States Army during World War II. He was employed by the A&P Bakery in Portland for 23 years and by the Hanold Company in Standish for 5 years and retired from the University of Southern Maine after 10 years. He and his wife, Erma, raised 3 daughters. Mr. Slattery was a fixture in the Standish community. He attended the Standish Congregational Church. He was one of the founding members of the Standish Rescue Unit. He was the first King Lion of the Lions Club of Standish, a member of the Standish Senior Citizens, the 50+ Club of Baldwin and Standish Lodge #70 AF & AM, serving as Past Master and Past Patron for the Dawn of Hope Chapter OES Standish, and a life member of the Pine Tree Chapter OES Gorham. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his friends and the community of Standish with which he shared much of his life; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1417)

Helen Louise Stesienko, of Lebanon, who has earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Helen on this accomplishment; (HLS 1418)

Amber Nicole Norton, of Lebanon, who has earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior 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 1419)

Carina Cameron, of Lebanon, who has earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Carina on this accomplishment; (HLS 1420)

Amy Anderson, of Woodland, Valedictorian of the 2008 Graduating Class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations to Amy on this achievement; (HLS 1421)

Karyn King, of Caribou, Salutatorian of the 2008 Graduating Class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations to Karyn on this achievement; (HLS 1422)

Florence "Flo" Annie Goodwin, of Northport, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, July 25, 2008. Ms. Goodwin was born in Masardis and was the eldest of 6 children. She and her late husband, Carl Goodwin, resided in their Back Belmont Road farmhouse until the 1990s. Mrs. Goodwin has a strong

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spirit and passion for life. She enjoys crossword puzzles, scrabble, cribbage and eating out at the Dockside Restaurant and Dudley's Diner. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Goodwin on this very special occasion; (HLS 1423)

Winston and Florence Young, of Bangor, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 14, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Young resided in Limestone and were active in their community, working to improve and preserve the small town's quality of life. Mr. Young served in the armed forces during World War II. Mrs. Young served as a member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 120th and 121st Legislatures. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion. May they enjoy many more years of happiness together; (HLS 1424)

Raymond Wood, of New Sharon, on the occasion of his retirement after 21 years as a bus driver and custodian for School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Wood for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1425)

Thelford Viles, of New Sharon, on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years as a custodian for Maine School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Viles for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1426)

Gary Oswald, of Jay, who was named Middle School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Oswald on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1427)

Four Corners Park, in Madawaska, on its grand opening, June 28, 2008. Four Corners Park is one of the stops on the U.S.A. Four Corners Tour. Motorcyclists who participate in the tour have 21 days to ride their motorcycles to four corner cities of the United States: San Ysidro, California; Blaine, Washington; Madawaska, Maine; and Key West, Florida. The Four Corners Park was constructed through countless volunteer hours and generous donations from motorcycle enthusiasts and community dealers. The land was donated by the town, the work was done by volunteers and all money used to construct the park was raised through fund-raisers. The park is open to anyone. We send our congratulations to Four Corners Park on its grand opening and extend our appreciation for its contribution to the community; (HLS 1428)

Loring "Bud" Smith, of Farmingdale, on the occasion of his retirement after almost 50 years with the Farmingdale Fire Department. Mr. Smith joined the fire department in the late 1950s. He has been a mentor to several generations of volunteers with the department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Smith for his many years of commitment to the people of Farmingdale and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 1429)

Alfred "Hap" Cote, of Caribou, beloved husband and father. Mr. Cote grew up in Limestone on the family farm, the operations of which he took over after his father became disabled with lung disease. In the 1970s Mr. Cote was named "Young Farmer of the Year." After farming became less lucrative, he served as a reserve officer and then as a patrolman for the Limestone Police Department. He retired as lieutenant in command from the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department Transportation Division after 25 years. Mr. Cote enjoyed gardening, hunting, cooking, woodworking, mechanics, carpentry and clock making. His skills and talent were most evident in the personal design and construction of his home, for which he used wood from his own property. Mr. Cote will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1430)

Vernon DeLong, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years as Executive Director of the Agricultural Bargaining Council. Mr. DeLong was Executive Director of the council when the binding arbitration law was enacted by the Legislature. He has also been involved with the Potato Marketing Association of North America for more than 15 years. He has had a lifelong career in the potato industry. We extend our congratulations to Mr. DeLong on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1431)

Jean McSweeney, of Winthrop, on the occasion of her retirement as an education technician after 22 years of service with the Winthrop Grade School. Ms. McSweeney began working at Winthrop Grade School as a volunteer while her children were students there. She stayed 7 years as a volunteer and then was hired into a program that provides aid to children learning to read. We extend our appreciation to Ms. McSweeney for her years of service to the community of Winthrop and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1432)

Ann Dooling, of Winthrop, on the occasion of her retirement as principal after 13 years of service with Winthrop Grade School. Ms. Dooling has been an educator for 34 years, beginning at Wales Central School and then moving to her alma mater, Winthrop Grade School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Dooling for her commitment to the community of Winthrop and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1433)

Patricia Larson, of Wayne, on the occasion of her retirement as a music teacher at Winthrop Grade School. Ms. Larson has dedicated her 28-year career to helping children learn to enjoy music. A singer and pianist, she also plays the French horn with the Kennebec Performing Arts Wind Ensemble. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Larson for her years of service to the community of Winthrop and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1434)

Lucas Hare, of Raymond, who has been named Maine State Trooper of the Year. A 5-year veteran of the State Police and former South Portland Police Officer, Trooper Hare was honored with this mark of distinction at the annual State Police Awards ceremony in Augusta. Trooper Hare was also presented with a bravery commendation for his role in the standoff with a gunman in Auburn. He is a member of the State Police's tactical team. We extend our appreciation to Trooper Hare for his commitment to the people of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1435)

James Franklin Cole, Sr., of Gardiner, who passed away at the age of 82. Mr. Cole joined the United States Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific campaign during World War II as a sonar operator on several destroyer escorts. Mr. Cole was an executive chef and taught culinary arts at Dexter Regional Vocational Center. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and tending to his garden with his faithful canine companion, Mister. He operated a ham radio and was well-known for the famous "Santa Net." He had a pilot's license, and he served as Past Master of the Winthrop Maine Lodge. Mr. Cole will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1436)

Leon L. Baron, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Baron graduated from St. Martin of Tours Catholic High School in 1954. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for more than 40 years. He was a dedicated volunteer to veterans' causes and was passionate about proper honors being observed for veterans' funerals. Mr. Baron was a member of Rodney Stinson Post No. 4154, D.A.V., Donald V. Henry Post No. 80 of the American Legion and Francis

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Elliott Post No. 4154. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1437)

Raymond and Eleanor Lord, of Hampden, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lord were married June 11, 1958 at the Bangor First Church of the Nazarene by Reverend Dean R. Hardy. Mr. Lord was employed by the Town of Hampden as a firefighter and EMT and retired in 1992 after 27 years. Mrs. Lord was a homemaker and also was employed as an elementary school teacher, retiring in 1992. They raised 3 children and 3 foster children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lord on this very special occasion; (HLS 1438)

the following members of the 2008 Bangor Hockey Travel Bantams, who won the Canada Subway Tournament in Saint John, New Brunswick with a record of 38-9-5: Connor Griffin, Deven Romain, Chris Howat, Geoff Gifford, Mark Dieuveuil, Wyatt Frost, Nick Stevens, Jonathan Matheson, Adam King, Joey Seccareccia, Mitchell Wilson, Tyler Shanklin, Jordan Harnish and Ian Roberts and Coach Elliot Hale. The team also placed second in the State with a record of 13-3-2. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team for these accomplishments and wish them success in the years to come; (HLS 1439)

Sara Lammert, of Glenburn, who has earned the designation of AP Scholar. Sara also qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams. Sara is a student at John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations to Sara on these accomplishments; (HLS 1440)

Qian Yang, of Glenburn, who has earned the designation of AP Scholar. Qian also qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams. Qian is a student at John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations to Qian on these accomplishments; (HLS 1441)

Jesse Ian Hamilton, of Wells, Valedictorian of the 2008 Graduating Class at Wells High School. Jesse plans to attend Johns Hopkins University and major in Biomedical Engineering. He was a National Merit Finalist and a member of the National Honor Society, received the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, was a Presidential Scholar Nominee and was number one in grade at the Maine Association of Math Leagues for 3 years. He was an oboist in the York County District Band, a member of the All State Band and Orchestra for 4 years and a pianist for chorus and drama. We extend our congratulations to Jesse on these achievements; (HLS 1442)

Brianna Anderson Cilley, of Wells, Salutatorian of the 2008 Graduating Class at Wells High School. Brianna plans to attend Tufts University and major in Environmental Engineering. She played field hockey and made All State, Academic All-State and 1st Team All Star and played softball and made Western Maine All Star. She was a member of the National Honor Society and served as Treasurer. Brianna received a National Merit Commendation and the Principal's Award and was a Presidential Scholar Nominee. We extend our congratulations to Brianna on these achievements; (HLS 1443)

Nana Haines, of Phillips, on her retirement after 9 years as president of Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties. Ms. Haines has been a literacy volunteer for 13 years. During her tenure, Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties received national accreditation by Literacy Volunteers of America. She was instrumental in Literacy Volunteers of Franklin

and Somerset Counties adopting a Junior Literacy Program for middle school students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Haines for her dedication to the people of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1444)

Enoil Pelletier, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. Mr. Pelletier worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 30 years. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1445)

Henry P. Seile, of Millinocket, who passed away June 13, 2008 at 85 years of age. Mr. Seile served in Europe with the United States Army during World War II. He worked for several local potato farmers before going to work for Sherman Lumber Company. He later worked for Great Northern Paper Company, retiring after 32 years. He enjoyed camping, snowmobiling and hunting. He was never happier than when family and friends got together. He will be missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1446)

Edwin and Jean Libby, of New Gloucester, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Libby were married June 20, 1958 at the home of Mrs. Libby's parents in North Yarmouth. They have resided at Gloucester Hill all their married life and raised their 2 sons there. Mr. and Mrs. Libby are active in community affairs. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Libby on this very special occasion and wish them many continued happy years; (HLS 1447)

Leeman Harris Woodside, of Pownal, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 92, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to Leeman on this achievement; (HLS 1448)

Cecelia Liberty Austin, of Gray, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, June 20, 2008. As a young woman, she worked in food preparation at the Pineland Center for the Disabled to send money home to help with her 13 siblings. She married Kermit Nelson Austin in 1940, and they raised 2 sons. Mrs. Austin worked for the Maine Department of Transportation for many years preparing meals in a mobile kitchen for the crews on road projects. She co-owned Liberty Brick Yard for many years. She has 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Austin on this very special occasion; (HLS 1449)

Dr. Lawrence "Joe" Boyle, of Biddeford, for his 31 years of service with the Ogunquit Rotary Club. As a participant in Rotary International's Group Study Exchange, Dr. Boyle hosted 2 students from Norway, with whom he continues to keep in contact. Dr. Boyle is the recipient of 2 Paul Harris Fellowship Awards, one of the highest honors Rotary can bestow upon a person. He coordinated with the Calais Rotary Club to secure grant funding for the installation of water filters in the Dominican Republic. Dr. Boyle, his wife and 5 other Rotarians traveled to LaRomano to build and install the filters. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Boyle for his selfless acts in improving the lives of those less fortunate both in Maine and in other parts of the world; (HLS 1450)

Andrew G. Sullivan, of Caribou, on his being inducted as a violinist into the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Sullivan will complete his bachelor's degree in Music Performance in May of 2009 and is concertmaster of the University of Maine Orchestra. He is studying with Dr. Anatole Wieck and preparing to attend the Juilliard School for his graduate studies. He played music in the productions of "Kiss Me Kate" and "The Marriage of Figaro" at the Maine Center for the Arts and has played background music

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for independent films. Mr. Sullivan is an active volunteer at church benefits, the Cary Medical Center and the Caribou Nursing Home and with the Rotary Club. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sullivan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1451)

Kalli Marie Cote, of Limestone, who has been crowned Miss Limestone 2008. Kalli will contend for the title of Maine Potato Blossom Queen in July. Kalli achieved perfect attendance at Limestone Community School, made the honor roll and was president of the National Honor Society. She played soccer, basketball, softball and volleyball. She was a class officer for several years. Kalli plans to attend the University of Maine to study Business Administration and Finance. We extend our congratulations to Kalli on these achievements; (HLS 1452)

Linda Campbell, of South Portland, on the occasion of her retirement as a teacher at the Daniel F. Mahoney Middle School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Campbell for her 37 years of dedicated service and commitment to the youth of the State and send to her our congratulations and best wishes in her future endeavors; (HLS 1453)

Girl Scout Troop No. 535, of Glenburn, which received a trophy for the best float for an Outstanding Nonprofit at the annual Festival of Lights Parade, sponsored by the Bangor Rotary Club. We extend our appreciation to the members of Girl Scout Troop No. 535 for their time and dedication to Girl Scouting and their commitment to community service and congratulate them on their receiving the award; (HLS 1454)

Carolyn H. Ryder, of Levant, Valedictorian of the 2008 Graduating Class at John Bapst Memorial High School. Carolyn was named a Presidential Scholars Award semifinalist and a National Merit Finalist. She is the recipient of the Princeton Book Award and the Society of Women in Engineering Achievement Award winner. She was vice-president of the John Bapst Chapter of the National Honor Society. Carolyn was a member of the civil rights team, the Key Club and the math team. She earned varsity letters in cross-country, swimming and track and field and was honored as a 2008 PVC Scholar-Athlete. We extend our congratulations to Carolyn on these accomplishments and wish her the best as she attends Dartmouth College in the fall to study biomedical engineering; (HLS 1455)

the following members of the Caribou High School Boys Tennis Team, who won the 2008 Class B State Championship: Casey Lancaster, Spencer McElwain, Keegan Wakana, Franz Zehentner, Shane Belanger, Taylor Jepson, Tim Langlais, Nick Willey, Ezra Duplissie-Cyr and Phil Smith and coach John Habeeb, assistant coach Jane Hunter and manager Matt Cote. We extend our congratulations to the team members on winning their first state championship; (HLS 1456)

Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties, as the members celebrate the organization's 30th Anniversary. Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties promotes and fosters increased literacy for adults who have low literacy skills or whose native language is not English through volunteer tutoring. We acknowledge the dedicated service of Director Joan Moes and the members of the group and extend our congratulations and best wishes to them for continued success; (HLS 1457)

Margaret "Peg" Kirkpatrick, a resident of Gorham House, who is the recipient of the Remember ME award from the Maine Health Care Association. Mrs. Kirkpatrick's dedication to protecting human life and serving others opened up doors in her career in the education and social service fields, which spanned more than 35 years beginning with her first job with the American Red Cross. She taught science at the Industrial School for Boys,

and at the school of nursing she taught chemistry, anatomy, physiology and microbiology for 12 years. She served the United Way of Central Stark County in Canton, Ohio for 19 years. In 1975 she became the Director of the United Way Health Foundation. She spearheaded the development of a K-12 health curriculum used in 70 school systems. The curriculum received national recognition. She helped initiate United Way dental clinics for children of low-income families. She was also the Administrator for the Federal Nutrition Program for the elderly. She retired from her career in 1987 but not from her service to others. She and her husband moved to Maine when one of her daughters needed help after surgery. She and her husband moved into Gorham House when her husband became ill. She created a gift store on wheels at Gorham House called the "Itsy Bitsy Store." Mrs. Kirkpatrick's greatest joy has been her husband of 57 years, Paul, and her three daughters. We congratulate Mrs. Kirkpatrick on her receiving the Remember ME award and extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 1458)

Norman Beaupre, of Biddeford, who is the recipient of an Officier Medallion in the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres given by the French government. The Ordre des Arts et des Lettres is an Order of France established on May 2, 1957 by the Minister of Culture and confirmed as part of l'Ordre National du Merite by President Charles de Gaulle in 1963. The purpose of the Order is to recognize a person that has significantly contributed to arts, literature or the propagation of these fields. Dr. Beaupre taught francophone literature and world literature for 30 years at the University of New England. He has written 9 books and writes in French and in English. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Beaupre on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1459)

Junille Shepardson, of Cushing, upon her retirement as pastor of the People's United Methodist Church in South Thomaston. Originally from Marlin, Texas, Pastor Shepardson expanded her knowledge of the Bible and its guiding principles while studying at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and Bangor Theological Seminary. Her educational attainments include an Associate in Arts, a Bachelor of Arts in English, a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Divinity. In addition to her vocation behind the pulpit, Pastor Shepardson worked as a legal secretary for Crandall, Hanscom and Collins in Rockland. Subsequent to officially assuming the role of shepherd of the People's United Methodist Church's congregation on September 1, 2000, the clergywoman had an active role in building a Sunday School and fellowship hall addition to the house of worship. We wish to join Pastor Shepardson's family, friends and congregation in acknowledging her years of faith-filled service; (HLS 1460)

Edna Mitchell, of Liberty, on the occasion of her 30th year of service to the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service. We commend and give our thanks to Mrs. Mitchell for her years of commitment to the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service and to the communities of Liberty and Montville. It is people like Mrs. Mitchell, through their selfless devotion, that keep volunteer organizations like the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service going; (HLS 1461)

Le Festival de la Bastille, a celebration of Franco-American heritage and culture. The festival is held in Augusta and stretches over 3 days in early July. Hundreds of volunteers help set up tents and folding chairs to accommodate the thousands of people who attend. We applaud Le Club Calumet and the hundreds of volunteers who make this celebration possible; (HLS 1462)

Melvin and Joyce Chesley, of Lincoln, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Chesley were married

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June 10, 1958 at Mrs. Chesley's parents' farm in Lincoln. They raised 3 children and have 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Chesley on this special occasion; (HLS 1463)

Ben Doughty, of Winthrop, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 604, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. For his Eagle Scout project Ben helped to restore the Asbury Theater at Camp Mechuwana by creating directive signs for the facility. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ben on this achievement; (HLS 1464)

Ryan Jamison Fish, of Wayne, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 604, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. For his Eagle Scout project Ryan worked with the Kennebec Land Trust on the Tyler Woods Conservation Project. He prepared a trail map identifying points of interest and mileage. He also cleared 1 1/2 miles of new trails, including one that leads to a historic granite marker. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ryan on this achievement; (HLS 1465)

Dorothy Maxwell, of Cornish, on her retirement after 41 years as Business Education instructor at Sacopee Valley High School. Mrs. Maxwell has taught at Sacopee Valley High School since it opened and is the longest tenured teacher at the school and within the entire Maine School Administrative District No. 55. She was named Maine's Teacher of the Year in 1994 and received the Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Award in 1995. She has authored 7 textbooks and is well known and respected by those in her field. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Maxwell for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1466)

John W. Butts, of Augusta, for 16 years of dedicated service as Executive Director of Associated General Contractors of Maine, AGC Maine, a state chapter of The Associated General Contractors of America. AGC Maine is dedicated to ensuring a sound and healthy construction industry and providing the public with an assurance of the skill, responsibility and integrity of AGC-member firms. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Butts and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1467)

Katy Perry, of Hallowell, who has been selected as the 2008 Old Hallowell Day Citizen of the Year by the Old Hallowell Day Committee. Educated as a teacher at Farmington State Normal School, Mrs. Perry began her career writing with the Lewiston Evening Journal in the late 1940s. She married her husband Bernard in 1943, and they raised 4 sons. In her long career as a professional communicator, Mrs. Perry hosted a daily interview show on the Augusta radio station WRDO, worked as a public relations specialist for the Department of Human Services, co-anchored a 12-part educational program on Maine Public Broadcasting Network, wrote the weekly column, "Around the Valley," for the Maine Sunday Telegram and for many years hosted the show "Our Towns" on local cable television. Returning to Maine in 1987 after two years serving with the Peace Corp in Belize, Mrs. Perry made her home in Hallowell and continued her career as an author. She has published 7 books, including three widely-loved books for children. She has also served her community in many ways, volunteering on various boards and committees, reading to youngsters in the local schools and now, on a daily basis, making her rounds in Hallowell, stopping to chat and catch up on the local news with her fellow citizens. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Perry for

her commitment and dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1468)

Tuure Tenander, of Kennebunk, who spent a lifetime championing good and liberal government. The son of Finnish immigrants, Mr. Tenander graduated from the University of Michigan during the Great Depression. He entered the United States Army in World War II, serving in the Office of Strategic Services. He later joined the Foreign Service and was assigned to the embassies in Stockholm and Helsinki. Mr. Tenander's professional life included long service in the paper industry with the Weyerhaeuser Company and its predecessor. He enjoyed reading, playing jazz on his saxophone and participating in civic affairs. He was an enthusiastic activist in the Democratic Party at the local and county levels. He was highly respected as a good and decent man, a man of humor, keen intelligence, sharp wit, unusual compassion and a concern for justice. He contributed unselfishly to family, friends, community and American government over the years of his productive life and will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 68 years, Louise, 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren and all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1469)

Kristy-Mae Lacombe, of Lewiston, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for her contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Kristy has participated for the past 3 years in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She has participated in the "Bowl for Kids' Sake," the American Heart Walk and the MS Walk. She has also volunteered at the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Kristy has made the honor roll all 4 years of her high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. She is on the Class of 2008 Executive Board, is a member of Key Club, the Spanish Club and the swim team and has played Junior Varsity Softball. We extend our congratulations to Kristy on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1470)

Katherine "Katie" Doyle, of Lewiston, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for her contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Katie is a mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She has assisted with the Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraiser for the past 3 years. She is a mentor to 3 "Little Sisters," whom she visits each week. She was invited to join the "Montello Girls in the Community Program," which brings 5th and 6th grade girls together to learn to recognize their personal strengths and learn team-building skills. She is a member of a group called "Voices Committed to Change." Katie helps her grandparents at Beverley's Greenhouse, which they own. She takes Spanish Honors and English Advanced Placement classes and plays clarinet in the Lewiston High School Concert Band. We extend our congratulations to Katie on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1471)

the following Lewiston High School students who were nominated to be Shining Stars of Lewiston: Hanan Ahmed, Tiffany Beaulieu, Michael Butler, Holly Lavorgna, Mackenzi Masselli, Zachary Plourd, Cameron Poussard, Hannah Rodrigue, Sarah Schlax, Liza Sirois and Alexandra White. These students were nominated for their contributions to the community. We extend our congratulations to these students for their commitment to the community; (HLS 1472)

Tanner Adams, of Lewiston, a freshman at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for his contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at

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the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Tanner is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 116 and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He serves as the troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and is a member of Venture Crew 116. Tanner is on the honor roll and is a member of the Freshman Executive Board. He is a member of the Young Democrats and volunteered at the state primary. He was involved with the Lewiston Middle School Unity Project and attended meetings at Bates College regarding hate violence and how to prevent it in the community. Tanner helps his family and neighbors and works part-time doing yard work and snow blowing. We congratulate Tanner on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1473)

Hossain Naji, of Lewiston, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for his contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Hossain was the Editor-in-Chief for the Lewiston High School Yearbook and a member of the Diplomacy Club. He is a member of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council and participated in the filming of SMASHED, a U Booze U Looze underage drinking awareness film. He played a vital role in Lewiston's successful journey to become an All-America City. He has earned varsity letters in soccer, indoor track and outdoor track. He has helped to organize fund-raisers for New Beginnings in partnership with the YWCA, a resource for teens in the community. We extend our congratulations to Hossain on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1474)

Athena Andoniades, of Lewiston, a student at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for her contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Athena has earned honors, distinctions and degrees of merit for her involvement with the Mock Trial Team, the Debate Team, the National Forensic League, the National Honor Society and the Seeds of Peace. She is a recipient of the Scholastic Youth Excellence in Art Award. She is a very active member of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council and participated in the filming of SMASHED, a U Booze U Looze underage drinking awareness film. Athena planned and facilitated a youth council art event for area children entitled "Lessons Through Expressions." She has cofacilitated a dialogue group and an action group in the community-wide initiative entitled Y.A.D.A. (Youth + Adults + Dialogue = Action) and for her contributions was selected to attend an Everyday Democracy leadership/community development conference in Denver in June. We extend our congratulations to Athena on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1475)

Dayle Castonguay, of Lewiston, a student at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for her contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Dayle participates in Student Council, Academic Advocate and the Key Club. She is involved in the Lewiston High School Women's Chorale, voice class, music appreciation and concert choir and also participates in two church choirs, St. Patrick's and Holy Family. Dayle loves to dance. She has perfect attendance for the 13 years that she has been studying and practicing dance, and she assists her dance teacher with children's classes. She is a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. One of her most satisfying achievements was helping a friend landscape the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. We extend our congratulations to Dayle on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1476)

Brian J. McKeown, of Lewiston, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for his contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Brian has been an altar server for Holy Cross Church for 7 years and is involved with the parish youth ministry group. He has been a Junior volunteer at Central Maine Medical Center for 3 years. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a trombonist with the Lewiston High School Marching Band and the Jazz Band. He is active in Chorus and has been selected for the District II Music Festival. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 116 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Brian on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1477)

Roland Chabot, of Lewiston, a student at Lewiston High School, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for his contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Roland volunteers each week in the pharmacy at Central Maine Medical Center. He is an honor student, is active in athletics and has played flute for the Auburn Community Band for 3 years. He has earned the rank of Life Scout and is working toward his Eagle Scout. He has worked on many community projects, including parade monitoring, assisting peers with their Eagle Scout projects and helping with Auburn's Parade of Pumpkins. We extend our congratulations to Roland on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1478)

Sydney N. Racine, of Lewiston, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for her contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. Sydney is a Junior in the ROTC Program, learning about aerospace science, survival and first aid. She was named Cadet of the Month and has been promoted to Cadet Airman First Class. She volunteers at Montello Manor. Sydney has taught Gospel through the Catholic Church Program. She is a first-honors student and received the President's Award and a scholarship award for academic grade point average. She was the Captain of the field hockey team and participated in school productions and the after-school Honors Chorus and Musical Program. We extend our congratulations to Sydney on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1479)

Maria Rose Labbe, of Lewiston, who was named one of Lewiston's Shining Stars for her contributions to the community by the Lewiston City Council at the 11th Annual Lewiston Shining Stars Celebration held on May 20, 2008. She served as captain of the girls basketball team, girls soccer team and girls softball team. She received the KVAC First Team All-Star Catcher Award. She received the Coaches Award for girls hockey. Maria works part-time at Shaw's in Lewiston and is a Team Captain. She has volunteered her skills at softball clinics, the Special Olympics and Big Brothers Big Sisters and served countless suppers with her family at St. Martin de Porres Shelter in Lewiston. She is very dedicated to her family, especially her Pepere. We extend our congratulations to Maria on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1480)

Ron Allen, of Glenburn, upon his retirement from the Glenburn Fire Department. Mr. Allen has spent time at the fire station since he was a child, working his way from a junior firefighter to Assistant Chief. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Allen for his many years of service and dedication to the Town of Glenburn; (HLS 1481)

the following members of the Deering High School Boys Baseball Team, who won the 2008 Class A State Championship: Joe Gildart, Jack Heary, Brad Shafran, Nick Colucci, Marc Ouimet, Jake Nichols, John Hardy, Tony Stewart, Dan Brown,

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Nick Bartlett, Cameron Sprague, Sam Balzano, Taylor Candage, Jack Young, Eddie Flaherty, Regan Flaherty, Matt Powers, Alex Brown, Matt Watson, Travis Wade, Jamie Ross and Sean Maheux and coach and assistant coaches Mike D'Andrea, Bill Presby, Chris Grant, Frank Watson, Tony Stewart and Mike D'Andrea, Jr. This is the eleventh title for the team since the playoff system began in 1970. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1482)

the 2nd Annual Maine Celtic Celebration, a gathering to renew the rich Celtic history, culture and hospitality found along the coast of Maine. Belfast was founded by settlers of Celtic ancestry and John Miller, one of the original founders, named the new settlement after his hometown of Belfast, Ireland. In the spirit of the area's founders, the Maine Celtic Celebration will honor the heritage of the community through music, educational demonstrations, games and other cultural festivities. At last year's inaugural event, the Maine Celtic Celebration attracted an estimated 6,000 visitors. This tradition will keep the Celtic heritage of Belfast and the surrounding communities alive and well for many years to come. We extend our best wishes to the organizers, volunteers and participants of the Maine Celtic Celebration and wish them a successful second year; (HLS 1483)

Franklin County's Sexual Assault Victims Emergency Services, Inc., SAVES, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary, July 20th. SAVES is a nonprofit organization established by the community to provide support to victims of sexual assault and abuse. SAVES educates people and the community about the assumptions that lead to sexual assault and works to eliminate them. We extend our appreciation to Sexual Assault Victims Emergency Services, Inc. for its commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulations on this occasion; (HLS 1484)

the following members of the Phillips High School Class of 1958, on the occasion of their 50th High School Graduation Anniversary: Duane Carlisle, Paul Deraspe, Glendalyn Dill Leavitt, Durwood Hinkley, Lorraine Hinkley Wallace, Clarice McLaughlin Hodges, Leara McLaughlin Churchill, Ronald Stinchfield, Norman Thurlow, Elizabeth Smith Hill, Constance Whorff Covert, Dennis Pillsbury and Elizabeth Rowe Leibowitz. We extend our best wishes to the Class of 1958; (HLS 1485)

Ashley Richards, of Sabattus, a member of Girl Scout Troop 1848, who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in 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 1486)

Janet Belmain, of North Berwick, upon her retirement as Town Clerk after 33 years of dedicated service. Mrs. Belmain was the first full-time town clerk for North Berwick. During her tenure, the town started to use computers and changed from paper ballots and hand-counting to optical scanners, the number of selectmen increased from 3 to 5 and the first Town Manager was hired. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Belmain and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1487)

Patrick A. Landry, of Millinocket, a veteran of World War II. Mr. Landry served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 on the minesweeper USS Chimo. He was a graduate of Stearns High School and Becker Junior College. He married his wife, Janette, on September 5, 1949 and they raised a daughter and two sons. He was a member of VFW Frances Elliott Post No. 4154 and Donald V. Henry Post No. 80 of the American Legion. He was an avid golfer and a loyal follower of New England sports. Mr. Landry will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1488)

Pauline Walls Segee, of Biddeford, beloved wife and mother. Mrs. Segee attended Farmington State Normal School and taught in Kittery for one year. In 1945, she married Merrill "Bud" Douglas Segee and they raised 3 children. Mrs. Segee returned to school and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She went back to teaching and retired after 20 years. She was very active in her community. She served on the school board, was superintendent of the Baptist church Sunday school and organized Pack 57, a local Boy Scout troop. She was a Cub Scout den leader and a Brownie and Girl Scout leader. She started the Millinocket Town Museum. A talented writer, she wrote articles for the Millinocket Journal and the Maine Snowmobile Club Newsletter. Mrs. Segee will be sadly missed by her loving husband, children and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1489)

Loretta E. Deveau, of East Millinocket, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Deveau was a graduate of Stearns High School and attended Beal College. She worked as a paralegal at Tanous and Snow for many years. She was a great homemaker and professional, who loved to cook and enjoyed quilting. She will be missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1490)

Jesse Young, of South Berwick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 338, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his service project, Jesse built a mammal cage at The Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick. Jesse received donated materials and funding from local businesses and organizations including Lavalley Lumber and the South Berwick Rod and Gun Association. The Center for Wildlife rehabilitates injured, sick and orphaned wildlife and educates the public about wildlife through various programs. We extend our congratulations to Jesse on this accomplishment; (HLS 1491)

Joanne Harriman, of Sullivan, who is the 2008 Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year. Ms. Harriman is the Director of Curriculum and Staff Development for School Union 98. She also was Curriculum Coordinator for School Union 96 for 3 years. The Maine Curriculum Leaders' Association Curriculum Leader of the Year award was established to recognize the skills, talents and abilities of the people in Maine school districts who focus on curriculum, instruction, assessment and staff development in the education system. Ms. Harriman was selected for her dedication to the support of teachers and administrators, her drive to make possible the best education for students and her active participation in statewide events and professional development conferences. She has organized or assisted in several statewide meetings for her colleagues and is a founding member of the Maine Curriculum Leaders' Association. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Harriman for her commitment to education and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1492)

Frank and Dorothy Austin, of North Berwick, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Austin were married in the United Methodist Church in Sanford June 26, 1948. They have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Austin on this very special occasion; (HLS 1493)

Edward Goff, Jr., of Skowhegan, on his being named Father of the Year by the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge. Mr. Goff is a father of 3 and also a grandfather. He joined the Waterville Elks Lodge in 1987 and transferred to the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge in 1996. He has been a very active member, serving on the Board of Trustees as well as contributing countless hours to the organization. He is best known as Santa Claus at the annual

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Christmas party. He is an honorary founder of the Elks National Foundation, the organization's major charity fund. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Goff on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1494)

Dana Littlefield, of West Freeman, for his dedicated service as a fireman with the Carrabassett Valley Fire Department. Mr. Littlefield is known for always being there when you need him and a person you can depend on. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Littlefield for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1495)

Franklin County Sheriff Dennis Pike, of Farmington, who has been named the 2008 Phillips Old Home Days Honored Person. Sheriff Pike has participated in the Old Home Days celebration by leading the parade for 49 of its 50 years. His dedication to the celebration is one of the secrets to the success and longevity of Old Home Days. We extend our congratulations to Sheriff Pike on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1496)

Ethan Lamb, of Shapleigh, Salutatorian of the 2008 Graduating Class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on this achievement; (HLS 1497)

Trevor Sage, of Limerick, Valedictorian of the 2008 Graduating Class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to Trevor on this achievement; (HLS 1498)

Ashley Moulton, of Shapleigh, honor essayist of the 2008 Graduating Class of ;Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement;

; (HLS 1499)

the following members of the Georges Valley High School Girls Softball Team, who won the 2008 Class C State Championship: Ashley Geel, Jessica Keating, Nicole Poland, Desiree Smith, Aley Watts, Brittany Worcester, Liz Hall, Erin Judkins, Emily McLaughlin, Karis Sawyer, Danielle Frye, Bethany Snow, Ariana Wadsworth and Katlyn Rich and Coach Russell L. Worcester, Jr., Assistant Coach John Frye, Junior Varsity Coach Kristy Hastings and managers Hannah Yovino and Danielle Leavitt. The "Buccaneers" ended with a perfect season of 19 wins and no losses. This is the team's second state championship in two years. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team and wish them well in their future endeavors; (HLS 1500)

the Central Furniture and Appliance Store, of Sanford, for 60 years of service to the citizens of Sanford and Springvale. Central Furniture and Appliance Store was founded by Roland Couture and is now operated by his grandsons Mark and Matthew Rouillard. We extend our congratulations to the Rouillard family and wish them continued success; (HLS 1501)

Sadie McAfee, of Portland, on the celebration of her 102nd birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. McAfee on this very special occasion; (HLS 1502)

the Honorable Joseph Nicholas, of Pleasant Point, former Tribal Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe to the 95th, 97th, 101st, 107th, 113th and 114th Legislatures. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. His tour of duty included serving aboard the USS Curtis, an aircraft tender, in the Pacific Theatre, and he was involved in the battles at Guam, Saipan and Okinawa. He survived a Kamikaze attack. Mr. Nicholas owned and operated a barbershop in Eastport. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 673, where he served as grand knight for many years, Passamaquoddy Memorial VFW Post 11299 and Fred Mitchell Post 11 American Legion. He served on the tribal council with Pleasant Point for more than 8 years, was the curator for the Wabinaki Museum and was instrumental in reviving the annual "Indian Days" celebration at

Pleasant Point. He was active with St. Ann R.C. Church and served as a eucharistic minister. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, neighbors and friends and the people of the State of Maine; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1503)

Janice Wood, of Bremen, who has been selected as Maine Hospital Association's Caregiver of the Year. Ms. Wood is an obstetrics nurse at Miles Memorial Hospital. She started the Childbirth Education Program at the hospital 25 years ago. Thanks to Ms. Wood's commitment to promoting a high standard of maternity and breastfeeding care, Miles Memorial Hospital became the first hospital in Maine and only the fifth in the United States to achieve Baby Friendly status from the World Health Organization and UNICEF. Ms. Wood, who is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and is Neonatal Resuscitation and BLS Certified, consistently shares her knowledge and passion with caregivers throughout Maine and internationally. She helped organize a medical team to travel to Uganda to provide HIV education, midwifery training and direct patient care. She also visited China and South America. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Wood for her dedication and commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1504)

the Honorable George Carroll, of Limerick, who served for 14 years as a Member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 102nd, 103rd and 107th through 111th Legislatures. Mr. Carroll served on various committees and was chair of the Transportation Committee. He served with the Civilian Conservation Corps for 18 months and joined the United States Army in 1941, serving in North Africa and Italy during World War II. He and his wife, Rita, owned and operated the Alderwood Farm in Limerick. They raised 3 children. Mr. Carroll was a dedicated and passionate public servant and remained active in local affairs well into his 80s. He will be remembered for ;his passion for his family, friends, community, state and country;

; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1505)

Frank and Christine Gary, of Mattawamkeag, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gary were married August 2, 1958 in Lincoln Center. They raised 3 daughters and have 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gary on this very special occasion; (HLS 1506)

Richard and Eunice Shurtleff, of Strong, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 2, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Shurtleff were married at the home of Ira and Georgina Voter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Shurtleff on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1507)

Sandra B. Leighton, of Mars Hill, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, October 18, 2008. Ms. Leighton retired after 30 years of teaching, ending her distinguished career in education at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. We extend our congratulations to her on this special occasion; (HLS 1508)

Old Home Day, a celebration and homecoming for the Town of Phillips, its citizens and visitors. The Town of Phillips has been celebrating Old Home Day for 50 years. We join the Town of Phillips on the occasion of this special day; (HLS 1509)

Marshall Point Lighthouse, located in Port Clyde, on the celebration of its 150th anniversary. The first lighthouse at the site was constructed in 1832, and the existing brick and granite tower was completed in 1858. It was in 1898 that a tower with a 1,000-pound bronze bell was added to the station. The bell tower was replaced by a foghorn in 1969. In 1971 the lighthouse was automated. The keeper's house and land were saved from commercial development in 1980. The St. George Historical

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Society undertook the restoration of the house in 1986, not long after the Town of St. George leased the land from the United States Coast Guard. Grants to fund the project were secured by the Marshall Point Lighthouse Museum founders from both the Town of St. George and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Efforts to preserve this historical landmark were finalized in the 1990s, as the deed to Marshall Point was permanently conveyed to the Town of St. George in 1998, 8 years after the opening of the Marshall Point Lighthouse Museum. We join area citizens in acknowledging the significance of the Marshall Point Lighthouse. May the Marshall Point Lighthouse forever be preserved for its contributions to Maine's maritime heritage; (HLS 1510)

the Cushing Fire Department on its 50th anniversary. The department was organized in 1958 by Kenneth Wilson, who became its first fire chief. The first crew of firefighters included Reino Saastamoinen, Richard Fales, Reynold Anderson, Gilbert Martin, Philip Young and junior members Randy Robbins and Arthur Kiskila. Mr. Wilson purchased a 1935 Dodge fire truck from the City of Rockland for \$1.00. A second truck was obtained in 1968, and a third was donated by the Knutson family to replace the first. A new fire station was built in 1978. The Cushing Fire Department is one of the best-equipped fire departments in Knox County and consists of 22 dedicated and highly trained fire personnel. We acknowledge the firefighters of the Cushing Fire Department for the sacrifices they have made to ensure the safety and welfare of area citizens; (HLS 1511)

Paula Cote, of Glenburn, who has been recognized as RN of the Year by New England Home Health Care. As a registered nurse, Ms. Cote provides a wide range of services including planning and implementing professional care, administering medications, providing case management services and offering companionship. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Cote for her years of dedication to her patients and the well-being of our communities; (HLS 1512)

Julie-Ann Scott, of Acton, who is the recipient of an award for creating the top poster at the Society for Disability Studies annual conference in New York City. Ms. Scott's noteworthy placard entitled "Subversive Bodies' Extraordinary Stories: A Performance of Identity Analysis of Physically Disabled Professionals Personal Narratives" was among many featured at this gathering of worldwide disability studies scholars. Ms. Scott is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Maine and is the Graduate Center Coordinator, a Graduate Student Government Grants Officer and a Chase Distinguished Research Assistant. We extend to Ms. Scott our congratulations for her earning this noteworthy honor; (HLS 1513)

the twenty-six 6th graders at Van Buren District Elementary School, who were named "Maine School of the Year, Junior Level" by the National Energy Education Development Project in Washington, D.C. The students were recognized with this national commendation for their efforts in educating others about energy conservation. Instructor Janice Gereben oversaw the work, which began last December and consisted of the development of an energy portfolio to promote responsible energy management. The students were recognized as part of the NEED Youth Awards Program for Energy Achievement, sponsored at the state level by Maine Public Service Company. We extend our congratulations to these 6th graders for earning this esteemed honor and commend them for their promotion of the conscientious use of our energy resources; (HLS 1514)

Ruth Cole, of Winthrop, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, August 8, 2008. Ms. Cole has led a good life that has inspired many people. When she was in her fifties, she bought

an old bus and headed south to help hurricane victims and assist in rebuilding. She has visited various prisons to minister to inmates and, setting a great example for everyone, she received her GED diploma when she was in her nineties. Ms. Cole continues to be a great friend and neighbor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1515)

the Somerville Days Committee, on its receiving the 2008 Spirit of America Foundation Award for outstanding community service and volunteerism. Small but energetic, the committee has been responsible year after year for conducting Somerville Days, an important family-oriented event in Somerville where many local organizations unite to celebrate small-town life in a rural Maine community. Somerville Days has grown to become a significant community-building effort for a small town with few resources. We extend our congratulations to the members of the committee on their impressive accomplishments and their receiving this important award. We look forward to many more years of creative celebration of Somerville Days; (HLS 1516)

Edna Snow Menchen, of Pownal, upon her receiving a Key to the Town and honored as the Town of Pownal's Oldest Life-long Resident at Pownal's 200th Anniversary Picnic. Mrs. Menchen served as Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Registrar. She has been active in the First Parish Congregational Church and is known to most people for the thousands of pies she has baked. We join the Town of Pownal in extending our appreciation to Mrs. Menchen for her dedication to her community; (HLS 1517)

Althea Blake, of Pownal, upon her receiving a Key to the Town and honored as the Town of Pownal's Oldest Resident at Pownal's 200th Anniversary Picnic. A founding member and past president of the Firemen's Auxiliary, Mrs. Blake also donated many hours of volunteer service to the Pownal Volunteer Fire Department. She was a founding member of the Pownal Scenic and Historical Society and was also an active participant in the formation of the Pownal Elementary School. For many years she served as ballot clerk. Her many years of dedicated concern for the well-being of the town and its inhabitants is admirable. We join the Town of Pownal in acknowledging Mrs. Blake's ;many selfless volunteer acts;

; (HLS 1518)

Carl Mason, of Pownal, upon his receiving a Key to the Town and honored as the Town of Pownal's Oldest Long-term Resident at Pownal's 200th Anniversary Picnic. Mr. Mason graduated from radio school in Boston and then went to work for Pan American World Airways. In 1945 he and his wife Marjorie and their two children moved back to Maine and took up residence on Hodsdon Road. He served on the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Appeals. We join the Town of Pownal in extending our appreciation to Mr. Mason for his commitment to the town; (HLS 1519)

Blanche Small Cook, of Scarborough, upon her receiving a certificate of special mention as one of the Town of Pownal's cherished links to its past. Mrs. Cook grew up in North Pownal with her brother Bernard. Mrs. Cook left Pownal in 1928 but never lost her link with the town of her birth. She visited with her brother who stayed in Pownal and attended many local events. She was given honorary life membership in the Pownal Scenic and Historical Society for her many contributions of materials and invaluable memories. She has loyally served the social club and the North Pownal United Methodist Church for many decades. We join the Town of Pownal in honoring Mrs. Cook as the oldest living person born in Pownal; (HLS 1520)

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Frank Knight, of Yarmouth, upon his receiving a certificate of special mention as one of the Town of Pownal's oldest cherished friends at Pownal's 200th Anniversary Picnic. Mr. Knight's family ties to Pownal go back to the founding of the town and to generations of granite quarriers along the Royal Road, the Pownal-North Yarmouth line. Mr. Knight has always maintained close contact with family and friends in Pownal. He is the official tree warden for the Town of Yarmouth and has done much for the town's trees, including "Herbie," the oldest elm tree in New England. We join the Town of Pownal in extending our appreciation to Mr. Knight for his dedication to the town; (HLS 1521)

Theona Blackstone, of North Yarmouth, upon her receiving a certificate of special mention as one of the Town of Pownal's oldest wayward daughters and sons at Pownal's 200th Anniversary Picnic. Mrs. Blackstone was born in Pownal the year that World War I ended. After she married Chester Blackstone, they moved to North Yarmouth. She maintained her ties to Pownal as a member of Granite Grange for 75 years and as a member of the Pownal Scenic and Historical Society. She attends the Pownal First Parish Congregational Church. She made many contributions of information to the writers of the recently published history, "On Pownal Time." We join the Town of Pownal in extending our appreciation to Mrs. Blackstone for her commitment to the town; (HLS 1522)

Lindsay LaJoie, of Van Buren, who has been chosen as one of seven semifinalists out of 218 entrants for the Governor's 2008 Young Writer of the Year Award. Sponsored by the Maine Community College System, the writing contest, "A Journey into Writing," was established as a means of celebrating the creativity of Maine's next generation of writers. Lindsay has also received the Society of Women Engineers Award, the United States Marine Corps Scholastic Junior Excellence Award and the Butch Shaw Memorial Soccer Award. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. We extend our congratulations to Lindsay for her earning these honors and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1523)

Stephen Lancaster, of Farmington, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Slamming Steve Lancaster has a long list of accomplishments as one of the most powerful hitters in Maine baseball. A Livermore High School graduate, he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies and once hit a 512-ft. home run. Born in Pittston, Mr. Lancaster received a football scholarship to play at St. Mary's in Canada. After 2 years, he moved to New Jersey to work and played baseball for the Burlington Giants. After being discovered by a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies, Mr. Lancaster was invited to spring training and played a season for a Phillies' minor league team, the Spartanburg Phillies of the Western Carolina League. He was later drafted into the military. He returned to Maine after serving his country and played for the Jay/Livermore team in the Pine Tree League for over 20 years. He led the league in home runs and had a .427 batting average. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Lancaster on his being inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and send him our best wishes on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1524)

the Edward Little High School Girls Outdoor Track and Field Program, which has attained 158 consecutive regular season victories during the past 10 years of Class A competition. Since 1998 this program has sustained a flawless record of outstanding individual and team success that is a tribute to superb coaching and individual commitment by hundreds of female athletes who sacrificed much in their quest to reach this unparalleled record. In addition, the team was State Champion in 1999, 2000 and

2001 and runner-up in 2002, 2003, 2007 and 2008 and placed competitors in the top ten and top five finishers respectively from 1999 to 2008. Of the 70 girls on the 2008 team, 33 girls qualified for the KVAC Championships and 22 girls qualified for the State Championships. Four members of the 2008 team set all-time scoring records, and five individual class records and one school record were broken. Nineteen girls on the team made the all-time top ten in scoring, three of them in the relays, where the 4 x 800 squad broke the 10-minute mark, which had not been broken since 2000. The 2008 team also holds the record for scoring, with 44 girls acquiring points. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Edward Little High School Girls Track and Field Team on these accomplishments and wish them success in all their future endeavors; (HLS 1525)

Phyllis Smith, of North Yarmouth, who was named North Yarmouth's Distinguished Citizen for 2008 by the North Yarmouth Events Committee. Recipients of this award must demonstrate a history of volunteer service to the Town of North Yarmouth or one or more of its local nonprofit organizations. With nearly 70 years of volunteering, Mrs. Smith exemplifies the meaning of volunteering and has made a significant impact on her community. We send her our congratulations on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1526)

Robert E. Parlin, of Farmington, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Bob "Lefty" Parlin has been a player, coach and fan of baseball. He was a first baseman at Farmington High School for four years and was one of the school's all-time best players. He served his country during World War II, serving in the Philippines. After the war, he helped start a town team in New Vineyard and later starred for the Temple Townies, a team coached by Maine Hall of Famer Larry Boyce. In 1960, Mr. Parlin helped start the team that became his legacy, the Fairbanks Red Sox. He coached sports for 22 years, both baseball and football, including as assistant coach of the Mt. Blue High School baseball team with his son, Gary. He continues to love sports and loves to watch his children and grandchildren continue the tradition. We extend our congratulations to him on his being inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and send him our best wishes on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1527)

Lewis Abbott, of Phillips, on his induction into the Loggers' Hall of Fame by the Rangeley Lakes Region Logging Museum. The Loggers' Hall of Fame honors those people who have worked in the woods for a significant part of their lives and who have made valuable contributions to lumbering in the western Maine mountains. Mr. Abbott, now 89, began working in the woods at the age of 14 and continued until 3 years ago. We congratulate Mr. Abbott on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1528)

the 25th Anniversary of the Lakeview Restaurant and Camping Resort in St. Agatha. The owners, Carol and Dick Desrosier, are active supporters of the St. Agatha community and have hosted events at the restaurant to benefit the community. In 2003, when three college students organized an outdoor concert to benefit the St. Agatha Recreation Department, the Desrosiers offered their venue free of charge so that all proceeds went directly to the youth of St. Agatha. We congratulate Carol and Dick Desrosier, and their daughters Jennifer, Becky and Lisa, on the 25 years of success of the Lakeview Restaurant and Camping Resort. We wish them continued success; (HLS 1529)

Harry Neil Packard, of Millinocket, a veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Packard served for four years in the United States Air Force Strategic Air Command as a first gunner and weather observer on a B-36 bomber. He was a graduate of the University

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of Maine with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in pulp and paper technology. Mr. Packard was a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Elks, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1530)

Augustino C. "Gus" DiFrederico, of Rumford and formerly of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. He was born in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns High School. During World War II, Mr. DiFrederico was an infantryman and earned a Purple Heart after being injured in combat in Germany. After the war, he returned to Millinocket, where he owned and operated DiFrederico Insurance Agency for many years. He also served on the Millinocket town council and later was the town's tax assessor for more than 10 years. Mr. DiFrederico was a member of the Elks, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as the Knights of Columbus, where he was a 4th degree member. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1531)

Robert B. Dickinson, of Millinocket. Mr. Dickinson was a graduate of Stearns High School and attended Defiance College in Ohio. He was employed by Great Northern Paper Company for 28 years. In 2003 he returned to school, attending Maine Maritime Academy and graduating with a degree in power engineering. Mr. Dickinson then worked for SNC-Lavalin, Inc. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1532)

Herman Daigle, of East Millinocket, a direct descendant of Acadian Joseph Simon Daigle, who helped settle the Madawaska and Edmundston, New Brunswick areas in early 1785. Mr. Daigle was born in New Brunswick, and he and his wife Alfreda, "Bea," and family moved to East Millinocket in 1955. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 30 years and retired in 1985. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1533)

Anna Walker, of Gray, on her being selected for a Teaching Ambassador Fellowship position with the United States Department of Education. Ms. Walker, who teaches third grade at Songo Locks Elementary School in Naples, is one of 25 teachers nationally to be selected for this honor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1534)

Jackalene Bradley, of Easton, on the occasion of her retirement after 23 years as Town Manager for the Town of Easton. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Bradley for her commitment to the citizens of the Town of Easton and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1535)

Lee Granville, of Skowhegan, upon his receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Skowhegan Rotary Club for his outstanding contributions to the community. Mr. Granville is curator of the Skowhegan History House and was a leader in the creation of the Skowhegan Heritage Council. We recognize Mr. Granville for his exemplary work in uncovering, preserving and promoting Skowhegan's past and congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1536)

David W. Burleigh, Sr., of Millinocket. Mr. Burleigh was a United States Army veteran, serving in Germany during the Vietnam War. He worked at the Great Northern Paper Company for 32 years, retiring in 1996. Mr. Burleigh was a member of David Henry Post #80 of the American Legion. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1537)

Lance Brent Courtois, of Saco, of Boy Scout Troop #310, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the

highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle service project, Lance designed, built and installed chess boards and chairs for the city parks of Saco, including the Dyer Library, Hailey Field and Jubilee Park. We extend our congratulations to Lance on his accomplishment; (HLS 1538)

Goodall Hospital, located in Sanford, on its 80th anniversary of operation serving the people of Sanford and Springvale. We acknowledge the dedicated service that the hospital has provided over the years. We extend our congratulations to Goodall Hospital on this anniversary and send our best wishes for future success in providing excellent health care to the people of York County; (HLS 1539)

Arthur Pare and Marie LaBrecque Pare, of Saco, upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Pare, who were high school sweethearts, were married on June 19, 1948 at St. Andre's Church in Biddeford, Maine. The couple lived most of their married life in Biddeford, raising their three children. Mr. Pare worked for more than 40 years at Saco Defense, and Mrs. Pare primarily stayed at home with her children, and worked part-time on weekends at a hair salon. Their family has grown to include nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Throughout their sixty years of marriage, they have given unconditional love and devotion to their family. Mr. Pare has always remarked to Mrs. Pare that they were "rich in love." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pare on this outstanding milestone of their lives together; (HLS 1540)

United States Army Major Tracy A. Coffin, of Mars Hill, on her promotion from the rank of Captain on July 1, 2008. We congratulate Major Coffin on her promotion and send her our appreciation for her service to the Nation; (HLS 1541)

Anna Goodale, of Camden, a member of the United States women's eight rowing crew, which won the Gold Medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. This is the first gold medal won in this event by the United States since 1984, and the team included two women from Maine. A graduate of Camden Hills Regional High School and Syracuse University, Anna is a four-time national team member. We send her our congratulations on her being awarded the Gold Medal at the Olympic Games, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1542)

Raymond Ernest Bryant and Aline Rejeanne Bryant, of Jay, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant were married on September 6, 1958 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Chisholm, Maine. They have four children, Peter, Joseph, John and Christopher, and nine grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1543)

Howard and Barbara Hartwell, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 9, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1544)

Community Health and Counseling Services, a home health and mental health agency located in Bangor, on the celebration of the 125th anniversary of its organization. Serving the people, families and communities of northern, eastern and central Maine, Community Health and Counseling Services began in 1883 when a group of churchwomen organized Associated Charities, a coalition of church and voluntary charitable organizations located in the greater Bangor area. To this day, the organization continues to contribute to the lives of thousands of the more vulnerable children and adults in Maine each year. We

acknowledge the commitment and dedication that Community Health and Counseling Services provides to the community. We send our congratulations on the 125th anniversary and our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1545)

Marvin Rosenblum, of East Boothbay, the founder of KIDS Consortium, of Auburn, a nonprofit organization that prepares young people to be active and responsible citizens. Twenty years ago, Mr. Rosenblum conceived a vision of challenging young people to solve real community problems using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. He began working with municipalities across Maine to encourage broad-based citizenship participation in the comprehensive planning process, and this work led to the creation of KIDS Consortium. Mr. Rosenblum continues to serve on the KIDS Consortium Board of Directors. He has 55 years of experience in education, job training and human resources. He has taught all levels, from kindergarten to graduate school at such institutions as UCLA's Laboratory School and Stanford University's Graduate School of Education. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Rosenblum on the success of KIDS Consortium, and we send him our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to the youth of Maine and our Nation; (HLS 1546)

Ian LaForge, of Howland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. For his service project, Ian installed a fence at the Dodlin Road Cemetery in Enfield and also performed brush removal and sunken grave loaming and reseeding. Ian is presently serving as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #64. We extend our congratulations to Ian on this accomplishment; (HLS 1547)

Doug Bunker, of Franklin, on his retirement as the Northeast Region Director of the National Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council. Mr. Bunker was head of the education group at his mill and enjoyed teaching school children about the forest and papermaking. His work with the National Position Papers group and in Washington, D.C. always represented the Northeast region well. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Bunker on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1548)

David A. McDonald, of Mexico, on the occasion of his retirement after 50 years as a firefighter for the Town of Mexico. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Mexico Highway Department and is a member of the board of the Mexico Water District. The town dedicated the 2006-2007 Town Report to Mr. McDonald. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McDonald for his many years of service and dedication to his community and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1549)

Frederick R. Ackley, Jr., of Monmouth, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Dr. Ackley served in the United States Navy for 20 years in a variety of capacities. While in the service, Commander Ackley received a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and a master's degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Nebraska. After his retirement from the Navy, Dr. Ackley and his family moved to Monmouth. In 1988 he was awarded his Ph.D in psychology from the University of Maine. Dr. Ackley worked at the veterans hospital at Togus as a clinical psychologist and later as the director of the internship program. He also had his own practice, Annabessacook Associates. Dr. Ackley was a member of numerous state boards, advisory committees and task forces. He also served as a court-appointed psychologist. Dr. Ackley will be sadly missed by his

loving family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1550)

the following members of the Rockland Junior League Softball Team, on their winning the District 2 title and State Championship: players Jill Bradbury of Cushing, Rachel Frye of Cushing, Kennadi Grover of Cushing, Catherine McDonald of Rockland, Hannah Hersom of Rockland, Zoey Proctor of Rockland, Lindsay Ranquist of Rockland, Alison Ward of Rockland, Natalie Russell of South Thomaston, Machaela Poor of Thomaston, Jessica Veilleux of Thomaston and Tamra Wallace of Thomaston; and coaches Ron Russell, Larry Terrio and John Frye. The team also made a respectable showing at the Eastern Regional Tournament in Syracuse, New York, winning two of the four games played. We extend our congratulations to all the members of the team on their successful season; (HLS 1551)

Alexander J. Robertson, of Wiscasset, on his induction into the Holland Club by the USS Maine Base, United States Submarine Veterans Inc. for achieving the unique milestone of having been "Qualified in Submarines" for fifty years or more. Chief Robertson, ENC(SS), USN, Ret., began by serving on the USS Irex (SS-482) in 1958 and subsequently served on several other submarines and shore duty posts, including duty as a Basic Submarine School Instructor. He retired from the United States Navy in 1971 as a Chief Engineman. We send our appreciation to Chief Robertson on his notable military service to the Nation, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Holland Club; (HLS 1552)

Shelby Chadwick, of Warren, who has been named the 2008 Maine Wild Blueberry Queen. The daughter of Jerry and Sharon Chadwick, Ms. Chadwick was one of 11 women vying for the crown. During her reign, she will share with others the importance of agriculture in Maine. She is a graduate of the University of Maine and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in French. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Chadwick on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1553)

Kevin Woodbrey, of Raymond, of Boy Scout Troop #800, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his service project, Kevin coordinated a group of volunteers and constructed a new marquee to be used for announcements near the Town of Raymond's Town Office. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kevin on his accomplishment; (HLS 1554)

Steven Lentine, of Raymond, of Boy Scout Troop #800, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his service project, Steven coordinated a group of volunteers and built a brick pathway up to and around the Town of Raymond's Veterans Memorial. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Steven on his accomplishment; (HLS 1555)

the following members of the Raymond Elite All-Stars Cheering Squad, for winning their division in competition on April 26, 2008 in Agawam, Massachusetts: Cassidy Gaudet, Jasmine Steeves, Madi Masi, Marybeth Noonan, Tyler Davidson, Courtney Davidson, Emily Davidson, Dennis Townsend and Leah Orcini. The squad's coach is Brittini Herring. We send our congratulations to this group of spirited young people and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1556)

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Beulah Susan (Curry) McLaughlin, of Mt. Vernon, who is the oldest living graduate of Limestone High School. Born in 1911, Mrs. McLaughlin was the eldest of 12 children. She grew up on a farm in the small Aroostook County town, which is home to the former Loring Air Force Base. With Limestone High School celebrating the anniversary of its 100th graduating class, Mrs. McLaughlin is especially proud to be a member of the class of 1929. The school system had the privilege of including her, after her children were grown, as a member of its cafeteria staff, and she worked within various buildings during her years of employment. Mrs. McLaughlin also worked for a time helping the elderly at an area nursing home. She is known for maintaining a huge vegetable garden at her home and still has a special love of flowers. She has four children, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 32 great-great-grandchildren and two great-great-great grandchildren. We join her loving family in acknowledging her contributions to the community and to the State of Maine during her 97 years. We send her our best wishes; (HLS 1557)

Normand and Maxine LaJoie, of Cyr Plantation, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. LaJoie were married April 19, 1958 at St. Bruno's Catholic Church in Van Buren with Father Paul H. Pepin S.M. officiating. They have 8 children, 28 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. LaJoie on this very special occasion; (HLS 1558)

Reginald and Linda Edgecomb, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Edgecomb were married October 25, 1958 at the United Methodist Church in Limestone with Reverend Alfred Standish officiating. They are lifelong residents of Limestone and have been very active in the agricultural industry. They have four children and four grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Edgecomb on this very special occasion; (HLS 1559)

John and Lorraine Thibodeau, of Levant, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple was married on April 27, 1958 at the Stetson Union Church by the Reverend Douglas Auld, with the late Waldo Archer serving as best man and Kay Underhill serving as matron of honor. Mr. Thibodeau was employed by the City of Bangor and J.J. Nissen Bakery, and he now owns and operates Thibodeau's Small Engine Repair. Mrs. Thibodeau was employed by Maine School Administrative District 23 and as postmaster relief for the Levant Post Office. Together they raised two daughters and now have three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Today, they enjoy taking flights in their airplane and riding on their Honda Goldwing motorcycle. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thibodeau on this milestone in their lives and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness in the years to come; (HLS 1560)

Albertine Pelletier O'Leary, of Allagash, on the celebration of her 80th birthday, August 31, 2008. Mrs. O'Leary is one of 11 children born to Thomas and Edith Pelletier. She married Robert O'Leary on May 22, 1948, and together they raised 4 children. She spent a number of years helping her husband manage a farm in Limestone. Mrs. O'Leary is noted for her wonderful hospitality and her great cooking. She enjoys spending time on the Allagash River with her husband and children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. O'Leary on this very special occasion; (HLS 1561)

Harry Pinkham, of Boothbay Harbor, upon his being named the Grand Marshal of the 45th Annual Maine State Federation of Firefighters Convention Parade. Mr. Pinkham is a retired letter carrier and a member of numerous community fraternal and civic

organizations. He has served the Boothbay Harbor Fire Department since 1953, and he was Director of Emergency Management for 47 years in Boothbay Harbor. Although retired, he continues to do work for the department. In 2007, he received the Rotary's Hometown Heroes award. We congratulate Mr. Pinkham on the honor of his being named Grand Marshal, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1562)

Barbara Tarantino, of Lincolnville, upon her retirement. Ms. Tarantino has a long history of community service, culminating in her tenure on the Board of Selectmen. Over the years, she has been a member of the school board, the planning board and the budget committee. She has been a member of the Tranquility Grange and president of the Lincolnville Women's Club. Additionally, Ms. Tarantino donated land to raise funds for the new Lincolnville School. We send her our appreciation for her dedication and service to this community, and we extend our best wishes for all her future endeavors; (HLS 1563)

Edgar J. Tardiff, of Millinocket. Mr. Tardiff was a United States Air Force veteran of World War II, where he served as a flight engineer. After the war, he was employed as an aircraft mechanic with Continental Airlines in California for many years, retiring in 1989. In 2006, he and his wife, Norma, moved back to Maine to be near his family. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1564)

Timothy Allen Worster, Jr., of Carroll Plantation, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 50, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to Timothy on this accomplishment; (HLS 1565)

Ricky Felice, Jr., of Berwick, a member of Troop 380 in Hampton, New Hampshire, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ricky on this accomplishment; (HLS 1566)

Junior Turner, of Farmington, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Turner owned and operated Turner's Tendercuts for 40 years. Turner's Tendercuts is the only barber shop in Franklin County that has a real spinning barber pole. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Turner in his future endeavors; (HLS 1567)

William L. Keith, of Gray, who has received the Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal in recognition of his service in the Armed Forces and the Purple Heart for the wounds he received in Vietnam while serving in the United States Army. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Keith for his heroic efforts and commitment to protecting our nation; (HLS 1568)

Norman E. "Bud" Dionne, of Millinocket, a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Dionne was a graduate of Stearns High School and served in the United States Navy. He was local secretary and treasurer for the Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers for 25 years and retired from Great Northern Paper Company in 1979. Mr. Dionne and his wife of 55 years, Elaine, traveled the country in their motor home. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1569)

Steve and Judy Brown, of Freeport, owners of Brown Goldsmiths, on the restoration of the historic Old Masonic Hall in Freeport, built in 1878, and the rededication of their business, started in 1967, which resides in this historic location. Steve and Judy Brown exemplify the creative and innovative economy of Maine and the spirit of community involvement and social

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responsibility. They and their business have a long tradition of community giving and social consciousness, contributing locally to the Freeport community, statewide as members of the Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility and globally as members of the international Council for Responsible Jewellery Practices, promoting socially responsible and environmentally safe practices within the jewelry industry and contributing a portion of every South African diamond purchase to Global Giving. Brown Goldsmiths has taken the lead among Maine's independent jewelers in their personal and business contributions to the State of Maine and beyond. We send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1570)

Isabel Lewando, of Ogunquit, photographer, newspaper columnist, activist and prominent citizen of the community, on her longtime service to the town of Ogunquit. Ms. Lewando was born in Germany, came to New York before the Nazis rose to power and first visited Ogunquit in her 20s, where she spent several summers working as an art model at the Ogunquit School of Painting and Sculpture. She moved permanently to Ogunquit in 1964 with her son Ben and later built herself a home on Ocean Street, where she still resides. She worked at the York County Coast Star from 1964 to 1992, as a columnist and society editor, winning several professional awards. Ms. Lewando has been active with ecological and municipal matters and has served on the Ogunquit Conservation Committee, the Shellfish Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Cable Regulatory Commission. She is a member of the Ogunquit Art Association, volunteers with the Ogunquit Heritage Museum Committee and contributed her experiences and love for the town to the book, "Ogunquit Love Stories." Ms. Lewando is also a recipient of the Ogunquit Citizen of the Year Award. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Lewando for her dedicated service and contributions to her community and to the State of Maine. We send her our best wishes; (HLS 1571)

United States Army Sergeant First Class John Maynard, of Freeman, serving with Border Mentor Team 9795, of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, on his returning home from his 4th tour of duty. Sergeant Maynard has 16 years of active duty in the Army, in addition to one year of reserve time. He served in Bosnia in 1996, Kosovo in 2000 and Baghdad, Iraq in 2003 and is now returning from Spin Buldak, Afghanistan. We commend Sergeant Maynard on his commitment to the United States Army, to his State and to the Nation. We send him our appreciation for his exemplary and dedicated service; (HLS 1572)

Gail Diane Carlson, of Wilton, who is the recipient of a Special Commendation Award for Service to the Deaf Community by the Division of Deafness Advisory Council. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Carlson on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 1573)

Day One, of South Portland, on its being recognized as the 2008 Agency of Distinction by Channel 6 and the United Way in the 6 Who Care program. One award is given each year to an agency that has creative and innovative programming, dedicated staff members and volunteers and generous and committed donors. Day One addresses teen drug and alcohol abuse through prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare. We extend our appreciation to Day One for its commitment to the citizens of Maine and congratulate it on its winning this award; (HLS 1574)

Willis E. and Lila P. Locke, of Farmington, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Locke were married in Starks on October 11, 1938. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1575)

Terry M. Leet, Sr., of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He loved the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1576)

Ashley and Florence Brown, of Swanville, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married on September 10, 1948 at the Winterport Methodist Church and have lived in Swanville for over 50 years. They are now members of the Swanville Community Church. Mr. Brown, known as Papa, worked at the Winterport Hatchery, cut wood and retired from Mathews Brothers in Belfast. Mrs. Brown, known as Nana, was employed at the Winterport Hatchery and at Penobscot Frozen Foods and retired from the Waldo County Hospital. Together they raised three daughters and proudly enjoy their six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Brown on this milestone anniversary; (HLS 1577)

Beurmond Banville, of St. Agatha, retired reporter, who is the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Alumni award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent Alumni Association. Mr. Banville wrote for the Bangor Daily News for 35 years and donated his bylined articles to the University of Maine at Fort Kent's Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1578)

the Honorable Charles Dow, of Winthrop, District Court Judge, who is the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Young Alumni award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent Alumni Association for his contributions to politics and law in the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Judge Dow on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1579)

John Blanchette, of New Sweden, who is the recipient of the Outstanding Future Alumni award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent Alumni Association. Mr. Blanchette, who will graduate in the spring of 2009 with a degree in musical theater, has contributed to the university as a residential assistant and the home game public address announcer and through numerous activities in theater and audio-visuals. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1580)

Gould Academy, located in Bethel, on the occasion of the induction of nine athletes and coaches into the Gould Academy Athletic Hall of Fame for 2008. The Hall of Fame honors those individuals who have brought pride, honor and distinction to the Academy through participation in sport and in service to the community. We congratulate the following new members of the Gould Academy Athletic Hall of Fame: George "Jordy" Almgren, class of 1988; Ordell Anderson, coach; George Bowhay, coach; Jerrold Davis, class of 1949; Charles Hurd, coach; Beth Brown Quesnel, class of 1962; Jaclyn Paaso, class of 2000; Leslie Streeter, class of 1951; and Guy Whitten, class of 1958; (HLS 1581)

Barbara and Bill Gifford, of Freeport, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford were married at St. David's Roman Catholic Church in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania on September 27, 1958. They moved to Maine and joined the community of Freeport on April 1, 1970, April Fools' Day, and have been known to be "fools in love." They are an inspiration to their family, friends and community and have a

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long history of hard work and service to the area. Mr. Gifford was an electrician and police officer and now serves in the Fire Police department. Mrs. Gifford worked at L.L. Bean for 25 years, was a Girl Scout leader and a Den Mother for Cub Scouts and now sings in the St. Jude's Choir. She also is active in the Freeport Women's Club and is on the Freeport Community Services Board of Directors. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gifford are active members of the Freeport Elders Association. We acknowledge their dedicated commitment to their community and we join their loving family and the citizens of Freeport in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Gifford on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1582)

Andrew Guerin, of Glenburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 10, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, personal growth, leadership and community service. Andrew is a senior who is homeschooled. For his service project, he built storage closets for Columbia Street Baptist Church for use by area organizations. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on his achieving this distinctive honor; (HLS 1583)

Henry J. Hunter, Jr., of Macwahoc, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. Mr. Hunter was born in Macwahoc on September 29, 1918. He was educated in Macwahoc, Silver Ridge, Mattawamkeag and Lincoln schools. He worked in a variety of jobs, retiring after many years working as a forester for St. Regis Paper Company. Mr. Hunter is a veteran of World War II, having served in the 9th Division, United States Army during the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Utah Beach at Normandy on D-Day. He was later wounded near the Rhine River in Germany. In 1945, he returned home and married his wife of 63 years, Maxine Pratt Hunter. They reside in Macwahoc, where he is the plantation's much respected oldest resident. We acknowledge Mr. Hunter's service to his community and his commitment to the Nation, and we send him our congratulations on this milestone birthday; (HLS 1584)

the South Portland community's kick-off of Let's Go! So Po! on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Let's Go! So Po! is a health and welfare initiative being adopted by the South Portland School Department and the community. Let's Go! focuses on engaging communities as a central component in combating the obesity epidemic. Let's Go! helps schools promote lifelong habits of healthy living, paying special attention to healthy eating and physical activity. We extend our appreciation to the community of South Portland and the South Portland School Department for their commitment to the youth of the State and wish them success with Let's Go! So Po!; (HLS 1585)

Deputy Fire Chief Raymond Broomhall, of Mexico, on his more than 46 years of dedicated service as a Maine firefighter. Deputy Chief Broomhall started as a member of the Mexico Fire Department on February 11, 1962. He was named 2006 Firefighter of the Year by the Maine State Federation of Firefighters. We acknowledge his dedicated years of service to his profession, to his community and to the State of Maine; (HLS 1586)

Deputy Fire Chief Richard L. Jones, Sr., of Mexico, of the Mexico Fire Department, who is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Maine State Federation of Firefighters. Deputy Chief Jones started as a firefighter in 1975. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this high honor and we send him our appreciation for his service to his profession, to his community and to the State of Maine; (HLS 1587)

Madeline T. Frederick, of Millinocket, beloved wife of Howard. Mrs. Frederick was affectionately known as Aunt Mae, even by

people who were not family. She owned and operated hair salons for more than 45 years. She was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. For many years she was actively involved in many areas of outreach in the Catholic church. Mrs. Frederick was a member of the Daughters of Isabella. She enjoyed hosting the family Easter and Thanksgiving meals. She will be missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1588)

Samuel J. Caswell, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Caswell joined the military in 1945. He served in the United States Navy and the United States Army from 1945 to 1954. He was an active member of the Calvary Temple Assembly of God. Mr. Caswell was a loving and generous man. He will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1589)

Hazel Cook, of Bridgton, upon her 95th Birthday, October 4, 2008. A foreign language teacher, Ms. Cook taught at Bridgton High School from 1950 through 1969 and then at Lake Region High School until her retirement in 1976. Throughout her career, Ms. Cook was an avid supporter of athletics and regularly attended sporting events to show support for the athletes. She is also known for her green thumb and her gardens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Cook on this special occasion; (HLS 1590)

Mary Frances Bartlett, of Augusta, who received the Ethel Kelly Award for public service from the Maine Municipal Association. This is the highest award of the association and is given to honor exemplary service to local government. Ms. Bartlett is the Health and Welfare Director for the City of Augusta and has been with the city since 1984. She has served local government since 1954. We acknowledge her commitment to her community and to the State of Maine. We send her our congratulations on her receiving this award; (HLS 1591)

the Office of the State Controller, State of Maine, which has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award is presented to those government units whose annual financial reports are judged to adhere to program standards and represents the highest award in government financial reporting. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to the Office of the State Controller on its earning this high honor; (HLS 1592)

Bill Pierce, of New Vineyard, who has received the prestigious L.L. Bean 2008 Outdoor Heroes Award. Mr. Pierce, a former Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife marketing specialist, works at the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust. The L.L. Bean Outdoor Heroes Program was developed to thank individuals who have dedicated their time to preserving the outdoors and encouraging the use of recreational outdoor space. Winners are awarded a \$5,000 grant towards their organization to support continued preservation, conservation and educational efforts. We send Mr. Pierce our congratulations on his receiving this award and our appreciation for his dedication to the State of Maine; (HLS 1593)

Nicholas LaRochelle, of Gray, a member of Boy Scout Troop #86, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicholas on his accomplishment; (HLS 1594)

Kyle Rucker, of Gray, a member of Boy Scout Troop #86, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, the

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highest award in Boy Scouting. This award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kyle on his accomplishment; (HLS 1595)

Thomas P. Wilbur and Catherine Carty-Wilbur, owners and operators of Wilbur's of Maine Chocolate Confections, of Freeport, on the occasion of their 25 years of doing business in Maine and also on the occasion of the business moving to larger quarters in a historic building in Freeport. The first store opened in 1983, and there are now three retail sites in Freeport and Brunswick. They manufacture 90% of the chocolate sold in their shops. Wilbur's of Maine Chocolate Confections now celebrates the renovation and move to the historic building at 174 Lower Main Street, built by E.B. Mallett in 1790, and is joined by Simply Divine Brownies, who will further enhance the new location as a culinary tourist destination. Thomas Wilbur and Catherine Carty-Wilbur are prominent and generous members of the community, and promote recycling. They are involved in Rotary and Habitat for Humanity, as well as other organizations, and have received numerous awards throughout their 25 years of business. We send our congratulations to them on this anniversary and the move to the restored historic building, and we send our best wishes for continued future success; (HLS 1596)

Louise Gifford, of Winn, on the celebration of her 96th birthday. Mrs. Gifford was born October 17, 1912. She is the oldest citizen in the Town of Winn, a distinction she has held for a number of years. She continues to live by herself in her own home. Mrs. Gifford and her husband Lawrence were married for 71 years, and together they raised 4 children. She has 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Gifford on this very special occasion; (HLS 1597)

Carroll F. Warren, Sr., of Waldo, upon his being named Volunteer of the Year by the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Warren, known as "Mr. Volunteer," is working on a project called "Wrap Our Seniors in Warmth," collecting used clothing for distribution to the elderly. Mr. Warren was one of a group of people cited as "People of the Year" by a local newspaper in recognition of their community contributions. He was named a "Hometown Hero" by Unicef for his unpaid assistance as a driver for Waldo County Transportation, a part of Waldo Community Action Partners. The Waldo County Sheriff's Department recognized Mr. Warren as Citizen of the Year for the time and energy he invested with TRIAD. He is a past Master of the Belfast and Searsport Masonic Lodges and held the title of Commander of the 8th Masonic District. Mr. Warren started the annual Turkey Dinner to help raise needed funds for the Hospice Program at Waldo County General Hospital. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Warren for his selfless acts of aiding others and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1598)

Spencer P. Ward, of South Casco, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 51, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project Spencer made a Saw Whet Owl house for the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1599)

Paul W. Byam, a popular and active member of the York Senior Center in York, on the occasion of his 98th Birthday, April 7, 2008. Mr. Byam lived in Wakefield, Massachusetts for most of his life and moved to Maine in 1972 upon retirement. We extend

our congratulations and best wishes to him on his birthday; (HLS 1600)

Laura M. Childs, of York, on the celebration of her 98th birthday, June 12, 2008. Mrs. Childs worked at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital as a Diet Girl for 14 years. She volunteered at York Hospital for 21 years. She was a member of the Fannie A. Gardner Rebekah Lodge No. 82, was Past District Deputy Grand Patriarch Grand Encampment of New Hampshire and is currently a member of York Street Baptist Church and Town of York Senior Center. She is the mother of 13, grandmother of 55, great-grandmother of 89 and great-great-grandmother of 7. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Childs on this very special occasion; (HLS 1601)

Kenneth F. McPherson, of Phippsburg, beloved husband and father. Mr. McPherson was a pilot cadet in the Royal Canadian Air Force and a member of the United States Army reserve. He served as a trustee and corporator of the Patten Free Library and on the Sagadahoc County budget committee and the Phippsburg budget committee. Mr. McPherson was a life member of the American Library Association. He was a corporator of Mid Coast Health Services, a member of the John Patten Society of the Patten Free Library and an Elected Elder of the Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Bath Country Club. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (HLS 1602)

Dwight and Jacqueline Dwinal, of Bath, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 18, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Dwinal were married at St. Louis Church in Auburn. They have 2 sons. Mr. Dwinal worked in the carpenter shop at Bath Iron Works, and Mrs. Dwinal was a housewife and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Dwinal enjoy gardening, evening walks, car shows and spending time with their family. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dwinal on this very special occasion; (HLS 1603)

Lewis Abbott, of Freeman Township, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, November 5, 2008. Mr. Abbott married his wife, Mertie, on March 11, 1944, and they raised 2 children together. He began work as a lumberman at the age of 14. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Abbott on this special occasion; (HLS 1604)

the late Ethel Hilton, for her generous contributions to the people of the community. Mrs. Hilton and her husband Clifford owned and operated Hilton-Winn Farm in Cape Neddick on land that was farmed by generations of the same family for over three hundred years. It is a King's Grant Farm and was first settled in 1640. Mrs. Hilton died in 2001 at the age of 93. She was keenly interested in preserving the woodlands, wetlands and agricultural character of this special property for future generations, and in 1992 she donated 185 acres to the York Land Trust. The farmhouse, with an additional 48 acres, has become the Youth Enrichment Center, providing a country farm experience to enrich the hearts, minds and spirits of children. Mrs. Hilton's beloved farm has been preserved and, thanks to her insight, the property will be forever left undeveloped and a haven for animals and children. We acknowledge Mrs. Hilton's generosity and dedication to farming and to her community. We send our appreciation to the family of Mrs. Hilton for their support of Hilton-Winn Farm and we send our wishes for the future success of the Youth Enrichment Center; (HLS 1605)

Nancy Breen, of Cape Neddick, for her generous contributions to the community. Ms. Breen purchased the 1907 Hilton-Winn farmhouse and 48 acres from the Hilton family in 2002 in order to fulfill a dream to create a nature-based learning experience for children from all walks of life. After thousands of

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hours of hard labor and the generosity of hundreds of volunteers combined with land donated by Ethel Hilton, the Youth Enrichment Center at Hilton-Winn Farm was established to provide a country farm experience to enrich the hearts, minds and spirits of children. Hundreds of children and their families have been provided with environmental, educational and positive youth development activities aimed at fostering a sense of stewardship and personal connection to the natural world and to one another. Ms. Breen and the community volunteers are dedicated to shaping the leaders of the future through cooperative efforts to teach young people about caring for and appreciating nature. We acknowledge Ms. Breen's dedication to the Youth Enrichment Center and to her community. We extend our best wishes for the continued success of the center; (HLS 1606)

Eleanor M. Carberry, of Wells, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Carberry earned a Physical Education Degree from Russell Sage College. She spent most of her professional life as a teacher and active community member in Bedford, Massachusetts. She moved to Drakes Island in Wells in 1976. Mrs. Carberry was always involved with people and causes. She served as an officer, founder and director of the Drakes Island Improvement Association, the Laudholm Farm/Wells Reserve, the First Parish Church and the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center. She gave people great joy in playing beautiful music at the piano. She enjoyed sailing catboats at Cape Cod, being a cowgirl in Wyoming, playing tennis, gazing at the stars, seeing new things, making braided rugs, attending concerts and spending time with her family. She will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends; (HLS 1607)

Homer J. Beaulieu, of Millinocket, beloved husband of 43 years to Helen. Mr. Beaulieu was a 3rd-degree Knight of the Joseph Orono Council No. 152, Knights of Columbus. He received an Honorary Life Membership Award in 1989. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the Donald Henry Post No. 80 of the American Legion. He co-owned Kemmy's grocery store in Orono and was a golf pro at Hillcrest Golf Club. Mr. Beaulieu coached the Stearns High School Golf Team during his employment at Hillcrest. He was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. He will be sadly missed by his family, students and friends; (HLS 1608)

John H. Reeve, of Portland, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Reeve joined the United States Navy right after the attack on Pearl Harbor and served out World War II on a destroyer in the Pacific theater. He was awarded the Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He was an accomplished orchestral violinist, a champion-caliber tennis player, a collegiate fencer and a semi-professional baseball player. Mr. Reeve started working for International Nickel Company while in college. He retired as Vice President of International Nickel Company, Canada and Vice President of International Nickel Company, Inc. He also served as Managing Director of a subsidiary of the company in England. Mr. Reeve was a music lover and supported musical organizations in the United States and England. He was a Trustee of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. He was involved in diocesan financial activities in Maine and England; worked with youth in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in England; cofounded the Young Engineers' educational program in West Virginia; and served on various school boards and state and county organizations in both the United Kingdom and the United States. He enjoyed visiting Popham Beach and spending time with his family. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (HLS 1609)

Mary Andrew, of Portland, who was honored by the Stroudwater Village Association on Stroudwater Village Appreciation Day, September 20, 2008, for her outstanding community service and devotion to making Stroudwater a better place for all. The Stroudwater Village Association was founded to preserve the community of Stroudwater in Portland. In 1953 Mrs. Andrew and her husband David bought their home in Stroudwater, where they raised their four daughters. She has been very active and vocal in the community and has opposed unnecessary development. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1610)

Dr. Louis Bove, of Portland, who was honored by the Stroudwater Village Association on Stroudwater Village Appreciation Day, September 20, 2008, for his outstanding community service and devotion to making Stroudwater a better place for all. The Stroudwater Village Association was founded to preserve the community of Stroudwater in Portland. Dr. Bove and his family moved to Stroudwater in 1963. He is known for his neighborhood festivities and has been very active in the community, including serving on the Board of the Stroudwater Village Association. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1611)

Gerry Johnson, of Portland, who was honored by the Stroudwater Village Association on Stroudwater Village Appreciation Day, September 20, 2008, for his outstanding community service and devotion to making Stroudwater a better place for all. The Stroudwater Village Association was founded to preserve the community of Stroudwater in Portland. Five generations of the Johnson family have lived in the Stroudwater area, and Mr. Johnson has been active in the preservation of the unique character of the neighborhood. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1612)

Tyler Beaulieu, of Caribou, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 184, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Tyler constructed a book display for Catholic Charities Maine in Caribou. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1613)

Karin Gower, of Cape Elizabeth, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, September 14, 2008. Mrs. Gower married her husband, Harold, in Calais October 8, 1935. They raised 6 children and have 15 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gower is a 70-year member of the Cape Elizabeth Grange and an active member of Prides Corner Congregational Church United Church of Christ. She loves to cook and is known for her custard pies. She enjoys sewing and has been chair of the church's fair committee. She continues to make quilts for the Ronald McDonald House, the Lynus Project, the church fairs and the Grange exhibits at the Cumberland County Fair. She was a hospice volunteer and also volunteered at the soup kitchen with her church group. Mrs. Gower is an avid genealogist and compiled and published a book about her ancestor, John Sherrard, and his descendants. She has also published a cookbook and a book about her life. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Gower on this special occasion; (HLS 1614)

Emmett and Ruth Ross, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. The couple exchanged vows of lifelong commitment on October 8, 1948. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ross on this milestone anniversary, and we wish them many more years of happiness together; (HLS 1615)

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Francis MacDonald, of Phippsburg, on her 80th Birthday. Born in Bath on October 19, 1928, Ms. MacDonald's family bought the old MacIntyre farm in the Popham area of Phippsburg when she was a child and where she spent many summers. She had a long and fruitful career as a music teacher in public schools in Maine, Massachusetts and New York. As an adult, she continued to return to the farmhouse in Popham. In 1976 she built a new home to replace the farmhouse. Ms. MacDonald retired to Maine in 1985. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 1616)

Grace Maude Stanley, of Mexico, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, November 3, 2008. Mrs. Stanley currently resides at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris and was presented with the Boston Post Cane as Mexico's oldest citizen. We extend our congratulations to her on the centennial celebration of her life and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1617)

Opal Bradford Smith, of Carmel, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. Mrs. Smith was born on October 4, 1918 on the family homestead, located on the Carmel and Levant town line. She has lived her entire life in Carmel, where she and her husband, Harold, raised their three children, Gordon, Iris and Ina. She has always been an active citizen and started the local PTA and Senior Citizens Club. She was a founding member of the Carmel High School Alumni Association, the Bangor Singles Club and the Carmel Historical Society. During her working career, Mrs. Smith was employed in the local school lunch program and in area shoe factories. We extend our congratulations to Opal Bradford Smith on this special birthday and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1618)

the Reverend Scott Planting, of Farmington, who was a recipient of the Franklin County Health Network's Community Health Leadership Award. Reverend Planting was honored for getting people to work together to solve community problems and to uplift the community. We extend our congratulations to Reverend Planting on his receiving this well-deserved award and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1619)

Elbert and Montress Lambert, of Strong, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Montress Wing married Elbert Lambert on October 9, 1938. Mrs. Lambert is a graduate of Phillips High School, and she attended Pelletier's Beauty School in Lewiston and opened Strong's first beauty salon. Mr. Lambert served in the Naval Construction Battalion, the Seabees, during World War II and retired from Forster's Manufacturing. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lambert on this special anniversary, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 1620)

Raymond and Dorothy Weirs, of Wilton, who have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Weirs were married at the Farmington Baptist Church on November 18, 1957. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1621)

Martin Joseph Wyman, of Harpswell, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Wyman was born in Small Point and spent most of his life in the open air, making his living by lobstering, fishing and shrimping out of Bailey Island. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 171, in Harpswell and was a founder of the Casco Bay Search and Rescue. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (HLS 1622)

ElizaBeth M. Reifman, of Harpswell, a hearing legal interpreter for the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Division of Deafness, who interpreted for the Maine Legislature, the courtroom and conferences and

workshops. Ms. Reifman lived her early life in Paris before moving to Washington, D.C. She attended the University of Michigan, where she majored in Drama, and worked in theater, including in Sarah Caldwell's Opera Company. Later, she attended Northeastern University in Boston, where she trained to be a sign language interpreter. Ms. Reifman worked as a staff interpreter for the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing before moving to Maine in 1993. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her community and to the State of Maine. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving husband Russell Packett, their 2 sons Sam and Andy, her family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1623)

Frank Knight, of Yarmouth, upon the celebration of his 100th Birthday. Frank Knight was born on October 17, 1908 in Pownal, Maine to Frank A. and Kate C. Hodsdon Knight, descendants of the original settlers of Pownal. Mr. Knight attended a one-room schoolhouse and worked on the family farm as a boy. He attended North Yarmouth Academy and graduated in 1925. He went to the Forestry School at the University of Maine in Orono and graduated in 1930. After college, Mr. Knight surveyed the Allagash while working for the Great Northern Paper Company. In 1950, he cleared land that was to become the site of the Interstate highway and the Portland Jetport. In 1974 he retired and he became the Tree Warden of the Town of Yarmouth, where he managed the elm trees. One elm tree in particular, named "Herbie," is considered to be the oldest elm tree in New England. Mr. Knight celebrates his 100th birthday in the same year that his childhood home of Pownal celebrates its 200th anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Knight on the centennial celebration of his life; (HLS 1624)

Fred J. Pasquine, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved father and grandfather. Mr. Pasquine was a veteran of World War II. He served in the United States Navy. He worked for 27 years at Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Pasquine was a member of St. Martin's Council No. 680, Knights of Columbus, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1521, Francis Stinson Post No. 4154, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed big band music, family gatherings, Italian food, sports, playing bocci ball and dancing. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (HLS 1625)

the People's Regional Opportunity Program, the Key Community Development Corporation, the Maine State Housing Authority and the City of Portland for their collaborative efforts in developing, funding and building the Bayside East Senior Housing Complex. Bayside East, a 20-unit facility, celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony October 21, 2008. Bayside East provides convenient access to its residents to the Portland business district, regional transportation, shopping and medical facilities. We congratulate all those involved for making this important housing resource available to so many people in the Portland community; (HLS 1626)

Tim Hall, of Bangor, on the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service with the Department of Conservation. Mr. Hall is the founder of the Maine State Lifesaving Association. He is advisor to the United States Lifesaving Association. He represented USLA on national television on the Today Show hosted by Bryant Gumble. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hall for his commitment to the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1627)

retired Chief Warden Alanson "Mickey" Noble, of Otisfield, who is the recipient of the 2007 Legendary Game Warden award given by the Maine Warden Service Association. Mr. Noble became a warden in 1956 and served in Vanceboro. In 1962 he

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became the first of 10 inspectors, a position that was created to assist supervisors. As an inspector, Mr. Noble participated in several successful undercover operations designed to curtail market hunting. He was promoted to Warden Supervisor in 1969, to Deputy Chief Warden in 1973 and to Chief Warden in 1978. After his retirement, he served on the Commissioner's Advisory Council, where his knowledge of and experience in hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities proved to be valuable assets. Mr. Noble is held in high regard by his fellow wardens. They consider him one of the last so-called "old fashioned wardens," a true woodsman and a friend to the sportsmen of Maine. We congratulate Mr. Noble on this great achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 1628)

Donald and Emma Googins, of Pine Point, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Googins were married September 30, 1948 in East Boothbay. Mr. and Mrs. Googins have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Mr. Googins had a distinguished career as a lobsterman in Scarborough. Many young men from Scarborough worked and learned how to lobster under Mr. Googins's leadership. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Googins on this very special occasion; (HLS 1629)

Mark Heathcote, of Hudson, a home-schooled student within School Administrative District No. 64. Mark wrestles for Central High School and trains with Hermon High School through a cooperative agreement between Central High School and Hermon High School. Mark has been competing through this agreement for 3 years. He is the Penobscot Valley Conference Heavyweight Class B Champion, has been the Eastern Maine Class B Heavyweight champion for the past 2 years and is the Maine State Class B Heavyweight Champion. He has 94 wins, 84 of them achieved by pins, and 18 losses. Mark volunteers and helps coach the local group called the Hudson Wrestling Club. We extend our congratulations to Mark on his successful career as a wrestler; (HLS 1630)

Franklin Ralph Manzo, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Manzo served in the United States Army's 7th Artillery Division, spending 2 years in Bad Kissingen, Germany, during America's Cold War. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 43 years. He was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1631)

Winston G. Edwards, of Winthrop, on the celebration of his 100th birthday, November 2, 2008. Mr. Edwards began working on the family farm on New Portland Hill and became a hardworking, self-made man. He was a log driver, was a chauffeur for a country doctor and had a 40-year career at Maine Dowel. He also had a wild blueberry business. Mr. Edwards has always been an avid hunter and fisherman. He made his own fishing flies, a canoe and his home. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Edwards on this special occasion and wish him the best; (HLS 1632)

H. Douglas Collins, M.D., of Hanover, New Hampshire. Dr. Collins was born in Maine's northernmost city. He graduated from the University of Maine and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Collins completed his Internal Medicine internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. He practiced medicine in Caribou and in Anchorage, Alaska. Dr. Collins was appointed a Governor of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He was a 1989 recipient of the Laureate Award from the Maine Chapter of the American College of Physicians. He was later awarded a Mastership in the American College of Physicians. Dr. Collins enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, planting vegetable

gardens and skiing at Sugarloaf. His contributions to the medical community will be long remembered. He will be missed by his loving family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1633)

the First Congregational Church of Wilton, United Church of Christ, on its 190th Anniversary. The Wilton church was formed in a member's home on February 19, 1818, and for the next 39 years services were held in members' homes, the schoolhouse and the Old White Meeting House. In 1857 a place of worship was constructed at the current church site, and in 1869 the building of the present-day church was begun. We send our congratulations to the good members of the First Congregational Church of Wilton, United Church of Christ, on this special occasion; (HLS 1634)

the *Sanford News*, of Sanford, on its winning 8 awards in the 2008 Maine Press Association's contest for weekly and daily newspapers in Maine. The Maine Press Association promotes and fosters high ethical standards and the best interests of newspapers in the State, and the contests are awarded in various categories. We acknowledge the following people working for the *Sanford News* for their winning these awards: E.J. Hersom, who won in the Weekly 2 category 1st and 3rd place News Photo awards, a 1st place People Photo award and a 1st place Picture Story award; Victoria Willette, who won a 1st place Specialty Page Design award; Ellen W. Todd, who won in the Weekly 2 category a 3rd place Feature Story award; and Shawn P. Sullivan, who won in the Weekly 2 category a 1st place Opinion Column award. We also acknowledge Ellen W. Todd and Shawn P. Sullivan, who together won a 2nd place News/Sports Headline award. We extend our congratulations to the winning employees and send the *Sanford News* our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1635)

Jean Paul Fortin, of Augusta, who is the recipient of La Medaille d'Honneur of Le Club Calumet. Mr. Fortin has been a member of Le Club Calumet since 1973. He has served as Sergeant-at-Arms, Second Vice President, First Vice President, President and House Chairman. He has served on the Executive Committee and the Outstanding Citizen Committee. He also has volunteered at St. Mary's School and now volunteers at St. Michael's School, St. Augustine Church and St. Francis Xavier Church. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Fortin for his dedication to the citizens of Augusta and congratulate him on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 1636)

the Town of Woolwich, as its citizens begin the 250th celebration of its establishment. Originally called Nequasset by the Abenaki Indians, Woolwich was established October 20, 1759 by the Massachusetts General Court and was named after Woolwich, England. It was the 14th town in the Province of Maine. A series of events, large and small, are being presented every month from October, 2008 to October, 2009 to commemorate the notable history of this exemplary Maine coastal town. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Woolwich as they celebrate their upcoming 250th Anniversary; (HLS 1637)

Arnold and Joanne Dore, of Skowhegan, on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 2, 2008. Mr. Dore worked for more than 27 years at the Morning Sentinel, retiring in 1999. Mrs. Dore worked as a secretary over the years but primarily was a homemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Dore have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1638)

Jerry and Kay Potvin, of Medway, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 30, 2008. We extend our

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congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1639)

Frank W. McDade and Jacqueline A. Leet, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 23, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1640)

Ben and Bertha Raymond, of Millinocket, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 31, 2008. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1641)

William and Donna Rush, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1642)

James E. Footer, Jr., of Bath, a self-taught and gifted musician. He worked for Bath Iron Works as an engineering draftsman and a material control specialist. He was a sales representative for Carl Fisher of Boston, sold instruments and music and did public relations and consulting on music program development for Maine schools. Mr. Footer was cofounder, host, president and woodwind auctioneer for the Seacoast Concert Festival. He had a lifelong, far-reaching musical career as a director, performer and teacher. He helped form the Bath Municipal Band and served as managing director and conductor. He was director of the Dunlop Commandry Escort Band and the Bath Lodge of Elks Band. He was guest director of the Napean Band of Ottawa, Ontario; the United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C.; the United States Army Field Service Band in Washington, D.C.; the Portland Symphony Orchestra; and the University of Maine Concert Band. Mr. Footer was supervisor of instrumental music for School Administrative District 74; supervisor of instrumental music, band and chorus at Lincoln Academy; and private instrument teacher, instrumental instructor for grades 5 and 6 and substitute band director for the Bath school system. He received the Maine Broadcasting System Jefferson Award for Recognition of Extraordinary Public Service. He will be sadly missed by his loving family, friends, students, colleagues and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1643)

Alma Jones, of Washington, on the occasion of her retirement after operating a food pantry in the basement of her home for almost two decades. Mrs. Jones will turn over the pantry operation, which will be moved to the Mount Olive Masonic Lodge, to Pastor Timothy Lewis of Washington Village Church. Mrs. Jones worked for 24 years at Sylvania Electric in Waldoboro and has been head of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. She exemplifies public service in Maine, having also volunteered at the Maine Veterans' Home and the veterans' hospital at Togus and serving on the board of directors of the Gibbs Library Association. Five years ago, Mrs. Jones received the Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service, which highlights the spirit of volunteerism and recognizes the vision and action of neighbors that improve the quality of life in Maine. Now 89 years old, she wants to spend time with her family, including her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We highly commend Mrs. Jones for her many years of dedicated service to her community and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to her on her well-deserved retirement, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1644)

the following members of the Deering High School Boys Golf Team, the Rams, on their winning the 2008 Class A State Golf Championship: Joe Walp, Jake Nichols, Rocco Spizuoco, Ryan Bourgault, Cooper Nadeau, Regan Flaherty, Taylor Candage and Kevin MacDowell; and coaches Bill Goodman and Mike Drake.

This is the team's first state title since 2002 and the seventh overall. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1645)

Dorothy B. "Dot" Kelley, of Millinocket, a long-standing member of the Millinocket Baptist Church adult choir. Mrs. Kelley was born in Millinocket and was a graduate of Stearns High School. In 1944, she married Harold Kelley, and they shared 53 years of love and commitment. She directed the Millinocket Baptist Church's junior choir and was active on various boards during her many years of serving the church. Mrs. Kelley will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1646)

Don and Ida Whitney, of Chester, upon the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were married on November 6, 1948. Mr. Whitney served in the United States Navy during World War II and farmed on the family farm for a number of years. He also served as a rural mail carrier for many years, and Mrs. Whitney served as his substitute, and she eventually became a full-time carrier on Mr. Whitney's retirement. They have two sons, Bill and John, and six grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Whitney on this momentous occasion and we wish them many more years of happiness together; (HLS 1647)

Joan Ingraham O'roak, of Sherman, on the celebration of her 80th birthday. A 1946 graduate of Sherman High School, she married Wilfred O'roak on March 12, 1949, and they have 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Mrs. O'roak worked on the family farm, served as librarian at the Sherman Public Library and provided homecare as a certified nurse's aide. She served at School Administrative District No. 25, is a 50-year member of OES No. 95, is an active member of the Washburn Memorial Church, where she is involved in the choir and the Women's Fellowship, and is a member of the Molunkus Valley SnoDrifters, the quilting guild, the Molunkus Fish and Game Club, the Sherman Senior Citizens and the Ladies Auxiliary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. O'roak on this very special occasion; (HLS 1648)

the following students of Mt. Blue High School, in Farmington, who were members of the cast and crew of the show *Into the Woods*, which was awarded "Honorable Mention" for Maine in the USA Weekend magazine Showstopper Musicals contest: Sam Cohen, Hannah Sloane-Barton, Matt West, Ben Swain, Ally West, Alix Mason, Sarah Leopold, Elisabeth Stancioff, Serach Ramu, Emily Pottle, Caitlyn O'Reilly, Jonah Roberts, Kaija Fellman, Craig Collins, Tim Reid, James Rossi, Erik Mason, Rosie Cohen, Eliza Richard, Molly Gunn, Alex Lucas, Sam Zachary, Garrett Goodridge, Matt Allen, Kas Seaward, Kat Corell, Matt Blanchard, Marina Iida, Isaiah Reid, Jacob Wyder, Azriel Stinson and Nick Beach. The show is a musical by Stephen Sondheim based on the Brothers Grimm fairy tales and was presented in May 2008 under the direction of Debby Muise and musical direction by Jane Parker. The set design was by Debby Hiltz, the costumes were by Debby Mason and the orchestra was conducted by Steve Muise. The USA Weekend Showstopper Musical contest is held annually by the magazine to recognize and showcase the best high school musicals in the country. We send our congratulations to all the participants of this award-winning show and commend them for their outstanding achievement. We send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1649)

Ray Therrien, of New Vineyard, for his exemplary work in adult education and his dedication to the people of Maine. Mr. Therrien has just been honored by 2 organizations with awards for his efforts. He is the recipient of the Gerald LeVasseur Award

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presented by the Maine Adult Education Association for performing unusual and outstanding work in the field of adult and community education. He is also the recipient of the Western Regional Champions award from the Women, Work and Community partnership for his work in adult education in Franklin County. Mr. Therrien is the director of School Administrative District No. 9 Adult and Community Education and Franklin County Adult Basic Education. He brought the Work Ready Program to Franklin County. He worked with the Wilton Career Center, Foster Tech, Nichols Welding and School Administrative District No. 58 to create a professional-level welding course to help Cianbro Corporation fill its need for welders. He has also worked with the Maine Adult Rural Technology Initiative. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Therrien for his commitment to education and congratulate him on his receiving these well-deserved awards; (HLS 1650)

Louis Philip Chabot and Louise Ann (Filteau) Chabot, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Chabot were married on October 18, 1958 at Ste. Rose de Lima church in Chisholm, Maine. They were married by Reverend Maurice P. Plourde with William Meserve and Theresa Castonguay as witnesses. Louis and Louise have three children, Steven Paul, Karen Louise and Laurie Ann. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to them on their golden wedding anniversary; (HLS 1651)

the Honorable Joseph E. Brennan, of Portland, former governor of Maine, the first recipient of the Claddagh Award. This award is presented by the Maine Irish Heritage Center and is given to honor a distinguished Irish-American from Maine who has served the community and State. The Claddagh is a beloved symbol for all people of Irish descent and expresses the principles of friendship, love and loyalty. Governor Brennan has also served as Cumberland County District Attorney, as the state Attorney General and as a member of the United States House of Representatives. He is now a Federal Maritime Commissioner. We extend our congratulations to Governor Brennan on his receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1652)

Nanette Reed, of Freeman, who is the recipient of the National Grange Community Service Award. Ms. Reed has served the community as a hospice and home care nurse for the Franklin County area. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Reed for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1653)

Armand Dussault, of Kennebunk, upon his retirement after twenty-eight years of service to the same company under the ownership of York County Biscuit, Keebler Company and Kellogg Company. Mr. Dussault is a respected member of the Kennebunk community, having served with the Kennebunk Fire Company for forty years, including service as Deputy Chief for eleven years, beginning in 1990. Mr. Dussault has driven a bus for Bible school and he has played Santa Claus for a local day care. He is a Shriner, and he assists at Bibber's Memorial Chapel. He has honored these commitments while sharing his life with Janice, his wife of forty-five years. It is with this acknowledgement that we inscribe this expression of recognition and gratitude to Mr. Dussault for his many years of dedication to his work and his community. We congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1654)

Joseph Belanger, of Springvale, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 320, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Joseph, a senior at Sanford High School, has been a Scout for three and a half years. For his

service project, he produced a video of the Flag Burning Ceremony with the American Legion so that it can be used to educate people on the proper disposal of the American flag. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1655)

Ted Potter, of Gardiner, on his retirement from 33 years of invaluable service to the people of the State of Maine. Born and raised in Rhode Island, Mr. Potter received a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree from Brown University. He served in the United States Army Reserve as a medical technician and also taught school in Stonington, Connecticut before coming to Maine to study. He received his doctorate at the University of Maine in 1974 and wrote his doctoral dissertation on Maine's economic history from the 1800s. He first started to work for the State of Maine in the nonpartisan office that is now the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, where he worked until he moved to Rochester, New York in 1980. He returned to the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis in 1982 first as a Legislative Staff Assistant and then a Legislative Analyst until 1989, when he went to work as a Special Assistant to Dan Gwadosky in the Maine House Majority Office and then in the office of the Maine Speaker of the House of Representatives until 1997. Mr. Potter worked in the office of the Secretary of State as a Deputy Secretary of State from 1997 to 2000, when he returned to the Maine State Legislature as a Special Assistant, then Senior Special Assistant and finally Chief of Staff for the Speaker of the House. Mr. Potter has served numerous Speakers in these positions, contributing his knowledge and experience. Known by many to be one of the nicest people working in State Government, Mr. Potter has earned the affection and respect of all who have worked with him. We take this opportunity to formally acknowledge his important work for the people of the State of Maine through the years and send him our deepest appreciation. We will miss his kindnesses, his gentle nature and his commitment to the State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1656)

the Franklin County Community College Network in Farmington, recipient of the Maine Community Foundation's Noyce Award. The Franklin County Community College Network is being recognized as the single most outstanding community initiative in Maine for creating economic opportunity in local communities. We extend our congratulations to the Franklin County Community College Network on its receiving this award; (HLS 1657)

Susan Doody-Stedt, of New Sweden, a counselor at Fort Kent Elementary School, who has been named Counselor of the Year by the Maine School Counselors Association. We acknowledge Ms. Doody-Stedt's commitment to the students and we send her our congratulations on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1658)

the Honorable Kenneth A. Honey, of Boothbay, for his civic contributions to the people of the State of Maine through his volunteer work with Rotary and his community and through his 8 years of service in the Maine House of Representatives and his term of service as a Lincoln County Commissioner. Mr. Honey is a native Mainer who served in the United States Army and worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Maine Department of Marine Resources for 40 years. He is a longtime member of Rotary Club, with which he has a perfect attendance record. He served with distinction from 1997 to 2004 in the Maine House of Representatives and in 2004 was elected to a 4-year term as a Lincoln County Commissioner. We acknowledge Mr. Honey's dedicated commitment to his

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community and to the State of Maine and commend him for his service; (HLS 1659)

Walter Edward Hanson, of Eliot, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 338, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Ed cleaned and repaired Furbish and McPherson cemeteries in Eliot. He raked, reset a headstone, replaced a missing iron fence rail and installed an iron gate made by a member of the Historical Society. He also made a list of the headstones and a map of their locations. We extend our congratulations to Ed on this achievement; (HLS 1660)

Norman and Carole Ricker, of Winthrop, recipients of the 2008 Spirit of America Award presented by the Winthrop Town Council. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker are retiring as directors of the Winthrop Food Pantry. They began working with Phil and Margaret Marston 10 years ago, equally dividing all of the responsibilities for running the pantry, which have included managing approximately 25 volunteers, procuring all of the supplies for the pantry, managing donations and providing food to 15 to 20 families each week. The Winthrop Food Pantry is supported completely by donations from the community. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Ricker our appreciation for their commitment to the people of the State and congratulate them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1661)

Phil and Margaret Marston, of Winthrop, recipients of the 2008 Spirit of America Award presented by the Winthrop Town Council. Mr. and Mrs. Marston are retiring as directors of the Winthrop Food Pantry. They began working with Norman and Carole Ricker 10 years ago, equally dividing all of the responsibilities for running the pantry, which have included managing approximately 25 volunteers, procuring all of the supplies for the pantry, managing donations and providing food to 15 to 20 families each week. The Winthrop Food Pantry is supported completely by donations from the community. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Marston our appreciation for their commitment to the people of the State and congratulate them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1662)

the members of the Payson Tucker Hose Company of the Winthrop Fire Department, recipients of the 2008 Spirit of America Award presented by the Winthrop Town Council. The Payson Tucker Hose Company is celebrating its 125th anniversary in service. We extend to them our congratulations on this honor and offer our best wishes for the future; (HLS 1663)

the Maine Troop Greeters, of Bangor, on the occasion of the 750,000th soldier greeted at the Bangor International Airport since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The greeters have met over 3,500 flights of members of the United States Armed Forces as they have transited to and from deployment, providing friendship, food and phones to all. The greeters have brought credit to the community and the State while providing this service to our young men and women in uniform. We send our appreciation to the Armed Forces for their dedicated service to our Nation and we thank the Maine Troop Greeters for their comforting role as greeters; (HLS 1664)

Christopher Kinney, of Wilton, who is the recipient of the Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service. Mr. Kinney is the director of Aramark Dining Services at the University of Maine at Farmington. He received the national distinction for his contributions through community service. He has been an active partner with the university for 3 years, committing himself to service for the public good and promoting

environmentally sustainable practices. Mr. Kinney has worked with local social service agencies to provide holiday dinners and toys for Toys for Tots. He supports the area effort to prevent violence against women and helps educate the public on the benefits of using local foods. He has led the way among Aramark services nationwide in recycling waste cooking oil for biofuel, establishing a comprehensive recycling effort, which earned him the Maine Resource Recovery Association's Composter of the Year award in 2007. He created a trayless cafeteria at the university. Mr. Kinney is a lifetime Maine resident and has worked with restaurant, hotel, resort and higher education food service outlets across the State. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Kinney for his commitment to the State and congratulate him on his receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1665)

Harold and Lorraine (Knight) Heald, of Skowhegan, on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Heald exchanged vows and married at the Federated Church Parsonage in Skowhegan on September 18, 1948. They raised seven children, Fred, Larry, Linda, Brenda, Marilyn, Ronnie and Patricia. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Heald on this special occasion; (HLS 1666)

Marguerite Holbrook, of Wayne, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Holbrook was born December 20, 1908 in South Gardiner, the daughter of Chester and Ida Rand. She married Wallace Osgood, who is now deceased, and together they had three children, Joan Elaine, John Edward and Jean Ellen. Later in life, she married Lester Holbrook, who is also deceased. We extend our congratulations on the centennial celebration of her life and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1667)

Abbey Leonardi, of Kennebunk, a student at Kennebunk High School, who won the 74th New England High School Girls Interscholastic Cross Country Championship. Abbey defeated 263 of the top runners in New England at the championships, held in Manchester, New Hampshire, to become the first student from Maine ever to win this competition. Abbey finished the undefeated season as the top runner on the 2008 Kennebunk High School Class A Girls Cross Country Team, a season that established her as the premier runner in the State of Maine. She won the national title last year in the 13-14-year-old age group of the Girls Youth Division of the 2008 USATF National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championship in the 1500 meter race. Abbey also attended the Meet of Champions, an invitational high school event with more than 1,200 participants, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, in Belfast, Maine, and won the girls seeded division. The elements required for excellence in athletic competition include physique, talent, knowledge, discipline, heart and attitude. Abbey's ability to address each of these elements has made possible these extraordinary accomplishments in her first year of high school. We congratulate her on her outstanding achievements and send her our best wishes for her future endeavors; (HLS 1668)

Edward Vinson, of East Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Vinson, born in Kentucky, served as a sergeant with the 97th Infantry Division in France and Germany as well as in the Western Pacific Theater. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 13 in East Millinocket. He worked at Great Northern Paper Company in quality control and the maintenance department. In 1970, he was elected Business Representative to District No. 99 of the International Association of Machinists, where he worked until his retirement in 1986. Mr. Vinson was a member of the Maine Vocational Education Advisory Board as well as other boards and committees. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 62

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years, Mabel, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1669)

Frank W. McDade, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the Maine Army National Guard. Mr. McDade was born in Millinocket and worked for many years at Great Northern Paper Company. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1670)

the Honorable Gerald D. Robertson, of Brewer, former member of the Maine House of Representatives, on his long and distinguished history of public service. Mr. Robertson served in the 103rd Legislature and many years on the Brewer City Council. He served 17 terms as Mayor of Brewer, and has been instrumental in the economic success of the city through his participation on various committees and his work with the Brewer Economic Development Corporation. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine and we send him our appreciation for his exemplary commitment to public service; (HLS 1671)

Janice White and Linda Babcock, of Skowhegan, in honor of their commitment to the Children's Miracle Network and their dedication to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals. This mother and daughter team has raised more than \$27,000 over the past two years for the Children's Miracle Network. They can be found at Wal-Mart in Skowhegan on Saturdays and Sundays selling their craftwork and taking donations; all proceeds go to Eastern Maine Medical Center to be used for children in the Eastern Maine area. They are dedicated individuals and do this fine charity work with no fanfare. They are a great example of the difference people can make in the lives of others and they do this because they care. We extend our appreciation to Janice White and Linda Babcock for their generous efforts; (HLS 1672)

Mary Keith, of Gray, upon her retirement after more than 26 years of dedicated service to the State of Maine. Ms. Keith worked as an employment counselor with the Department of Labor at the Career Center, formerly known as the Maine Job Service. She also served as a youth counselor for eight years at the Maine Youth Center, now known as Long Creek Youth Development Center. We acknowledge her commitment to the people of the State of Maine and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1673)

Don Gerrish, of Brunswick, on the occasion of his retirement as Town Manager of the Town of Brunswick. Mr. Gerrish has served the town with distinction since 1989. Born and raised in Bangor, he graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Public Management in 1972. He began his municipal career in 1973 as Tax Assessor in Rockland. He was the Assistant to the Town Manager in Brunswick before he was hired as the Assistant Manager for the City of Auburn and then served as the Town Manager of Gorham for 10 years. Mr. Gerrish has been an active member of the Maine Town and City Management Association since 1974 and served as President in 1983-1984. One of the highlights of his municipal career was when he was elected President of the International City Managers' Association in 1996, after serving as the Northeast Regional Vice President from 1993 to 1995. Mr. Gerrish has also been a member of the board of the Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust since its inception. We acknowledge Mr. Gerrish's dedicated service to his community and to his profession. We send him our appreciation on his commitment to the towns and city he has served and to the State of Maine, and we extend to him our congratulations on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1674)