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Specialist First Class Christina L. Brandt, of Wilton, now serving in the United States Army, Unit D/5 101 TF Eagle Assault, who is returning from serving in Afghanistan, where she has been deployed since February 29, 2008. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming her home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military; (HLS 1)

Mt. Abram High School Boys Soccer Team, the Roadrunners, upon its winning the 2008 Western Class C Championship and being named the Boys Soccer Team of the year by the Lewiston *Sun Journal*. We extend our congratulations to the team on these achievements; (HLS 2)

Gilbert J. Anderson, of Millinocket, on his 90th Birthday, December 7, 2008. We send Mr. Anderson our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 3)

Ira and Pauline Ainsworth, of Sanford, upon their creation of a home garden in memory of their lost spouses. The Ainsworths open this flower-filled, tranquil setting to area nursing homes, assisted living facilities and seniors as a means of providing boundless compassion. Thirty-three groups toured the manicured setting during the past summer while also enjoying afternoon entertainment by means of games organized by the Ainsworths. Site maintenance and improvements are made possible through donations by local businesses and various other groups secured by Mrs. Ainsworth. After nearly two decades since the inception of the gardens, the Ainsworths are proud that their hard work was recognized by author Debra Landwehr Engle in her book *Grace from the Garden*. We acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth's efforts in offering the elderly a serene environment to take pleasure in during their golden years; (HLS 4)

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 5)

Duane and Barbara Lewis, of Phillips, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Duane Griffin Lewis and Barbara Louise Adams married November 9, 1958 at the Bath Congregational Church. We send Mr. and Mrs. Lewis our congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 6)

Corey J. Bouton, of Bucksport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 82, 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. Corey, currently a freshman at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, has earned 21 merit badges and has served in a variety of leadership roles. For his service project, he built three lifeguard tower chairs for the town pool in Bucksport. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 7)

Trevor Violette, of Medway, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 8)

the staff and faculty of Stockton Springs Elementary School, on their heroic actions October 31, 2008, when a man with a gun entered the school. A parent noticed the gunman and immediately notified the school secretary, who told a bus driver. The bus driver confronted the gunman, who brandished a semiautomatic handgun, walked down the hallway and entered a fifth grade classroom with eleven students and at least one teacher. He held a gun to the teacher's head, forcing her out of the room, and shut the door, holding the students hostage. Due to a call by the secretary to the authorities, police from all over the county rushed to the scene, surrounding and securing the school. Maine State Police detective Jason Andrews entered the school and began communicating with the gunman through the closed door. In only minutes, the gunman handed his loaded gun to a student and walked into the hallway, to be tackled by a waiting officer. We acknowledge the actions of Detective Andrews and give special mention to the heroes of the school, parent Mary Hulbert, school secretary Tina Boyce, bus driver Glenn Larrabee, education technician Marcia Williams, teacher Carolyn Russell and physical education teacher Dan Campbell, on their individual roles in protecting the students and other members of the school. The Department of Education requires schools to enlist local police, fire and emergency preparedness officials in creating emergency response plans, and it is fortunate that the school had effective, knowledgeable and courageous staff and teachers; (HLS 9)

the 2008 Bowdoin College field hockey team, for their second consecutive NCAA Division III Championship. The Polar Bears are just the fourth school in Division III history to win consecutive national championships. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 10)

Rick Batt, of Industry, on the occasion of his retirement as the Chief Executive Officer of Franklin Community Health Network. Mr. Batt has served 15 years with distinction and was cited as the state role model by Governor Angus King at a public health conference in 2002. He is the recipient of the Living Vision Award of the American Hospital Association and was acclaimed as a leader by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Reform. We send him our appreciation for his service to public health and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 11)

James G. and Harriet (Chisholm) Dowd, of Brewer, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 29, 2008. To celebrate the event, the Dowds spent their Thanksgiving holiday in New York City with their children, grandchildren and a group of friends. We send them our congratulations on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 12)

Raymond Thomas Leet, Sr., of Guilford. Mr. Leet was born in Millinocket and attended Stearns High School. He was a United States Army veteran who served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 30 years and then became a truck driver. He will be long remembered and greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 13)

Craig E. Leidenroth, of Warren, doctor of dental surgery and prominent member of his community. Dr. Leidenroth was born and raised in New Jersey and received his degree in dental surgery from Temple University. Having graduated earlier than scheduled, he finished the year teaching at the university for six months. In 1974 he moved to the Thomaston area where he established his dental practice. Dr. Leidenroth served on the Maine Dental Association's Executive Board. He was a "gentleman farmer" who enjoyed working on his farm where he

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raised Belgian horses, steers and goats. He was also an avid sailor, earning his captain's license in 2006. Dr. Leidenroth was a part owner and former treasurer of the Tomhegan Wilderness Resort at Moosehead Lake, where he enjoyed many of the area's activities and serving on the board of directors for the Tomhegan Camp Owners Association. For several years, he was a member of the Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce. We acknowledge his contributions 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 14)

Matthew Peter Cesare, of Millinocket and Ambajejus Lake, a junior at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone. Matthew's greatest loves were flying and enjoying the outdoors with his family. He loved to socialize and was known for his gift of humorous sarcasm. He was considered an "old soul in a young man's body," and he will be greatly missed and always remembered by his loving parents, Anthony and Ramona Cesare, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 15)

Anthony Bourbon, of North Berwick, upon his being named the 2009 Maine Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Bourbon is assistant principal at Marshwood Middle School. His accomplishments as a collaborative educational leader, his strong advocacy for at-risk students and his leadership role in the supervision and evaluation of teachers earned him this mark of distinction. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 16)

the Reverend David Avery, of Eliot, upon his retirement. In January of 1973, the Reverend Avery became the Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Eliot, his first assignment after leaving the seminary. He has been an activist in ecumenical church activities and has been a champion in service to those in nursing homes and hospitals, those who are homebound and those who have lost loved ones. The Reverend Avery has ministered to those in need regardless of their personal religious preferences or affiliations. With 35 years of loving dedication to the members of the church as well as to members of the entire community, the Reverend Avery will be missed by all as he steps down for his retirement. We congratulate him and send him our appreciation for his longtime service; (HLS 17)

Ian Nichols, of Freeport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 622, 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, Ian reconstructed a trail on the Knights Woods Trail at Bradbury Mountain State Park. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 18)

Wade Davis, of Hallowell, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 622, 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, Wade planned, designed, constructed and marked a trail with Kennebec Land Trust that connected 2 woodlots located in Manchester. The trail will be used by hikers throughout the year. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 19)

Nolan Poulin, of Manchester, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 20)

Michael Lachance, of Manchester, 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. Michael is an active participant in a variety of school and community activities. For his Eagle Scout service project, he organized and carried out plans to revitalize part of Mill Park, an area on the banks of the Kennebec River. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 21)

Ronald Henri St. John, of Harrison, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 196, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 22)

the Brownville Fire Department, of Brownville, for exceptional accomplishment in providing critical emergency response services to the town and surrounding communities. Members of the department consistently demonstrate dedication and personal sacrifice to ensure a high-quality response to the emergency needs of the area regardless of the time of day or the harshness of the weather conditions. Their selfless dedication to ideals greater than themselves serves as an inspiration to all citizens and provides important emergency services to the Town of Brownville. The culmination of the Brownville Fire Department's responses to critical situations over the past year fostered a great sense of community and charity among the citizens of Brownville and reflects the best traditions and motivations to service in our State; (HLS 23)

Carmel "Bidou" Castonguay, of Van Buren. Mr. Castonguay was born in St. Leonard, New Brunswick and became a United States citizen on July 4th, 1993, a day of great pride and happiness to him. He was a 35-year member of the Van Buren Fire Department and was serving as assistant chief. He was also a former fire warden and was associated with the Van Buren Ambulance Service. Mr. Castonguay worked at General Supply Corporation for more than 20 years. He was a sexton for St. Peter Chanel Parish and was on its Social Justice and Peace Commission, as well as the Worship and Spirituality Commission. Mr. Castonguay also coordinated the St. Peter Chanel Food Pantry and assisted victims during the recent devastating flooding of the St. John River Valley. Mr. Castonguay will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Lucille, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 24)

Samuel Schoppee Silsby, Jr., longtime resident of Augusta and Maine's first State Archivist. Mr. Silsby, the oldest of five sons, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Orono, where he was a member of the Black Bears track team and the 1947-1948 state champion in the 440-yard dash. He received his law degree from Boston University School of Law in 1952 and served in the United States Army's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for several years. Mr. Silsby returned to Maine where he practiced law privately before beginning his distinguished career with the State. He worked for 11 years as the Assistant Director of Legislative Research, writing a "History of Statutory Law in the State of Maine," which was published in the 1964 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. In 1966, Mr. Silsby was appointed as the first State Archivist, a position he proudly held until his retirement in 1987. He was known nationally in his profession for his expertise in the management and preservation of public records and served on numerous commissions and boards. We acknowledge his generous contributions to the State of Maine and to his Nation. He will be greatly missed and long

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remembered by his wife of 55 years, Frances, and his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 25)

Ada L. Dunn, of Caribou, upon her passing at the age of 87 on December 14, 2008. Born in Newport News, Virginia to Grover and Flossie McCulloch, Mrs. Dunn was one of seven children. She outlived all of her siblings but her brother Faye. She was a graduate of Newport News High School and studied nursing at Riverside Hospital. After her marriage to Harold Gates Dunn in North Carolina on October 14, 1941, she and her husband relocated to Hampton, Virginia. Mr. Dunn opened Odorite Used Cars with Mrs. Dunn after working for Merrimac Motors and becoming acquaintances with such racing legends as Junior Johnson and Richard Petty. Mrs. Dunn maintained the business for several years after Mr. Dunn passed away in 1978. She was most renowned for her love of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Her compassion was unwavering, especially during her final days battling Lewy Body Dementia and congestive heart failure. Always full of words of wisdom and encouragement, Mrs. Dunn possessed great pride for her son-in-law and daughter, George and Joyce Knorr, her granddaughter and her spouse, Laura and Andy Nadeau, her great-grandchildren, Brett and Jarett Nadeau and her grandson and his spouse, David and Aubrey Knorr. Her proverbs of "treating others as you want to be treated" and "stay close to God and He'll stay close to you" will be her undying legacy. We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ada L. Dunn. May she now rest free from her ailing body and in the comforts of Heaven; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 26)

the Lisbon Community Federal Credit Union on its receiving the Lisbon Business Award. The Lisbon Community Federal Credit Union has been a part of the Town of Lisbon since 1959. It was one of the key supporters in launching the Keep Maine Strong campaign. We extend our congratulations to the Lisbon Community Federal Credit Union on its receiving this award and wish them continued success in the future; (HLS 27)

James Thibodeau, of Fort Kent, who has been named the 2009 Fort Kent Citizen of the Year. Mr. Thibodeau has been in the insurance business for 34 years. He has held many offices in the community. He has been an active member of the Fort Kent Rotary and served as the president in 1988. He has also been a member of the Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and served at different times as vice president, treasurer and president. Mr. Thibodeau received the Distinguished Service Award in 1989 from the Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in developing Lonesome Pine Trails for which he and his father received the Service Award in 1974. He gives ski lessons for free. He and his wife jointly hosted the 2001 and 2002 Class C Maine State Ski Racing Championships and the first Grindle-Berghuis Memorial Invitational race with over 200 racers. Mr. Thibodeau is a motivator and mentor and gives of his time and knowledge to help others strive for excellence. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Thibodeau for his dedication to the citizens of this State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 28)

Louise and Joseph Pietroski, of Rockland, on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Pietroski were married on December 30, 1943 at St. Bernard's Church in Rockland. They have 4 sons, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pietroski on this special occasion; (HLS 29)

Roger A. Thurber, of Ellsworth, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 30)

Tyler "Buzzy" Emerson, 19, of Millinocket. Tyler grew up in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns High School in 2007. At the time of his death, he was a sophomore at Maine Maritime Academy. Tyler loved spending his time hunting, fishing, camping and participating in any activity that involved being outdoors. His keen sense of humor and his adventurous spirit will be very sadly missed by his family, his friends and all of the people whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 31)

Allan L. Benner, of Hampden. Mr. Benner successfully operated Al Benner Homes for 31 years. He was known statewide as an advocate of safe, affordable housing and was instrumental in the development of standards and legislation. Mr. Benner served as a member of the Maine Manufactured Housing Board as well as the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine. Outside of work, he was an avid fisherman and an amateur photographer. Mr. Benner will be dearly missed by his wife, his two sons and their families, and numerous friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 32)

James and Lillian Leeman, of Phillips, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary, September 28, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Leeman were married in Strong at the Church of the Nazarene. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 33)

Clara Damon, of Auburn, on the occasion of her 105th birthday. Mrs. Damon was born Clara Hersey on January 8, 1904 in Pembroke, Maine. She was married to her husband, Paul Damon, for 61 years and together they raised three children. Mrs. Damon was employed as a school teacher and a mail carrier until she retired. She enjoys quilting and is an active member of the Calvary Methodist Church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Damon on this tremendous milestone; (HLS 34)

Deputy Paul Pettengill, of Standish, who has been named the 2008 Deputy of the Year by the Maine Sheriffs' Association. Deputy Pettengill has been a Cumberland County Patrol Deputy since 1995. In 2007, as a Community Policing Deputy for the Town of Standish, he was given the task of beginning a Volunteer in Police Service group in the town which would be utilized throughout Cumberland County. Deputy Pettengill oversaw the marketing, development and implementation of this program. He has worked with a volunteer coordinator and approximately 30 volunteers to create a group that has become a force multiplier which provides essential non-law enforcement related services to the residents of Cumberland County. We extend our congratulations to Deputy Pettengill for his receiving this honor and we thank him for his outstanding dedication to the people of his community; (HLS 35)

Janet Biczak, of Standish, who has been named the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Maine Sheriffs' Association. Ms. Biczak has been a volunteer coordinator for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Volunteer in Police Services program since the beginning of this community initiative in January 2008. She has worked tirelessly with Deputy Paul Pettengill to recruit and train 30 volunteers. She has applied her fund-raising skills to organize raffles and bean suppers to raise money to purchase uniforms and equipment for the program and she coordinates the schedules of the volunteers who assist Sheriff's Deputies with essential non-law enforcement related services. Because of her continued efforts, the program is an effective and vital contribution to Cumberland County. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Biczak on her receiving this honor and we

thank her for her outstanding contributions to her community; (HLS 36)

the First Congregational Church of East Millinocket on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. In 1907, Reverend James Gregory was persuaded to take his pastorate to East Millinocket where his first duty was to build a church. Although the construction of the church was completed on November 15, 1908, the dedication services were not held until March 3, 1909. In 1955, the interior of the church was destroyed by fire but the congregation continued to hold services at the high school auditorium until it was rebuilt. The women of the church have contributed greatly over the years through their organizations. We congratulate all of the members of the First Congregational Church on this special occasion; (HLS 37)

Dan and Mike Flannery, of Bangor, proprietors of www.flannerybrothers.com, for winning two 2008 Children's Music Web Awards. Their song "The Crab Walk" won the award for best song for school age children and their album "Mee Wee: Hip Hop for Kids" won the award for best recording for school age children. Dan and Mike are Maine-based artists who are passionate about children's music. We extend our congratulations to them and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 38)

Anthony C. Murphy, of Millinocket. After graduating from Houlton High School in 1961, Mr. Murphy enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a sergeant with the Armored Division in Thailand until 1964. He then settled in Millinocket and worked at Great Northern Paper until his retirement in 1999. Mr. Murphy maintained a lifelong interest in and concern for military personnel and followed closely any military action his country was involved in. He was a member of Moose Lodge No. 2266 and VFW Post No. 4174 of Lehigh Acres, Florida, and Elks Lodge and American Legion Post No. 0080 of Millinocket. Mr. Murphy will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 39)

Daniel J. Budreau, 86, of Millinocket. Mr. Budreau was a graduate of Stearns High School, Class of 1941. He served as a flight officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of Donald V. Henry Post No. 80 of the American Legion and Millinocket Lodge No. 1521, B.P.O.E. Mr. Budreau was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Millinocket, where he served as a vestryman. He retired from the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad after 32 years of service. Mr. Budreau will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 40)

Charles George Katsiaficas, of Ellsworth. Mr. Katsiaficas served in the Army Air Corps and the Merchant Marines. For many years, he was a physical education teacher and varsity basketball coach at Ellsworth High School where he was respected and loved by his students. He then began a successful career in insurance and founded the Katsiaficas Insurance Agency in 1963. He had many additional business ventures over the years including the development of commercial as well as residential real estate. Mr. Katsiaficas was an active member of many community organizations. He founded a youth summer camp at Toddy Pond, naming it Camp Sparta in honor of his Greek heritage. In December of 2006, the Ellsworth High School gymnasium was named in his honor and in June 2008, he was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Katsiaficas will be deeply missed and long remembered by his entire community as well as his wife of 55 years, Lily, his 5 children and his 10 grandchildren; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 41)

Ada Y. Greenblatt, 94, of Bath. Miss Greenblatt was one of the first women in Maine to be licensed as a real estate broker

and started her own business in 1954. Her success as a Realtor in the Mid Coast area led to her being featured in a *Down East* magazine article published in 1980 that described her as "the Dean of local Realtors and a pioneer among local businesswomen." Miss Greenblatt was a member of numerous professional associations and boards, including the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Androscoggin Valley Board of Realtors which named her Realtor of the Year in 1975. She was involved with her community through her various interests: playing first violin in the Portland Community Orchestra, working for Equal Opportunity in Housing and participating in the New England Council of B'nai Brith. Miss Greenblatt leaves an immeasurable legacy in the community of Bath and will be greatly missed by her large circle of family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 42)

Clayton L. Currie, of Millinocket. Mr. Currie attended Millinocket schools and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He owned and operated Clayton Currie Construction Co. and was later a co-owner of Day and Currie Construction Co. Mr. Currie was a member of the Millinocket Baptist Church, where he was active for many years, serving as deacon, trustee and president. He was a member of several community and religious organizations including the Anah Temple Shriners, Gideons International and American Legion Post No. 80. Mr. Currie will be deeply missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 43)

Randy Leavitt, of Fort Fairfield, who has been named the Maine Potato Board's 2008 Young Farmer of the Year. A fifth generation farmer, Mr. Leavitt is proud to carry on a traditional way of life which has a significant economic impact in northern Maine as well as across the nation. The family farms in both Fort Fairfield and Limestone, growing 1,250 acres of potatoes and 1,250 acres of small grain. Mr. Leavitt's knowledge and practical oversight of raising crops have earned him the position of vice president of Central Aroostook Young Farmers, an organization he has been a member of for a decade. He is also a member of the Agricultural Bargaining Council and was named one of the "Top 10 Growers" for McCain Foods in 2003. We join Mr. Leavitt's family, friends and colleagues in extending our congratulations to him for his earning this mark of distinction; (HLS 44)

Sergeant Jacob Paskell, of Phillips, for his service to his country in Iraq in 2004-2005. Sergeant Paskell was assigned to the Marine Aircraft Group 49 of the 2nd Radio Battalion out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. We thank and acknowledge Sergeant Paskell for his dedicated military service; (HLS 45)

Roland H. Desrochers, of Alfred. Mr. Desrochers served his country proudly in the Army reserves. He and his wife established the Ponderosa Sheep and Cattle Farm in Alfred in 1958. He was passionate about cars and was the proud owner and operator of Roland's Motor Sales for over 55 years. Mr. Desrochers was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus member and a past member of the Sanford/Springvale Chamber of Commerce. He was a lifelong communicant of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish. He donated an organ to the church and supported several of its missions. Mr. Desrochers will be sadly missed by his wife, Jacqueline, his five children, his ten grandchildren, and his many friends in the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 46)

Anita Murphy, of Lewiston, who has been named the 2008 National Girls' Tennis Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. In addition to coaching tennis for 30 years, Ms. Murphy has run the Lewiston Recreation Department's summer tennis program for more than

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20 years and through her tireless effort, is responsible for making tennis popular in the City of Lewiston. Last year, even after a health setback, she returned to the court to guide the Lewiston High School Blue Devils to their 3rd consecutive state title. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Murphy and our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 47)

Phil and Barbara Brown, of Newport, who have received the 2009 Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes extraordinary commitment to the betterment of the Sebasticook Valley area through the actions and spirit of volunteering. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have dedicated immeasurable time and energy to feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, housing the needy, raising funds for a cultural center, moderating town meetings and coordinating a Christmas tree lighting. They are involved with numerous organizations, such as the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis, the Salvation Army, the Newport Food Bank, and the Newport Library. After a 35-year career in education, Mrs. Brown now assists her husband in the family business, Brown Funeral Home in Newport. We commend Mr. and Mrs. Brown and thank them for their outstanding commitment to their community; (HLS 48)

Vic Firth Manufacturing, Inc., of Newport, which has received the 2009 Business of the Year Award from the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. This award highlights exemplary commitment, impact on local issues or needs, leadership, innovation and active citizenship. Vic Firth purchased the business in 1994 and it has experienced major growth with each year of operation. Recognized as the world's largest maker of drumsticks and a producer of the country's finest peppermills and rolling pins, Vic Firth Manufacturing is one of the largest private employers in the Central Maine area. It is an environmentally-conscious business, using recyclable packing boxes, recycled water in the grinding process and sawdust for fuel. We extend our congratulations to Vic Firth Manufacturing for receiving this honor and our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 49)

Bion A. Foster, of Hampden, on the completion of his tenure as the Economic Development Director for the Town of Hampden. Mr. Foster has used his entrepreneurial knowledge and experience for the betterment of his community. As the Economic Development Director, he was instrumental in developing a successful Business and Economic Park and led the formation of the Bangor Region Development Alliance. He and his family, through their exceptional generosity, assisted in funding the University of Maine Foster Center for Student Innovation. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Foster for his countless efforts and extraordinary dedication to the Town of Hampden; (HLS 50)

Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, of Hallowell, for her leadership of the 2008 United Way Campaign, which successfully raised over \$1,470,000. This money will be used to fund 54 important health and human services in Kennebec Valley throughout 2009. In her role as the Campaign Chair, Ms. Murray-Beliveau was responsible for many functions, including recruiting and motivating United Way volunteers, leading the development of the campaign theme and message, and conveying the importance of this message to the community at large. Her commitment to the United Way is very strong and this has been her second experience as a Campaign Chair. We extend our thanks and our appreciation to her for her leadership and her generous community efforts; (HLS 51)

Robert Crowley, of South Portland, who was named the Sole Survivor on the 17th-season finale of the pioneering reality show "Survivor," on CBS television. Mr. Crowley, 57, a physics teacher

at Gorham High School, is the oldest winner in the history of the game. After 39 days in the coastal African nation of Gabon, Mr. Crowley outlasted his 17 opponents in this rugged competition and earned the prize of \$1,000,000. Mr. Crowley holds an associate and a bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Maine and a master's degree in Education from the University of Southern Maine. In addition to being a physics teacher, he has been a first mate on a research boat for the Smithsonian Institution and an entomologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, as well as president, vice-president and chief negotiator for his local teacher's union. We commend him for his adventurous and resourceful experience on the popular television show, and we congratulate him on his extraordinary success and send him our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 52)

Sergeant First Class John D. Maynard, II, on his receiving the Bronze Star Medal from the United States Army for his service in Afghanistan. Sgt. Maynard has been mentoring two battalions of Afghan Border Police, which is approximately 800 soldiers. Along with a team of 12 other American soldiers, he covered a section of border that is about 400 miles of dangerous terrain in Afghanistan near the Pakistan border. He also assisted in the operation of the base as the sergeant in charge of Food Operations, Range Operations and Marksmanship Training, as well as holding the position of Weapons Technician and Motor Sergeant. In his long and distinguished career in the Army, Sergeant Maynard has received numerous service medals and ribbons. We extend our congratulations to Sergeant Maynard on his receiving this honor and we send our profound thanks to him for his heroic and dedicated service to his country; (HLS 53)

Rita Langlois, of Brunswick, a true Maine treasure. Known for her unique watercolor style, Ms. Langlois had been creating art at Spindleworks in Brunswick for almost 30 years. Spindleworks is a non-profit art center which provides supplies, studio and gallery space to over 35 artists with disabilities. Ms. Langlois had been a part of the Independence Association community since 1974 and she painted faithfully each day until she retired in February of 2007. Her art work is loved and collected by many. Ms. Langlois will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 54)

Ethan Albert, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given in recognition for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Ethan constructed a reader board along Route 1 for the Town's citizens to post community events. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on this achievement; (HLS 55)

Maxine Walls Clark, of Millinocket. Mrs. Clark was a graduate of Stearns High School in 1943. While raising 3 children, she was also very active in the community as a Boy Scout den leader, a Sunday school teacher and a Little League supporter. Mrs. Clark was involved with the Millinocket Town Museum where she loved to give tours. She was active in the First Pentecostal Church of Millinocket as missionary president and her home was always open to visiting missionaries and pastors. Mrs. Clark will be sadly missed by her 3 children, 5 grandchildren, extended family and a community which benefited from her generosity; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 56)

the following Coast Guard personnel stationed in Rockland: SN Gregory Perks, SN John Santos, SN Shane Meadows, CWO Thomas Svejcar, EMCS Gregory Bigler, MK1 Christopher Wilson, FS3 Keven Nelson, MK3 Joseph Tkaczuk, BMC John Anders, MKC Samuel Hoy, BM1 Keith Nichols, MK2 Eugene Peters, SN

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Charles Kimbrell, SN Matthew Goode, SN Emanuel Sabat, SN Austin Brummett, FS3 Briana Grenier, SN Sean O'Connor, FN Nicholas Davis, SN Kraig Milton, BM1 James Hess, BM1 Robert Parent, MK1 Jeffery Gaw, MK3 Tyson Ligsay, SK2 Charles Graves, HS2 Lisa Sanders, SN Jayna Nakamura and MK3 Justin Bailey, for their participation in a home weatherization project in Knox County which benefited over 20 homes. Special recognition goes to CPO Matthew Ripley and FS3 Briana Grenier for their efforts in coordinating the work. We extend our profound thanks and appreciation to these men and women for their generous contributions to the people of Knox County; (HLS 57)

Wally and Ann Hallett, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hallett were married on January 31, 1959 at the Millinocket Baptist Church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 58)

Francis Casimir Whalen, Jr., of Gardiner. Mr. Whalen was a 1943 graduate of Gardiner High School where he was active in football, baseball and basketball. He served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II with the 568th AAA BN. He was married to his high school sweetheart, M. Anne (Hathaway) Whalen, for 41 years and they raised 6 children together. Mr. Whalen joined the Maine State Police as a trooper in 1948 and served for 20 years. After retiring in 1968, he became the director of Surplus Commodity Foods for Kennebec County and was the transportation manager for Maine School Administrative District 11 for 11 years. Mr. Whalen was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Retired Maine State Police Association. He will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 59)

Matthew John Herrick, of Brunswick, husband of Tamara Harden. Mr. Herrick was born on July 18, 1978 and grew up in Cundy's Harbor. He was an exceptional scholar and athlete, graduating with honors from Mt. Ararat High School. In 2001, he graduated cum laude from Wheaton College in Massachusetts. Mr. Herrick loved to travel, read and write. He recently published his first book, titled *Dis Place*. In April 2009, his wife will be giving birth to his daughter, Frances Rose. He will be greatly missed and remembered most as a loving husband, son and brother; a friend to all and a highly regarded member of the local Eastman, Pinette and Herrick clans; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 60)

Florence "Flossie" M. Alexander, of Cundy's Harbor. Mrs. Alexander worked for 26 years as a telephone operator for Regional Memorial Hospital and then for 6 years at Parkview Adventist Hospital, both in Brunswick. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, crocheting and the Red Sox. She was a member of the Cundy's Harbor Church of the Nazarene and she was a kind and loving friend and neighbor to all in her community. Mrs. Alexander will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 61)

Melissa Sweet, of Rockport, who is the illustrator of a 2009 Caldecott Honor Book. Caldecott Honors are awarded to distinguished American picture books for children by the American Library Association. Ms. Sweet is the illustrator of *A River of Words*, written by Jen Bryant. She has been illustrating since 1986 and her work has been in more than 40 children's books. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Sweet on her receiving this honor and we send our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 62)

Fay Adams, of New Vineyard, on the occasion of her 75th birthday, February 18, 2009. Ms. Adams is the Head Selectman for the Town of New Vineyard. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 63)

Ryan Howatt, of Farmington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 594, 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 64)

Somerset County, on the occasion of its 200th anniversary. The bicentennial celebration will begin with a February 28th kickoff, and continue throughout the year to honor the history of this rural county. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Somerset County on this special occasion; (HLS 65)

Gisele Faucher, of Madawaska, who has been picked to participate in the 2009 Toyota International Teacher Program in Costa Rica. Ms. Faucher, a biology teacher, is one of 25 teachers accepted from among 400 applicants for this honor. The Toyota International Teacher Program has funded more than 500 teachers on international professional development study visits to Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands and Japan. We congratulate Ms. Faucher on her receiving this opportunity and we commend her for her dedication to the profession of teaching; (HLS 66)

the City of Caribou, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. Caribou was originally incorporated as the Town of Lyndon on April 5, 1859, comprised of Eaton Plantation and part of half-township H. The City's history can be traced back and connected to Captain William Eaton's heroic victory over the Barbary Pirates in 1808 and the undeclared Aroostook War which took place from 1838 to 1842. On February 8, 1877, Caribou was confirmed as the town's permanent name and on February 23, 1967, it was incorporated as the City of Caribou. Years of population decline have followed but the area is still known for its agricultural industry and for being the hometown of U.S. Senator Susan Collins. Other notable residents include; Roland Gammon, writer; Robert Sanborn, children's activist; and Donald Sidney Skidgel, decorated soldier. We extend our warmest wishes to the leaders and residents of Caribou and join them in celebrating their sesquicentennial anniversary; (HLS 67)

Dylan Collins, of Presque Isle, who has scored the 100th goal of his high school ice hockey career and has been inducted in the 100-Point Club. Dylan is a member of the Presque Isle High School Wildcats hockey team. We congratulate him on his achieving this milestone; (HLS 68)

Anne Elish, of Presque Isle, who has received the 2009 Principals' Award. This award is given by the Maine Principals Association in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We congratulate Anne on her receiving this honor; (HLS 69)

Brennen Shaw, of Presque Isle, who has scored the 100th goal of his high school ice hockey career and has been inducted into the 100-Point Club. Brennen is a member of the Presque Isle High School Wildcats hockey team. We congratulate him on his achieving this milestone; (HLS 70)

Steve Weiner, of Avon. Mr. Weiner was the tax collector for the Town of Avon for 16 years. His community spirit was evident in the various positions he held in Avon and Phillips organizations, such as a member of the Avon Building Committee and the treasurer for the Phillips Fire Department. During his 4-year tenure as a trustee of the Mt. Blue Standard Water District, Mr. Weiner played a significant and diplomatic role in the sale and transfer of the Phillips Water Company to the water district. This year the Town of Avon is dedicating its annual report to Mr. Weiner. He will be deeply missed and long remembered by his family, a vast circle of friends and a community which he loved to serve; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 71)

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Patricia Ritchie, of Camden. Ms. Ritchie graduated from Deering High School in Portland, attended several business schools and graduated from Maine Eye and Ear School of Nursing. She has had various jobs throughout her life in different areas of service to her community, working as an intensive care nurse at Maine Medical Center in Portland, an executive secretary for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Elections Practices in Augusta, and a receptionist at the Island Institute in Rockland. She also served in all capacities in the Maine Democratic Party and received many awards for her work. Ms. Ritchie will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and her community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 72)

Gary Allen Gray, of East Vassalboro. Mr. Gray was a lifelong resident of the area and a well-known figure in the lumber business. He worked for Masse's Lumber for years, becoming the general manager and eventually purchasing the mill. He was a highly skilled timber assessor and a master sawyer. Mr. Gray and his wife, Paula, successfully ran the lumber mill from 1990 to 2000. Because of his love of the outdoors, he was active with the Boy Scouts, encouraging both of his sons as they worked for their Eagle Scout rank, and with North Country Rivers, guiding hundreds of people down the Kennebec in white water rafts. Mr. Gray will be sadly missed by his large extended family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 73)

Lillian Simonton, of Camden, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, February 28, 2009. Mrs. Simonton is a former substitute teacher and with her husband, Raymond, raised 4 children. She owes her longevity to an active lifestyle and a zest for life. She is a loyal Boston Celtics fan so to celebrate her 99th birthday last year, she attended a game with one of her daughters. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Simonton on this special occasion; (HLS 74)

the Honorable Joseph C. Brannigan, of Portland, on his retirement from the position of Executive Director of Shalom House, Inc., which he has proudly held for the past 34 years. Under his direction, Shalom House has grown from a halfway house in 1974 with 15 beds and 6 employees to an enterprise with 180 employees, multiple buildings and services used by more than 1,000 people annually. Senator Brannigan, a veteran of the United States Navy, received his Masters in Counseling Education from the University of Southern Maine and became a licensed social worker. He is known in the field as a champion for the mentally ill in Maine and under his guidance Shalom House has become a model for mental health housing and services for adults that is on the cutting edge of psychosocial rehabilitation. Senator Brannigan's further commitment to his community is evident by his involvement with the City of Portland and United Way's Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee and the Cumberland Service Network. He is currently serving his 6th term in the Maine Senate representing Senate District 9. Senator Brannigan has previously served 7 terms in the Maine House of Representatives and has chaired 6 different committees over the years including the Judiciary Committee and the Appropriation and Financial Affairs Committee. He is currently the chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and a member of the State and Local Government Committee. We join the people of Senator Brannigan's District and his State, particularly the many people who have benefited from his work at Shalom House, in extending our congratulations to him on the occasion of his retirement and we thank him for his exemplary public service; (HLS 75)

Hale and Hamlin, LLC, of Ellsworth, Maine's oldest law firm, in recognition of its service to the Downeast community for 125

years. Hannibal Emery Hamlin, who came to the firm in the late 1800s, was the son of the Honorable Hannibal Hamlin, vice president of the United States during Abraham Lincoln's first term. Hannibal Hamlin, Jr., served in the Maine House of Representatives, the Maine Senate and as Maine's Attorney General. The Honorable Eugene Hale joined the firm in 1857. He went on to serve for five terms in the United States Senate. We extend our congratulations to Hale and Hamlin, LLC, and wish them continued success in the future; (HLS 76)

Jason Bartlett, a native of Augusta now living in Goshen, New York, who will represent the United States in the 2009 World Driving Championship in Oslo, Norway. The 20-race series is the oldest and most prestigious driving competition in the sport of harness racing. Mr. Bartlett, who was invited to drive by the U.S. Trotting Association, will compete with 9 other drivers from around the world. He comes from a family which has been long-involved in harness racing in Maine and even though he didn't start driving until he was 17, he quickly made a name for himself. Last year, Mr. Bartlett ranked 4th in North America with 657 victories and received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association. He has won more than 2,500 races in his career. We congratulate Mr. Bartlett on his stellar accomplishments and we commend him for receiving the honor of representing our country in this competition; (HLS 77)

Dr. Theodore N. Mitchell, of Penobscot Nation, Indian Island, a beloved and respected leader and educator. Dr. Mitchell spent his entire life on Indian Island but the effects of his legacy are far-reaching and profound. He and his wife of 64 years, Eleanor, worked whatever odd jobs they could to support their family of 13 children and never asked for or received assistance from state welfare. As the children left home, Dr. Mitchell returned to college and earned his degrees in higher education while working full time in construction. He then dedicated his energies full time to the field of higher education and spent the last 40 years of his life fighting for and supporting Native American students. As a result of his drive, more than 360 students from 4 Wabanaki Tribes in Maine have received a postsecondary education. Dr. Mitchell's legacy lives on in the Wabanaki Native American Center that was established in 1991 at the University of Maine at Orono. Because of his persistent efforts, this center exists along with a Native American Studies program to serve not only the needs of Native American students but also to educate the nonnative public of the innumerable contributions Native Americans have made in Maine and the country. Dr. Mitchell received many honors and awards but the most important to him was the Native American Student Alumni Distinguished Service Award which he received in 2004. He will be deeply missed and long remembered by his family, his many friends and colleagues, and an extended community which will continue to reap the benefits of his hard work; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 78)

Lucas Mathers, of Presque Isle, who is the 2009 Class B Skimeister Champion and who took first place in giant slalom in the Class B State Championships. Lucas is a student at Presque Isle High School. We extend our congratulations to Lucas on his achievements; (HLS 79)

Elizabeth Marr, of Yarmouth, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, March 7, 2009. Mrs. Marr is a former teacher who taught in one-room schools in the Boothbay Region. She was married to the late Wolcott Marr for 54 years, and she has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Marr on this special occasion; (HLS 80)

L. Herbert "Bussie" York and Brenda Voter York, of Farmington, who have received the honor of having the 2008

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Town of Farmington Report dedicated to them. Mr. and Mrs. York are ardent supporters of sustainable farming and committed environmentalists and over the past 50 years have turned their Sandy River Farm into a multi-faceted organic dairy and crop business. They have also served their community as leaders of several local agricultural groups and their town as members of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and the Budget Committee. Mr. York has served on the Town's Planning Board since 1987 and as chairman of that board since 1991. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. York for the honor that they have received and we commend them for their community spirit and hard work; (HLS 81)

Carolyn Gilbert, of Dexter, on her retirement from the Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union after 22 years of dedicated service. Ms. Gilbert began her career at the Credit Union as a teller and later became head teller. She then moved into lending and collections, serving as a loan officer and a collection manager. Ms. Gilbert will retire on March 6, 2009, as Vice President of Consumer Lending, a position she has held since September of 2002. She also served as the political action person for the Credit Union and as a member of the Maine Credit Union League's Governmental Affairs Committee for more than 10 years. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Gilbert on the occasion of her retirement and we send our best wishes for her future endeavors; (HLS 82)

Jacob Gallagher, of Yarmouth, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The prestigious 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. Jacob, a student at Yarmouth High School, earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy since the 6th grade, to Safe Passage, a nonprofit organization which helps to educate and care for children living in a Guatemala garbage dump. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on his receiving this honor, we commend him for his selfless work and community spirit and we extend our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 83)

Marine Science Technician 1st Class Richard G. Cherkauer, Marine Safety Detachment, United States Coast Guard, Belfast, who has been named the 2008 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Cherkauer is a respected leader at the unit who sets the bar high for military bearing and appearance, reliability in emergency response situations, portraying a positive image to the public as well as his vessel inspections skills and knowledge. He is an invaluable asset to his unit and to the Coast Guard. We extend our congratulations to Petty Officer Cherkauer on his receiving this honor and we join the citizens of the State in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment and dedication to the United States military; (HLS 84)

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Tim Stanton, Coast Guard Station, Rockland, who has been named the 2008 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Stanton is a certified Heavy Weather Coxswain, Fisheries Boarding Officer and Station Officer of the Day. For most of this past year, he was the only heavy weather coxswain and was called upon not only to stand extra duty when needed, but also to conduct training during his liberty hours. Petty Officer Stanton handles all aspects of his duty with high standards of quality and a cooperative spirit which he also applies to training other personnel. His outstanding knowledge of vessel specifications and maintenance were evident in the recent preparation of the Motor Life Boat for inspection for which the unit received an award. We extend our congratulations to Petty

Officer Stanton on his receiving this honor and we join the citizens of the State in extending our appreciation of his commitment and dedication to the United States military; (HLS 85)

Electrician's Mate 2nd Class William D. Rohr, United States Coast Guard Cutter THUNDER BAY, who has been named the 2008 Enlisted Person of the Year. Petty Officer Rohr applied his expert technical skills and diligent work ethic to multiple crucial repair projects aboard the cutter which ultimately made it possible for his unit to be ready for all deployments and reduced propulsion plant casualties to zero. He is continually taking on new challenges and responsibilities and at various times has served as the ship's technical liaison to the contractor during a recent installment of a navigation system, updated the Engineering Qualification packet for all engineering watch stations on the cutter and performed exceptionally when the THUNDER BAY was deployed to New York to conduct Presidential and United Nations security zone enforcements. Petty Officer Rohr also gives generously of his time to his community as an active volunteer firefighter in Thomaston. His enthusiasm, stamina and professionalism greatly benefit his division and the Coast Guard. We extend our congratulations to Petty Officer Rohr on his receiving this honor and we join the citizens of the State in extending our appreciation of his commitment and dedication to the United States military; (HLS 86)

Food Service Specialist 3rd Class Keven L. Nelson, United States Coast Guard Cutter ABBIE BURGESS, who has been named the 2008 Enlisted Person of the Year. Petty Officer Nelson has displayed outstanding abilities in food service management. He is responsible for the creation of menus, the production of over 60 meals daily and the sanitation of the dining facility while maintaining an enthusiastic and upbeat attitude which has a positive impact on the working environment of his peers. As a volunteer, Petty Officer Nelson spent 21 days on temporary duty assisting the crews of the THUNDER BAY and the ALDER in their galleys and he worked on the Coast Guard weatherization assistance effort which greatly helped to improve the lives of 20 Knox County families. His actions and conduct are in keeping with the tradition of an exemplary ABBIE BURGESS sailor. We extend our congratulations to Petty Officer Nelson on his receiving this honor and we join the citizens of the State in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment and dedication to the United States military; (HLS 87)

Machinery Technician 2nd Class Eugene Peters, United States Coast Guard Cutter TACKLE, who has been named the 2008 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Peters' attention to detail and hard work as the Assistant Engineering Petty Officer, the Assistant Training Petty Officer and the Damage Control Petty Officer is a major contribution to the overall success of the TACKLE in Ready for Operations and Atlantic Area Compliance inspections. Much of the praise that the cutter receives from unit visits and inspections is due to his pride and commitment to high standards. Petty Officer Peters has devoted countless off-duty hours volunteering within the community of Belfast, including assisting needy families to weatherize their homes. He has consistently demonstrated sound leadership skills with strict adherence to the Coast Guard Core Values. His dedication, pride and professionalism is a credit to himself, his unit and the United States Coast Guard. We extend our congratulations to Petty Officer Peters on his receiving this honor and we join the citizens of this State in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 88)

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the following members of the Hermon High School Cheerleading Team: Jody Demmons, Kayla Whittemore, Rayshell Gagnon, Casie Frederick, MacKenzie Reynolds, Rachel Taggart, Katelyn Lugdon, Kyla Whittemore, Kelsey Small, Brianna Savoy, Cortney Hawes, Meagan Dearborn, Abbe Curtis, Jasmine St. Pierre, Makelle Jarvis, Kayla Pelletier, Kasey Fratini, Kelsey Carmichael and Coach Lisa Pratt, winners of the 2009 Class B State Cheerleading Championship. This is Hermon High School's second Class B state cheerleading title in the last 3 years. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 89)

the Jay High School Girls' Basketball Team, which has won the 2009 State Class C Basketball Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the team; (HLS 90)

the Bangor High School Boys' Swim Team, which has won the 2009 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the team and to the coach; (HLS 91)

the Cape Elizabeth High School Girls' Swim Team, which has won the 2009 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the team and to the coach; (HLS 92)

Nate Olsen, of Pittsfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 428, 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. Nate has been a member of Troop 428 for 6 years and has served as a patrol leader, senior patrol leader and, currently, in the position of quartermaster. His service project was the rehabilitation of the gazebo in the Town of Newport for the benefit of the Newport Women's Club. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 93)

the following members of the Cony High School Wrestling Team: Andy Ancira, Ryon Pelletier, Conner Dufour, Peter Tracy, Will Lundquist, Thon Ithipalakov, Cody Geroux, Blake Doucette, Chris Robinson, Ben Sirois, Justin Pelletier, Tyler McKinley, V.J. Tantoco, Cody Dular, T.J. Vallee, Joey Metcalf, Mike Fraser, Nick Fraser, Hunter Frost, Shawn White, Bobby Metcalf, Manager Sammy White, Manager Audrey Norton, Assistant Coach Jeremy Mahns, Assistant Coach Nate Gurney and Coach Shawn Totman, winners of the 2009 Class A Eastern Maine Championship. Coach Totman, the KVAC Wrestling Coach of the Year, also led his team to 3rd place at the State Championship meet. We commend all of the team members for their work ethic and their hours of dedication to the sport and we wish them continued success in the years to come; (HLS 94)

the Falmouth High School Girls' Swim Team, which has won the 2009 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the team and to the coach; (HLS 95)

the Town of Portage Lake in Aroostook County on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Portage Lake was originally settled in the mid-1800s by lumbermen from Canada and gets its name from the French word meaning "to carry." In March 1908, the citizens of the township voted to become incorporated and less than one year later, on March 24, 1909, Portage Lake was officially named a town by the 74th Maine Legislature. Today, winter is the busiest season for this small town which is a thriving center for winter activities such as snowmobiling, ice fishing and the Can-Am Sled Dog Races. We extend our congratulations to the residents of Portage Lake on this special occasion; (HLS 96)

Cory Rucker, 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 Cory on this achievement; (HLS 97)

David M. Poitras, of Saco, on his retirement from the Saco Fire Department after 26 years of dedicated service. We acknowledge his longtime commitment to his profession, his community and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 98)

the following members of the Presque Isle High School Ice Hockey Team: Brennen Shaw, Connor Shaw, Jacob Buck, Jordan Hallett, Jason Martin, Josh Buck, Derek Sczuroski, Isaac LaJoie, Mitchell Davis, Cody Merrill, Steve Ford, Mark Carvell, Dylan Collins, Zac Campbell, Caleb Buck, Evan Waddell, Mitchell Sperrey, Nic Davis, Josh MacFarlane, Manager Casey Carson, Manager Kacey Wilcox, Assistant Coach John Haley and Coach Carl Flynn, winners of the 2009 Class B Eastern Maine Championship. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 99)

Frances L. Copp, of Mechanic Falls, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, March 16, 2009. Mrs. Copp and her late husband, George, have one son, 2 grandsons and 4 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Copp is an active member of the Minot United Methodist Church and still lives in the same home she has had since 1942. We extend our very best wishes to Mrs. Copp on the occasion of her 90th birthday; (HLS 100)

Solo Bistro, the midcoast Maine restaurant located in historic downtown Bath, which has earned *Santé* magazine's Innovative Culinary Hospitality Award. The only peer-judged restaurant and hospitality competition in North America, this award recognizes the highest level of cuisine, wine and service within the hospitality industry. The Solo Bistro opened in 2005 and is owned and operated by Will and Pia Neilson. We congratulate the Solo Bistro on its receiving this honor; (HLS 101)

the following members of the York High School Girls' Basketball Team: Alexandra Brennan, Hana Carey, Meredith Reid, Kim Rigano, Brooke Simpson, Laney Yeomelakis, Elizabeth Cartier, Emma Clark, Emily Graziano, Stephanie Gallagher, Chelsea Morley, Nicole Taylor; managers, Greta Hayes, Kelsey Heroux, Samantha Taylor, Jenna Apgar; and Head Coach Rick Clark; winners of the 2008 Western Maine Class B Championship. The team finished the season with 21 wins and no losses. We extend our congratulations to this group of skilled athletes and we wish them well in their future endeavors; (HLS 102)

the Scarborough High School Debate Team, which has won its 4th consecutive State Student Congress Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its victory and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 103)

the Scarborough High School Girls' Track Team, which has won the 2008 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its victory and our best wishes for future success; (HLS 104)

the Scarborough High School Boys' Track Team, which has won the 2008 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its victory and our best wishes for future success; (HLS 105)

the Colby College Men's Lacrosse Team, which ran a 106-mile relay race to raise money for Maine-based Marines. The 40-member team volunteered to run from Colby College to Bowdoin College and back in order to raise funds for the Marines in Iraq. Through the selfless actions of these young men, those Marines will be receiving about \$5,000 to purchase requested supplies.

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We commend the members of the Colby College Men's Lacrosse Team for their patriotic spirit and we thank them for their giving of their time to aid our military; (HLS 106)

Gifford's Ice Cream, of Skowhegan, a multi-generational, family-owned and-operated enterprise, which has been recognized with 3 national industry awards for its chocolate, vanilla and orange sherbet flavors. Gifford's chocolate ice cream received top honors at the National Ice Cream Retailers Association, Inc. and it was the only perfect score of the competition. Gifford's vanilla ice cream earned 2nd place in the same competition. In addition, at the World Dairy Expo Championship Produce Contest this past October, Gifford's orange sherbet won the top prize in the new sherbet category and received "World's Best Orange Sherbet" accolades. We extend our congratulations to Gifford's Ice Cream on its outstanding accomplishments and we send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 107)

the members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, who won the 2008 Class A State Championship. Their final season record for 2008 was 17 wins and 1 loss. This marks the team's 8th consecutive state championship and 11th overall. Skowhegan Area High School has also won 14 regional titles in field hockey. All of these successful seasons have occurred during the 28 years that Paula Doughty has been the head coach. Coach Doughty was named the National High School Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2008. We extend our congratulations to Coach Doughty and to all of the members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team on their outstanding achievements; (HLS 108)

Lewis and Mertie (Huntington) Abbott, of Phillips, on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were married in Phillips on March 11, 1944. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott on this very special occasion; (HLS 109)

Francis and Fran Bliss, of New Vineyard, who have received the honor of having the 2008 New Vineyard Town Report dedicated to them for their extensive community efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss have been year-round residents of the town since his retirement in 1979 and have been loyal supporters of such organizations as the New Vineyard Library and the New Vineyard Historical Society which he co-founded. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss on their receiving this honor; (HLS 110)

Alyssa Duron, of Hampden, 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. Alyssa, a senior at Hampden Academy, is an honor student and very active in her church youth group. We send our congratulations to her on this significant accomplishment and we send our best wishes for her continued success in the community; (HLS 111)

John F. Dionne, of Grand Isle, for his many contributions toward the economic development of the St. John Valley and to the State of Maine. Mr. Dionne received a degree in Commerce from St. Joseph de Memramcook College in New Brunswick. He has had a long career in agribusiness, first as a potato and grain grower and then advancing into other areas, including potato brokerage and shipping, ownership of a potato starch factory and importing and breeding of beef cattle. Mr. Dionne played a pivotal role in assisting northern Maine farmers in modernizing potato and grain storage systems and facilities while also helping to resolve a trade dispute between the Maine Department of Agriculture and the French Ministry of Agriculture. A longtime advocate of the extension of Interstate 95 into St. John Valley,

Mr. Dionne continues to raise awareness and build support for the initiative. He was recently selected as a recipient of the "Prix Meritas." We commend and thank Mr. Dionne for his strong dedication to the promotion of the economic well-being of the St. John Valley; (HLS 112)

Nick Adriance, of Westbrook, who has won a 2009 Class A State Championship in Swimming. Nick was the winner in 2 individual events, the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Free Relay. We extend our congratulations to him for his accomplishment; (HLS 113)

Keegan Goan, of Westbrook, who has won a 2009 Class A State Championship in Swimming. Keegan was the winner in 2 individual events, the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Free Relay. We extend our congratulations to him for his accomplishment; (HLS 114)

Andrew Drouin, of Westbrook, who has won the 2009 Class A State Wrestling Championship. Andrew, a junior at Westbrook High School, won both the regional and state tournaments. He is only the 4th underclassman to win a state championship for Westbrook in wrestling. We extend our congratulations to Andrew for his accomplishment; (HLS 115)

Catherine "Kay" Bell, of Houlton, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, March 22, 2009. Ms. Bell is retired from the United States Border Patrol where she worked for 32 years as a Communication Supervisor. She has a long history of civic involvement, serving at various times on the Houlton Town Council, the Board of Budget Reviews, the Aroostook County Extension Executive Board, the Aroostook Regional Transportation System, the Aroostook County Jail Action Committee, Aroostook Area of Aging and Houlton Housing for the Elderly. For the past 5 years, she has served as the curator of the Aroostook Historical and Art Museum. We extend our best wishes to Ms. Bell on the occasion of her 90th birthday and we commend her for her outstanding community service; (HLS 116)

the Belfast Free Library, on the completion of its Historic Preservation Project. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the original portion of this book repository was constructed in 1888. A capital campaign to raise \$200,000 began in September 2006 subsequent to the culmination of a major expansion. The fund-raising effort ended in January 2007 due in part to a \$20,000 grant from the State of Maine's New Century Program. Building renovations were completed in February 2009, thus preserving the beauty and historic integrity of the original building while making adaptations to better meet the needs of the present patrons. We acknowledge the extraordinary support of the Belfast community, as well as the diligence and perseverance of the many people who saw this project to fruition; (HLS 117)

Dorothy Rose Edgecomb, of Caribou, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Edgecomb was born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, and shares the same birthday with her mother, March 24th. She devoted her life to raising her 10 children on the family potato and livestock farm in Limestone. In addition to caring for her large family, she also cooked for as many as 35 workers during the potato harvests. Mrs. Edgecomb has resided with her son, Peter, and her daughter-in-law, Marjie, for the past 13 years. We send our best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 118)

Joseph Eugene Boivin, of Rumford, on his longtime dedicated commitment to his community and to the State. Chief Boivin, Retired, of the Rumford Fire Department, exemplifies the best in civic involvement with his many years of service to the Rumford area. He is a past president of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association and was honored by the State Fire Marshal in 1990 in recognition for his years of assistance and support. Among the many

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awards which he has received for his community service are the River Valley Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award and for Outstanding Community Service and Dedication in 2000. Mr. Boivin has volunteered extensively in the community, helping to build homes for Community Concept, assisting in efforts for those who suffered from the 1987 floods and helping in the design and building of the Rumford Information Center. He also received the Commissioner's Award from the Maine Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for his extraordinary Community-Based Volunteer service. Mr. Boivin has been honored by the Rotary Club, the BPOE Elks, and the Town of Rumford. In addition to his volunteer work, he has served on the MSAD #43 School Board and the Rumford Board of Selectmen. We acknowledge Joseph Eugene Boivin's extraordinary lifetime of dedication to the people of the Rumford area and to the State of Maine, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 119)

Clyde and Verlesta Wellman, of Belmont, on their long-standing public service to the Town of Belmont. Mr. and Mrs. Wellman were married in 1957 and began their service to the Town when Mr. Wellman joined the fire department in 1978. Mrs. Wellman was appointed to the position of deputy town clerk 4 years later. She has served, at various times, as town clerk, tax collector and treasurer, and Mr. Wellman has been the administrative assistant to the selectmen for 20 years. He has also served as road commissioner, fire department official, animal control officer, emergency management director, deputy treasurer, planning board member, comprehensive plan committee member and manager of town facilities. Together they raised 5 children, and as they begin their retirement, they will focus on gardening and improvement projects on their 19th century home. We commend and thank Mr. and Mrs. Wellman for their exceptional public service to the Town of Belmont and we send our best wishes for continued prosperity; (HLS 120)

the following members of the Mt. Abram High School Girls' Ski Team: Lizzie Chenard, Rachel Dennison, Annah Houston, Nola Dixon, Elysha Dyer, Emma James, Delani Littlefield, Maria Parrett, Janina Hoiss, Noelle Lake, Jillian Withee, Emily Luce, Erin Luce and Hillary Chase, for an outstanding 2008-2009 season. The team earned the titles of Alpine Champions, Nordic Champions and Combined Champions for the Mountain Valley Conference. They also took 2nd place in both Alpine and Combined events in the Class B Nordic and Alpine State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the team; (HLS 121)

Reverend Gilman E. Healy, of Durham, on the completion of his tenure as pastor of the First Congregational Church of North Yarmouth after 15 years of dedicated ministry. We extend our thanks to him for his service to the community and we send our best wishes for his continued prosperity; (HLS 122)

the following members of the Upper Kennebec Valley Memorial High School Girls' Basketball Team: Katelyn Atwood, Jessica Brown, Kim Brown, Allyssa Vitalone, Maria Leathers, Bridgette Fortin, Krissy Hackley, Jocelyn Laweryson, Shannon Rich, Cindy Schultz, Jennifer Hovey, Hali McQuilkin, Ashley Turgeon, Manager Cassandra Gilbert, Assistant Coach Lori Gordon, Assistant Coach Megan Melcher and Coach Gordon Hartwell, winners of the Western Maine Class D Basketball Championship for the 2008-2009 season. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (HLS 123)

the Camden Hills Regional High School Boys' Basketball Team, which is the winner of the 2009 Class B State Basketball Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (HLS 124)

Emily Luce, of Carrabasset Valley, on her winning the 2009 Women's Class B Giant Slalom Alpine Racing State Championship. Emily, a member of the Mt. Abram High School Girls' Ski Team, had the 2 fastest runs of the day. We extend our congratulations to her for her victory; (HLS 125)

Derek Hawkes, of Westbrook, who has won a 2009 Class A State Championship in Swimming. Derek also earned a New England Championship at the same competition. He was the winner in 3 events: the 500 Freestyle, the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Free Relay. We extend our congratulations to him for his accomplishment; (HLS 126)

Kyle Goan, of Westbrook, who has won a 2009 Class A State Championship in Swimming. Kyle also earned a New England Championship at the same competition. He was the winner in 4 events: the 200 Freestyle, the 100 Freestyle, the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Free Relay. We extend our congratulations to him for his accomplishment; (HLS 127)

Arthur I. Dodge, of Harpswell. Mr. Dodge served in the United States Coast Guard from 1951-1954. He then attended the University of Maine and earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. For 31 years, he worked for Texaco Inc. as a process engineer and oil refining manager and was a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for more than 50 years. While working with refinery waste treatment, Mr. Dodge became concerned about water quality and this became a passion for him during his retirement in Maine. He became a valuable asset to the marine resources of this state by collecting sea water samples to monitor the clam flats of Casco Bay, participating in a phytoplankton monitoring program that helps the Department of Marine Resources to detect red tide early warning signals, and analyzing surface water samples for the Friends of Casco Bay. Mr. Dodge was instrumental in founding the original Maine Soft Shell Clam Advisory Committee and he served on the Harpswell Marine Resources Committee for many years. In December 2008, he received citations from both the Town of Harpswell and the State for his committee and water quality work. He was also an active member of the East Boothbay United Methodist Church for more than 65 years and held the position of chaplain for the American Legion John Leo Murray Post 171 in Harpswell. Mr. Dodge will be long remembered and greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as the people of this State who will continue to benefit from his tireless dedication to our valuable resources; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 128)

Patrick R. Pelletier, of Bangor, 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 Patrick on this achievement; (HLS 129)

the Mt. Blue High School Girls' Ski Team, which is the winner of the 2009 Class A Ski Championship. This is the ski team's 15th Class A title in seventeen years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (HLS 130)

the Mt. Blue High School Boys' Ski Team, which is the winner of the 2009 Class A Ski Championship. This is the ski team's 9th Class A title in eleven years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (HLS 131)

Maine Primary Care Association, which has worked to strengthen and sustain Maine's Primary Care safety net for over 25 years. Maine Primary Care Association offers a number of opportunities for students and residents to experience medicine in an underrepresented primary care setting in Maine. It provides high quality primary care to underserved areas and populations of the State where health-care options are limited, and barriers to

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access would otherwise prevent the delivery of the right care at the right time in the right place. Maine Primary Care Association is extremely proud to represent the collective voices of our community health centers, as they represent health-care options available to all, regardless of insurance coverage or the ability to pay. It has increased the availability of services including dental care and mental health, in addition to raising the bar in the delivery of care offered to patients through the adoption of quality improvement initiatives and health information technology. Maine Primary Care Association has taken a leadership position advocating for the childhood immunization program to return to universal status. We take this occasion to recognize the Maine Primary Care Association, to commend the employees of this organization for the success they have achieved over 25 years, and to extend our sincere hopes and best wishes for continued achievement over the next 25 years; (HLS 132)

Robert E. Smith, of Dixmont, for his 40 years of dedicated service as the Dixmont Cemetery Sexton. Mr. Smith has also held other positions over the years including second selectman, tax collector, road commissioner and fire chief. He is the only surviving charter member of the Dixmont Volunteer Fire Department. He will continue to serve the Town as cemetery trustee and as an active member of the Historical Committee. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Smith and we commend him for the years of service to his community; (HLS 133)

the following members of the Rockland District High School Boys' Basketball Team: Derick Gustin, Josh Bodman, Josh Harjula, Chris Nolan, Ryan Ecker, Lincoln Dresser, Anderson Murphy, David Searle, Nick Baudanza, Lucas Morrill, Dylan Meklin, Teel Ilvonen, Tyler Patterson, Aiden Hadley, Manager Jon Gerry, Manager David Harrison, Assistant Coach Larry Reed, Assistant Coach Darren Randall and Head Coach Matt Breen, the 2009 Eastern Regional Class B Runners-up. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (HLS 134)

Stephen Morrison, of Rockland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, 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 Stephen on this achievement; (HLS 135)

Mike Norman, of South Thomaston, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, 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 Mike on this achievement; (HLS 136)

Eric Mauricette, of Owls' Head, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, 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 Eric on this achievement; (HLS 137)

Ian Curtis, of Owls' Head, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, 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 Ian on this achievement; (HLS 138)

Elijah Hupper, of Rockland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, 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 Elijah on this achievement; (HLS 139)

Ben Ward, of Rockland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, 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 Ben on this achievement; (HLS 140)

Jim Ballinger, of Orono, who is retiring after over 40 years of service to the State of Maine as a coach of the women's and men's indoor and outdoor track and field and cross country programs at the University of Maine. During his tenure, he has coached 27 New England champions, 4 All-Americans, 4 Olympic trials qualifiers and one Olympian. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Ballinger and we commend him for his dedication to the youth of this State; (HLS 141)

the following members of the Messalonskee High School Girls' Basketball Team, of Oakland: Ariana Perry, Alyssa Eugley, Abbey Stacey, Erin Busque, Hannah Dexter, Jessica Charles, Jessica Sucy, Miranda Tinsman, Jessica Bridges, Mickelle McCafferty, Holly Oliver, Kaitlyn Deering, Stephanie Haiss, Assistant Coach Rob Rodrigue, Assistant Coach Dana Michaud and Head Coach Brenda Beckwith, winners of the 2009 Eastern Maine Class A Basketball Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (HLS 142)

Daniel Hinse, of East Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2009 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 143)

Carl Hinse, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2009 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 144)

Dave Michaud, of Sacramento, California and Millinocket, beloved husband of Judy and loving father to Sheadon and Aaron. Mr. Michaud had a lifelong passion for flying. He took his first solo flight in Millinocket and earned his pilot's license at the age of 16. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1974, served six years active duty and then as reservist, retiring after 20 years. He was a deputy sheriff with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for 13 years. After his retirement from the sheriff's department he began working full time in the aviation field. Mr. Michaud will be sadly missed by his loving family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 145)

Kylie Daigle, of Madawaska, who has been selected to receive a Red Cross Pine Tree Chapter "Real Heroes" Award for her actions on September 11, 2008 assisting an accident victim. Ms. Daigle, a senior year nursing student at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, came upon the scene of an accident as she was walking between classes. A female pedestrian had been hit by an SUV and was unconscious and severely injured. Without hesitation or concern for her own safety, Ms. Daigle went to the woman's aid and provided her with comfort and care until emergency help could arrive. For this heroic act, she has also received several other community awards. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to Ms. Daigle for her outstanding community service; (HLS 146)

the following members of the Telstar Regional High School Girls' Ski Team: Samantha Largess, Tara Cowin, Jamie Steven, Morgan Lee and Margaret DePasquale, winners of the 2009 Class C Alpine State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the girls on their accomplishment; (HLS 147)

Jo Josephson, of Temple, who has received the honor of having the 2009 Temple Town Report dedicated to her for her

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community efforts. Ms. Josephson has represented the board of directors of the schools of School Administration District 9, has been a member of the Sandy River Recycling Association and writes and distributes the *Temple Times*. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Josephson on her receiving this honor; (HLS 148)

James Pellerin, a lifelong resident of Fairfield. After graduating from Lawrence High School in 1965, Mr. Pellerin attended the University of Maine and Unity College, earning 2 college degrees. He then began a career with Clark and Company (now Bell Simon) which lasted 37 years. During that time, he became the manager of 16 stores throughout New England. Because of his love of sports, Mr. Pellerin began to volunteer in 1974 as a football coach in the Fairfield Police Athletic League. He coached for 22 years, not only football teams but also basketball, girls' soccer and softball. At various times, he served as president, vice president and treasurer of the PAL Football Coaches Association. He was involved with his church, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a member of the parish council, a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, a lector and a eucharistic minister. Mr. Pellerin served on the Fairfield Town Council for 3 years. Among the many awards that he received for his civic efforts were the 2000 Lawrence High School Alumni Association Bulldog Award and the 2007 Lawrence Spirit of Football Award. Mr. Pellerin will be greatly missed and long remembered by a community which he served faithfully as well as his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 149)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Basketball Team, of Auburn, who won the 2009 Eastern Maine Class A Basketball Championship: Tim Mains, Tyler Gammon, Steven Giorgetti, Ethan Grund, Omar Abdi, Cody Goddard, Dominique Bailey, Yusuf Iman G, Bo Leary, Corey Therriault, Sean Daigle, James Philbroo and Shane Ciriello. The head coach is Mike Adams. This is the school's first regional title in 52 years. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 150)

the late Honorable Georgette B. Berube, of Lewiston, on her posthumous induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Serving in both the Maine House and Senate from 1971 to 2000, Mme. Berube had more state legislative service than any other woman in Maine's history. In 1982, she was a candidate for Governor of Maine. For many years she hosted a French radio show in central Maine and served on the Finance Council of the Catholic Diocese of Maine. Mme. Berube was proud of her French heritage and her many contributions to her community and to her State made a difference in the lives of all of her constituents. We join her family and the citizens of this State in celebrating the life and accomplishments of this exceptional woman and we acknowledge the innumerable contributions that she made to the Franco-American community; (HLS 151)

the late Viola Quirion, of Waterville, on her posthumous induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mlle. Quirion was a Francophone who worked for more than 40 years at the C. F. Hathaway Company shirt factory in Waterville where she was an outspoken leader in the local union. After her retirement and despite having cancer and other illnesses, she became active in a movement to make prescription drugs affordable for older people. Mlle. Quirion helped organize discount-drug bus trips to Canada, made an appearance on "60 Minutes" and appeared before congressional committees in Washington D.C. She was not an elected official or a political lobbyist but a hardworking, relentless woman who believed in pursuing a cause that she believed was right. United States Representative Thomas Allen said of Viola Quirion: "Maine is a

better place because of the legacy left by this courageous woman." We join her family and her community in celebrating her remarkable life and her induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 152)

the Honorable Rosaire "Ross" Paradis and the Honorable Judy Ayotte Paradis, of Frenchville, on their induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mme. Paradis served in the Maine House of Representatives from 1986 to 1992 and in the Maine Senate from 1992 to 2000. Before her legislative career, she taught high school French. Always an advocate of the French language and culture, she engaged in conversations in French with willing legislators and staff at the Capitol, encouraging other people of Franco-American descent to acknowledge their heritage with pride. M. Paradis taught French as well as English and Latin to high school students for 36 years before becoming a legislator. He served a 6-year tenure as the State Representative for District 2 and was often recognized for his staunch support of minority rights and cultural diversity in Maine. M. Paradis has written many articles and columns in newspapers to promote French language and culture and is presently writing a play in French. Both M. and Mme. Paradis have been bilingual since they were children. We congratulate them on their induction into the Hall of Fame and we commend them for their numerous contributions to the Franco-American community of this State; (HLS 153)

Raymond Fecteau, of Augusta, on his induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. M. Fecteau was born in Madawaska and grew up speaking French. He settled in Augusta in 1968 with his wife, Constance Vachon Fecteau, and they raised 2 daughters who are bilingual. He has been a Master Barber for 45 years, cutting hair at Duke's Rotary Barber Shop for 39 years. M. Fecteau has been involved with Le Club Calumet since 1972, working tirelessly in various capacities and roles and in 1998 they honored him with La Medaille d'Honneur. He is one of the founders of the Maine USA/Maine France Exchange Program and is an Honorary Member of the Executive Committee of L'Amicale des Sarthois de Paris. M. Fecteau also serves on a committee that is searching for a sister city for Augusta, Maine in France. We congratulate M. Fecteau on his induction into the Hall of Fame and we commend him for his tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State; (HLS 154)

Barry Rodrigue, of Bath, on his induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. M. Rodrigue is an associate professor of Arts and Humanities at the University of Southern Maine. He is trained in cultural research as an archeologist, geographer, historian, biologist and ethnographer with a strong focus on French North American Studies. He served as a Research Geographer at Laval University in Quebec City where he received a Ph.D. M. Rodrigue serves as Scholar for the University of Southern Maine's Franco-American Collection, director of French North American Studies and co-director of Global Studies. A strong advocate for interdisciplinary studies and student-centered learning, he involves his students in real-life projects, such as organizing conferences of the world's leading authorities on French North America. He is also very involved with publishing, writing and editing Franco-American literature. We join his family and friends in congratulating him on receiving the honor of this induction and we commend him for his outstanding contributions to the Franco-American community of this State; (HLS 155)

the Mount Desert Island High School Speech Team which won the State competition. The following are the team members: Taylor LaCasse, Maddy Johnson, Anna Rose Keefe, Stephen Palazola, Sean Keady and Zach Dewey. Their coach, Marjory

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Russakoff, was a finalist for Coach of the Year. The team is only in its second year of existence and it competed against some teams that were nearly 5 times its size. We extend our congratulations to all of the members and the coach of the Mount Desert Island High School Speech Team; (HLS 156)

the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Since 1909, this church has been living out the values expressed in its mission which is to foster and celebrate religious freedom, spiritual growth and social justice in a diverse, intergenerational congregation through worship, education and community. Along with a centennial celebration this year, the church is planning a capital campaign to support the modernization and greening of the building. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church and their minister, the Reverend Sue Kingman, on this special occasion; (HLS 157)

Bonanza Steakhouse Restaurant, in Sanford, which is celebrating 25 years in business. The restaurant has been serving people at the same Main Street address since February 17, 1984, and has been owned and operated by Geoff Titherington since October 1, 1985. We congratulate Mr. Titherington and his employees on the occasion of this special anniversary; (HLS 158)

Patrick Thibodeau, of Cumberland, on his contributions to the Greely High School Boys' Basketball Team. Patrick, a senior at Greely High School who has Down's Syndrome, serves as the basketball team manager and occasionally practices with the team. He had the opportunity to play in his first game which was the final home game of the season. Patrick was part of the starting line-up and shot 2 3-point baskets, with the last one coming at the final buzzer. This was broadcast locally and nationally, with a featured spot on NBC's Today Show. We extend our congratulations to Patrick on his outstanding achievement and his wonderful representation of team spirit; (HLS 159)

Nicholas Kingsbury, of Bethel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565 and Crew 101, 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. Nicholas, a junior at Telstar High School in Bethel, earned a total of 51 merit badges and served his troop and crew in a variety of leadership roles. For his community service project, he built a picnic shelter at Angevine Park to provide additional shade at the waterfront. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 160)

Harry C. Briggs II, of Millinocket. Mr. Briggs grew up in northern Maine and worked for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad as a conductor for 35 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and a devoted father and grandfather. Mr. Briggs was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the United Transportation Union, and the Fin and Feather Club of Millinocket. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 161)

F. Harvey Bowley, Jr., of Millinocket. Mr. Bowley attended local schools and graduated from Beal College in Bangor in 1967. He then served in the United States Navy before going to work for Maine Information Systems in Bangor. Mr. Bowley left that company for Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket where he worked for over 30 years. He was very involved with his community as an active member and past master of Nollesemic Lodge No. 205, AF and AM, Millinocket and Mount Katahdin Chapter R.A.D. No. 60. Mr. Bowley will be sadly

missed by his wife of 33 years, Karen, his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 162)

Everett Vining, of Farmington. As a young man, Mr. Vining graduated from Wentworth Institute in Massachusetts with plans to become a building contractor. He was a gifted builder and constructed hundreds of homes in the Farmington area before he decided to move in other directions. He started a John Deere business in West Farmington and K&E Motors with his son, Kevin, who took over the business. Mr. Vining then went on to develop his successful excavation business, E.L. Vining and Son, Inc. Throughout his life, Mr. Vining was very involved with his community. He was a veteran, an active member of Trinity United Church, a Mason, a Shriner and a former selectman of the Town. Mr. Vining will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 163)

Alton R. Lane, of Millinocket. Mr. Lane served his country in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948. He was an avid outdoorsman and a talented woodworker and carpenter. Mr. Lane will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 164)

Edna Bragg, longtime resident of Hampden, on the occasion of her 104th birthday, April 1, 2009. Mrs. Bragg has the honor of being the Town of Hampden's oldest citizen. We join the good citizens of Hampden in extending our congratulations to Mrs. Bragg on her 104th birthday and send her our best wishes; (HLS 165)

Student Ryan Gao and Teacher Jorma Kurry of Falmouth High School, who have received a 2009 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement. The College Board and the Siemens Foundation are celebrating 11 years of this prestigious award. Each year, the foundation recognizes students, teachers and high schools in each of the 50 states for excellence in Advanced Placement in math and science. The award is given to the student earning the highest scores on 8 different Advanced Placement tests and the teachers are recognized for their exemplary teaching and dedication to students and the AP program. The high school is selected in recognition of its commitment to students and leadership in AP participation and performance. This year Ryan Gao, Jorma Kurry and Falmouth High School have been chosen as the winners for the State of Maine. These talented individuals will create the solutions we need for a better world and this exceptional high school will continue to foster an environment where these young people can excel. We extend our congratulations to all of the winners and we commend them for their commitment; (HLS 166)

the following members of the Deering High School Girls' Basketball Team, on their winning the 2009 Class A State Championship: Britni Mikulanecz, Jessica Ruhlin, Diana Manduca, Maria Apon, Bethany Gullbrand, Anna Apon, Ella Ramonas, Jordan Cuddy, Maria Salamone, Aarika Viola, Casey Everest, Kayla Burchill and Claire Ramonas and Varsity Coaches Mike Murphy and Jennifer Allen, Junior Varsity Coach Bill Ramonas and First Team Tim Eisenhart. In winning its 36th consecutive game, the Rams became the first Class A team to win back-to-back titles in 6 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 167)

Rowena Reed, of Strong, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Reed was born April 9, 1919 in Phillips, Maine and has lived in the Freeman-Strong area all of her life. She was married to Albert Reed for 63 years and has 3 children, 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-

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grandchildren, with 3 more on the way. We extend our warmest wishes to Mrs. Reed on this special occasion; (HLS 168)

the 2009 University of Maine at Farmington Field Hockey Coach Cyndi Pratt and the following members of the University of Maine at Farmington Field Hockey Team, on winning one of the highest academic accolades in the country, being named a National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Team: Kaeleigh Barker, Erika Lucas, Ashley Weeks, Alyssa St. Pierre, Andrea Tyler, Emily Theriault, Beth Marshall, Sarah Brown, Ashley Wyman, Ashley Wentworth, Jessie Lacasse, Elyse Cole, Hattie Agnew, Jessica Martin, Samantha Kenison, Samantha Webster, Monica Beuth, Ariel Cohen, Jennifer Bernhardt and Emma Deans. This award is presented to teams achieving a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher during the season and this is the 6th straight season that the school has been recognized for combining academic and athletic achievement. We send our congratulations to Coach Cyndi Pratt and the members of the team on their receiving this high honor; (HLS 169)

the following members of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team: Stephanie Hayslip, Forrest Cornell, Joshua Pomerleau, Michael McNamara, Cameron Graf, Matthew Nicholson, Mike McManus, Marcus Bubar, Jon Gamache, Kyle Huston, Cameron Bubar, Art Stambach, Joe Doughty, Dan Schofield, Adam Turner, Manager MaKayla Stevens, Manager Hailey Jordan, Assistant Coach Ted Albasini, Assistant Coach Brian Wagner and Coach Mark Stevens, winners of the 2009 Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 170)

Pamela Cyr, of Fort Kent, who was voted the 2009 Aroostook Idol. Ms. Cyr competed against 8 other contestants in 4 Aroostook Idol shows to raise money for the United Way. The net proceeds from the shows will be approximately \$30,000 which goes toward supporting numerous agencies throughout Aroostook County that receive funding from the United Way. We congratulate Ms. Cyr on her accomplishment and we commend her for supporting the United Way of Aroostook County; (HLS 171)

Don Guimond, of Fort Kent, recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Mr. Guimond and his siblings are the fourth generation to operate the Guimond Farms. He graduated from Husson College with a bachelor's degree in business administration and from Norwich University in Vermont with a master's degree in business administration. After graduating from college, Mr. Guimond returned to Fort Kent and started a business career with the Fort Kent Federal Credit Union, now the Acadia Federal Credit Union. He worked for the Town of Fort Kent as Planning and Economic Development coordinator and is the Town Manager. He has served on countless boards, committees and organizations with his leadership skills. He received the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce Dirigo Award in 2002 and the Citizenship Award in 2004 and was nominated for the Small Business Administration Phoenix Award. Mr. Guimond is receiving the Distinguished Service Award for his many leadership contributions and great support to the University of Maine at Fort Kent and for his outstanding service to the Town of Fort Kent, especially his leadership during and after the Flood of 2008. We acknowledge Mr. Guimond's impressive life and service to the area. We extend our congratulations to him on this well-deserved honor; (HLS 172)

Joel W. Stevens, of Kennebunk. Mr. Stevens began his banking career in 1970 at the Depositors Trust Co. in Augusta, where he eventually became executive vice president and senior

lending officer. He left Maine to work in the banking business in New Hampshire for a while but returned in 1993 and moved to Kennebunk. There he joined Kennebunk Savings Bank as president and CEO and led the creation of a new corporate culture which emphasized employee welfare, customer satisfaction and community service. He was the prime architect of the bank's Community Investment Program which provides 10 percent of the bank's yearly earnings to area nonprofit and charitable organizations. Since the program's inception, the bank has contributed more than \$6 million within York County. As the creator of this program, Mr. Stevens was viewed by his colleagues as a model of corporate social responsibility. He also contributed to the community by participating in numerous organizations, such as the Northern York County YMCA, the Portland Concert Association, the Ogunquit Playhouse Foundation and the United Way of York County, which presented him with the 2006 Elise Kitteridge Award. Mr. Stevens was a direct descendant of John Calvin Stevens, a renowned Maine architect and artist, and a cousin of the Honorable Tom Allen. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends, his colleagues and the York County community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 173)

Jobs for Maine's Graduates, a private, nonprofit organization to help high school seniors reconnect to school and successfully graduate and transition into the workforce, was named the "Best of the Best" of the 30 states currently operating a Jobs for America's Graduates program. For 14 consecutive years, Jobs for Maine's Graduates has been distinguished as the best program of its kind in the nation. The program works with 3,600 Maine students helping them to overcome barriers to education and to reach their potential. It boasts a 95% student retention rate and a 96% graduation rate, and more significantly, according to a recent Maine Department of Labor report, the program's students are earning 14% more money and continuing their postsecondary education at rates higher than their peers. We acknowledge Jobs for Maine's Graduates as a remarkable education asset to Maine schools and students and a valuable partner to Maine's workforce development efforts. We congratulate the organization on receiving this well-deserved accolade; (HLS 174)

Todd Ladd, of Farmington, who has been named Logger of the Year by the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Ladd is a master certified logger. He is being recognized for his logging practices which include using portable panels for temporary bridging, using hay and mulch for stabilization and filtration, using limbs and tops in soft areas, making planned trails laid out on foot, and matching the season of harvest to the ground conditions. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Ladd on receiving this recognition; (HLS 175)

the following members of the Hall-Dale High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, of Farmingdale: Tyler Cummings, Keith McGillivray, Brad Longfellow, Dylan Dupont, Danny Austin, Danny Newman, Ryan Leach, Tim Day, Brandon Gilbert, Nick Bickford, Sam Estes, Damian Melnicove, Ben Garant, Kyle Blanchett, Assistant Coach Brandon Terrill, Assistant Coach Eric Collins and Coach Jim Patrick, who have been selected as the winners of the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award 2008-2009 by the Board of Central Maine Basketball Officials. The team was selected from a field of 36 schools which included Classes A, B, C and D. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on their receiving this award; (HLS 176)

Jane White-Kilcollins, of Fort Fairfield, on being named Maine's 2009 Elementary National Distinguished Principal of the

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Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. White-Kilcollins is the principal at Hilltop Elementary School in Caribou. She received this award in acknowledgement of her effective leadership, commitment to academic excellence, high expectations and standards, ability to create a culture which supports learning, contributions to her profession and community service. She will be recognized at the Maine Principals' Association's Spring Conference in April and by the National Association of Elementary School Principals in Washington, D.C. in the fall. We extend our congratulations to Ms. White-Kilcollins and we express our appreciation for her dedication to her students; (HLS 177)

Patrick Hartnett, of Hebron, who has been named Maine's 2009 High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Hartnett is the principal at Leavitt Area High School and has been recognized by Maine School Administrative District No. 52 superintendent Darlene Burdin as having "an unwavering commitment to teaching, learning and increased student achievement." In April, Mr. Hartnett will be recognized at the Maine Principals' Spring Conference and will attend the Principals' Institute in October. Mr. Hartnett has also received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship Educator of the year award. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hartnett for receiving this award; (HLS 178)

the members of the Mt. Blue High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team who earned the 2009 Class A East Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations to the team for receiving this distinguished award; (HLS 179)

Norm Gould, of Wilton, for his service to the Town of Wilton for more than 40 years on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Gould also served as the town assessor and on the Planning Board, the Finance Committee Board of Assessment Review and appeals board. Prior to becoming a selectman, Mr. Gould served in the United States Army and as a fire inspector for International Paper. He currently serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at the East Dixfield Baptist Church. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Gould for his commitment to the Town of Wilton; (HLS 180)

the Reverend Thomas and Mrs. Sandra (Nammarah) Caton, of Phillips, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on February 14, 1959, in Milton, Massachusetts. Rev. Caton is now retired after 40 years in the ministry. Mrs. Caton is an artisan and the owner of Native Maine Driftwood. They have 4 daughters and 6 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Caton on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 181)

the Bonny Eagle High School Football Team, the Scots, on winning the 2009 Class A State Championship. This is the team's second consecutive Class A football championship and the fourth championship in five seasons. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this great accomplishment; (HLS 182)

Olivia Watson, of Topsham, on her being named Maine's 2009 Top Middle School Youth Volunteer by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteering. Olivia, a 7th-grader at Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham, takes care of 10 young children on Friday afternoons as a volunteer at the Topsham day care, Building Blocks. As a state honoree, she will travel to Washington, D.C. in May where she will join other honorees in a national competition. We extend our congratulations to Olivia on her receiving this honor and we thank her for her extraordinary commitment to serving her community; (HLS 183)

Estelle G. Weymouth, of Millinocket, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor and friend. Mrs. Weymouth was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 184)

James Brewer, of Scarborough, on his receiving a 65-year Service Medal from the Masons. Mr. Brewer is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and a former captain with the Merchant Marines. He is the longest serving Mason of Governor William King Lodge #219 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Scarborough. He was raised to the 3rd Degree and became a Master Mason in 1943. We congratulate Mr. Brewer on his accomplishment; (HLS 185)

John T. Patches, of Bangor, who is the recipient of the Vincent A. Hartgen Award presented by the University of Maine. The award honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in the community of the arts at the University of Maine. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Patches on his receiving this award; (HLS 186)

Raag's Music Shop, of Madawaska, on its being named the 2009 Business of the Year by the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce for its contributions to the community. Raag's Music Shop is instrumental in the continued success of Rock the Valley, a nonprofit organization that features live music provided by major acts from around the country. It also contributes to local food pantries and breast cancer awareness and helps various local fund-raisers by providing musical instruments as prizes for raffles. We send our appreciation to Raag's Music Shop for its community involvement and we congratulate the shop on its receiving this honor; (HLS 187)

Rayle Ainsworth and Sarah Ulman, of Fort Fairfield, upon being named Citizens of the Year by the Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce for their coordinated efforts in cochairing the Fort Fairfield Sesquicentennial Committee. Both Ms. Ainsworth and Ms. Ulman have long-standing ties to this community and effectively planned events throughout 2008 in celebration of the Town of Fort Fairfield's successful 150th anniversary. We congratulate Ms. Ainsworth and Ms. Ulman on their receiving this honor; (HLS 188)

the Town of Guilford which has demonstrated extensive efforts to promote its natural resources and to create green economic opportunities, beautification and recreation. Through the consistent and dedicated efforts of the Economic Development Board and the town government, lilac trees of many varieties have been planted on town-owned sites, revitalizing and beautifying the community. The lilacs attract a large population of native Black Capped Chickadees and Guilford now calls itself "The Lilac and Chickadee Capital of Maine." We acknowledge the efforts of the Town of Guilford in improving and maintaining its beauty; (HLS 189)

Alex Cottrell, of Winthrop, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Boys Nordic Skier of the Year. Alex, a member of the Winthrop High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, finished a strong season by winning the freestyle and classical races at the Mountain Valley Conference championship meet, as well as finishing 3rd in the classical at the state meet. The team's coach, Ed Van Tassel, noted that throughout the season Alex remained focused on his individual goals as well as the goals of the team. That effort helped the Ramblers to complete an impressive season. We extend our congratulations to Alex on this tremendous achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 190)

Emily Harriman, of Readfield, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Girls Nordic Skier of the Year. Emily, a

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member of the Maranacook High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, finished 2nd in the classical race and 4th in the freestyle to help the team win the Class B State Title. Throughout the season, Emily continually put the team ahead of herself in order to help the Black Bears reach their goal of a state championship victory. She is described by her coach, Steve DeAngelis, as not only a top-notch skier but a quality person. We extend our congratulations to Emily on this tremendous achievement and wish her continued success; (HLS 191)

Irma K. Bowles, of Livermore, a longtime prominent member of her community. Mrs. Bowles was considered by many to be the town matriarch, was an officer of many organizations, including past president of the Livermore Falls Women's Club, and district president of the Maine Federation of Women's Council, and served as a 4-H leader, a Girl Scout leader and a 50-year member of the Norland Grange. Mrs. Bowles was the registrar of voters for the Town of Livermore, and, at the age of 92, received the state Lorraine M. Fleury Award which honors a person who exemplifies fairness, experience, knowledge and service. Mrs. Bowles will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her many neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 192)

Bernard Davis, of Farmington, who has been a member of the Farmington Lions Club for 50 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this anniversary; (HLS 193)

Admiral Robert Edwin Peary, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his successful journey to the top of the North Pole. Admiral Peary's family was originally from Maine. A graduate of Portland High School, he subsequently graduated from Bowdoin College and worked as a civil engineer. He was also employed as a surveyor for the Town of Fryeburg. In 1881, he purchased Eagle Island and made it his summer residence, which is now owned by the State and is a unique state historic site, receiving 6,000 visitors by boat each year. On April 6, 1909, after repeated efforts and great hardship, Admiral Peary and his crew, which consisted of Matthew Henson and 4 Inuit men, determined that they had reached 90 degrees latitude north, the North Pole. They raised an American flag, made scientific observations and remained at the North Pole for about 30 hours. Admiral Peary died on February 20, 1920 and was buried with full honors in Arlington National Cemetery, where a large globe monument attests to his many achievements. We are proud to acknowledge Admiral Peary as a native of Maine; (HLS 194)

Evan R. Gillingham, of Standish, a 5th-grade student at the George E. Jack Elementary School, who received a Community Helper/Good Citizen award for organizing friends to help clean up trash around their schoolyard. He also won first place for the 5th grade in the SAD 6 Writing contest, a contest he has entered every year since kindergarten. Evan is very active at his school and has entered math meets, attends band and performs exceptionally well in all academic areas, studying in the Gifted and Talented program for Language Arts and Science. We congratulate him on his awards and send him our best wishes; (HLS 195)

Dorothy M. Pound, 97, of Millinocket. In her younger years, Mrs. Pound was active in her community as a member of the Plus and Minus Club and the VFW Women's Auxiliary. She was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Millinocket. Mrs. Pound had one son, 7 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 196)

Americo J. "Mickey" Mascetta, 91, of Millinocket. Mr. Mascetta graduated from Stearns High School in 1935. He joined the Army National Guard in 1940 and served during World War II in the South Pacific. He was discharged from the Army in 1945 and opened a tavern. In 1952, Mr. Mascetta went to work for Great Northern Paper Company until he retired in 1980. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Millinocket and served as a church lector and Eucharistic minister. He and his wife of 61 years, Patricia (Trainor), had 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Mr. Mascetta will be deeply missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 197)

Brandon Dupuis, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop High School, who is the recipient of the 2009 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Brandon has maintained an outstanding scholastic record while also participating in many co-curricular activities. His future plans include college where he plans to major in electrical engineering. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on his receiving this award; (HLS 198)

Lauren McHatten, of Winthrop, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Girls Alpine Skier of the Year. Lauren is the only girl Alpine skier on the Winthrop High School Ski Team. She finished second in the giant slalom and third in the slalom at the state championship meet. She was also named to the Maine Alpine team and competed in the Eastern High School Championship against the best high school skiers from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York. We extend our congratulations to Lauren on this tremendous achievement and wish her continued success; (HLS 199)

Steve and Jane Filieo, of Scarborough, on their 20 years of directing and producing the musical theater program at South Portland High School. Each year approximately 75 students are involved in all aspects of the show and their lives are enhanced by the experience. Many of their students have gone on to work professionally in theater. Because of their attention to detail and diligent efforts, Mr. and Mrs. Filieo have consistently produced professional quality theater for the students and audiences of South Portland. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Filieo, students performed for President and Mrs. George H. W. Bush in the Best of Broadway in 2007. We commend Mr. and Mrs. Filieo for positively influencing and instilling the love of musical theater in generations of South Portland students; (HLS 200)

the following members of the Waterville High School Boys Hockey Team: Nolan MacDonnell, Ian Rowe, Matthew Lee, Curtis Chaput, Joshua Gaudette, Shawn Lee, Ryan Bolduc, Aaron Saucier, Nicklaus DeBlois, Cameron Bishop, Kyle Bishop, Katelyn Massey, David Cook, Eric Aldrich, Timothy Locke, Aaron Bard, Jordan Whitten, Cody Thibodeau and Bryant Lee and coach Dennis Martin, winners of the 2009 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to all the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 201)

the following members of the Waterville High School Girls' Indoor Track Team: Lynn Fleming, Danielle Fossa, Hillary Haase, Anna Leclair, Brittany Locke, Emily Shores, Olivia Thurston, Shelby Tuttle, Carrie Vigue, Sarah Walker, Asia Watson, Courtney Williams, Assistant Coach Greg McMorro, Assistant Coach Zack Michaud, Assistant Coach Wendy Serbent and Head Coach Ian Wilson, winners of the 2009 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 202)

the following members of the Waterville High School Girls' Basketball Team: Morgan Frame, Steph Whitten, Paige

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Gardiner, Taylor Hart, Jasmine Bishop, Taylor Frame, Jen Nale, Stacie Whitten, Cara Rousseau, Sylvia Reynolds, Nadine Arens, Kylee Gardiner, Emily Karter, Scorer Larry Rioux, Assistant Coach Lauren Duvall, Assistant Coach Kate Ross, Assistant Coach Dan Cosgrove and Head Coach Ted Rioux, winners of the 2009 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 203)

the following members of the Waterville High School Girls' Soccer Team: Taylor Hart, Beth Gagnon, Steph Whitten, Paige Gardiner, Kayla Tuttle, Kacey Roderigue, Shelby Tuttle, Jordan Pellerin, Sylvia Reynolds, Stacie Whitten, Taylor Frame, Laura Tozier, Emily Karter, Anna Thurston, Alexa Olivera, Kylee Gardiner, Katy Massey, Nikki Shanos, Danielle Jacques, Lexi Allen, Cara Rousseau, Hannah Jabar, Sabrina Rancourt, Abbie Webster, Olivia Thurston, Lauren Massey, Annesley Beringer, Brittany Saulter, Assistant Coach Ed Worcester, Assistant Coach Jason Briggs, Head Coach Ian Wilson, winners of the 2009 Class A State Championship. The team's record this year was 19-0. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 204)

Brian Batson, of Ellsworth, on his outstanding swimming season at Ellsworth High School. Brian, a senior, won both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly individual titles at the Class B high school swimming state championships. He set a meet record in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:44.44, 27-hundredths of a second under the previous record and a season's best by 3.29 seconds. We congratulate Brian on his exceptional season and we send our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 205)

the members of the Wells-Ogunquit Center at Moody, a senior center, for their successful efforts in providing local residents with a refuge to stay warm and lower home heating costs. The Center, owned, operated and funded by its senior members and volunteer efforts, first opened in 2004 as a gathering place for senior citizens and senior visitors in the Wells and Ogunquit area. The Center extended its Days of Warming project to the public for nine Saturdays in January and February, enabling people to turn down their thermostats during that period of time. On those Saturdays, lunch was served at no charge, as the program received funding in part through a grant from Bank of America. Area restaurants also played a role by donating provisions, while more than 50 volunteers, including several members of the Ogunquit Rotary Club, offered their assistance. We extend our appreciation to the members of the Wells-Ogunquit Center at Moody for their philanthropic service over the winter; (HLS 206)

Christopher Michael Dowling, of Hebron, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 130 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 Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 207)

Gary P. Cleaves, of Limestone, who has been named Limestone's 2008 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Cleaves and his brother, Art, played a key role in bringing the Maine Military Authority to the Loring Commerce Centre, which resulted in the creation of numerous employment opportunities for area citizens. Various civic groups have also benefited from Mr. Cleaves' involvement, including the Limestone Chamber of Commerce. As past president and member of the Chamber, Mr. Cleaves took part in revising the by-laws, creating letterhead and having professional signs and banners made for associated functions.

Mr. Cleaves served in the United States Army National Guard where he received the Meritorious Service Medal, an honor conveyed for distinguished outstanding non-combat achievement or service to the United States subsequent to January 16, 1969. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Cleaves on his receiving this honor; (HLS 208)

Mike Thomas Brown, a Maine native, who has successfully defended his mixed martial arts World Extreme Cagefighting's championship of the world title in the 145-pound division. World Extreme Cagefighting is the world's leading mixed martial arts sports organization. Mike's journey to the top of the mixed martial arts ranks began in Portland and Hollis, Maine. He graduated from Bonny Eagle High School where he was involved with the school's wrestling team. After attending Norwich University, Mike began competing in the sport of mixed martial arts. He trained and fought in local shows for many years. He stepped up to face international competition in 2005 when he traveled to Japan to participate in the featherweight tournament of DEEP, a Japanese mixed martial arts promotion specializing in lighter weight classes. His years of hard work finally came to fruition in the fall of 2008 when Mike defeated champion Urijah Faber for the World Extreme Cagefighting championship in just under two and a half minutes in front of a live audience of thousands and with millions watching on television at home. Mike recently defended his title, stopping the highly-ranked Leonard Garcia in less than two minutes and solidifying his position as the top 145-pound mixed martial artist in the world. We congratulate Mike Thomas Brown on his achievements and send him our best wishes; (HLS 209)

the members of the St. Dominic Regional High School Golf Team, winners of the Class C State Championship: Ben Adams, Greg LaBonte, Richard Paradis, DJ St. Pierre, Chris Bryant, Cortney Gorczyca, Dylan Rodrigue, Joseph Bryant, Jake Landry, Daniel Nadeau, Cody Rodrigue and Amanda Turcotte; Assistant Coach Laurie Cullen; and Coach Kevin Cullen. This is the second state title for the team in as many seasons. The team also received the *Sun Journal* All-Region Team of the Year award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievements; (HLS 210)

the following members of the Rangeley Lakes Regional High School Cheerleading Team: Teryn Austin, Chelsea Dresser, Gabby Eckardt, Alyssa Ferguson, Douglass Haley, Chelsey Sacre, Britt Taylor, Meagan Trafton, David vanSoeren and Van Weisz and Coach Tracy Cavalier and team helper Hannah Ventresca, silver medalists at the 2009 Class D State Championship. The competing cheering teams are judged by several criteria including energy, excited personality, flexibility, difficulty, strength and overall affect. The team qualified for the New England Cheerleading Championships held at the University of New Hampshire March 21, 2009. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 211)

Lloyd O. Bridges, of Verona Island, who has received the honor of having the 2009 Town of Verona Island Annual Report dedicated to him. Mr. Bridges has served his community for more than 45 years in the capacities of selectman, constable and fire warden. He has served on the Budget Committee, the Town Hall Committee, the Appeals Board and the School Board. He is a member of the Verona Recreation Club and the Penobscot Bay Rod and Gun Club and has been the cook at the Island Picnic for many years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Bridges for the honor that he has received and we commend him for his community spirit and hard work; (HLS 212)

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Lewis Turco, of Dresden, American poet, teacher and writer of fiction and nonfiction and recipient of the 2009 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. A Professor Emeritus of the Writing Arts, Mr. Turco received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut and his Master of Arts degree from the University of Iowa at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, after first serving in the United States Navy. He founded the Cleveland Poetry Center after starting a successful program in contemporary poetry at Fenn College, now Cleveland State University. He served as Assistant Professor at Hillsdale College, and from 1965 until his retirement in 1996, he taught at the State University College of New York at Oswego, where he was also Poet-in-Residence and where he founded and directed the Program in the Writing Arts. Mr. Turco's first book of poetry, *First Poems*, was published in 1960, and he has continued to publish award-winning poetry, books about poetry and other critically praised and award-winning works related to the writing arts. Among his many awards are the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni Association of the University of Connecticut, the Bordighera Poetry Prize, the John Ciardi Award for Lifetime Achievement in Poetry and an honorary degree from Ashland University in Ohio. Mr. Turco is now retired from university teaching and from operating an antiquarian bookstore, the Mathom Bookshop, in Dresden, Maine. We acknowledge Mr. Turco's extraordinary literary career and artistry and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor from the University of Maine at Fort Kent; (HLS 213)

the Mt. Blue High School Boys' Nordic Ski Team, the Cougars, on being named the 2009 *Sun Journal* All-Region Boys' Nordic Skiing Team of the Year. The team received this honor after winning the 2009 Class A championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievements; (HLS 214)

Roderick J. Robertson, of East Millinocket. Mr. Robertson attended Garret Schenck, Jr. High School, graduating with the Class of 1943. He served in the United States Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 39 years. Mr. Robertson worked for the East Branch Sno Rovers Snowmobile Club, which he helped establish, was a member of the American Legion and the Carpenters and Joiners Union and served for 45 years on the board of directors of Eastmill Federal Credit Union. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 215)

the Marist Fathers and Brothers for their 123 years of ministry in the eastern part of the St. John River Valley. Having served pastorally and educationally at the St. Bruno-St. Remi Parish of Van Buren and Keegan and the St. Joseph Parish of Caswell and Hamlin, the priests were committed to increasing the faith of those residing in this rural farming and lumbering territory. They are responsible for the founding of St. Mary's College. A shortage of personnel led to the Marist's departure after more than a century of solemn servitude, but their spirit and influence will remain forever. We acknowledge the Marist Fathers' and Brothers' devout contributions to the people of northern Maine and thank them for their many decades of leadership; (HLS 216)

Michael Perreault, of Van Buren, a senior at Van Buren District Secondary School, who is the recipient of the 2009 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Michael is the president of his graduating class, president of the National Honor Society, editor of the school newspaper and technical director of the drama club. Michael is employed by Tulsa, Inc., volunteers at St. Bruno-St. Remi Church and is certified in CPR and AED. We extend our congratulations to

Michael on his receiving this award and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors; (HLS 217)

the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter on the occasion of its 14th Annual "Hike for the Homeless," an event that has grown significantly over the years to bring support and awareness of the pressing needs of the homeless in the greater Bangor area. Over 600 participants in teams provided by the communities of Bangor, Brewer, Veazie and Hampden secure pledges from others. The focus of the hike is advocacy and fund-raising in a time when the demand and expenses for the shelter are higher than before and state funding is forecast to decrease. Last year more than \$30,000 was raised to support the continued operation of the shelter by pledges, the sale of raffle tickets and donations. We extend our appreciation to all the participants in the 14th Annual "Hike for the Homeless" for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 218)

Marc Chaput, of Strong, who is retiring as Scout Master of Cub Scout Pack 500 after 18 years. Mr. Chaput has given of his time and shared his knowledge with some 200 to 300 scouts and their families. He has been a leader to the cub scouts, boy scouts and venture crew. He is known for his fun-filled Blue and Gold Banquets. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Chaput for his commitment to the youth of this State and wish him well in the future; (HLS 219)

the Bowdoin College Women's Basketball Team, on its reclaiming the 2009 New England Small College Athletic Conference Championship, after a one-year respite, for its eighth conference title. We extend our congratulations to the team on this extraordinary achievement; (HLS 220)

Kenneth M. Dixon, of Andover, on his retirement as Fire Chief of the Andover Fire Department after serving the department for 43 years. Mr. Dixon joined the Andover Fire Department in 1966 and has been fire chief for the past 23 years. His son, Rob, was just elected to a 3-year term to replace him as fire chief. Mr. Dixon has been an active member of the Frankford Mutual Aid Training Association, the Western Maine Firemen's Association, Oxford County Regional Communications Center and the Northern Oxford Mutual Aid Association. We acknowledge Kenneth M. Dixon's dedicated service to his profession and to the community and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 221)

the Lazy W Farm, in Industry, which received the Conservation Farm Award given by the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District. The farm is owned and operated by Ron, Betty, Ethan and Dana Wing. We extend our congratulations to the Wings on their receiving this award; (HLS 222)

Patrick Diamond, of Scarborough, a senior at Cheverus High School, on being named one of six teenagers named by WCSH Channel 6 News as winners of the 2009 Teens Who Care Awards, recognizing outstanding volunteer service. Patrick was honored for his dedicated work to alleviate global poverty and is a four-year member of his school's Haiti Solidarity Club. We send him our appreciation for his exemplary contributions and congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 223)

Leola Carter, of Cherryfield, who is the recipient of the 2009 Governor's Service Award in the Small Business Volunteerism category. Ms. Carter is the owner and operator of Bayside Supermarket in Milbridge, an independent store supplied by Hannaford Brothers, and she has positively influenced the lives of hundreds of Downeast residents over the past 3 years through her self-sacrificing efforts. Ms. Carter has served as vice president of the Milbridge Area Merchants Association and has directed and participated in numerous volunteer events

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sponsored by the group. Area students have benefited from her work in helping to raise funds for playground equipment, math and science education and scholarships for graduating seniors of Narraguagus High School. Ms. Carter's business played a key role in fund-raising for Milbridge Days 2007 and 2008. Ms. Carter planned meetings and coordinated activities to promote the 2008 Milbridge Renaissance Fair and also assisted a local youth program by building stable additions at Misty Morning Stables. Ms. Carter is also involved in the breakfast with Santa program and with Girl Scout Troop 202 as troop leader, and she offers the use of the Bayside Supermarket marquee to advertise any worthy community event. We wish to thank Ms. Carter and Bayside Supermarket for the many contributions made to improve the quality of life in Washington County; (HLS 224)

Samantha Largess, of Newry, on her winning the individual giant slalom and the slalom titles at the 2009 Class C State Alpine Ski Championships. This is the 3rd year in a row that Samantha, a junior at Telstar Regional High School, has won both of these titles. We extend our congratulations to Samantha on her victory; (HLS 225)

Mary Russell Foss, of Madison, on the celebration of her 104th birthday. Mrs. Foss was born on July 9, 1904 and grew up on a farm in East Madison. She started teaching at the age of 16 and taught 3 students in a one-room school house for 4 years at Pleasant Ridge in Bingham. She married Henry Foss in 1931, and they were married for more than 58 years. She enjoyed hunting and fishing. At the age of 100, Mrs. Foss wrote her memoirs. At the age of 101, Mrs. Foss was presented with the Boston Post Cane. She is very active in the community as a member of the Madison Senior Citizens and the East Madison Historical Society. Mrs. Foss plays bingo and eats out with friends several times a week. She loves life and everything it has to offer, especially gardening, crossword puzzles, visiting the local animal shelter and shopping weekly with friends. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Foss; (HLS 226)

Technical Sergeant (Ret.) Malcolm O. Peck, of Jefferson, who received the prestigious Charles Taylor Award from the Federal Aviation Administration for "fifty years of dedicated service to aviation maintenance." This award is named after the engine mechanic for the Wright Brothers, Charles Taylor, who was the first aviation mechanic in powered flight. Mr. Peck's name will be added to the honor roll book at the Federal Aviation Administration building at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. His aviation experience began when he worked on his father's plane at the age of twelve. He earned his first pilot's license at the age of 21. Mr. Peck's life work has been in auto repair and body work at his garages in Waldoboro and Jefferson since 1952. He began repairing airplanes during these years at his garage in Jefferson. He and his wife, Ginny, own an airstrip, hangar and several planes they have rebuilt together. Mr. Peck, now 73, also served in the Maine Air National Guard 101st in Bangor for 20 years, retiring as an Airframe Maintenance Technical Sergeant in 1978. We acknowledge Mr. Peck's longtime commitment to aviation and his dedicated service to aviation maintenance and to his State and Nation. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 227)

William D. Burney, Jr., of Augusta, who is the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Calumet Club on May 23, 2009 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. Burney was the Mayor of Augusta and served on the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Humanities Center for Maine, on the National League of Cities Advisory Council, as Chair of the

Augusta Board of Education and as a youth basketball coach. He also served on the Bicentennial Steering Committee, as co-chair of the Capital City Hoop Classic 2000, as chair of the Board of Trustees of Penney Memorial Baptist United Church, on the Board of Directors of Volunteers of America Northern New England and on the Board of Directors of American Baptist Churches of Maine. We congratulate Mr. Burney on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 228)

the members of the Lawrence High School Girls Basketball Team, who received the Sportsmanship Award at the Eastern Maine Class A Championship. The sportsmanship displayed by its members made the Lawrence basketball team a great representative of the school and community. We extend our congratulations to them on their receiving this award; (HLS 229)

Mina Phinney, of Dennysville, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, April 27, 2009. Ms. Phinney is a lifelong resident of Dennysville. She graduated from Dennysville High School in 1926 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College in 1930. She taught in Dover-Foxcroft, taught English and French at Dennysville High School and at Washington Academy in East Machias. The Washington Academy Trustees presented Ms. Phinney with a Distinguished Educator Award in 2000 for her outstanding contribution to education. Ms. Phinney was organist at the Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church for many years. She 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 extend our congratulations to Ms. Phinney on this very special occasion; (HLS 230)

Ronald A. Sailor, of Portland, for extraordinary dedication and support to Maine veterans during his service in the Maine Air National Guard and the American Legion in several positions of leadership for more than 4 decades. Mr. Sailor served 32 years in the Maine Air National Guard, attaining the rank of Colonel and serving tours of duty as Chief of Staff, Public Affairs Officer and Director of Operations and Training. He holds the aeronautical rating of Master Navigator. Following his service in the Maine Air National Guard, Mr. Sailor held several leadership positions in the American Legion's Department of Maine. As the Orono Post 84 Commander, the Penobscot County Vice Commander, the Department of Maine Commander and, finally, as the Department of Maine Adjutant for 10 years, Mr. Sailor has created a legacy of excellence. His singular dedication to the State of Maine and our veterans will have a permanent impact on the American Legion and generations of servicemen and servicewomen and he exemplifies the best traditions and motivation to service in our State; (HLS 231)

Ray Convery, of Winthrop, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Mr. Convery coaches the Winthrop High School Girls Basketball Team and this year led the Ramblers to a 15-6 record with a spot in the Western Maine Class C Finals. During his 24 seasons at Winthrop High School, he has led the team to the postseason 23 times and has a career record of 357-117. Under Mr. Convery's direction the team has won 8 sportsmanship awards. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Convery for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 232)

the following members of the Maranacook High School Girls' Nordic Ski Team, the Black Bears, who won the 2009 Class B Nordic State Championship: Sarah Adams, Ashley Anderson, Courtney Anderson, Jillian Blouin, Lauryn Cox, Ashley Cox, Elle Fenton-Hulett, Harley Graziano, Nunzi Graziano, Emily Harriman, Adrian Huntington, J'rae Mendall, Adrienne Nel, Emma Olson,

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Emily Perkins, Simone Profus, Isabel Smith, Meghan Surette, Katie Wicks, Kara Witherill and Abby Mace, winner of the Skimeister title, and Coaches Steve DeAngelis and Steve Monsulick. We extend our congratulations to the Maranacook Black Bears on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 233)

the following members of the Maranacook High School Boys' Nordic Ski team, the Black Bears, who won the 2009 Class B Nordic State Championship: Ben Barnes, Cam Best, Reid Blouin, Louis Chiappetta, Sean Diagle, Tyler DeAngelis, Artem Down, Jake Fenton-Hulett, Chase Gaewsky, Jordan Gilbert, Justin Greeley, Evan Longfellow, Eric Manley, Carson Mitchell, Jackson Pineau, Nolan Poulin, Taylor Schwartz, Korey Solmitz, Taylor Stevenson, Walker Thompson, Evan Vincent, Taylor Watson, Luke Wenzel, Sam Whittemore and Christian Wick and Coaches Steve DeAngelis and Steve Monsulick. We extend our congratulations to the Maranacook Black Bears on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 234)

Kenny A. Sweet, of Portland, who is the 2009 Maine State Youth Bowling Tournament Champion. Kenny is the youngest state champion and bowled his best games during this tournament. He is also the All Events Scratch Division Champion and the All Events Handicap Division Champion. He won the State Doubles Division and the State Team Division. Kenny is the youngest member of a 4-person team which broke the State record. In January, he qualified for the Junior Gold Division of America. He will be participating in the National Junior Gold Tournament in Indiana. We extend our congratulations to Kenny on his winning this tournament and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 235)

My Sister's Keeper, a small grass roots mentoring ministry focusing on the complex needs of women transitioning from jail back into mainstream society, on its service to the community and the people of Maine. Founded 10 years ago by Myrna Cook of the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church, the ministry is committed to make mentoring a major component of the church's mission work. It is affiliated with the Maine Council of Churches and is composed of volunteer mentors. The organization works collaboratively with the Cumberland County Jail, social service agencies and faith communities to ensure a smooth transition for women in corrections back to community life. There are now more than 15 churches in the greater Portland area actively working with My Sister's Keeper and members are mentoring approximately 20 women in transition annually and have helped over 56 women in 2008. We extend our congratulations on the dedicated commitment of My Sister's Keeper and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 236)

the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition, which is the recipient of the Nonprofit/Community Service Leadership Award from the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. The River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition is a nonprofit organization created by local community members who want to make a positive difference in the health and well-being of the communities in the River Valley region of northern Oxford County. The coalition works with different local organizations and schools, as well as state agencies, to implement health programs, to assess health risk factors and to evaluate health problems in the community. We extend our congratulations to the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition on its receiving this honor; (HLS 237)

Robert and Sharon Dubois, of Sidney, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Dubois were married on February 14, 1959. We honor them on their Golden Anniversary and wish them continued happiness; (HLS 238)

Kristin Dillon, of Exeter, on her receiving the Gold Award, the highest award given in Girl Scouting. Kristin is being recognized for her accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We congratulate Kristin on her receiving this significant award and we extend our best wishes for continued success within the community; (HLS 239)

Chef Brian Langley, of Ellsworth, who is the recipient of the 2009 Maine Restaurant Association's Restaurateur of the Year Award. This prestigious award recognizes Chef Langley's standard of excellence and his commitment to the restaurant industry. The Union River Lobster Pot, located in Ellsworth, prides itself on extraordinary customer service. Chef Langley taught culinary arts for 30 years to Hancock County high school students and is recognized in the community as a mentor and leader. We thank Chef Langley for his commitment to the local economy and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 240)

the following members of the Mt. Blue Middle School Wrestling Team, on their winning their second consecutive Central Maine League Championship: students Daniel Reed, Joey McCrillis, Christa Powers, Nick Hickey, Jon Toothaker, Aaron Stone, Tyler Sennick, Richie Storer, Matt Loewen, Dustin Small, Justin Tracy, Kevin Moore, Josh Merrick, Drew Blanchet, Marc Haines, Calan Lucas, Brian Durrel, Wesley Villacci, Travis Stuart and Raymond Clark and coaches Bob O'Connor, Seth Trahan and George Chimenti. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 241)

Jerry and Jane Brackett, of Starks, for more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Starks. Mr. Brackett was involved as a rehabilitation technician for the Community Development Block Grant, served on the appeals board and as the fire chief. Mrs. Brackett founded the Starks Food Cupboard, served as the Salvation Army Representative for 9 towns, served on the Planning Board, the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen and was Town Clerk and an election worker. She also was a member of the Progressive Club, which provided a safety net for people in difficult circumstances. People like Mr. and Mrs. Brackett are what make Maine small towns neighborly communities. We extend our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Brackett for their commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 242)

the Gold Medal winners of the 2009 SkillsUSA Maine Championship competition, held on March 13, 2009 in Bangor. SkillsUSA is one of eight nationwide career and technical education student organizations. Each March, more than 450 technical education students meet to compete in their respective areas of study. The Gold Medal winners will represent Maine at the national competition in Kansas City in June, 2009. We congratulate the 2009 Maine Gold Medal Winners on their achievements and send them our best wishes on their future events; (HLS 243)

the following members of the Waterville Senior High School Science Olympiad Team, on their winning the state title for the 14th year in a row: Sarah Walker, Colin Limberger, Danielle Dechaine, Carin King, Anna Sagaser, Xinyue Wu, Michael Tozier, Brandon Gauvin, Ameena Khan, Ben Congdon-Jones, Isaac Webb, Brad Loomis, Ellen Daily and Mariam Khan. Coach Rosemarie Smith, who is a science teacher and chair of the high school science department, has coached the Science Olympiad for 19 years. We congratulate Coach Smith and the Science Olympiad Team on this impressive achievement; (HLS 244)

Wellington "Welly" Ramsey, of New Sharon, who has been named the *Morning Sentinel* Boys Nordic Skier of the Year for the

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third consecutive year. Welly won the TD Banknorth Eastern High School 5.2 kilometer freestyle race. He competed against high school skiers from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York. We extend our congratulations to Welly on this tremendous achievement and wish him continued success at the Maine Winter Sports Center in Presque Isle; (HLS 245)

Edward and Patricia Jillson, of Sabattus, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, February 28, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Jillson have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. They are lifelong residents of Sabattus and own Jillson's Farm and Sugarhouse, which serves Sabattus and the surrounding communities. Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Jillson have given much to the community, organizing and volunteering for a wide range of community events and charities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jillson on this very special occasion; (HLS 246)

Charles Zappone, of Woodland, a full-time father, husband and student at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, who was named a Maine Community College System 2009 Student of the Year. He will receive a \$1,000 John H. Lapoint, Jr. Leadership Award. Mr. Zappone is working towards his associate degree in nursing. He is an active and contributing member of the Northern Maine Community College community, serving as president of Phi Theta Kappa and as a member of the Student Nurses Association. He has been named the 2009 New Century Scholar for the State, as the top scoring member of this year's All-Maine Academic Team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Zappone on his receiving these well-deserved honors; (HLS 247)

Greggory Sevigny, of Sanford, a student at Southern Maine Community College, who was named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Sevigny on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 248)

Melitta A. Nichols, of Sanford, a student at York County Community College, who was named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System. We extend our congratulations and best to Ms. Nichols on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 249)

Daniel Scott, of Eddington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 23, 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 250)

Major Joshua Edward Doscinski, of Temple, a member of the Maine Army National Guard, who is returning from active duty in Afghanistan. From April 2008 to December 2008, Major Doscinski has been serving with the Maine Embedded Training Team. This team was created to serve as combat advisors to the Afghan security forces. This hand-selected group of soldiers from the Maine Army National Guard lived and worked with the local Afghan security forces to teach, mentor and train them. As Team Chief, Major Doscinski was the senior officer on the embedded training team who was responsible for the management of the team as well as mentoring the leadership of an Afghan Army Battalion. While overseas, he received several awards including a Meritorious Service Medal. We commend and thank Major Doscinski for his exemplary performance in serving his country. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming him home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 251)

the following members of the Maine Army National Guard for their dedicated service to the State of Maine and the nation: Major William Appel of Hampden, Sergeant 1st Class Ricky Boudreau of Hudson, Major Daniel Curtis of Norway, Captain Grant Delaware of Westbrook, Major Joshua Doscinski of Temple, Sergeant 1st Class Shawn Gurney of Bangor, Major Sean Harmon of Hampden, Sergeant 1st Class Harold Maker of Houlton, Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Merrill of Augusta, Major Kris Nelson of Bangor, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Pooler of Oakland, Captain Jeffery Shirland of Pittsfield, 1st Lieutenant Stephen Spearin of Union, Sergeant 1st Class George Yanez of Gardiner, Captain Ferdinand Slater of Ellsworth, Sergeant 1st Class Michael Wall of Cushing, Sergeant 1st Class Jason Prosser of Fayette and Master Sergeant Duane Rancourt of Fairfield. The hand-picked guardsmen spent 9 months training Afghan National Army soldiers in combat operations, vehicle maintenance, personnel management and logistical support. Three of the 18 men extended their tour and remained in Afghanistan. We acknowledge the dedication these men have to the Maine Army National Guard, and we commend them for their service; (HLS 252)

Lieutenant Bruce Knight, of Sanford, on the occasion of his retirement from the Sanford Fire Department after 33 years of dedicated service. We extend our appreciation to Lieutenant Knight for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 253)

Arline Potter, of Strong, on the celebration of her 103rd birthday on May 11, 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Potter on this very special occasion; (HLS 254)

Lee Academy as the recipient of the prestigious 2009 International Innovator of the Year award through the Maine International Trade and Investment Awards. Founded in 1845, Lee Academy is a private, independent boarding and day school serving local students from 23 Maine towns and boarding students from all across the world. Students have traveled to the small Maine town of Lee because of Lee Academy's dedication to providing a quality education in a safe, clean and nurturing environment. In addition to hosting students from 16 states, 7 Asian countries, 5 Central American and Caribbean countries, 10 European countries, Australia, Israel and Canada, the school is opening affiliated high schools in Shenzhen, China and Daegu, Korea. We commend the administration, staff and faculty of Lee Academy for their commitment to education and their pioneering endeavors encompassing the globe; (HLS 255)

the University of Maine at Augusta Women's Basketball Team, which placed in the final four of the 2009 Yankee Small College Conference for the first time in its history. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team, coached by Nate Rende, on this achievement; (HLS 256)

the University of Maine at Augusta Men's Basketball Team, which won the 2009 Yankee Small College Conference, coming out of 6th place to achieve this championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team, coached by Jim Ford, on this achievement; (HLS 257)

Kelton Beal, of Beals, a senior at Jonesport-Beals High School who is the recipient of the 2009 Principal's Award, which is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and given to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to Kelton on his receiving this award; (HLS 258)

Theodore W. "Ted" McInnis, of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and formerly of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Army and longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr.

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McInnis was a 1964 graduate of Stearns High School. After his graduation, he spent 4 years in the active reserves, attaining the rank of captain and serving his country until 1977. He worked for 25 years for Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket and then for more than 13 years at Bowater headquarters in South Carolina, retiring in 2006. He and his wife of 42 years, Lee Ann, enjoyed their vacations back in Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 259)

Mary "Ernie" Yarmall, from the Passamaquoddy Community of Pleasant Point, for her many contributions to the Passamaquoddy Tribe. She has served in the United States Armed Forces, and she is the first woman to have served as Lieutenant Governor of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. Ms. Yarmall has had a long involvement with, and has made many valuable contributions to, the tribe's government and cultural preservation. We acknowledge her extraordinary support of her community and the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and we send her our appreciation; (HLS 260)

Betty Brown, 84, of Skowhegan, for her outstanding service to her country as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots in the Army Air Corps during World War II. The WASPs, as they were called, were the first female military pilots who were recruited after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941. When she was only 20 years old, Mrs. Brown was accepted into the WASP program. Although they were not allowed in combat situations themselves, these women performed such crucial duties as towing targets for ground runners to practice on, transporting cargo and moving planes from coast to coast which freed up the male pilots to engage in combat. Through their service as WASPs, Mrs. Brown and her colleagues opened the doors for female pilots both in the military and the private sector. The WASPs finally received much-deserved military status in the 1970s. We extend our profound thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Brown for her service to our country and for being a part of history; (HLS 261)

Alice McBride, of Machiasport, who is the recipient of the 2009 Principals' Award from the Maine Principals' Association in acknowledgement of her academic excellence and citizenship. Alice is an exemplary student at Washington Academy and has an outstanding record of scholastic achievement and commitment to her community. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this honor, and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 262)

Alice and Rodney Allen, of Buckfield, as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 31, 2009. Mrs. Allen, a lifelong resident of Buckfield, met Mr. Allen on a blind date in 1958 when they went to see *Old Yeller* at the Empire Theater in Lewiston. Mr. and Mrs. Allen raised two daughters and welcomed two sons-in-law and four grandchildren to the family. They have always been dedicated and engaged citizens. Mr. Allen served in the United States Army National Guard and on the local school board and planning board, established the Streaked Mountaineers Snowmobile Club and served 20 years on the Buckfield Volunteer Fire Department. They are members of the local church, where Mr. Allen has served as an elder and Mrs. Allen has served on many church committees. In 1972 they opened Allen's Auto Body, a successful business that they owned and operated until retirement. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Allen on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 263)

Josh Titus, of Auburn, upon his receiving the "Spirit of the Game Award" presented by the Maine McDonald's Owner/Operators Association. Josh, a senior at Edward Little

High School with high-functioning autism, is the manager for the Edward Little boys varsity basketball team. On Senior Night, Josh donned the Red Eddies uniform and joined the team in the fourth quarter of a game against Leavitt High School. During his 5 minutes of play, Josh scored 9 points and pulled down a pair of rebounds. In honor of his achievement, the Maine McDonald's Owner/Operators Association sent Josh on an all-expenses-paid trip to Detroit, Michigan for the NCAA Final Four. We extend our congratulations to Josh on his achievement and wish him well for continued success; (HLS 264)

Robert Chandler Bell, of Bridgton, upon his passing at the age of 72 on April 8, 2009. Mr. Bell graduated from Norway High School and served in the United States Air Force as an MP for four years. He also served in the United States Army Reserves for 24 years. The chief of police for the Town of Bridgton for 32 years, Mr. Bell was also a member and president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and was the association's liaison to Special Olympics Maine. His hard work and ingenuity resulted in the Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run and he was instrumental in the establishment of Law Enforcement Torch Runs for Special Olympics around the world. He served on the Special Olympics Maine Board of Directors for 6 years and also served on the Law Enforcement/Special Olympics National Advisory Council. Mr. Bell is the only member of Maine law enforcement to be elected to the International Law Enforcement Special Olympics Hall of Fame. In 1999, Special Olympics Maine established the Bob Bell Award in Mr. Bell's honor. It is the highest award a member of the Maine law enforcement community may receive and is awarded for outstanding dedication to the Special Olympics. Mr. Bell was a member of the Bridgton Board of Selectmen and a longtime member and president of the Bridgton Lions Club. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 50 years, Janice, and his many friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 265)

Brandon Palmer, of Bridgton, a student at Washington County Community College, who was named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Palmer on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 266)

Ashley Higgins, 17, a junior at Bangor High School, who has won the 2009 Class A Maine High School Diving Championship and the 2009 New England Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championship. Coached by Jared Lizotte, she also took first place for diving in the 2009 Penobscot Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Championship and the 2009 Irene Palmer Diving Invitational. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her many accomplishments; (HLS 267)

Dr. John Fitzsimmons, President of the Maine Community College System, for his being named the 2009 Non-Profit Business Leader of the Year by Maine's leading business publication, *MaineBiz*. During his 19-year tenure, President Fitzsimmons has guided Maine's community colleges through a period of unprecedented growth. Since he assumed leadership of the system, enrollment has grown from 3,300 to 15,000 credit-seeking students. In the last six years alone, since President Fitzsimmons led the transformation of Maine's technical colleges to community colleges, enrollment has grown 63%. Since 2000, nationally tuition has increased by 68% while Maine's community colleges' tuition increased by only 14%. The importance of the growth of Maine's community colleges is evident across the state's economy. Ninety-four percent of employed system graduates are working in Maine. Last year, President Fitzsimmons created the Maine Rural Initiative and raised over \$6,000,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund for the state's rural residents and bring seven health care programs to

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underserved areas of Maine. In its first year, the Maine Rural Initiative has served 571 students in 100 Maine communities. We acknowledge President Fitzsimmons' dedicated service to the field of higher education, to the state's economy and to the People of Maine; (HLS 268)

the City of Presque Isle, on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation. Originally settled in 1828, the Town of Presque Isle was incorporated on April 4, 1859 and became Aroostook County's first city in 1940. Over the past 150 years, the City of Presque Isle became the leading city in Aroostook County, Maine. Fondly known as the Star City of the Northeast, the City of Presque Isle and its citizens have contributed greatly to the character and the accomplishments of Aroostook County and the State of Maine. Presque Isle was home to the first church organized in Aroostook County and the first newspaper. It was also home to the first State Park in Maine. These accomplishments all attest to the spirit of the residents of the Star City and their desire to create a leading community defined by generous, hard-working people, meaningful growth and an enjoyment of the character and culture of the region. We acknowledge the City of Presque Isle and its citizens and their dedicated service to the People of Maine; (HLS 269)

Brandon L. Pesce, of Windham, 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, Brandon built a bridge over a drainage area behind the Cressey Road United Methodist Church to provide for easier access to the property. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this achievement; (HLS 270)

Amos A. McCallum, of Saco, for his contributions to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a fraternal organization made up of nearly 1.1 million men and women from the across the United States that provides services to local communities through programs that support our nation's youth and veterans. Mr. McCallum served with distinction as the national president of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from 2003 to 2004, serving as Grand Exalted Ruler. He was the first person from Maine to hold this high office. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the Elks and his service to the community, the state and the nation, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 271)

the observance of the week of May 10 through May 16, 2009 as Elks National Youth Week to honor the achievements and contributions of youth in their community, state and nation. We congratulate the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on establishing this week to guide, inspire and encourage the youth of America; (HLS 272)

Deputy Police Chief Gordon Littlefield, of the Sanford Police Department, a police officer for 38 years and the commander of the Bureau of Administration, on the occasion of his retirement. He was also the police department's liaison with the news media. We send him our appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the community and to the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 273)

Mabel Knowles Doughty, of Chebeague Island, on the celebration of her 87th birthday, May 1, 2009. Mrs. Doughty was born in Shirley Mills and graduated from Greenville High School and the Boston School of Domestic Science. She first came to Chebeague Island in 1940 to work at West Winds Sailing Camp. She married Sanford Doughty, a young Chebeague Merchant Mariner during World War II, and moved to Chebeague shortly

thereafter. During her time on Chebeague, Mrs. Doughty has contributed to the community in many ways, including by volunteering with the Girl Scouts, the PTA and the hot lunch program, by helping with fund-raisers and by serving as chair of the Library Board, a member of the comprehensive plan committee and a member of the Chebeague Planning Board. She served as the trustee treasurer for the Methodist Church for more than 30 years. She was a founding board member of the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust. In 2005 she was one of five chosen to represent the island to negotiate with the Town of Cumberland to sever the island's 186-year bond with that town. For nearly 70 years Mrs. Doughty has unselfishly given of herself to help make Chebeague Island a wonderful community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 274)

Barbara J. Noone, of Lyman, on her nomination as Maine's 2010 Teacher of the Year. A sixth-grade math, literacy and social studies instructor at Willard School in Sanford, Ms. Noone was among the 14 nominees recognized by Governor John E. Baldacci at the State House on March 13, 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Noone on her receiving this honor; (HLS 275)

Arthur A. Stilphen, of North Belgrade. Mr. Stilphen served for 3 years in the United States Army as a medic. He graduated from the University of Maine at Orono and, in 1972, the University of Maine School of Law. Early in his working career, he was a state park ranger. He had a private practice before becoming an Assistant District Attorney in Cumberland County, Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division and Acting District Attorney in York County. In 1979, Mr. Stilphen was appointed the first civilian Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Maine under Governor Joseph Brennan, and he established the first State Crime Lab. He was very involved in Democratic political campaigns for many years as a volunteer. He and his wife, Brenda, owned and operated general stores in Smithfield and North Belgrade. Mr. Stilphen was also a past president of the Belgrade Lions Club, a member of the Masonic Order of the Scottish Rite in Portland, a member of the Rockland Lodge and a former member of the Kora Temple Shrine. Mr. Stilphen will be deeply missed by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 276)

Arthur Roy, of Dexter, upon his retirement as Chief of Police for the Town of Dexter. Chief Roy has served the residents of Dexter proudly during his 5 years with the police department. He is well respected for his commitment to safety. Chief Roy has more than 35 years of law enforcement experience, 22 years of which were with the Maine State Police. He retired as a lieutenant from the Maine State Police in 1991. We extend our appreciation to Chief Roy for his commitment to the people of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 277)

the 25th Anniversary of the Maine Green Independent Party, the oldest state Green party in the United States. It was founded in January of 1984 in Augusta, Maine, six months before the establishment of the National Green Party. Today Maine has the highest percentage of registered Greens in the Nation. We congratulate the members of the Maine Green Independent Party on the occasion of their celebrating their 25th anniversary of political contributions to the State; (HLS 278)

the Mt. Desert Island High School Boys' Swim Team, which has won the 2009 Class B State Championship. This is the 6th consecutive state title for Mount Desert Island. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the team and to the coach; (HLS 279)

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Hazel Meserve, of Gorham, who is the recipient of the Remember ME award from the Maine Health Care Association. This award is given to Maine citizens who have spent the best years of their lives making a difference for their families, communities, state and country. Mrs. Meserve, a resident of Gorham House, was a longtime foster parent and sponsor of a Cambodian family for her church. We congratulate Mrs. Meserve on her receiving the Remember ME award and extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 280)

Matthew Duncan Allen, 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 Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 281)

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lovell, Sr., of Wilton, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 3, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell have 3 children. They were married at the Starks Presbyterian church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 282)

the Foothills Arts Center in Wilton and Anne Geller for 20 years of service to the community and Franklin County, bringing together children and adults and artists and audiences of Western Maine to share the arts in an atmosphere that encouraged learning, exploration and collaboration. At the Foothills Arts Center and the Foothills Summer Camp, which ran for 18 years, thousands of children learned to open up and think differently with the help of artists and programs of creative movement. We extend our appreciation to the Foothills Arts Center and Anne Geller for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 283)

Jerichah Potvin, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Jerichah on this achievement; (HLS 284)

Adriana Eurich, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Adriana on this achievement; (HLS 285)

Mark Rucci, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being one of the top students of the 2009 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Mark on this achievement; (HLS 286)

Gary DuBois, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being one of the top students of the 2009 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Gary on this achievement; (HLS 287)

Nathaniel Cyr, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being one of the top students of the 2009 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Nathaniel on this achievement; (HLS 288)

Oswald and Emily Pound, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 3, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Pound were married by Reverend Byron in Millinocket. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pound on this very special occasion; (HLS 289)

Ronald and Jean Mitchell, of Temple, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 6, 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell on this very special occasion; (HLS 290)

Carol A. Johnson, of Millinocket and Edgewater, Florida, devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Johnson attended school in Appleton, Wisconsin and married Robert Johnson in 1960. They moved to Millinocket in 1962. Mrs. Johnson worked

at Wisconsin Michigan Power Company and for the Millinocket School Department, H E Reed Insurance Agency and Millinocket Memorial Library. She also owned her own business, "Carol's Catered Cookies." She volunteered with the Katahdin Area Support Group. One of her proudest accomplishments was to be involved in the establishment of the annual Great Chocolate Escape, a fund-raiser for the Katahdin Area Support Group. She loved riding her three-wheeled bicycle in Florida and her pedal boat at camp in Maine. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 291)

Ludger J. "Joe" Michaud, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Michaud served in the Army Air Corps in the European Theatre. He worked for Great Northern Paper for 43 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 292)

Donald Simoneau, of Fayette, a member of the George Bunten American Legion Post 10, for his longtime service to the American Legion and his contributions to his community. Mr. Simoneau is a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War era. In the army, he served as an MP. He has held many positions in the American Legion, at his home post and in the county and district. For the past six years, he has held offices at the department level, serving as Department Commander, and he has chaired committees at the department and national levels. In the post's 90-year history, Mr. Simoneau is only the second member to be promoted from Blue Hat Legionnaire to Department Commander. Mr. Simoneau is also an active member of his community and has worked with state and federal lawmakers to promote opportunities in Maine for veterans and children. We acknowledge Donald Simoneau's exemplary public service, and we send him our appreciation for his work for the American Legion, his community, his State and the Nation; (HLS 293)

Harrison Richardson, of Gorham, Portland trial lawyer, ex-legislator and one-time candidate for governor who played a key role in the enactment of both the state income tax and landmark environmental legislation. Mr. Richardson attended the University of Maine where he was an all-New England tackle in football in 1953. He remained devoted to his alma mater throughout his life, later serving as the chairman of the board of directors. Before enrolling in law school, he served as a company commander with the United States Marines in Korea. Mr. Richardson's political career started in 1965 when he was elected to his first term in the House of Representatives. He went on to serve for 2 more terms in the House, 2 years as the majority leader, and for one term in the Maine Senate. A leader in the Republican party, he ran in the gubernatorial primary in 1974 and he was among a group of influential Republicans who joined with Democratic Governor Kenneth Curtis in helping to pass a state income tax in 1969. Mr. Richardson was also an early leader in the passage of environmental laws and sponsored a statute that taxed oil shipments passing through Maine waters to create a fund to clean up spills. The precedent-setting legislation became a model for other coastal states. Mr. Richardson will be deeply missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the State's legislative and political community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 294)

the following members of the University of Maine at Farmington Men's Rugby Team, who have won the 2009 spring championship of the 17-team tournament: Ray Linck, Daniel MacGlashing, Timothy Jones, Josh McMahon, Ryan Nickerson (captain), Thomas Ross, Taylor Steeves, Daniel Linck, Jason Aceto, Derek Hanrahan, Taber Hammond, Chip Burnham

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(captain), Derek Beaudet, Isaac Hutchinson, Eben Bouchard, Barry Coolbrith, Samuel Hill, Curtis Dyer, Jake Hutchinson, Aaron Burr, Mikey Stasalovich, Jeff Gudczaskas, Brandon Brown, Ben Helinski, Drew Peale, Randy Chaleff, Matt Lewis, James Hanley and Seth Gaffar. The team is coached by Woody Hanstein. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievements this season; (HLS 295)

Lewis Pratt, Jr., of Lewiston, a student at Central Maine Community College, who was named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System. Mr. Pratt and his wife Aimee, who is also a student at Central Maine Community College, have 3 children. He is an active contributing member of the Central Maine Community College community. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Senate and is the founder of the Rifle and Pistol Club. He is a Cub Scout leader in Lewiston. He has developed training aids that have helped many of his fellow students succeed in the program, has tutored students in math and computers and has provided transportation for students who would otherwise have to walk to school. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Pratt on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 296)

Municipal Clerks Week, May 3 through May 9, 2009, to acknowledge the dedication and accomplishments of municipal clerks throughout the State. We send our appreciation to all municipal clerks, who provide the professional and vital link among the citizens, the local governing bodies and other agencies of government; (HLS 297)

TrainRiders/Northeast, on its 21st anniversary of working to expand passenger train service in the Northeast. In 1989 a group of citizens got together to talk about a return of passenger rail service to Maine, leading to the creation of this grassroots organization. The group, which includes interested people in Maine and several coastal New Hampshire towns, explored the feasibility of Amtrak's extending the Northeast Corridor passenger trains from Boston through New Hampshire to Portland, Maine. With a goal of moving away from dependence on highways and airways to a more balanced system that includes rail service, TrainRiders/Northeast works with elected officials at the local, state and federal levels of government, consumers, rail companies and unions to achieve this goal. We extend our congratulations to TrainRiders/Northeast on its successful twenty-one years of dedication to the community, and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 298)

the Wilton Academy Class of 1965, which raised money and manpower to build dugouts at Keneowatha Park in Wilton in memory of their fellow classmate, Bard Elton Davenport, who gave his life for his Nation during the Vietnam War. Bard Davenport was the Senior Class President and was voted Most Athletic by his peers. He played football and basketball, participated in track and field, and, in the winter of 1965, led the Wilton Academy Boys Basketball Team to the Franklin County basketball championship. He also played baseball, beginning in Little League. Warrant Officer Davenport served as a helicopter pilot in the United States Army 1st Cavalry Division. He was killed at the age of 22 when his helicopter was shot down in South Vietnam. We recognize Bard Davenport for his ultimate sacrifice to his country, and we extend our congratulations to the following members of the Wilton Academy Class of 1965 who created a meaningful memorial in his name: Richard Austin, John Backus, Palmer "Skip" Brimigion, Steven Esty, Dawn Girardin, Karen Johnson, Jean (Pomeroy) Lambert, Billy Mayo, Kent Mitchell, Eileen (Miller) Ouellette, Linda (Parker) Abbott, Sharon Parker, Linda (Parlin) Taylor, Pam Trask, John Turtelotte,

Brian West and Alice Wilbur, along with Wilton Hardware, Dexter Supply, Wiles Memorial and the Barking Dog Mill; (HLS 299)

Robert J. Buotte, Jr., of Mexico, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 580, 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, Robert organized the building and placement of 6 wooden benches. Four of the benches will be placed along the half-mile walking trail located behind the Hosmer Field Complex. Another will be placed at the Rumford Public Library, and one will be placed near the Paul Bunyan statue at the Rumford Information Center. We extend our congratulations to Robert on this achievement; (HLS 300)

Kate Buck, of Buckfield, on her retirement after 36 years of teaching. After graduating from Buckfield High School, Ms. Buck attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where she received her bachelor's degree in physical education in 1972. She began teaching in the fall of that year in Limestone, Maine and taught there until the spring of 1976. Kate then returned to Buckfield and has taught in the Buckfield school system ever since. She has coached many sports teams, some to state championships, worked as a referee and worked and managed her family farm. She has tirelessly served her community, which was founded by her ancestors. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her profession, her students and the community, and we send her our best wishes and congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 301)

the Reverend Ruth Merriam, of Kennebunkport, who has been named the 2008 Firefighter of the Year by the York County Firefighters Association. Rev. Merriam is the firefighter chaplain for the Kennebunkport Fire Department. She has been with the Kennebunkport Fire Department for more than 6 years. She makes herself available to the fire department no matter what the hour. She keeps in her car toys, coats, blankets and other supplies to help the people who have been driven from their homes because of a fire. After 9/11, Rev. Merriam started a Public Safety Service at her church, The Church on the Cape in Cape Porpoise. The service is held each year on the Sunday closest to 9/11 and honors all the firefighters, police officers and emergency medical personnel in the town. We extend our appreciation to the Reverend Merriam for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 302)

Sharon Prosser, of Old Orchard Beach, for her 36 years of teaching. Mrs. Prosser is a recipient of the Milken Educator Award and has been president of the York Teachers Association. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Prosser for her dedication and commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 303)

Thomas Knight, of Dixfield, who has received the Mr. Maine Basketball Award and was named the Maine Gatorade Player of the Year for his exceptional high school basketball career. These are the highest honors in the State in boys basketball. He was also unanimously selected as the Mountain Valley Conference's player of the year. Thomas is the first player from Dirigo High School to receive the prestigious Mr. Maine Basketball Award and is the all-time leading scorer in Dirigo High School history at 1,326 points. Thomas plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall, where he has received a full athletic scholarship. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on his receiving these awards and for these major accomplishments, and we wish him success in the future; (HLS 304)

Lowell and Karen Piper, of Embden, owners of Piper Farm, who have been selected as the 2008 Outstanding Conservation

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Farmers of the Year by the Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. and Mrs. Piper have owned and operated Piper Farm for more than 40 years. They have installed many practices on the farm that contribute greatly to the conservation of natural resources. Piper Farm has been recognized previously for this distinction: once when the farm was owned by Mr. Piper's parents and 3 times since Mr. and Mrs. Piper have owned the farm. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Piper on their receiving this award; (HLS 305)

Jamie Kane, of Dover-Foxcroft, an investigator for the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department, for his professionalism, patience and determination in helping persuade a person to surrender to police. Investigator Kane patiently talked with the person for about two hours by cell phone before the person surrendered to police. Investigator Kane's training helped him to take control of the situation, which could have ended in someone's getting seriously hurt. We extend our appreciation to Investigator Kane for his commitment to keeping the citizens of the State safe; (HLS 306)

Rosemarie Avery, of York, for her more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of York. Ms. Avery began her career in 1988. She cooked and served meals for the area senior center. She is retiring as administrative assistant to the assessor. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Avery for all that she has contributed to her community over the past 2 decades; (HLS 307)

the 100th Commencement at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. For more than a century, the university has been providing liberal arts and selected professional programs and serving as a cultural and educational resource for the entire region. The University of Maine at Presque Isle was founded in 1903 as the Aroostook State Normal School and has undergone four name changes since then: in 1952, it was renamed Aroostook State Teachers College; in 1965, it became Aroostook State College; three years later, it was renamed Aroostook State College of the University of Maine; and since 1971, it has been known as the University of Maine at Presque Isle. We extend our congratulations to the good members of the entire University of Maine at Presque Isle community as they celebrate the 100th commencement of this fine Maine institution; (HLS 308)

the 20th Anniversary of Meals for ME in Millinocket, a senior meal program that has prepared over 150,000 meals for home-bound and dining room patrons in the tri-town area. Carmen Brigalli and Raymond Paoletti were instrumental in bringing the Meals for ME program to the Katahdin Region. We send them our appreciation, and we congratulate all the people involved in Meals for ME on this anniversary; (HLS 309)

Ashley Grant, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement; (HLS 310)

Anthony Moffatt, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Anthony on this achievement; (HLS 311)

Franklin Savings Bank, of Farmington, the only locally owned bank in Franklin County, which was ranked as the Strongest Bank in Maine by TheStreet.com, an independent provider of ratings and analyses of financial services companies, mutual funds and stocks. Franklin Savings Bank is the only "A" rated bank in Maine and one of only two banks in New England to receive this rating. Franklin Savings Bank celebrated its 140th anniversary last year and has been given a high rank by other organizations rating financial institutions. We extend our

congratulations to Franklin Savings Bank on its receiving these high ratings; (HLS 312)

Judith Wills, of New Portland, who is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Emergency Medical Services Board for her extensive involvement with Emergency Medical Services in Maine, and for consistently performing above and beyond expectations. Ms. Wills began her EMS career in 1981 for Sugarloaf Rescue and became one of the original members of the Tri-County EMS CISD team, where she served for several years as a team coordinator, helped develop local response teams and continues to be an active member. We acknowledge her commitment to her profession and to her community and we send her our congratulations on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 313)

Brian Jay Carlton, 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 Brian on this achievement; (HLS 314)

Ashley Carle, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1244, who has received 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 send our congratulations to Ashley on this accomplishment; (HLS 315)

Jessica Cox, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1244, who has received 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 send our congratulations to Jessica on this accomplishment; (HLS 316)

Hope Sheedy, of Berwick, a member of Girl Scout Troop No. 1910, who has received 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 send our congratulations to Hope on this accomplishment; (HLS 317)

Christina Maine, Colleen Sheedy, Abigail Couture, Lea Wallbaum, Misha Barbour, Zoe Olcott, Gabrielle Tuscano, Megan Lantz, Morgan Kenzie, Audrey Tasker, Maggie Mentor and Savannah Denbow, all members of Girl Scout Troop No. 1085, who have 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 them on their accomplishments; (HLS 318)

Megan Bataran, Saige Davison, Annika Lord, Jennifer Politano, Kirsten Schussler, Kerri Fleming, Adrianna Bataran, Michele Stanley, Leah Ford, Naomi Estes and Natalie Milinski, all members of Girl Scout Troop No. 623 in Berwick, who have 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 them on their accomplishments; (HLS 319)

Kelly Vaillancourt, of Van Buren, who has been crowned Miss Van Buren 2009. Kelly is the treasurer of her school's National Honor Society chapter, president of the student senate and captain of both the soccer team and the tennis team. She has maintained high honors throughout high school. She volunteers at her church, at school and at civic events. She participates in her local youth group, is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and works at Saucier's Shur Fine Food Store. We

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extend our congratulations to Kelly and wish her our best for the Maine Potato Blossom Queen competition in July; (HLS 320)

the following members of the St. Dominic Regional High School Cheerleading Squad who won the Class C State Championship: Bridget Donovan, Erynne Landry, Logan Michaud, Amanda Pare, Christine Royles, Hannah Wiley, Beth Bradbury, Emily Durgin, Katie Gosselin, Kaila McCracken, Anna Bolduc, Colleen Donovan, Audrey Heutz, Laura Kalian, Ashley Lansley, Gabrielle Poulin and Alexis Servidio; Athletic Administrator Lee Hixon; Assistant Coach Anita Gagne; and Coaches Kayla Koss and Laurie Servidio. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the squad for their victory; (HLS 321)

David Plowman, of Hampden, owner of PDQ Door Company, Inc., who has been named Hampden Business Association's 2009 Business Person of the Year. The award honors a Hampden business person who has made a significant contribution to his or her community and to the region. Mr. Plowman and his wife Debra started PDQ Door Company in 1994 in Bangor and moved to Hampden 4 years later; they now have 5 locations throughout the State. Mr. Plowman was a member of the Hampden town council and is currently a member of the Penobscot County Conservation Association, the Hampden Rifle and Pistol Club and the National Rifle Association. Mr. Plowman and PDQ Door Company, Inc. continue to support community organizations with both man hours and financial contributions. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Plowman for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 322)

Hal Watson, of Rumford, former wrestling coach of Dirigo High School, on his induction into the Maine Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mr. Watson, a retired history teacher, started the Cougar wrestling program from scratch more than 3 decades ago with little support and few guarantees. He built the program up by learning and teaching the basics and brought out the best in his student-athletes. Through the years they won state championships and earned respect throughout the region. We extend our congratulations to Hal Watson on his being inducted, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 323)

Shannon Jacobson, of Limington, who has won a prestigious Horatio Alger National Scholarship. This program is the only major scholarship effort that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. Shannon is a senior at Bonny Eagle High School and is the editor of the student newspaper. She is the only student from Maine who was chosen for this honor. In January, she was a member of a group of Bonny Eagle students who traveled to Washington, D.C. to cover the Presidential Inauguration for the *Bonny Eagle Times* and in March, she will return to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Scholars Conference. We extend our congratulations to Shannon on her winning this scholarship and we commend her for all of her hard work and determination; (HLS 324)

Heather Muzzy, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Deering High School. Heather was selected to receive the Harvard Book Award in recognition of her academic ability, positive character and service to the community. She plays first base for the girls' softball team, which is a perennial contender for the State Class A title. Heather's good sportsmanship both on and off of the field and her amazing academic achievements have garnered her recognition as a Southern Maine Athletic Association All-Academic All-Star. We extend our congratulations to Heather on her achievements; (HLS 325)

Natalie Mitchell, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class of Deering High School. Natalie is the captain of three athletic teams, serves as Vice President of the school's National Honor Society, is a Headline Writer for the school's award-winning newspaper, *Ramblings*, and plays violin in the orchestra. She is a volunteer within the school community and the community at large. Natalie was the recipient of the St. Michael's Book Award, an award recognizing students who have taken on leadership roles within community service endeavors. We extend our congratulations to Natalie on her achievements; (HLS 326)

Marjorie Churchill, of South Portland, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, May 29, 2009. Mrs. Churchill worked for the American Red Cross of Southern Maine, driving people to medical appointments. When she was younger, she enjoyed refinishing furniture, gardening, cooking, painting, knitting and crocheting. She now enjoys car rides to places like Bug Light, Camp Ellis, Fort Williams and Kettle Cove. She was born on Long Island, and has lived in her South Portland home for more than 60 years. She loves having her cat Ingia sit and sleep on her lap. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Churchill on this very special occasion; (HLS 327)

Bowdoin Rowing, the club rowing team of Bowdoin College, on winning medals in all six events for fours racing in the 2009 New England Rowing Championships. The New England Rowing Championships is a championship regatta for qualifying colleges throughout New England. Bowdoin College's team, the Polar Bears, received one gold medal, two silver medals and three bronze medals, which earned the highest points tally among fours schools in the competition. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 328)

the 250th anniversary of the founding of Fort Pownall, the first permanent European settlement on the banks of the Penobscot River. Named after Governor Thomas Pownall, the fort is located at the present-day Fort Point and is part of the Town of Stockton Springs. In 1759, Massachusetts Governor Thomas Pownall sought to block the mouths of Maine's key rivers to keep the French and Indians well inland. Fort Pownall was chosen for its location, as it looks down the eastern channel of the Penobscot Bay with a fine view of the sea. Today, all the towns and villages from Bucksport to Owl's Head can be distinctly seen. Governor Pownall, with the assistance of 400 men, built the fort. While the fort never fired a shot in anger, its protective presence encouraged Anglo-American settlement in the Penobscot region. In 1775, British forces seized the fort's cannons and powder with the permission of the Royalist commander. A regiment of Continentals burned the blockhouse and filled in much of the ditch system to prevent the British from occupying the fort. The fort today is part of Fort Point State Park. We join the communities surrounding the fort in celebrating the 250th anniversary of Fort Pownall and recognize its importance in the history of our State; (HLS 329)

the following members of the Woolwich Central School Boys Basketball Team: Connor Quigg, Matt Buczkowski, Zach Holbrook, Jacob Freeman, Galen Dubois, Trevor Bernier, Emerson Miller, Jason MacNeil, Keegan Drouin, Aaron Lapointe and Nick Theriault; Coach Shawn Elwell and managers Trevor Drouin, Grady Madden, Justin MacNeil and Nate Geoffrion, winners of the Busline League Division 1 Championship. We extend our congratulations to all the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 330)

the following top ten students of the Class of 2009 at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington: Valedictorian Samuel Cohen,

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Salutatorian Jonah Roberts, Adrienne Beacham, Kimberly Ferrari, Morgen Hall, Zoe Hardy, Christopher Reynolds, Jamison Sawyer, Azriel Stinson and Jakob Wyder. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 331)

Joshua Young, of Anson, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 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. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this achievement; (HLS 332)

Stan Sawyer, of Harpswell, on his retirement after 40 years as an educator. During his career, Mr. Sawyer was a teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent of schools and superintendent of schools. He served as President of the Maine School Superintendents Association and as a member of its Funding Committee and currently serves as chair of its Construction Committee. He also served as President of the New England Association of School Superintendents. Mr. Sawyer received the Maine School Superintendents Association's Leadership Award. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Sawyer for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 333)

Marge McHugh, of New Vineyard, a member of the Stratton-Eustis Lions Club, who is the recipient of the Leo Award of Lions Clubs International for her work as the Leo Advisor with the local Leo Club. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 334)

Poland Spring Water Company, which was recognized as an environmental leader by Governor John E. Baldacci for reaching key environmental sustainability benchmarks set by the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Innovation. Poland Spring achieved a 46% fuel reduction, far surpassing the 37% goal it set going into 2008. The company also committed to recycling 92% of its waste stream, a goal that was reached by year-end and that has since been surpassed with an impressive 96%. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to Poland Spring Water Company on its achieving these goals; (HLS 335)

Janet White, of Phillips, who was named the Stratton-Eustis Lions Club 2009 Lion of the Year for her work with the local Leo Club. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 336)

Meaghan Martin, of Hollis Center, who is the recipient of a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for exemplary volunteer service. This award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. Meaghan is a Distinguished Finalist in this year's program. A senior at Bonny Eagle High School, Meaghan raised \$1,600 for breast cancer research and patient care by soliciting donations and pledges through a website, press releases, letters and telephone calls for her participation in equestrian competitions. Funds raised were donated to the Maine Medical Center Research Institute. We congratulate Meaghan on her receiving this award and thank her for her dedication to her community and State; (HLS 337)

Cadillac Mountain Sports in Ellsworth, which has received the 2009 Top Drawer Award from the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. Cadillac Mountain Sports is owned by Matthew Curtis of Bar Harbor. The award is presented to a member of the chamber that has made a substantial contribution to the growth, development and improvement of Ellsworth and the surrounding area. Mr. Curtis and his wife Cheryl opened their first store in Bar

Harbor in 1989. There are currently 5 locations in Maine. We congratulate Cadillac Mountain Sports and thank Mr. Curtis for his tireless contributions to the community and the State; (HLS 338)

Robert Maddocks, of Ellsworth, who has received the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award from the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. The award is presented to an outstanding individual based on community service to the Ellsworth area, service to others and excellence in one's own profession. Mr. Maddocks began his education career as a 6th grade teacher in 1965. He has served as director of Ellsworth's adult education program since 1985. In 1988, he became a licensed preacher and has led the congregation at the Eden Baptist Church in Salisbury Cove for 21 years. We congratulate Mr. Maddocks and thank him for his tireless contributions to the community and the State; (HLS 339)

the Sanford High School Marching Band, on its invitation to perform in the 56th Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. after the swearing-in ceremony of President Barack Obama. President Obama announced he was "honored to invite these talented groups and individuals to participate." The invited organizations embody the best of our nation's history, diversity and commitment to service. A group of experienced military musicians used their expertise to assess the applicants' skills and assist in the selection process. We congratulate the Sanford High School Marching Band on the great honor of being invited to perform before a national audience. We send them our best wishes; (HLS 340)

Michelle Paquette, of Saco, 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 Michelle created a mentoring program for girls between Catherine McAuley High School and Saint Brigid School. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 341)

Joseph Roy and Genevieve Neptune, of Pleasant Point, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 2, 2009. They have 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joseph and Genevieve on the occasion of their golden anniversary; (HLS 342)

Muriel Havenstein, of Nobleboro, jazz pianist and Maine musical treasure. Mrs. Havenstein was born and raised in New York City and started playing the piano professionally at age 16. She joined the all-girl swing band Estelle and Her Brunettes which traveled around during World War II. She met and married a young Marine, Bob Havenstein, in 1947, and took time off from her music to raise 2 daughters and a son. In the 1960s, they relocated to mid-coast Maine and Mrs. Havenstein returned to her music. She was a well-known figure on the jazz scene, playing with local as well as national celebrities. She served as an inspiration and mentor to many musicians, both young and old alike. Mrs. Havenstein will be deeply missed, not only by her family and her many friends, but also by the entertainment community of Maine which has been so enriched by her presence for decades; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 343)

Bernard "Doc" Mann, of Bangor, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, June 9, 2009. Mr. Mann, who was a longtime schoolteacher, is a Bangor native and is a graduate of Bangor High School and Holy Cross College. For more than four decades, he taught Latin and French at the former Garland Street Junior High School, now the William S. Cohen School, and later at Bangor High School. He is a long-standing member of St.

John Catholic Church and was involved in area Boy Scouting. Mr. Mann has lived a remarkably full life and in his later years has been active at the Hammond Street Senior Center. During a celebration of his birthday at the center, he led a rendition of "Happy Birthday" on the piano, which he plays with skill and grace. Mr. Mann was married for many years and he met his wife, Mary, who passed away in 1994, when they were both schoolteachers in the 1930s. We join with the people and mayor of Bangor and Governor John E. Baldacci in extending our congratulations and best wishes to Bernard "Doc" Mann on the centennial celebration of his life; (HLS 344)

Arlene Greenleaf, of Bethel, on her retirement as an emergency medical services worker after 37 years of dedicated service to her community and to the State. Ms. Greenleaf was permanently disabled when she was severely injured in the line of duty while transporting a patient to a hospital. During Ms. Greenleaf's long and distinguished career providing exceptional patient care and transportation, she has contributed greatly to her profession. She has taught thousands of hours of continuing education programs for emergency medical technician licensing. We extend our deep appreciation to Ms. Greenleaf on her many years of dedication to the emergency medical services profession and to the people of Maine, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 345)

the Town of Shirley, on the 175th Anniversary of its incorporation. Shirley is situated at the head of the beautiful Piscataquis River. It was incorporated as Shirley Mills township on March 4, 1834. The town was named for the Massachusetts hometown of Joseph Kelsey, the local Representative to the Maine Legislature at the time of its incorporation. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of the Town of Shirley on this special occasion; (HLS 346)

the North Jay Grange #10, on the celebration of its 135th anniversary. Organized March 27, 1874, it is the 3rd oldest grange in the State. The North Jay Grange building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and is also the site of the last grange store in the United States. The store closed in 1974 after 92 years of operation. We congratulate the North Jay Grange #10 on its 135th anniversary; (HLS 347)

Nan Reed, of Freeman Township, who was named the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Aurora Grange No. 202, of Strong, for her work in helping those in her community. We send Ms. Reed our congratulations; (HLS 348)

Michael Church, a student at Mt. Blue High School, who was named the Career and Technical Education Student of the Year for the Class of 2009. Michael has completed two years of training as a firefighter and will continue his studies at Southern Maine Community College in the Live-In Firefighter Program. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes for a successful future; (HLS 349)

the Bangor High School Junior Engineering Technical Society teams (JETS), which won the State competitions for the eighth year in a row. Varsity A team went on to place 12th in the nation, and Varsity B team placed 23rd in the nation. More than 2,200 teams in the nation participated. The JETS are coached by Mark Brittelli. We extend our congratulations to the members of the teams on their winning the State competitions and for their impressive performance in the national competition, and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 350)

the Bangor High School Math Team, Bangor Red, on its winning the 2009 State Championship. The team is coached by Stephen Godsoe. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 351)

Wild Oats Bakery and Cafe, in the Tontine Mall in downtown Brunswick, on its being recognized as a 2009 Editors' Choice in *Yankee Magazine's Travel Guide to New England*. The Editors' Choice recommendations designate *Yankee* editors' and writers' favorite attractions across New England. Wild Oats Bakery and Cafe was selected as the Best Taste of Home of 2009. We extend our congratulations to everyone involved in the success of this bakery, cafe and deli on its receiving this regional honor, and we send our best wishes for its future success; (HLS 352)

the Farmington Fire and Rescue Department, which is the recipient of the Department of Labor's Safety and Health Award for Public Employers. The award is given to public employers who exhibit an exemplary safety and health management system. We extend our congratulations to the Farmington Fire and Rescue Department on its receiving this award and extend our appreciation for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 353)

Hilary Sivik, of Bangor, 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, Hilary restored the gardens and created raised beds at the Sylvia Ross Home so that nursing home residents are able to garden. She also added benches and an arbor to enhance the garden. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 354)

Matthew Dunckel, of North Bridgton, a teacher at Lake Region Middle School, who is one of nearly 600 teachers in the nation invited to attend the 2009 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teacher Academy. Developed in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions Professional Development, the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teacher Academy is an annual math and science professional development program that enables teachers to hone science and math teaching skills, enhance curricula and discover innovative new ways to inspire students. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dunckel on his receiving this honor; (HLS 355)

Devon Woodard, of Carmel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 18, 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. His service project involved lot preparation for a planned expansion of the Simpson Memorial Library, consisting of the moving of an historic building, the cutting of trees, the pulling of tree stumps and the graveling of the area. We extend our congratulations to Devon on this achievement; (HLS 356)

Verna Prescott MacArthur, of Island Falls, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. MacArthur was born in Crystal, the first of 14 children. She graduated in 1936 from Island Falls High School as Salutatorian of her class. After graduation from Baypath School of Business Training in Springfield, Massachusetts, she worked in Washington, D.C., and at the Maine State Employment Service, for the Maine Potato Board in Caribou, for the Veterans' Administration in Togus and for the Town of Island Falls. She married C. Keith MacArthur in Bath in 1942 and they lived in Bath for three years before moving back to Island Falls, where they raised a family of five sons and one daughter. Mrs. MacArthur served as the organist at the Baptist Church for several years and has been an active member of her community, serving as an officer in many organizations, including service as Vice President of Senior Citizens, as President of the Katahdin Club and on the Town Republican Committee. She continues to travel to Mountain Heights nursing home twice a

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month to play music for the patients. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on her 90th birthday; (HLS 357)

the Lewiston High School Girls' Hockey Team which is the winner of the 2009 Girls' State Hockey Championship. This is the first year that this championship has taken place in Maine. We extend our congratulations to all of the team members of the Lewiston High School Girls' Hockey Team and to their coach, Ron Dumont, on the occasion of this historic win; (HLS 358)

Jesse Leigh Rodgerson, of Patten, 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 service project, Jesse restored the Rockabema Snowsled Clubhouse. We extend our congratulations to Jesse on this achievement; (HLS 359)

Alfreda Dumond, of Fort Kent, who was named Mother of the Year by the Ladies of St. Anne. Mrs. Dumond is 91, and is the mother of 7 children. She has been devoted to her family, even now still baby-sitting her great-grandchildren. Married for 44 years, Mrs. Dumond took care of her husband throughout his retirement and later illness. She raised her children with strong values and morals. Mrs. Dumond still lives in the family home in her own private unit separate from the main house, where her son and his wife live. She enjoys cooking and having company. We send our congratulations to Mrs. Dumond for being named Mother of the Year and send her our best wishes; (HLS 360)

Cassidy Pelletier, of Ashland, who has won the Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest in the State districts in January, the State finals in February and the New England Regional contest in March, which allowed nine-year-old Cassidy to participate in the national contest in April. We congratulate Cassidy on her achievements; (HLS 361)

Josh Brosious, of Lewiston, who has won a gold medal at the 2009 Special Olympic World Winter Games in Idaho. Josh received his gold medal in the 500-meter Nordic skiing competition and he placed 5th in the one-kilometer race. He joined the rest of his team in Idaho just days after winning 2 gold medals in the 2009 Special Olympic Games at Sugarloaf/USA. We extend our congratulations to Josh on his victory and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 362)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2009 Graduating Class of Lewiston High School: Michael P. Butler, Kiani M. Camire, Kelsey Lynn Cote, Sierra T. Edwards, Leah N. Fournier, Amanda A. Martin, Amy L. Morin, Nateasha M. Ouellette, Lynn M. Reynolds and Christina M. Zahn. We send our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 363)

Victoria Pisini, of Cumberland Foreside, 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, Victoria created a yoga club at her school so that students of all ability levels would have a place to improve their health and well-being, as well as reduce their stress. We send our congratulations to Victoria on this accomplishment; (HLS 364)

Mark Greene, of Long Island, who is the recipient of the 2009 Francis "Tiny" Murphy Civic Award from the Long Island Civic Association for his valuable contributions to the Long Island community. Not only has Mr. Greene served on and chaired the town's Planning Board and served as the town's Clam Warden, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Town of Long Island and has also served as the town's first Town Meeting Moderator. We acknowledge Mr. Greene's dedicated

commitment to his community and congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 365)

Mary Anne (McCourt) Guiggey, of Stacyville, the former town manager. Mrs. Guiggey was born on November 4, 1938 in Patten, Maine. She was married to the late Ronney Guiggey and had 4 children and 9 grandchildren. She proudly served as the town manager of Stacyville for 30 years. After retirement, she enjoyed volunteering for the elderly and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of the St. Benedict's Catholic Church and was a recipient of the Bishop's Award. Mrs. Guiggey will be long remembered by her loving family and friends, as well as the entire community of Stacyville; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 366)

Krista M. Wright, of Lubec, a senior at Lubec High School, who is the recipient of the 2009 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Krista is a class officer and has earned the distinction of being salutatorian of her graduating class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves on the yearbook committee and plays volleyball and basketball. We extend our congratulations to Krista on her receiving this award and wish her continued success in her undergraduate nursing studies at Husson University; (HLS 367)

the following members of the Woodland High School Girls' Basketball Team: Ashley Laking, Christine Boomer, Ariel Knights, Kelsey Burt, Kelsey Worden, Taylor Cochran, Kylee Hurlburt, Julia Nicholas, Kelsey Pike, Anastasia Parks, Molly White, Taylor Price, Manager Kim Carter, Assistant Coach Rusti Knights and Head Coach Arnold Clark, winners of the 2008 Eastern Maine Class D Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team for this accomplishment; (HLS 368)

Elizabeth C. LeBlanc, of Jay, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Jay High School. We extend our congratulations to Elizabeth on this achievement; (HLS 369)

Katie Hall, of Jay, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Jay High School. We extend our congratulations to Katie on this achievement; (HLS 370)

Falmouth High School's Emission Commission team, on its winning the nationwide Lexus EcoChallenge first place prize. By creating a project focused on educating the public about the effects of vehicular and industrial pollution, the students won one of the top Lexus EcoChallenge prizes of \$30,000 in grants and scholarships for Falmouth High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Falmouth High School's Emission Commission team for winning this high honor; (HLS 371)

the Elm Street Congregational Church, which is the recipient of the 2009 Nonprofit of the Year Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to the Elm Street Congregational Church on its receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 372)

Alvion and Cindi Kimball, of Orland, who are the recipients of the 2009 President's Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kimball on their receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 373)

Roger Raymond, of Bucksport, who is the recipient of the 2009 Hans Honder Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Raymond on his receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 374)

the American Cruise Lines Walking Tour Guides, who are recipients of the 2009 Tourism Award from the Bucksport Bay

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Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to the American Cruise Lines Walking Tour Guides on their receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 375)

Charles A. Wilbur and Evelyn A. (Piane) Wilbur, of Phillips, on the celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur were married in the East Dixfield Baptist Church on June 16, 1957. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this anniversary; (HLS 376)

Holland Corson, of Kingfield, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Holland on her receiving this honor; (HLS 377)

Jan Hannaford, of Farmington, who is retiring after 28 years of outstanding service to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Ms. Hannaford has worked in several positions, including leadership in 3 departments. She has been the Director of Volunteer Services for 9 years. The Franklin Community Health Network Volunteer Program has grown under her leadership, with over 250 volunteers that have donated 27,000 hours of service. Her dedication, professionalism, compassion and caring attitude exemplify the generous spirit of Maine and its citizens. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Hannaford on her retirement and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 378)

Jane Parker, of Farmington, a music teacher for School Administrative District No. 9, who is retiring after 24 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and to the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 379)

Patricia Sills, of Wilton, a speech teacher for School Administrative District No. 9, who is retiring after 23 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and to the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 380)

Hazel Flagg, of Wilton, a custodian for School Administrative District No. 9, who is retiring after 21 1/2 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and to the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 381)

Sharon Cram, of Wilton, an elementary school teacher for School Administrative District No. 9, who is retiring after 45 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and to the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 382)

Sherrill Brann, of Wilton, a secretary for School Administrative District No. 9, who is retiring after 18 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and to the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 383)

Karen Williams Jordan, of New Sharon, a high school guidance counselor for School Administrative District No. 9, who is retiring after 9 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 384)

Jeanette Adams, of New Sharon, a lunch worker for School Administrative District 9, who is retiring after 30 years of service to the school district. We acknowledge her dedication to the school district and to the community, and we extend our

congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 385)

Russell Raymond, of Strong, on his retirement after 14 years as a driver, custodian and utility person for School Administrative District No. 58. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Raymond for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 386)

Gary Perlson, of Phillips, on his retirement after 13 years as the Adult Education Coordinator for School Administrative District No. 58, where he also taught for one year. He was a member of the Madrid School Board for 25 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Perlson for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 387)

Craig Healy, of New Vineyard, who is retiring after 23 years as a teacher with School Administrative District No. 58. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Healy for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 388)

Steve Yates, of Kingfield, who is retiring after 31 years as a teacher with School Administrative District No. 58. Mr. Yates was an Educational Technician for 2 years in Missouri and began working for School Administrative District No. 58 in September of 1978. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Yates for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 389)

Jeanne Tucker, of Kingfield, who is retiring after 39 years as an educator. During her career, Ms. Tucker was a teacher in Massachusetts and a teacher, assistant principal and principal at Mount Abram High School. In 2008 Ms. Tucker was honored for her accomplishments by being selected as High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Tucker for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 390)

William E. "Billy" Townsend, of Calais, beloved husband and father. At the age of 14, Mr. Townsend was the first firefighter explorer for the fire department in Calais. After graduating from high school, he followed his dream and became a firefighter with the Lincoln Fire Department. He returned to Calais, working for Richard Mingo Construction, Inc. and as a volunteer firefighter for the Calais Fire Department. Mr. Townsend was a member of the Calais Lions Club and attended the Calais United Methodist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and spending time with family and friends. Mr. Townsend will be sadly missed by his loving family, his friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 391)

Marilyn A. Murray, of East Millinocket, a longtime resident of the area. She was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts and was the wife of the late Earl C. Murray, Jr. Mrs. Murray was a woman of many interests including golf, cards and travelling. She obtained her pilot's license and flew solo many times. She loved being around her family and was proud to have successfully raised three children on her own. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her friends and loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 392)

the members of the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon team, who are the State Academic Decathlon Champions. The team competed at the national competition in Memphis, Tennessee from April 22nd to 25th. This victory is the team's 5th consecutive state championship. We extend our congratulations to the team members and wish them continued success; (HLS 393)

John Bliss and Stacy Brenner of Broadturn Farm, who have won the 2009 eco-Excellence Award for Scarborough given by ecomaine. Mr. Bliss and Ms. Brenner have operated the farm

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since 2006. Broadturn Farm is a working and teaching farm and a children's camp and it also produces organic food. Winners were chosen by ecomaine from each of its 30 municipalities. Mr. Bliss and Ms. Brenner were Grand Award winners, which means their Broadturn Farm program was judged the best of all 34 programs representing towns from Andover to Ogunquit. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Bliss and Ms. Brenner on their receiving this award; (HLS 394)

Lucienne L.C. Dionne Cloutier, of Old Town, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, June 4, 2009. Mrs. Cloutier was born in Quebec and came to Maine at the age of 3. She became a United States Citizen at 37 years of age. Mrs. Cloutier and her husband, Nelson, had 4 children and Mrs. Cloutier has 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Cloutier has been active in her community and is a valued volunteer at Holy Family Parish in Old Town. She is a charter member of the Old Town Senior Citizens' Club, she enjoys playing in Keno tournaments and she walks a quarter mile every day. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Cloutier on this very special occasion; (HLS 395)

Dr. Donald E. Hoenig, of Belfast, who was named President of the United States Animal Health Association, the nation's leading animal health forum for over a century. He started with the association in 2004 as 3rd Vice President, progressing since then through the ranks. Dr. Hoenig serves on the United States Department of Agriculture Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases and is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine. He also serves as the Director of the Division of Animal Health and Industry in this State and as the State Veterinarian. We congratulate him on his receiving this national position, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 396)

Jacob R. Paul, a citizen of the Penobscot Indian Nation, born and raised on Indian Island, for his contributions to his community and State. The son of Michael and Terri Paul, Jacob has been a leader throughout his life. In 1999, he received the National Native American Indian Student Eagle Awards: the Jim Thorpe Award, the Outstanding Leadership Award and the Community Service and Spiritual Leadership Award. Jacob has excelled in school as an honor student and was the runner-up in the *Bangor Daily News* Spelling Bee in 2003-2004. In 2005, he won first place in the Wabanaki Art show. During his school years, he excelled in sports as well as academics, playing Youth Basketball, Little League and football and participating in cross-country track. In his senior year, Jacob was an All-Star 1st Team Offensive Tackle and 2nd Team Defensive Lineman and was chosen as an All-Star Senior Player in the Annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic, which raises money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children burn care centers. Also in his senior year, he was a spring track senior-year player in the shot put, javelin and 4 x 100 relay. He was chosen to play at "Close Up" in Washington, D.C. Jacob has an extensive and exemplary involvement with his community as a member of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Youth Group and as a volunteer at the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club, helping to build the "Medicine Path Boardwalk" so that community youth and other nonnative people could learn Tribal medicine plants. He also helped plan and participated in the first Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club "National Night Out," an evening during which youths are encouraged to volunteer and become involved in the community and to find paths other than those of crime and drug use. We send Jacob our appreciation for his dedication to his community,

and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 397)

Tony Arruda, of Wyman Township, Zone Chair of the Stratton-Eustis Lions Club, who is the recipient of the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for distinguished achievement for Lions Club International. We send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 398)

Bruce Jellison, of Wilton, a member of the Wilton Lions Club, who is the recipient of the Presidents Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Clubs International for distinguished achievement for the Lions Club. We send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 399)

Camp Sunshine, of Casco, for its 25 years of dedicated service to seriously ill children and their families. Camp Sunshine is nestled in the tranquil natural beauty of Sebago Lake. For 17 years, Dr. Larry Gould and Anna Gould, owners of Point Sebago Resort, donated the resort's facilities and personnel for the camp's operation. Due to an increase in demand for the camp's services, Dr. Gould and Anna Gould donated 23 acres to build a permanent facility in June 2001. Camp Sunshine is a year-round retreat that provides respite and support and the opportunity to feel hope and joy to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families. The camp is currently the only program in the nation that aids in lightening the impact of a life-threatening illness on the entire immediate family and not just the child with the illness. Families attend Camp Sunshine free of charge. We extend our appreciation to and recognize the insight and compassion of the camp's founders, Dr. Larry Gould and Anna Gould, who truly are Maine's beacon of light; (HLS 400)

Maine State Police Detective Jason Andrews of Lincolnville, who has been named the 2009 Trooper of the Year. He is the 44th recipient of the award and is being honored for arresting a gunman who had taken a class hostage at Stockton Springs Elementary School. Detective Andrews talked with the hostage-taker before tackling and arresting him when he walked out of the classroom. Detective Andrews is also receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the Maine State Police for the same incident. We commend Detective Andrews for his brave and heroic actions and send him our appreciation for his commitment to his profession, his community and to the State; (HLS 401)

Theodore Barris, of Portland, a prominent member of the legal profession. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and attended school in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Barris served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II aboard the USS *Minneapolis* and was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. As a master sergeant and enlisted pilot, he also saw duty at Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Bougainville B.S.I., the Solomon Islands, Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands. After the war, Mr. Barris relocated to Portland, where he graduated from Portland Junior College and the University of Maine School of Law. Early in his career, Mr. Barris was an assistant district attorney for Cumberland County. As an attorney in private practice, he was a member of the Cumberland County, State and American Bar Associations. During his career, Mr. Barris served as chairman of the Portland Renewal Authority and chairman of the Portland High School Building Committee. Mr. Barris was a member and president of AHEPA - H.W. Longfellow Chapter 82 and a member of the Harold T. Andrews American Legion Post. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 402)

Myron H. Pierce, colonel of the United States Army, retired, of South Paris. Mr. Pierce was born in Bethel and graduated from West Paris High School, receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine and his master's degree from Gorham State

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Teachers College. He also attended the National War College. He was a career officer with the United States Army, attaining the rank of colonel and retiring from the United States Army Reserves. He was a business education teacher and coach at Old Orchard Beach High School and Oxford Hills High School, retiring in 1980. He was also the director of Oxford Hills Technology - Region 11 School for several years. Mr. Pierce was past commander and quartermaster of the VFW Maine Floyd A. Harlow Jr. Post 9787, a member of the American Legion Foster-Carroll Post 72, the Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp #69 of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Officers Association of America. He was one of the people instrumental in the decision to locate a Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. He was also past master of Saccarappa Masonic Lodge in Westbrook, a member of St. Alban Commandery, Oxford Council Royal and Select Masters and the Oxford County Shrine Club. He belonged to the Masons, the Oxford County Retired Teachers Association, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the AARP and the NRA and he was a former selectman for the Town of Paris. He was a trustee of the Norway/Paris Solid Waste Board and received the community service award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. He will greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his neighbors and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 403)

Jeanne Whynot-Vickers, of Portland, who has served for the past 2 years as interim superintendent for Maine's largest and most diverse school district, Portland Public Schools. She leaves in August 2009 after nearly 30 years of dedicated service to her community. Ms. Whynot-Vickers was born and raised in Portland and graduated from Portland High School in 1969. She began her career as an elementary school teacher, teaching at Hall Elementary School, Riverton Elementary School and Harrison Lyseth Elementary school in Portland and at the American Community School in London, England. In 1986, she was named a finalist for Maine Teacher of the Year. Ms. Whynot-Vickers served as assistant principal of the former Jack Elementary School and as principal of Riverton Elementary School and Sawyer School in South Portland before becoming Portland's assistant superintendent in 1999. She took over leadership of the Portland Public Schools amid a financial crisis, and she helped restore the district to financial stability while winning back public confidence with her competence, hard work ethic and straightforward, unflappable manner. We commend her for her many years of excellence in education and her commitment to the children of Maine. We send her our appreciation for her exemplary service and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 404)

James Martin, Jr., of Crawford, a member of the Maine Warden Service, who was named the 2009 Warden of the Year by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Warden Martin, a 20-year veteran based in Calais, received this distinction for his dedication to the public safety of people within his district, his enforcement of Maine's poaching laws, his commitment to safety education by wardens, his work with local, state, federal and international law enforcement officers and agencies and his representation of game wardens through union efforts to negotiate contracts. We congratulate Warden Martin on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 405)

the Honorable Eben Littlefield Elwell, of Bowdoinham, an effective leader in local and state government. Mr. Elwell grew up on a turkey farm in Brooks and went on to help build Liberty Ships in South Portland during World War II. He entered public office for the first time as a selectman for the Town of Brooks in 1946. He campaigned for Edward Muskie when he ran for

governor in 1954. Elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1955, he served 2 terms. Mr. Elwell became state treasurer in 1965 and was instrumental in consolidating Maine's finances into interest-bearing accounts. He was the first director of the Maine State Housing Authority. He bought the building in Hallowell that today holds The Wharf pub. He and his son renovated the building, striving to make the restaurant on the ground floor flood-proof. The pub is still a gathering place in Hallowell. Mr. Elwell will be sadly missed by his family and friends and others that he met during his public service to his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 406)

the 25th Anniversary and the rededication of Saxl Park, on the grounds of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center in Bangor, on June 6, 2009. For 25 years, Saxl Park has been an important part of the neighborhood, serving as the home and practice fields for John Bapst High School, hosting regional cross-country meets and the Bangor Humane Society's *Paws on Parade* and providing a place to walk and play for the community and those who live and work on the grounds and at the Maine Veterans' Home. The park was named as a tribute to Joseph Saxl, who was superintendent of the psychiatric center from 1974 to 1981, and the planning and construction of the park has been financed by individuals, groups and clubs. Its development has exceeded expectations. We extend our congratulations to the Bangor community on the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Saxl Park; (HLS 407)

Dr. Kenneth Murphy, of Yarmouth, who is retiring after 25 years of outstanding service to the Yarmouth School System. Dr. Murphy's successful career with the Yarmouth schools started in 1984 as the assistant principal of Yarmouth High School. In 1991, he was hired as the Superintendent of the Yarmouth School System. For the past 18 years, Dr. Murphy has most ably led the Yarmouth schools. Yarmouth has long been known for its highest-quality public education, and Dr. Murphy's extraordinary stewardship has been instrumental in this ongoing achievement. His service has had a positive and enduring impact on the community, and thousands of students who have benefited from his leadership. His dedication and professionalism exemplify the spirit of Maine and its citizens. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Murphy on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 408)

Father Thomas Murphy, of Wells, who will celebrate his 30th anniversary as a priest on June 14, 2009. Father Murphy has served congregations in Presque Isle, Westbrook and Scarborough. As pastor of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, which consists of St. Martha's in Kennebunk, St. Mary's in Wells and the Mission Church of All Saints in Ogunquit, Father Murphy is admired and appreciated. We acknowledge Father Murphy's devoted service and wish to thank him for his many decades of hallowed leadership; (HLS 409)

Thomas J. Hoerth, Bath's City Arborist, who is the recipient of the 29th annual Mainsail Award from the Morse High School Community Liaison Council. This award honors local people who exemplify the ideals of American citizenship, including respect for honesty, individual freedom and equal opportunity. Mr. Hoerth, who taught seventh grade science in Windham and Cumberland from 1991 to 1998, has implemented many programs for the Bath Forestry Division that involve schoolchildren and benefit the city as a whole. We congratulate Mr. Hoerth on his receiving this well-deserved award for his many contributions to his community and to the State; (HLS 410)

Jim Peavey, of Georgetown, who is the recipient of the Humanitarian Award presented by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. Mr. Peavey manages the Sagadahoc County

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Working Group on Family Violence. He was a volunteer for the United Way of Mid Coast Maine for many years before joining its staff as Associate Director of Community Impact. He chairs the Sagadahoc County Working Group on Family Violence, co-chairs the Lincoln and Sagadahoc County anti-domestic violence initiative, "A Call to Men," is a mentor of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and was a board member of the Bath area YMCA. Mr. Peavey is the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Georgetown. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Peavey for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 411)

the following students, who have been awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award by the Topsham-Brunswick chapter: Claire Baecher, Brunswick High School; Leigh Johnson, Yarmouth High School; Katherine Birdsall, Morse High School; Margaret Myers, Freeport High School; Steven Tringali, Mt. Ararat High School; and Alesis Bragg, Pine Tree Academy. The award honors outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate the qualities of a good citizen, dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. We extend our congratulations to these students on their receiving this award; (HLS 412)

the members of the Mt. Blue High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, who have been named the *Sun Journal* Girls' Nordic Team of the Year. We extend our congratulations to the team and wish them continued success; (HLS 413)

Frederick Cunliffe, of Wilton, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen of the Town of Wilton. Mr. Cunliffe was born on October 9, 1911. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 414)

Irene Tardiff Quirion Hamilton, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, May 11, 2009. Mrs. Hamilton was born in Grand Isle and was a 1932 graduate of Colby College. She received her Master's degree in Education from the University of Maine in 1953. She was a longtime teacher, retiring once in 1975 from Deering High School and in 1979 from Catherine McAuley High School. She has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. We send Mrs. Hamilton our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 415)

Dud Follansbee, of Harpswell, as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Mr. Follansbee, and his wife Marge Follansbee, have lived in Harpswell for 30 years and they enjoyed birthday events from January 22, 2009 through January 28th, 2009. We join his family, neighbors and friends in extending to him our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 416)

Philip and Evelyn Hartwell, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell were married on February 26, 1949. We extend our congratulations to them on this anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 417)

John and Irma Janosco, of Sabattus, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Janosco were married on February 27, 1954. We extend our congratulations to them on this anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 418)

Charles and Nancy Vernis, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Vernis were married on May 5, 1959. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 419)

David and Laura Hale, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hale were married

on May 23, 1954. We extend our congratulations to them on this anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 420)

Francis and Eva Kacsmar, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Kacsmar were married on June 18, 1949. We extend our congratulations to them on this anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 421)

Rosaire and Lorraine Morin, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Morin were married on November 14, 1949. We extend our congratulations to them on this anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 422)

Michael and Martha Cienlinski, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cienlinski were married on July 25, 1959. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 423)

Florence and Daniel LeBlanc, Jr. of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc were married on April 4, 1959. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 424)

Michael and Diane Landry, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Landry were married on July 4, 1959. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 425)

Lara Lom, a member of the 2009 graduating class of Bowdoin College, in Brunswick, whose one-act play *Better, Tomorrow* was selected from dozens of submissions to be performed at the Maine Playwrights Festival at the St. Lawrence Arts and Community Center in Portland. Ms. Lom, a native of Geneva, Switzerland, will attend the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England and pursue her master's degree at King's College London. We send her our congratulations on her well-deserved honor, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 426)

Rachel Danner, of Embden, for her 26 years of dedicated service in the educational profession. Ms. Danner was a high school Spanish teacher for 7 years with School Administrative District No. 9. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Danner for her commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 427)

Susan Mancini, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service as a kindergarten teacher for the Jay School Department. Prior to teaching in Jay, Mrs. Mancini taught at St. Rose of Lima School in Chisholm. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Mancini for her years of commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 428)

Robert S. "Bob" McPhee, of Dixfield, on the special occasion of his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. McPhee was born in Rumford, grew up in West Peru and graduated from Rumford High School, now Mountain Valley High School, in 1977. He was an excellent athlete in high school, earning varsity letters in football, wrestling and baseball, and was honored in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1976-1977. He suffered a brain stem contusion while playing football in 1976 and was in a coma for 17 days. After over three years of rehabilitation at various rehabilitation centers in Maine and Massachusetts, Mr. McPhee went on to attend Husson College in Bangor and graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism. Since 1984, he has been a respected journalist. He worked as a columnist for the *Maine*

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Sunday Telegram from 1984 to 1987 and has worked as a sports correspondent for the *Rumford Falls Times* from 1997 to the present and as a staff writer in the sports department of the *Lewiston Sun Journal* from 1987 to the present. During his illustrious journalistic career, Mr. McPhee has been honored with numerous well-deserved awards, including being named the 1996 State Editor-of-the-Year by *Wrestling U.S.A. Magazine* and the 1997 Media Award for Writer of the Year by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and receiving the 1998 Media Award from the Maine Field Hockey Association. In addition to his awards, Mr. McPhee was inducted into the Maine Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame for his writing and wrestling career and into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame for Special Merit. We extend our congratulations to Robert S. McPhee on his being inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 429)

Drew Ramsay, of Addison, a senior at Narraguagus High School, who is the recipient of the 2009 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Drew is a class officer and has earned the distinction of being salutatorian of his graduating class. We extend our congratulations to Drew on his receiving this award; (HLS 430)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2009 Graduating Class of Telstar Regional High School: William F. Chapman, Jennifer L. Aldrich, Lisa M. Piccirillo, Whitney A. Mills, Brianna E. Douglass, Katlyn M. Keane, Sarah A. Lavorgna, Margaret F. DePasquale, Kelsea R. Kuvaja, Alyssa M. Steven and Benjamin R. Cross. We send our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 431)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2009 Graduating Class of Mt. Abram High School: Chelsea Ann Bachelder, Rachel Sophia Dennison, Gregory James Dexter, Elysha M. Dyer, Rachel E. Fullerton, Rebecca A. Fullerton, Emma Wells James, Noelle Webb Lake, Rebecca A. London, Maria Bernadette Parrett, Macadez Lynn Richard, Tabatha Amy Seavey and Brianna Lee Olivia Thorndike. We send our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 432)

Philip E. Warren, of Dover-Foxcroft, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Warren graduated from Foxcroft Academy and attended Bentley College. He worked for both King Arrow Pine and Prouty Ford for many years. He was a member and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Foxcroft Academy, the treasurer and clerk for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft and also a treasurer for Piscataquis County. Mr. Warren was a member of the Piscataquis Country Club and served as its treasurer. He was a member of the Masons and the Shriners. He enjoyed following the New York Yankees and the Boston Celtics. He will be remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 433)

Frank Koenig, a community leader of Windham. Mr. Koenig was known as "Mr. Windham" and was present at every important meeting pertaining to the future of Windham and the surrounding region for over 3 decades. After retiring from Amoco Oil, he moved to Windham and quickly became a central figure in the town. He was the first executive director of the Windham Chamber of Commerce, and served in that role for 25 years. During his tenure as executive director, the chamber of commerce grew from 69 members to 329, and the North Windham shopping area sprung up. Mr. Koenig was a longtime chairman of Windham's Zoning Board of Appeals, a member of the Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee, a moderator at the town meetings, a Mason and president of the Lake Region Shrine Club, and served on the

board of directors of the Kiwanis Club. He was named Rotarian of the Year in 1999. He was a member of the Windham Hill United Church of Christ. Mr. Koenig will be missed by his community and all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 434)

Josiah Corbin, of Dover-Foxcroft, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 100, 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, Josiah designed and oversaw the construction of the Coalition Trail kiosk. We extend our congratulations to Josiah on this achievement; (HLS 435)

Caela Fenderson, of Charlotte, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. Caela demonstrates leadership quality as president of the 8th-grade class. She takes responsibility for herself and others, is self-motivated and self-driven and develops a supportive environment in the classroom. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caela on her receiving this honor; (HLS 436)

First Lieutenant Brian F. McClellan, of Eliot, upon his being awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. Lieutenant McClellan is a member of the Maine Army National Guard's Company C 1-126th Aviation Regiment and was a platoon leader and officer in charge of the Black Bear Medevac Unit located near the Iraqi and Iranian border. His unit served under the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade and 3rd Infantry Division. In addition to receiving the Bronze Star, Lieutenant McClellan was given the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star. We congratulate Lieutenant McClellan on his receiving these well-deserved marks of distinction and we send him our deep appreciation for his service to his State and to his Nation; (HLS 437)

the Lewiston Fire Department, recipient of a Best Practices Award from the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. The Lewiston Fire Department received this award for its participation in the International Association of Firefighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative. The initiative provides firefighters with wellness screening tools to help detect serious medical conditions before they occur. We extend our congratulations to the Lewiston Fire Department on this tremendous achievement and thank them for their efforts to better their department and the community; (HLS 438)

Dana and Eleanor Dillingham, of Medway, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 18, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham on this very special occasion; (HLS 439)

Douglas Ludewig, of Monmouth, who is retiring after teaching 44 years, 42 of which were in Monmouth schools. Mr. Ludewig taught at the Henry L. Cottrell School for 10 years before teaching special education at Monmouth Academy. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Ludewig for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 440)

Andrea Ballute, of Hollis, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School in Standish. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 441)

Celeste Lozier, of Buxton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class of Bonny

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Eagle High School in Standish. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 442)

Cassandra Elliott, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We commend Cassandra for her dedication to academics and we congratulate her on her accomplishments; (HLS 443)

Brittany Wetherill, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We commend Brittany for her dedication to academics and we congratulate her on her accomplishments; (HLS 444)

the Jay High School Envirothon Team, which has achieved the highest honors in the 2009 Maine Envirothon competitions at the University of Maine at Orono. Advised by teacher Rob Taylor, the team of Joe Roy, Max Couture, Devin Rose, Kelsey Macomber, Beth Moore and Daydre Loon competed in a test of knowledge on natural resources and a current event issue on all things green. The team has earned the right to represent Maine at the International Envirothon Competition in Asheville, North Carolina. We congratulate the team members on their achievements, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 445)

Mary Sirois, of Wilton, on the occasion of her retirement after 37 years of dedicated service as a high school English teacher for the Franklin County school system. She taught for 28 years at Mt. Blue High School before taking a teaching position at Jay High School. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Sirois for her commitment to the youth of Franklin County and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 446)

Robert Redmond, of Jay, on the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of dedicated service with the Jay School Department. As a bus driver, Mr. Redmond drove students to school, to extracurricular activities, and on sports and school trips throughout Maine, New England and Canada. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Redmond for his commitment to the youth of Jay and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 447)

the Chesterville Grange #20, on the occasion of the celebration of its 135th Anniversary. It was first organized with 17 charter members in the home of John Lothrop, of Chesterville Village, on May 2, 1874. The grange hall was built in 1885 and dedicated on March 26th of that year. The Chesterville Grange continues to be active in promoting rural life in Maine. The members hold monthly public suppers for the benefit of local activities and residents and participate each year in the Franklin County Fair. We extend our congratulations to the good members of the Chesterville Grange #20 on this important anniversary and we send them our best wishes for the future; (HLS 448)

Carl and Frances Beckett, of Mechanic Falls, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett were married on April 17, 1959. We extend our congratulations to them on this Golden Anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 449)

Mary Catherine Hinse, of Lincoln. Born and raised in Millinocket, Ms. Hinse was a graduate of Stearns High School and the University of Maine at Fort Kent. She taught high school English and math for many years before earning her master's degree in library and information science. She was employed as the district librarian for SAD 67 at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln. She was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella Our Lady Circle No. 774 and served as treasurer. Ms. Hinse had been a member of the Lincoln Memorial Library Advisory Committee and Friends of the Lincoln Library. She will be greatly

missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 450)

the Bucksport Police Department, which is the recipient of the 2009 Service Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to the Bucksport Police Department on its receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 451)

Becky Craig of the Bucksport McDonald's, who is the recipient of the 2009 Business Person of the Year Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Craig on her receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 452)

Seaboard Federal Credit Union in Bucksport, which is the recipient of the 2009 Business of the Year Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Seaboard Federal Credit Union on its receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 453)

Wilson Express Tire and Lube in Bucksport, which is the recipient of the 2009 New Business of the Year Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Wilson Express Tire and Lube on its receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 454)

Bittersweet Gift Shop in Bucksport, which is the recipient of the 2009 Downtown Business of the Year Award from the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Bittersweet Gift Shop on its receiving this distinctive honor; (HLS 455)

the top ten students of the 2009 graduating class at Winthrop High School: Valedictorian Brandon C. Dupuis, Salutatorian Jordan L. Conant, Thomas J. Conley, David S. Ketchen, Rachel M. Labbe, Kevin M. Leavitt, Ashley J. Marcellino, Garrett S. Plossay, Caitlin E. Raph and Jennifer M. Rooney. We extend our congratulations to the members on their achievements and send our best wishes for continued academic success; (HLS 456)

Nancy Ludewig, of Monmouth, who is retiring after teaching for 44 years, 42 of them at the Henry L. Cottrell School in Monmouth, which was built on land donated by her grandparents. As a student, she attended the school and has taught there most of her adult life. She has taught kindergarten through seventh grade. She also has adapted plays for students and staged performances at Cumston Hall in Monmouth and has taught quilting classes. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Ludewig for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 457)

Nellie Anderson, of Jay, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, August 7, 2009. Mrs. Anderson was born in Lamoine, lived her married life in Mt. Vernon and now lives in Jay. She worked as a store clerk in Mt. Vernon, Winthrop and Livermore Falls, as a waitress in Livermore and as a volunteer at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington. She drove until she was 92 and lived on her own until she was 97. Mrs. Anderson is the oldest citizen of the Town of Jay and holds the Boston Post Cane. She has one child, 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Anderson on this very special occasion; (HLS 458)

Michael J. Good, president and owner of Down East Nature Tours and director of the Acadia Birding Festival in Bar Harbor, who was recognized as a *Yankee Magazine* Best in the New England Birdwatching Guide category and selected as the 2009 Editors' Choice in *Yankee Magazine's Travel Guide to New England*. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Good on his receiving these honors and we send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 459)

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Charles Todd, of Orrington, a biologist at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and his coworkers at the department, past and present, who for years have dedicated themselves to the restoration of the American Bald Eagle in Maine. Bald eagles, known throughout the world as the symbol of the United States, were nearly extirpated from Maine by the early 1970s. For his years of commitment and hard work, Mr. Todd has received the national Recovery Champion Award from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This award is given for contributions to the recovery of threatened and endangered species in the Nation. There are now at least 477 nesting pairs of eagles in the State, and they annually produce more than 300 eaglets. Due to the success of the restoration, Maine has recently removed the Bald Eagle from the Maine Endangered and Threatened Species List. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Todd on his receiving this well-deserved award, and we send him and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife our appreciation for this most remarkable achievement; (HLS 460)

Kat Dickens, of Eastbrook, a student at Cave Hill School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kat on her receiving this honor; (HLS 461)

Gladys E. Lingley Stanhope, of Pembroke. Mrs. Stanhope was born in Edmunds on November 10, 1923 and lived most of her life in Pembroke. She was married to Milton Stanhope, and together they raised their 2 sons, Eugene and Richard. In earlier years, Mrs. Stanhope was employed by several area fish factories and the Gilford Mill in Eastport. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Pembroke Grange. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 462)

Ashley Brown, of Pembroke, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Shead High School. Ashley has been selected to receive the 2009 Principal's Award. She has been a member of the soccer, tennis, softball and Civil Rights teams, as well as a member of the Student Senate and the National Honor Society. She has participated in Upward Bound, on the prom and yearbook committees and in Maine Youth Voices, HOBY and the Eastport recycling program. During her years at Shead High School, Ashley has demonstrated her outstanding leadership qualities in both the classroom and the community. We commend Ashley for her dedication to academics and we congratulate her on her accomplishments; (HLS 463)

Keith C. Damon, of Edmunds Township. Mr. Damon was born in Pembroke on October 19, 1924. He worked on his family farm and was married to Joyce Suddy for 65 years. He served in the United States Army Air Corps in 1945 and 1946 and then worked at Hallowell Lumber Company and the Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1980. Mr. Damon was an active member of Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church, where he served as a deacon for many years. He was also a 60-year member of Gardner-Foss Post No. 169 American Legion and a member of the Grange in Charlotte and Dennysville. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 464)

Mid Coast Hospital, in Brunswick, which was designated a "magnet" facility for its quality of care and positive work environment from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a branch of the American Nurses Association. The American Nurses Association has given its "magnet" designation to 332

hospitals worldwide, with the vast majority of them in the United States. The designation is shared by less than 6 percent of all American hospitals according to the association. We congratulate Mid Coast Hospital on receiving this well-deserved designation; (HLS 465)

Autumn Silke, of Dixmont, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We commend Autumn for her dedication to academics and we congratulate her on her accomplishment; (HLS 466)

Justin Kezer, of Plymouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We commend Justin for his dedication to academics and we congratulate him on his accomplishment; (HLS 467)

Lester Sanderson Dow, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Graydon, of Richmond, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Lester and Mary were married on June 13, 1959 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio by the Reverend James Arthur Graydon. After 50 years of marriage, Lester and Mary celebrate a family that includes 5 children, Mark B. Dow, Suzanne M. Maxwell, Joanna R. Said, Esther J. Newendyke and Daniel L. Dow; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. We extend to them our congratulations on this tremendous milestone and send our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 468)

Pamela (McIver) Allen, of Greenville. Mrs. Allen graduated from Greenville High School and attended the University of Massachusetts at Springfield. She worked as a Head Start teacher in Greenville for several years and then worked as a secretary for her family's business, Telford Aviation. Mrs. Allen was president of the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Greenville Garden Club, the Historical Society and the Moosehead Lake Yacht Club. She will be dearly missed by the people at Telford Aviation, her husband of 44 years, her 2 sons, her extended family and numerous friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 469)

Terry Goan, a Brunswick Community Policing Officer, who received the 2009 Maine Vocational Region 10 Citizen of the Year Award. This award is given to a Midcoast resident who volunteers on behalf of technical education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Officer Goan on his receiving this award; (HLS 470)

Seth Albert, a sophomore at Scarborough High School and a member of the Scarborough Academic Decathlon team, on his winning a silver medal in mathematics in Division III of the United States Academic Decathlon competition in Memphis, Tennessee. We send Seth our congratulations on his achievement and we send our best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 471)

Allan Warren Wall, of Rockport, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, June 19, 2009. Mr. Wall was the valedictorian of his class at Rockport High School in 1936 and served his country honorably in the United States Army Air Forces from 1940 to 1945. From January to December of 1944, Mr. Wall was a pilot of C-46 transports in the China-Burma-India Theater. He received 2 Air Medals and 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses and, in 1964, he received the China Medal for his service to China during the war. After his military career, Mr. Wall flew for Trans World Airlines, becoming a captain in 1955 and earning the distinction of being named TWA's "Flight Deck Man of the Year." Mr. Wall and his wife, Marion, have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on this special birthday; (HLS 472)

Michael Gosselin, of Oakland, a retired Waterville Senior High School physics teacher, as he steps down from his position of

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chair of the SAD #47 board of directors. Mr. Gosselin first won election to the SAD #47 board 31 years ago and, despite a few gaps in his tenure on the school board, has always been involved with the school system in some way. He recently rejoined the school board after an Oakland member resigned suddenly. His tenure on the school board of SAD #47 ends at the same time as the school district merges with the China School Department to become Regional School Unit #18 on July 1st. We acknowledge Mr. Gosselin's dedicated service to his community and his long and distinguished career in education. We send him our appreciation for his hard work and good humor through the years, and we congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 473)

Dr. George E. Roy, Jr., of Scarborough, who devoted much of his time to his community. Dr. Roy was born in Eagle Lake and attended Fort Kent schools. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 until 1967, when he was wounded in battle in the Vietnam War. He received his Doctorate of Chiropractic degree in 1977 and established a highly successful practice in Scarborough. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 42 years, Linda Voisine Roy, and his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 474)

Robert Caron, of Naples, for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Naples. Mr. Caron began his service to the community as a selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor in 1981. He was elected to the Budget Committee in 1984 and to the Transfer Station Council in 1999. He has served more than 28 years on 3 committees. He was a trustee for the library in Naples for more than 10 years and served on the Naples Comprehensive Plan Committee for 3 years. Mr. Caron volunteers his time and equipment to help out organizations in the community, such as the Songo Garden Club. He also installed the lights for the outdoor basketball court behind the town office. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Caron for his commitment to improving the quality of life in Naples; (HLS 475)

Dean and Jeannine Wells, who live on the shores of Parker Pond in Chesterville, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 20, 2009. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They met in the 6th grade at Wilton Academy in Wilton, Maine and have been together ever since. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dean and Jeannine on the occasion of their golden anniversary; (HLS 476)

Rob Evans, chef and owner of Hugo's restaurant in Portland, who won the 2009 James Beard Foundation Award for Best Chef: Northeast. This distinction awards chefs who have set standards of excellence in their respective regions and is the highest regional honor for chefs in North America. This year Mr. Evans won the award after being nominated along with three chefs from the Greater Boston area and two chefs from another Maine restaurant. Mr. Evans had been nominated for the award three times. In 2004 he was honored as one of the country's Best New Chefs in *Food and Wine Magazine*, another coveted chef honor. His restaurant Hugo's has been awarded the American Automobile Association's prestigious Four-Diamonds. A self-trained chef, Mr. Evans and his business partner and wife Nancy Pugh have operated Hugo's for 10 years. We extend our congratulations to Chef Rob Evans on his winning this well-deserved honor and we send our best wishes to Rob Evans and Nancy Pugh for the continued success of Hugo's; (HLS 477)

Kayla Angelico, of Lisbon Falls, a student at the Philip W. Sugg Middle School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic

awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kayla on her receiving this honor; (HLS 478)

John McEwen, of Carmel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 18, 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. John is a sophomore at John Baptist Memorial High School and his Eagle community service project was restoring the Carmel Village Cemetery, which is the oldest cemetery in town. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 479)

Pearl Terrier, of Limestone, upon the occasion of her 100th birthday, July 22, 2009. Born in Westfield, the daughter of Almond and Nellie Allen, she married Robert Terrier and they moved to Fort Fairfield in 1944. Mrs. Terrier has 7 children, 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She has always enjoyed playing bingo, going to horse races at the fair and spending time with her husband on Long Lake. As an avid Boston Red Sox fan, Mrs. Terrier makes every effort to not miss a game. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 480)

James Wells, of Phippsburg, who won two championship races at the 2009 National YMCA Short Course Swimming and Diving Championships. James, a junior at Morse High School in Bath and a member of the Long Reach Swim Club at the Bath Area Family YMCA, won first place in the 100-yard backstroke and in the 50-yard freestyle races at the national championships. His team ranked fourth in the competition. He has set state records in the backstroke, the butterfly stroke, the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley, and has been named as the *Maine Sunday Telegram* MVP for boys' swimming. James is also considered a likely candidate for a future United States Olympic team. We extend our congratulations to him on his recent achievements and we send him our best wishes on his future swimming goals; (HLS 481)

Erin Mills, of Brewer, who was named a 2009 Presidential Scholar. Erin, a senior at Brewer High School, is one of two Presidential Scholars from Maine and is believed to be the first student from Brewer High School to be given the national honor. The Presidential Scholars program was established in 1946 to honor the academic excellence, artistic accomplishments and civic contributions of exemplary graduating high school students and is one of the nation's highest honors given to high school seniors. Erin was chosen from 3,000 nominees and was one of 141 senior students selected. A lifelong resident of Brewer, Erin is an active member of her church, is involved in the high school theater program, is captain of the math team, is on the varsity swim team and is a teacher's assistant in her outdoor education class. We extend our congratulations to her on receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 482)

Reed and Reed, Inc., of Woolwich, which has been recognized as a SHARP site by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. SHARP, the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program, is a special program recognizing achievements by employers in workplace safety and health. It is the highest honor given by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Reed and Reed, Inc. was founded as a bridge building firm in 1928 and has become one of northern New England's largest and most versatile general contractors. Reed and Reed, Inc. also received its 7th Associated General Contractors of Maine "BUILD MAINE"

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Award at the annual National Association of Women in Construction expo meeting in April for the Stetson Wind Project. The coveted award is presented annually to high profile projects that meet stringent criteria for innovation, environmental sensitivity, safety and overall excellence and is considered a major award for Maine construction companies. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Reed and Reed, Inc. on its receiving these awards; (HLS 483)

Elizabeth Brooks, of Hampden, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian for the 2009 graduating class of Hampden Academy. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mark and Kathleen Brooks of Hampden and has been a member of the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years. For years, Elizabeth was a year-round athlete, participating in outdoor track and serving as captain of the cross-country and indoor track teams during her senior year. Elizabeth will be attending the University of New Hampshire. We congratulate her on her accomplishments and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 484)

Alyssa Duron, of Hampden, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian for the 2009 graduating class of Hampden Academy. Alyssa is the daughter of Robert and Stefanie Duron of Hampden. She was born in Dallas, Texas and moved to Maine from Chadron, Nebraska in 2005. She has been a member of the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Big Sisters, French Club and Voices Unlimited. She is also an active member of the Girl Scouts of Maine and has recently received the Gold Award. She will be attending Husson University in the fall. We congratulate her on her accomplishments and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 485)

the following members of the Hampden Academy Mock Trial Team: Jack Forbush, Jason Hamilton, Heidi Harrison, Brad Melanson, Savannah Sargent, Emily Tarbell-Reynolds, Ryan Asalone, Victoria Gower, Zach Malloy, Jack Swalec, Sarah Coston, Elena Cravens, Jennifer Dixon, Michaela Hoffmann, Evan Piccirillo, and James Sargent; and coaches William B. Devoe, Esq., James L. McCarthy, Assistant United States Attorney; and Kathryn King, faculty member, who have been named the State Champions in the High School Mock Trial Competition. This is their 8th state title in the last 9 years. The members represented Maine at the national competition. We commend them for their tremendous dedication and hours of study; (HLS 486)

Alex R. Hynds, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 1776, 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 Alex on this achievement; (HLS 487)

Christopher R. Francis, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 41, 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 Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 488)

the members of the Hampden Academy Boys Outdoor Track Team, who won the Penobscot Valley Conference 2009 Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their win; (HLS 489)

the members of the Hampden Academy Varsity Hockey Team, who received the Maine Principals' Association Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their receiving this award; (HLS 490)

Bert Skinner, of Belfast, who has just received the Bronze Star Medal and Ranger Tab, presented by United States Senator Susan M. Collins, for his gallant service to the Nation during World War II. Mr. Skinner served in the famed unit nicknamed "Merrill's Marauders" and was among the much-needed reinforcements who were responsible for securing the famous Burma Road. The Bronze Star Medal is a United States Armed Forces individual military decoration awarded for bravery, acts of merit or meritorious service. The Ranger Tab is a service school military decoration of the United States Army signifying completion of the 61-day-long U.S. Army Ranger School course in small-unit infantry combat tactics in woodland, mountain and swamp operations. Mr. Skinner was 20 years of age at the time he received his orders and he performed with heroism and selflessness. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Skinner on his receiving these well-deserved acknowledgements of his war service, and we send him our appreciation for his dedicated service to his country; (HLS 491)

Jerry Day Mason, of Westport Island, an artist and poet, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, May 4, 2009. Mrs. Mason has been a valued Maine resident for the past thirty years, after having spent part of every year of her life here as a summer resident starting at her family's summer home on Mere Point Road in Brunswick. Born in Boston, she is a graduate of Oberlin College and attended Leiden University in the Netherlands and Cranbrook Academy of Art. During World War II, Mrs. Mason held the C. Law Watkins Fellowship at the Phillips Gallery in Washington, D.C. and worked with amputees at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After the war, she lived with her family in Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts, and was active in her communities. In the 1950s, she bought her dream home, an old mill on Westport Island in Lincoln County, and she and her three children spent every summer there enjoying themselves and learning about the island. When she married Dike Mason, a widower with three children, they eventually moved to this home year-round. As a permanent resident of Maine, Mrs. Mason has pursued her passions of art and poetry and has written a book and shown her artwork throughout the State. She has remained very active since her husband passed away in 1994, and is a constant inspiration to her family, friends and community. We congratulate her on this special birthday; (HLS 492)

Caterina MacLean, a senior at Scarborough High School and a member of the Scarborough Academic Decathlon team, on her winning a gold medal for the highest score in the nation on the essay in Division III of the United States Academic Decathlon competition in Memphis, Tennessee. We send Caterina our congratulations on her achievement and we send our best wishes to her on her future endeavors; (HLS 493)

Michael S. Handzel, Jr., of Orland, a student at Eastern Maine Community College, who was named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System. Mr. Handzel is an active contributing member of the Eastern Maine Community College community, serving as president of the Student Senate, as a student ambassador and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He was instrumental in organizing the college's first annual Harvest Day, an opportunity for students and staff to work together for the good of the college. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Handzel on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 494)

the Boothbay Region YMCA Y-Arts Chorus, which received recognition at the iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, Georgia, in January 2009. The Junior Theater Festival is the country's biggest and most prestigious youth theater competition. Director Emily Moore's "Godspell" was selected by the judges as

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an Outstanding Production and chosen to perform at the awards ceremony. Also receiving individual honors at the Festival were the following: Ginny Bishop, Robo Bishop, Hope Logan, Nate Friant and Sophie Thayer. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the Boothbay Region YMCA Y-Arts Chorus; (HLS 495)

Morgan Mitchell, of Boothbay, who has been chosen as one of the 2009 WCSH Channel 6 Teens Who Care. The Maine Community College System and Maine Education Services sponsor the awards which celebrate teens that volunteer their time and talents in service of others. Morgan was chosen primarily for her extensive work with the programs Safe Passage and Asset Development. She worked with Safe Passage in Guatemala reaching out to children and adults who live at the Guatemala City dump. Her activities at home in Boothbay have included student helper with Special Olympians, Health Advisory Board member, volunteer at the Opera House and student body president. Morgan has been very active with the planning of annual Youth Summits and was a student presenter at the national Healthy Communities and Healthy Youth conference in Minnesota. We congratulate Morgan on her receiving this award and we commend her for her exceptional work in the community; (HLS 496)

the Route 113 Corridor Committee and its members, on their receiving the Regional ReCOGNition Award from the Greater Portland Council of Governments for the committee's accomplishments. The committee was honored for its adoption of a regional economic development strategy, the state designation of Route 113 as a Scenic Byway called the Pequawket Trail and the development of a corridor management plan for that byway. We congratulate Lou Stack, Gordon Billington, Phil Pomerleau, Mike Shaw, Larry Seidl, Glen Reynolds, Gary McNeil, Ed Pierce, Marlene Livonia, Eric Noble, Marlee Turner, Steve Gourley, Thomas Klinepeter, Dave Knapp, Terry McGillivray, Bob Jewett, Steve Wood, Julia Dawson from the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, Caroline Paras from the Greater Portland Council of Governments and all the other people who participated on this committee for their good work, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 497)

Wallace "Bud" Jeffrey, of Hampden. Mr. Jeffrey received a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Michigan and was a U.S. Navy Veteran who served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He began his career with the Boy Scouts of America in 1954 as a District Executive in Bellow Falls, Vermont. After working in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, he became the Scout Executive of the Katahdin Area Council in Bangor, Maine in 1969. In 1971 Mr. Jeffrey was hired by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to develop and direct the Maine National High Adventure Area in Northern Maine. Until he retired in 1985, he and his wife, Pat, brought 19,000 older Scouts from all over the world to enjoy Maine's wonderful woods and waters. Even after retirement, he gave his time to the Boy Scouts and in 2006 was awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest award given to volunteers. Mr. Jeffrey will be dearly missed by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 498)

Marylouise Cowan, of Southport Harbor, who was the publisher of the *Boothbay Register* and the *Wiscasset Newspaper*. A summer resident of Sprucewold since childhood, she moved to the region in 1979 when her late husband, Howard Cowan, purchased the 2 newspapers; Mrs. Cowan assumed the duties of publisher after his death. She worked hard to improve the papers in every way possible and watched them become consistent award winners in Maine and New England

competitions, especially in the general excellence category. She attended Connecticut College in New London, the University of Texas and the University of Tulsa. Mrs. Cowan was known for her philanthropic support of local groups and organizations. She served on the boards of the Boothbay Region YMCA, Bigelow Laboratory, St. Andrews Hospital, the Boothbay Region Land Trust and the Morris Farm Trust. The field house at the Boothbay Region YMCA was named in her honor, as was an entire floor of the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland, which displays the artworks of various members of the Wyeth family. Mrs. Cowan's hobbies included collecting art and antiques, gardening and traveling around the world. She bred and raised show rabbits and her home was affectionately known as the "Fort Cowan Bunny Barracks." Marylouise Cowan will be greatly missed by her loving family, friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 499)

Stephen Thomas, of Portland, who has been a member of the Maine Criminal Justice Commission since 1992. We take this opportunity to send our appreciation to Mr. Thomas for his work on the commission; as a result of the hard work and vision of Mr. Thomas in implementing necessary changes within Maine's criminal justice system, the commission is soon to be dissolved. Since 1987, Mr. Thomas has dedicated his career to the evaluation and treatment of sex offenders, the clinical supervision of staff, program development, case consultation and professional training regarding sexual aggression. He has explored the difficult issues surrounding the evaluation and treatment of sex offenders and has been a leader in educating law enforcement, treatment providers, probation officers, victim witness advocates, legislators and the general public about an effective community response to sex offenders. His willingness to deal with these very difficult and emotional issues demonstrates his commitment to public service. We send him our best wishes; (HLS 500)

Paul Vestal, of Plymouth, who has been a member of the Maine Criminal Justice Commission since 1996 and served as the commission's chair for many years. We take this opportunity to send our appreciation to Mr. Vestal for his work on the commission; as a result of the hard work and vision of Mr. Vestal in implementing necessary changes within Maine's criminal justice system, the commission is soon to be dissolved. Mr. Vestal is currently the Director of Children's Services and Program Director at Catholic Charities of Maine. He is the former Warden of the Maine State Prison and previously served as the Executive Director of Maine Advocacy Services and the Executive Director of Youth Services Planning & Development Council. Throughout his tenure on the Maine Criminal Justice Commission, Mr. Vestal has effectively advocated for coordinated communication among the judiciary, law enforcement and corrections departments. His vision of enhanced communication has left a lasting mark on Maine's criminal justice system. We send him our best wishes; (HLS 501)

Susan Deschambault, of Biddeford, who has been a member of the Maine Criminal Justice Commission since 1992. We take this opportunity to send our appreciation to Ms. Deschambault for her work on the commission; as a result of the hard work and vision of Ms. Deschambault in implementing necessary changes within Maine's criminal justice system, the commission is soon to be dissolved. She is currently an Intake Correction Caseworker and has worked at the Department of Corrections since 1972. Ms. Deschambault has served the department in many capacities, including as Assistant to the Commissioner and Human Services Caseworker Supervisor. Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Deschambault has served on

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numerous state and local committees, boards and commissions affecting public safety. Her career and accomplishments demonstrate a lifelong commitment to enhancing the lives of citizens in the corrections system. We send her our best wishes; (HLS 502)

William Welch, of Lewiston, on his retirement as the Lewiston Chief of Police after 33 years of dedicated service to his profession and his community. Chief Welch began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer in Lewiston and served as the Chief of Police for 11 years. During his tenure, Lewiston's crime rate dropped to one of the lowest in the State. Chief Welch also organized a police response plan for two rallies held by a white supremacist group in 2003 that caught the attention of law enforcement agencies around the nation. We send Chief Welch our appreciation for his many years of commitment to law enforcement and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 503)

Parker Rossignol, of Caswell, a senior at Limestone Community School, who is the recipient of the Maine Principals' Association's 2009 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. Parker has served as class president for 2 years, has been a member of the National Honor Society and student council and has worked behind the scenes on several school drama productions. He has also been named Valedictorian of the graduating class, played soccer, basketball and baseball and participated in track and field. We extend our congratulations to Parker on his receiving this award; (HLS 504)

the Maine Children's Alliance and its president and chief executive officer, Elinor Goldberg, of Hope, on the alliance's 15th anniversary. The alliance advocates for sound public policies to improve the lives of all Maine's children, youth and families by collecting and analyzing data linking research to practice and public policy and bringing diverse groups together in coalitions to advocate for better state and national policy to benefit Maine's children. Ms. Goldberg was recognized nationally in 2008 by her colleagues as a premier advocate for children in the United States. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Maine Children's Alliance and Ms. Goldberg on the 15th anniversary of the alliance's helping the children of Maine; (HLS 505)

Jim Van Uden, of Hampden, who has been named Assistant Football Coach of the Year by the Pine Tree Conference. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Van Uden on this achievement; (HLS 506)

Kayla Desjardins, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named the Honor Essayist of the 2009 graduating class at Madawaska High School. We extend our congratulations to Kayla on this achievement; (HLS 507)

Brent Stoliker, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Madawaska High School. We extend our congratulations to Brent on this achievement; (HLS 508)

Deidre Michaud, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Madawaska High School. We extend our congratulations to Deidre on this achievement; (HLS 509)

Ronald and Janet Pinkham, of Oxford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham were married on June 20, 1959 at the First Baptist Church in Portland, where they met. They are both lifelong residents of Maine. They have raised 2 children, Jim and Lori, and have 5 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham on this Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 510)

Mathew Drisko, of Columbia Falls, for his heroic efforts in rescuing his grandfather, Lester Drisko. Mathew, who is 8 years old, took command of his grandfather's boat after his grandfather was pulled overboard while tending his lobster traps. With his grandfather unable to reboard the boat, Mathew secured a lifejacket around him and for 30 minutes kept the boat in close proximity to him. Mathew signaled a passing boat for help and the operator, Leland Faulkingham, Jr., lifted Mr. Drisko out of the cold water. We commend Mathew for his brave actions, which saved the life of his grandfather; (HLS 511)

Tyler Saunders, of Ellsworth, who is one of 2 students who won the Maine 2009 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition. The competition, which is sponsored by Ford and AAA Northern New England, is designed to find the most talented young auto technicians in the United States. Tyler, a senior at Ellsworth High School and a student at Hancock County Technical Center, and his teammate won more than \$34,000 in college scholarship money and prizes. He will advance to the national finals in Dearborn, Michigan, which will be held on June 16th. We extend our congratulations to Tyler and wish him good luck in Dearborn; (HLS 512)

Matt Gillis, of Hancock, who is one of 2 students who won the Maine 2009 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition. The competition, which is sponsored by Ford and AAA Northern New England, is designed to find the most talented young auto technicians in the United States. Matt, a junior at Ellsworth High School and a student at Hancock County Technical Center, and his teammate won more than \$34,000 in college scholarship money and prizes. He will advance to the national finals in Dearborn, Michigan, which will be held on June 16th. We extend our congratulations to Matt and wish him good luck in Dearborn; (HLS 513)

Carol A. Giles, of Unity, a student at Kennebec Valley Community College, who was named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Giles on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 514)

Erika Newman, of Livermore, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Livermore Falls High School. Erika is also the recipient of the Maine Principals' Association's 2009 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. She plans on attending the University of New England in the fall. We extend our congratulations to Erika on these achievements; (HLS 515)

Herbert Elton Dunham, a lifelong resident of Greenwood. Mr. Dunham was very active in the Town of Greenwood, serving as an assessor and selectman. He was passionate about coaching baseball and softball, having done so for more than 30 years alongside his brother and son, and was honored with the naming of Dunham Park in Greenwood after his family. Mr. Dunham served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, being wounded 3 times and receiving the Purple Heart. He wrote a book about his experiences in the war entitled *Pebble on a Faraway Beach*. Mr. Dunham was an active member of the Jackson-Silver American Legion in Locke Mills. He was a proud and well-respected man. Mr. Dunham will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 516)

Willard B. Walker, of Canaan, beloved husband, father and grandfather, and noted retired professor and tree farmer. Mr. Walker was born in Boston, graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover and received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University, his master's degree from the University of Arizona and his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He served in the American

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Field Service in 1945 during World War II, a service attached to the British Eighth Army that later entitled him to United States veteran status. He and his wife C. Pearline moved to Maine in 1953 and bought a farm in Canaan now known as Battle Ridge Tree Farm. He began his teaching career in 1960 at Cornell University and later taught at Wesleyan University, Colby College and Bacone College. At Wesleyan, Professor Walker served as acting chair and chair for the Department of Anthropology and the Linguistics Program. He was a member of the American Society for Ethnohistory, the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas and the Southern Anthropology Society. He wrote extensively about Native American culture and language and his works were published in both the United States and Germany. Professor Walker was an active longtime member of the Canaan Grange No. 239. He and his son were awarded "Outstanding Tree Farm" by the State for their excellent work on their tree farm in Canaan. We acknowledge Professor Walker's distinguished career in education 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 517)

Dylan Gilcott, of Rumford, for his quick thinking on the morning of March 17, 2009, which helped to save the life of Eric Westleigh. Dylan heard cries for help from the woods across the road from his home. He ran into the house and told his parents to call 9-1-1. Mr. Westleigh was lying on the snowmobile trail and had been there nearly 8 hours in subfreezing temperatures with both legs and a hip seriously injured. Because of Dylan's decisive action, his mother and her husband found Mr. Westleigh in the woods and administered emergency treatment until help arrived. We commend Dylan for his quick response to the situation; (HLS 518)

Neil Stinneford, of Weld, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Stinneford grew up in Oakland and Dixfield and is the 14th player with ties to Franklin County and Oxford County to be enshrined in the Maine Hall of Fame during the last 20 years. He played baseball for 3 years at Colby College and was named an All-American player in 1956. Mr. Stinneman also played football and shared in a 6-man football state championship during his career at Dixfield High School, now Dirigo High School. After college, he received an offer made by the Kansas City Royals and an offer for a tryout with the Pittsburgh Pirates but instead played for Kentville, Nova Scotia in the maritime league in order to keep his young family close to him. He eventually decided to not live the minor-league lifestyle, which would have kept him away from his family, and instead worked for many years for International Paper. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Neil Stinneford on his receiving the high honor of being inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame; (HLS 519)

Steve LaPointe, of Rumford, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame for his decades of commitment to baseball. Mr. LaPointe became involved with sports at a young age because his late father, John, was an official. He has been a fixture in the River Valley and has played every position in baseball. Mr. LaPointe remains active in the Senior Men's League, recently renamed the Pine Tree League. He was a player and a coach for the Pine Tree League from 1973 to 1997. He is a 1974 graduate of Rumford High School and played baseball at the University of Maine at Farmington, where he received his degree in elementary education. He teaches at SAD #43 and has been the varsity baseball coach at Rumford High School and Mountain Valley High School since 1981. We acknowledge his many years of commitment to baseball in Maine

and his excellent teaching and coaching skills. We send him our congratulations on his well-deserved induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame; (HLS 520)

the Reverend Angelo Bertrand LeVasseur, Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Portland. Rev. LeVasseur was born in Grand Isle and attended the Van Buren District Secondary School and the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He was a teacher in the Van Buren and Mars Hill school districts before studying philosophy and theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he received a Master of Divinity degree. On July 31, 1983, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Portland and, as his first assignment, served as Parochial Vicar at St. Andre's Parish in Biddeford. Rev. LeVasseur then served as chaplain at Bowdoin College and Bates College for several years while doing parish ministry at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brunswick and St. Katharine Drexel Chapel in South Harpswell. He then became pastor of Ste. Luce Catholic Church, one of the oldest churches in the State. He also served in parishes in Sabattus and Greene before being assigned to Holy Savior Parish, serving Rumford, Mexico, Dixfield, Bethel and Roxbury Pond. The Reverend Angelo Bertrand LeVasseur will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his parishioners and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 521)

Josephine "Jody" Marie Meador, of Harpswell. She was born August 18, 1955 in Fort Worth, Texas and graduated in 1982 from Texas Tech University School of Medicine, completing a residency in internal medicine and a residency in hematology at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine in 1987. At a young age, Dr. Meador was determined to become a physician and help underserved persons. She traveled to Eritrea, Africa in 1988 to work as the medical director for a camp housing 10,000 refugees. Upon her return to the United States, she worked for the County of Orange Health Care Agency in Southern California, serving the population at the Orange County Jail. Dr. Meador traveled to Romania in 1995 to provide training to physicians treating orphaned children and came home to teach colleagues in the United States what she learned. In 1998, Dr. Meador went to serve the people of Yugoslavia in the Kosovo region as the medical director of a five-year tuberculosis project. When the regional conflict made it impossible to continue, she returned to the United States and made her home in Maine. Dr. Meador provided medical care to the underserved populations at Mercy Recovery Center and the Cumberland County Jail and, in 2003, began working at Riverview Psychiatric Hospital in Augusta, providing internal medicine services. After helping with tsunami recovery efforts in Sri Lanka in 2005, Dr. Meador decided to retire. She became active in the Brunswick Food Bank and Tedford Shelter. A skilled outdoorswoman, Dr. Meador earned her Maine Guide license in 2007. Dr. Meador will be greatly missed and long remembered by her life partner Diane Ober, her children, her family and her many friends, both here in Maine and around the world; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 522)

the following top ten students of the 2009 graduating class at Mt. Ararat High School: Sean McClintock Perkins, Joshua Creeden Bryant, Jan Corinne Bessey, Krislyn Maria Hyatt, Rachel Kathryn Haines, Joshua Elliot Dennison, Sean M. Greeley, Christina Jean Erving, Fiona Katharine Duncan and Amanda Renee Hart-Hempstead. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their future endeavors; (HLS 523)

Howard Jack, of Westbrook, assistant principal of Westbrook High School, who saved the life of his neighbor, whose house was on fire. Mr. Jack saw the front porch of his neighbor's house engulfed in flames, and, while his son called emergency services,

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he went and kicked down the front door and carried his neighbor, an elderly woman, out of the burning building to safety. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Jack for his heroic and selfless actions, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 524)

Sean Bachelder, of Westbrook, who helped save the life of an elderly woman whose house was on fire. Mr. Bachelder ran to the burning house to see if he could help and found the woman clinging to the back porch, refusing to leave her home. He saw the fire making its way through the kitchen and picked up the woman and carried her away from danger. We send our appreciation to Mr. Bachelder for his heroic and selfless actions and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 525)

Robert Brian Mealey, of Skowhegan, a retired teacher and active member of his community. Mr. Mealey was a graduate of the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He taught at Lawrence Junior High School and Lawrence High School in Fairfield for 37 years until his retirement. Mr. Mealey was a school board director for Maine School Administrative District #54, served 2 terms as a selectman for the Town of Mercer, and was president of the School Administrative District #49 Teachers Association for 10 years. Mr. Mealey was an adult education teacher for 23 years and taught in the dropout prevention program for 10 years. He was a member of the Maine Education Association Statewide Bargaining Committee and the Maine Education Association Budget Committee. Mr. Mealey was chair for the Fairfield Juvenile Justice Program and cochaired a Department of Labor's program concerning juveniles. He played a strong role in helping to end the Maine railroad strike in the 1980s and also successfully lobbied the Governor and the Maine Legislature for increased funding for education in the early 1990s. He was a member of Maine People's Alliance, the Eagles club, Somerset County Retired Teachers, the Somerset County Democratic Committee and the Skowhegan Democratic Committee. We acknowledge Mr. Mealey's strong commitment to education, to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 526)

Jack Forbush III, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 41, 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 Jack on this achievement; (HLS 527)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Girls Track Team, on their winning the 2009 Class A State Track and Field Championship: Khatra Arte, Tianna Audet, Hayley Barton, Rebecca Barton, Joardin Basinger, Audrey Bennett, Lauren Bennett, Christie Bernier, Marie Bernier, Christine Bilodeau, Felicia Binette, Emily Blackwood, Kelsey Blanchette, Anna Brooks, Lauren Brown, Ashley Butler, Hannah Carrier, Dawna Daigle, Kayla Davison, Danielle Demers, Emily Dodge, Abigail Downs, Marie Dufresne-Dixon, Abigail Dunn, Stephanie Elwell, Kasandra Gile, Miranda Gile, Ashley Greene, Michelle Grivois, Ashton Hackett, Katherine Harmon, Abigail Hart, Hannah Hart, Emily Hartnett, Annie Helmkamp, Hali Henri, Chyla Hiott, Diana Kruszewski, Jocelyn Lahey, Francesca Lally, Samantha Lamson, Rebeccah Leavitt, Kelsey Letourneau, Chelsey Libby, Jaclyn Masters, MaryKate Masters, Eileen McKinney, Hanna Mogensen, Chelsy Montminy, Deanna Morency, Emily Nunn, Jessica Nyholm, Tabitha Olsen, Danielle Paul, Kelly Philbrook, Rebecca Poirier, Kirsten Prue, Emily Ranucci, Jennifer Riethmann, Brianna Robbins, Alicia Rose, Muriel Schwinn, Jaime Sevit, Abigail Sherwood, Kathryn St. Hilaire, Elizabeth Stauffer, Zoe Theriault, Sarah Vye and Morgan Wilkins. The team, coached by

Rebecca Hefty and assistant coaches Mike Smith and Tara Eretzian and volunteer Kim Visbaras, also won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference championship this year. We send all the members of the team our congratulations on their accomplishments; (HLS 528)

Susan Hartford, of Dresden, on being named the 2009 winner of the Maine Education Association's Award for Teaching Excellence. Ms. Hartford grew up in Cherryfield and graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in education. After graduation, she took the job that she's had for 36 years, teaching physical education to Bath school children. In February, Ms. Hartford will travel to Washington, D.C., where she and winners from the other 49 states will attend the National Education Association Foundation's 15th Annual Salute to Excellence in Education Gala. We extend our congratulations to Susan Hartford on this outstanding accomplishment, and offer her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 529)

William (Bill) E. Reed, of Woolwich, a prominent member of his community. Mr. Reed was born in Bath and graduated from Morse High School in 1960, from Maine Central Institute in 1961 and from Husson College with a bachelor of science in business administration in 1965. After graduating from college, he was an Esso sales representative in New Hampshire before he returned to Maine to join the family business, Bert's Esso Servicenter and Oil Service. Eventually he became the sole proprietor of the business and expanded the business into Bath Bus Service, Bert's Oil Service Inc., and Bert's Exxon (currently Irving) Servicenter. Mr. Reed was a member of the First Federal Savings and Loan board of directors. He previously served as president of the Bath Lions Club, was a member of the board of deacons of the Bath United Church of Christ and the Bath Area Family YMCA board of directors. He was a lifetime member of the Bath Elks Club and previously served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army in Bath. Mr. Reed was a member of the Maine Maritime Museum, the Chocolate Church Arts Center, the Bath Area Senior Center, the West Bath Historical Society, the Georgetown Historical Society, the Woolwich Historical Society and the Rusty Nuts Car Club. The Bath Rotary Club named him a Paul Harris Fellow. Among his many awards were the Morse High School Mainsail Award and the Civilian Recognition Award from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and the community that he served so faithfully; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 530)

Edward A. Charbonneau IV, of Yarmouth, who is leaving the Maine State Legislature's Office of the Revisor of Statutes after more than 15 years of dedicated service, including more than 16 regular legislative sessions and several special sessions, from the 116th to the 124th Legislatures. Mr. Charbonneau started on February 14, 1994 as a legislative attorney, bringing with him both federal and state legal experience, and devoted himself wholeheartedly to his new job providing impartial, nonpartisan and expert assistance to the Legislature in drafting legislative instruments and maintaining the statutes. In 1999, he became Senior Attorney in the office, expanding his duties to include managing the publication of the Laws of Maine and serving as the Revisor's webmaster and computer expert. In an office that has by its nature unpredictable, long and grueling work schedules, requiring many hours away from home, Mr. Charbonneau always kept his sense of humor and maintained an exemplary work ethic. He earned the respect and affection of all who worked with him. Mr. Charbonneau contributed time and effort beyond the call of duty and willingly took on extra

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responsibilities in the office, while contributing to his community by serving on the Town of Yarmouth Zoning Board of Appeals and coaching youth sports. We take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Mr. Charbonneau for his more than 15 years of selfless commitment and loyal service to the Legislature as he leaves the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to continue to work for the people of the State of Maine in another branch of government, and we send him our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 531)

The Lewiston High School Girls Tennis Team, on its winning the 2009 Class A State Championship. This is the Blue Devils' fourth consecutive Class A girls state tennis championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the winning team on their remarkable achievement; (HLS 532)

The Lewiston High School Boys Tennis Team, on its winning the 2009 Class A State Championship. This is the Blue Devils' seventh consecutive Class A boys state tennis championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the winning team on their remarkable achievement; (HLS 533)

the following members of the Mt. Blue Lacrosse Team, which won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Championship: Travis Robinson, Lance Dwight, Derek Rowe, Kyle Tracy, Ben Altmaier, Zac Conlogue, Brandon Melville, Justin Brooks, Joe LeClair, Amanda Hall, Nick Watson, Tash Doughty, Dillian Burnham, Phillip Wells, Adam Lewia, Ethan Kyes, Colton Miranda, Brandon Redlevske, Griffin Conlogue and Anthony Larrabee and head coach James Black and assistant coach Chad Brackett. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their win; (HLS 534)

Sig Knudsen, of Brunswick, on the occasion of his retirement after a 45-year career in social work, including 12 years as director of People Plus, the position from which he is retiring. Mr. Knudsen, a Bowdoin College graduate, took the helm of the 55 Plus Center, as it was then known, in 1997. As director, Mr. Knudsen helped transform the organization from its limited mission as a social club for senior citizens into a multi-age center that hosts everything from monthly contradances to yoga classes, writing workshops and quilting circles. When the Town of Brunswick was looking to open a teen center, he offered People Plus Center as its home. He also initiated an outreach program for older people to participate in the organization. Mr. Knudsen listens and learns from others and is grateful for meeting and working with so many wonderful people during his time leading People Plus. He plans to continue to volunteer during his retirement. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Knudsen for his dedication to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 535)

Edward K. Browne, of Dennysville, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, June 26, 2009. Mr. Browne was born in New Jersey and has been a resident of Maine for more than 20 years. Mr. Browne served as a Waist Gunner on a B-17 Bomber during World War II. His plane was shot down, and he bailed out over Reichelsheim, Germany and was taken prisoner. After the war, he worked in Alaska as a forester. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys annual fishing trips to Nahmakanta Lake. Mr. Browne is active in his church, is involved in the local Grange and Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Fourth of July celebrations and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Browne on this special occasion; (HLS 536)

Martha Wasgatt, of Farmington, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane, as the oldest citizen in the town. Ms. Wasgatt turned 100 years of age on December 24, 2008 and received the

gold-capped cane in a ceremony at the Pierce House. She is the daughter of Rowland Wasgatt, MD and Josephine Nickerson Wasgatt and was raised in Rockland. She graduated in 1931 from the University of Maine with a degree in home economics, went on to earn a master's degree at Columbia University and taught home economics for 16 years in Pennsylvania. She came back to Maine to teach, taking a position at the University of Maine at Farmington, the former Farmington State Teachers College, and taught home economics from 1953 until she retired in 1972 as professor emerita. She now resides next door to the university at the Pierce House. We send her our congratulations on her receiving the Boston Post Cane and our best wishes; (HLS 537)

Franklin Memorial Hospital, in Farmington, on its recently receiving 2 separate awards for excellence. Franklin Memorial Hospital received the Exceeding Patient Expectations Award from Avatar International, an industry leader in health care quality improvement services. It also was designated as a 2009 Professional Research Consultants recipient of five- and four-star national excellence in health care awards in laboratory services, nursing care and emergency services. We extend our congratulations to all the staff at Franklin Memorial Hospital on their being recognized for its excellence; (HLS 538)

Kepware Technologies, in Portland, on its being awarded the Governor's Award for Technology Company of the Year by the Technology Association of Maine. This award is presented to an outstanding company that offers a specific innovation or achievement and contributes significantly to Maine's reputation as a cutting-edge technology state. Kepware Technologies is the world leader in communication software for automation. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the company on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 539)

Frank Donald, of Wilton, for his years of dedicated service to the youth of the Wilton area. Mr. Donald has been Wilton's recreation director for 20 years. Before being hired as the recreation director, Mr. Donald was a volunteer coach and umpire at Kineowatha Park. Over the years, Mr. Donald has expanded the town's recreation program, improved its facilities and increased the number of children served. Despite his many duties, Mr. Donald still does most of the officiating. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Donald for his commitment to the youth of the community; (HLS 540)

the Town of Whitefield, on the 200th Anniversary of its incorporation, June 19, 2009. The town was named in honor of a minister that touched the lives of many settlers in the area. Because of the Sheepscot River, the area's economy thrived with lumber, grist, and carding mills as well as brickmaking from river clay and granite mining and, later, gravel mining. Many men from Whitefield served valiantly in the War of 1812 and the Civil War as well as in all the major wars of the 20th century. After the Civil War, civic organizations and benevolent societies sprang up in town, many of which exist today and continue to enrich the lives of town residents. The opening up of rich farmland in the West and the industrialization of New England cities caused a long, slow decline in Whitefield's population. A small rebound in farming occurred after World War II, followed by the back-to-the-land movement in the 1970s, when many of Whitefield's historic houses were restored. Today, Whitefield thrives as a civically active rural community, where farmers labor alongside artists, professionals, merchants and government workers. We send our congratulations and best wishes for future success to the good citizens of Whitefield on their Bicentennial Celebration; (HLS 541)

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Allison Doble, of Hampden, a student at Reeds Brook Middle School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. Allison received this award on the recommendation of staff at her school, she has faithful school attendance, as well as consistently being on the honor roll. Allison is very involved in her school activities, serving on the Civil Rights Team, participating in chorus and playing on the softball team. She is also a member of the student council. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Allison on her receiving this honor; (HLS 542)

Stephan Bunker, of Farmington, who is the recipient of the Trainer of the Year Award presented by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, a 16,000-member professional trade association for public safety communications personnel. This award is presented annually to public safety communications personnel who have demonstrated the highest levels of personal and professional conduct and performance in the line of duty. Mr. Bunker is the State's 911 operations manager and has 30 years of experience in public safety. He trains and certifies all of Maine's public safety communications personnel. He also serves as Chair of the Farmington Board of Selectmen and is a member of the Farmington Fire Rescue Department. We send Mr. Bunker our appreciation for his many years of commitment to his profession and to his community, and we congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 543)

Sandra Carleton, of Brunswick, who is retiring from her position as the Deputy Chief of Operations for the Brunswick Fire Department after a distinguished career of providing emergency medical services, fighting fires and breaking down barriers for women in the field of professional firefighting in Maine. She is the only woman to receive the designation of Certified Maine Chief Fire Officer, and one of the few female chief fire officers in Maine. With training and certification both as a paramedic and as a firefighter, Ms. Carleton has devoted many hours to working with citizens and students in area schools promoting fire safety as well as mentoring young women aspiring to nontraditional careers. We acknowledge her commitment to her profession, to her community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 544)

Maine Wildlife Park, in Gray, upon its being named a 2009 Editors' Choice in the Best Place to Meet the Natives category by *Yankee* magazine in its annual *Travel Guide to New England*. The Editors' Choice recommendation designates *Yankee* editors' and writers' favorite restaurants, lodgings, attractions and bargains across New England. Maine Wildlife Park is owned and operated by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and is a refuge and education facility housing wildlife that are being rehabilitated or are unable to return to the wild. We congratulate Maine Wildlife Park on its receiving this honor from *Yankee* magazine; (HLS 545)

Mr. Alex Ernst and his third-grade class at the W. G. Mallett School in Farmington, on their being presented with a plaque by the Sandy River Recycling Association for their work in composting. Mr. Ernst and the students earned the Maine Composters of the Year award for sharing their message of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" with others. We congratulate Mr. Ernst and his students for their exemplary efforts; (HLS 546)

the memory of the late Robert J. Beal, of Phillips, on the occasion of the town report dedication in his honor for his longtime commitment to the community. Mr. Beal was born at his family's farm in Avon. He was a lifelong resident of Phillips and a 1947 graduate of Phillips High School. He attended Bowdoin

College, where he graduated with honors in 1951. He served in Germany during the Korean War and then returned to New England to study law at Boston College. After graduation he practiced law as a partner and owner of Noyes and Beal in Rangeley for more than 50 years. Mr. Beal was an active and exemplary citizen of Phillips, serving as a volunteer in many area organizations and providing countless hours of service to the community. He was a member of the Phillips Historical Society and provided valuable research assistance and the loan of historic artifacts and equipment. He also served the Phillips Library Association, the Mile Square Cemetery Association, the Sandy River Railroad and the Phillips Area Micro Loan Committee. We acknowledge his many years of dedication to the Town of Phillips; (HLS 547)

the families of Ward McLaughlin and Trent Lundeen, of West Ridge Farms in Mars Hill, who have been named the 2009 Farm Family of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. Twenty-five years ago, Mr. McLaughlin joined the Lundeen family business. Now he and his brother-in-law, Trent Lundeen, oversee 900 acres of potatoes and 900 acres of small grains, and have become masters of modern day agriculture. Both Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Lundeen enjoy having their families working together for a common purpose and look forward to passing this legacy on to their offspring. West Ridge Farms has contracts with Frito-Lay, McCain Foods and Naturally Potato. Both men serve on the Agricultural Bargaining Council. Mr. McLaughlin serves on the Mars Hill town council and was a member of the Maine Potato Board and the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Board. We extend our congratulations and best wishes them on their earning this noteworthy honor; (HLS 548)

Ryan Small, of Auburn, who won an artificial intelligence competition at the 2009 World Congress of Evolutionary Computation in Trondheim, Norway. Ryan, a student at the University of Southern Maine, introduced a program called "Unreal Tournament" at the competition. Ryan created, unlike a regular computer game, a character with a form of intelligence that can adapt, learn and evolve. Ryan's professor, Clare Bates Congdon, notes that the design of these artificial intelligence programs has practical applications, as these systems are seeing increasing use in various fields ranging from military applications to Mars explorers and entertainment. We congratulate Ryan on this tremendous achievement and send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 549)

Armand D. Cyr, of Madawaska. Mr. Cyr was born on September 24, 1915, in Madawaska, the son of Dan and Agnus (Bellefleure) Cyr. Mr. Cyr started blacksmithing with his father at a very young age. After many years, he turned his shop into a welding shop. Mr. Cyr also shoed horses, another trade learned from his father. He was a member of St. David choir for many years, as well as a lifetime member of fourth degree Knights of Columbus, Council No. 2638, Madawaska. Mr. Cyr loved people, music and singing, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He will be fondly remembered for his laughter and greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 550)

the annual Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival, as it celebrates the popular American music form on July 11th and July 12th, 2009 in scenic Harbor Park. We commend Paul Benjamin and Jamie Isaacson, of Rockland, for their successful annual two-day summer festival, which brings some of the biggest and best names in blues music to Maine. We join with blues fans not only from Maine but from across the nation in extending our appreciation to Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Isaacson,

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and we send them our best wishes for continued future success; (HLS 551)

the Reverend Anna Beach, of Caribou, on her retirement from Gray Memorial United Methodist Church on June 28, 2009. Reverend Beach attended Boston University School of Theology and has been an ordained minister for 17 years. She has also served churches in Waterville and in New Hampshire. We send her our appreciation for her years of dedicated service to her community and we send her our best wishes for a happy retirement; (HLS 552)

Martha Mary "Mattie" McCormack, of Limestone, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, June 27, 2009. Mrs. McCormack graduated from Limestone High School. Throughout her life, Mrs. McCormack has been involved in her community, including Girl Scouts and Little League as a child and 20 years of helping the Limestone Meals on Wheels Program as an adult. She is the recipient of the American Cancer Society Award for 32 years of service, the First Lady of the Year award for service to the community from the Beta Sigma Society and Limestone's Outstanding Citizen Award in 1976. She is a member and former officer of the Limestone/Caswell Historical Society and has helped to organize and raise funds for parish suppers for her church. Mrs. McCormack taught religious education for 20 years and was a charter member and officer of the Daughters of Isabella in St. Louis Parish. We join Mrs. McCormack's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 553)

NorthStar EMS, of Farmington, which has been redesignated as a HeartSafe Community EMS Service at the gold level. NorthStar EMS requalified for this award for the 3rd straight year with one of the highest scores in the State. The HeartSafe Communities program is a partnership between the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Maine Cardiovascular Health Program and the Maine Emergency Medical Services bureau. NorthStar EMS is the regional ambulance service of Franklin Memorial Hospital. NorthStar EMS is unique in the State as it provides ambulance service to 26 towns and 46 unorganized territories. NorthStar EMS has developed partnerships with first responder services and facilitated AED placements in schools and places where people congregate. We extend our appreciation to NorthStar EMS for its efforts in making emergency services available to the people of the State and congratulate it on its receiving this honor; (HLS 554)

James Nutting, of Auburn, on the occasion of the exhibition of his collection of world-class tropical and local butterflies at the Welcome Center at the State House. In addition to being a noted collector of butterflies and other insects, Mr. Nutting is also a stained glass artist. He took his first stained glass class from his friend Nel Bernard at Craftschool in Lewiston in 1977. In 1998, Mr. Nutting decided to pursue his passion and became a full-time stained glass artist, partnering with his mentor Mr. Bernard in 1999 to create Maine Art Glass Studio and The Sanctuary Gallery in Lisbon Falls. A natural teacher, Mr. Nutting has been teaching stained glass off and on for over 20 years. He has also put together an incredible collection of tropical and local butterflies and insects from around the world, all stunningly displayed in his own stained glass display cases and hand-made shadow boxes. This collection, known as The Butterfly and Insect Museum at Maine Art Glass, is becoming well-known throughout Maine and across the country. The Butterfly and Insect Museum is a popular destination for many school groups, summer camps, scout groups, youth and adult service organizations and families. Mr. Nutting provides group tours, talks on insects and live

demonstrations of insects and arachnids. He is one of the few individuals in Maine licensed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to keep and exhibit live tarantulas, scorpions and other exotic invertebrates. We extend our congratulations to James Nutting on this exhibition and wish him continued success; (HLS 555)

Kenneth B. Russell, Commander (Retired), United States Navy, of East Boothbay, a distinguished career officer and devoted family man. Commander Russell was born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and he graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine in 1950. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin and was commissioned to the United States Navy. In 1958, he received his wings and toured as a naval fighter pilot, flying until 1962 aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*. He earned a Master's degree in Operations Analysis at the Navy Postgraduate School and worked two years in the Pentagon. In March 1966, Commander Russell returned to flying, deploying to Vietnam aboard the *USS Roosevelt* and to the Mediterranean aboard the *USS Shangri-La*. He was assigned as Commanding Officer of VA-35 in 1971. In 1974, Commander Russell reported to the Navy Recruiting District Boston, becoming Commanding Officer in 1975. His final tour of duty was as Executive Officer and Director of Undergraduate Training at the NROTC Unit at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After retiring in 1980, he spent 10 years teaching NJROTC at Athol High School in central Massachusetts, followed by 9 years in industry at the Haartz Corporation in Acton, Massachusetts. Commander Russell and his family moved to East Boothbay, previously his summer residence, in 1999. He was known for his deep love of his family, his unwavering support for his country, his pride in his military service and his dedication and commitment to the communities in which he lived. We commend Commander Russell's many years of exemplary service to the United States Navy and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 556)

Foss Jewelry, in Livermore Falls, on its 90th year of doing business. The family-run company is a "diamond" in the downtown business district of Livermore Falls. Foss Jewelry was started by Lester S. Foss in 1919. Mr. Foss ran the business until May of 1959, when he sold it to his nephew-in-law, George Henry Botka. Henry, as he was known to many, ran the business successfully until 1999, when he sold it to his son, Stephen Henry Botka. Upon Mr. Stephen Botka's death in February of 2009, ownership was assumed by his daughter, Katherine Botka Quirion, the great-grandniece of Lester S. Foss. The store has been under the management of Anne Winter since 1999. An employee of Foss Jewelry for 19 years, Ms. Winter was first hired under George Henry Botka and assumed management under Stephen Henry Botka. We extend our congratulations to Foss Jewelry, an exemplary Maine business, on this important anniversary, and we send all the members of the company our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 557)

Mount Desert Island Hospital, in Bar Harbor, on its being named one of the 37 best hospitals in New England by health plan provider Harvard Pilgrim. As a member of the prestigious Harvard Pilgrim Honor Roll, Mount Desert Island Hospital is among an elite group of acute care hospitals in New England that scored in the top 25 percent of hospitals nationwide on a set of quality and patient experience measures. The hospital has consistently ranked among the best across the board. It was named the National Outstanding Rural Health Organization in 2007, and last year the hospital received an unprecedented sixth consecutive award for Overall Patient Satisfaction. Mount Desert

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Island Hospital has also ranked higher than the state and national averages on measures of patient experience and processes of care. We extend our congratulations to the Mount Desert Island Hospital staff for their receiving this honor; (HLS 558)

Ben Miklovich, of New Gloucester, a 2009 graduate of Gray-New Gloucester High School, who won First Place in the 200-meter dash at the 2009 State Track and Field Competition at Mount Desert Island and also led his school's team to second place in the 400-meter relay race. Ben won the indoor track State title during the school year in the 55-meter dash and broke the State record, and is a member of the Gray-New Gloucester relay team, which won the State title. At the Boys Western Maine Indoor Track Conference this year, Ben won first place in the 100- and 200-meter races. We extend our congratulations to Ben on his winning season, and we send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 559)

Stacy Haines, of Strong, who saved the life of an elderly woman who had a heart event in a restaurant. Ms. Haines, a registered nurse, was at the restaurant with her new husband, enjoying their honeymoon. When a waitress called for help and for someone to call 911, Ms. Haines sprung into action and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until an ambulance arrived. Paramedics assured her that without her quick thinking and assistance, the woman would not have survived. We commend Ms. Haines for her heroic actions and thank her for her help in saving the life of another person; (HLS 560)

the Capital Mainiacs 12-U softball team, on its winning the 2009 Maine Amateur Softball Association State Championship. We congratulate the following team members on their victory: players Briana Brochu, Lindsey Quirion, Morgan LeVasseur, Hayley Quirion, Olivia Deeves, Emily Quirion, Haley Stevens, Samantha Larrabee, Sonja Morse, Abby Farrin, Arika Brochu, Alyssah Dennett, Bayleigh Logan and Abby Wormell; batgirl Maddison LeVasseur; and coaches Don Brochu, Noel LeVasseur and Al Brochu; (HLS 561)

Dylan Knowlton, of Spruce Head, who rescued his grandfather, Arnold Godin, who fell off a dock into the chilly waters of Spruce Head Island. Mr. Godin, a lobsterman for more than 50 years, was taken by surprise by the cold and shock of falling. He tried to swim to shore, but his arms quickly grew too numb to continue and he turned back to the family dock and yelled to his grandson for help. Dylan, who is 10 years of age, heard his grandfather's calls, ran and jumped into a skiff at the dock and rowed it to his grandfather, his first time rowing the skiff by himself. Dylan's mother, Melody Knowlton, believes her son's quick thinking and confidence on the water were due to lessons at the Samoset Resort's fitness center in rescuing a person from the land. The South Thomaston Fire Department granted Dylan a Certificate of Heroism for his quick response and bravery. We commend Dylan for his actions, and we join with his family and the community in congratulating him for saving his grandfather's life. We send him our best wishes; (HLS 562)

Opera House Arts, in Stonington, a diverse theatre community fostering and promoting excellence in all the ways we perform our lives, on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary. Founded by Carol Estey, Judith Jerome, Linda Nelson and Linda Pattie, Opera House Arts brought the Stonington Opera House back to life by purchasing and reopening the historic landmark in 2000, building on the extraordinary legacy of the venerable opera house, originally built in 1893 and rebuilt in 1910 after a fire. Opera House Arts provides year-round programming through original theatre productions, community play readings, innovative dance performances, jazz festivals, films, a digital lab and "Live! for \$5" summer family performances. It also exemplifies its motto

of "Incite Art - Create Community" by having arts partnerships with schools and providing mentorships and training programs for young people in the performing arts. Opera House Arts is an active partner in the creative economy in Stonington, engaging the community and attracting visitors from the State and region to the Stonington working waterfront. We send our congratulations to all the participants in Opera House Arts on the occasion of this 10th Anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 563)

Peggy A. Milliken, of Houlton, on her retirement from the Department of Health and Human Services in Houlton after 28 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Maine. Ms. Milliken has worked at the Adult Protective Services Division of the Office of Elder Services for the past 25 years. During her long and distinguished career she has been a faithful and dependable public servant enjoying excellent rapport with coworkers, service providers and the public. She is a tactful, poised, pleasant team player who has always exercised excellent judgment. Ms. Milliken has been an industrious worker with a true Aroostook County work ethic. Her sense of humor and readiness with a joke is legendary, as is her love of all animals, especially dogs. We extend our deep appreciation to Ms. Milliken for her many years of dedicated service to the agency and the people of Maine, and we extend to her our best wishes in all future endeavors; (HLS 564)

the following members of the St. Dominic Regional High School Baseball Team, the Saints, who won the 2009 Class C State Championship: players Evan Roy, Nathan Dye, Danny Nadeau, Cam Hainey, Richard Paradis, Jamie Poulin, Aaron Allen, Kurt Johnson, Matt Navojosky, Joe Bryant, Kyle Hargreaves, Shayne Curtis, Alex Parker, Chris Bryant, Casey Parker, Greg LaBonte, Ben Randall and C.J. Bergeron; and coaches Allan Turgeon, Bob Blackman and Mike Bowles. We extend our congratulations to the Saints on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 565)

Peter Timothy Mills, of South Paris, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 130, 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 service project, Peter rehabilitated an old utility storage area at Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, creating a treatment room for the animals needing care. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 566)

Major Christopher A. Lane, of Lincoln, who is the recipient of the 2008 Air Force Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award. In the category of missiles and munitions maintenance, Major Lane has earned a reputation of being a leader while serving overseas. The Town of Lincoln is grateful for his dedication and service to this country. We extend our congratulations to Major Lane on his receiving this award; (HLS 567)

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Jay, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married on June 25, 1949 in Wilton and made their home in North Jay for those 60 years. They were blessed with 2 children, Steve Thompson and Deb Thompson Adams. They are now the proud grandparents of 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons and 6 great-grandchildren. A Korean War veteran, Mr. Thompson worked in area shoe shops and then was employed as a bus driver and custodian for the Jay School Department. Mrs. Thompson was a beautician and owned her own business. They are now enjoying retirement and remain involved in their community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson on this very special occasion; (HLS 568)

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Liz Marks, of Farmington, for her dedicated service to the citizens of Franklin County and The Pierce House. As president of the Board of Trustees of The Pierce House, Ms. Marks organized local events, planned and implemented a large addition to the home and helped to maintain a homelike atmosphere. She was instrumental in organizing and directing the Friends of The Pierce House, which is a group dedicated to improving the social needs of the residents. Ms. Marks is a mentor, a leader and a caring member of the community. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of The Pierce House since 1985 and served as its president for almost 20 years. She demonstrates a positive caring attitude, embraces change and copes gracefully with challenges. She has made an enormous difference in the lives of so many residents in Franklin County. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Marks for her commitment to the people of Franklin County; (HLS 569)

the members of the Brunswick High School Girls Lacrosse Team, who won the Class A State Championship. This is the team's second consecutive championship. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their victory; (HLS 570)

David and Ann Kendall, of St. Albans, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 6, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall moved to St. Albans in 1982 and built one of the first solar-assisted homes in the area. They are both active in the First Universalist Church and the Dexter Historical Society. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 571)

Dustin Freeman, of Orland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 102, 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, Dustin constructed a ramp for the handicapped for the Orland United Methodist Church. We extend our congratulations to Dustin on this achievement; (HLS 572)

John Thomas Murphy, of Millinocket, a World War II veteran who served in the United States Army in Africa and Italy with the 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Mr. Murphy worked at Great Northern Paper Company for 37 years. For several years he served his union as financial secretary. He was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 680. Mr. Murphy enjoyed playing cards and fishing at Nesowadnehunk Lake. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 573)

John P. Ennis, of Millinocket. Born and raised in Millinocket, Mr. Ennis was a graduate of Stearns High School and he served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. Mr. Ennis worked at Great Northern Paper Company for 42 years and retired in 1985. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 61 years, Laverne, his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 574)

Roger Blake, Esq., of Belfast, who is celebrating 50 years of practicing law. Mr. Blake opened his law office in 1959 in Belfast and continues to practice there today at the law firm of Blake and Hazard. Mr. Blake and his law partner, Paul Hazard, Esq., have been practicing law together for over 30 years. We extend to him our congratulations on this anniversary and send him our best wishes as he continues his work; (HLS 575)

the occasion of the rededication of Rudy Vallee Square, in the City of Westbrook, named after Westbrook native and American entertainment icon, Rudy Vallee. The City of Westbrook, in cooperation with the Westbrook Historical Society, will honor the memory of the late singer on July 25, 2009. In his 50-year

career, Rudy Vallee entertained on radio, television and Broadway and in films and was known for his crooning singing style. One of his most famous songs was "The Stein Song," also known as the University of Maine fight song. In 1931, Westbrook Mayor Eugene I. Cummings dedicated the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Street, where the Vallee Drug Store was located, as Rudy Vallee Square. Photographs from that event show throngs of people, proud of the fame that Mr. Vallee had achieved. Mr. Vallee died in 1986 at the age of 84. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Westbrook as they rededicate Rudy Vallee Square in memory and recognition of the late great Maine native; (HLS 576)

the following members of the Deering High School Baseball Team, in Portland, who won the 2009 Class A Baseball State Championship: players Regan Flaherty, Matt Powers, Jake Nichols, Travis Wade, Abe Tabachnick, Patrick Bride, Jack Heary, Jack Young, Jamie Ross, Marc Ouimet, John Hardy, Sean Maheux, Luke Hammond, Nick Colucci, Sam Balzano, Taylor Candage and Anthony Stewart. The Deering Rams are under the direction of Head Coach Mike Coutts, who is assisted by Bill Presby, Mark Sutton, Jim O'Brien and Athletic Trainer Greg Tosi, and were undefeated for the season. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Deering High School community on this achievement; (HLS 577)

Sydney B. Smith, of Bath and Phippsburg. Mrs. Smith was born in New York and attended New York schools and a boarding school in West Virginia. She was employed at Small Point Summer School, which was also her principal interest. She was married to William A. Smith and loved the company of children and people in general. She had five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Smith will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 578)

United States Army Private Dustin Robert Fredrick Small, 19, of Palmyra. Private Small received his diploma from Nokomis Regional High School, and he enlisted in the United States Army in September 2008. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson and AIT at Aberdeen Proving Ground before being stationed with the 2nd HET 360th Transportation Co. of the 43rd Special Troops Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon and achieved the expert badge in rifle marksmanship. We acknowledge Private Small's dedicated military service, and we recognize his commitment to his State and Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and his grateful Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 579)

Patrick T. Norton, of Freeport, upon his retirement. Since 1982 Mr. Norton has served in various positions in State Government, including the last 20 years in the Legislative Branch in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. He started in the office as Legislative Analyst in 1989 and was promoted to Principal Analyst in 1994 and promoted to Deputy Director in 2002. In 2005 he was appointed Director and in 2008 was reappointed. In each position he has conducted himself with the utmost distinction and applied his keen intelligence and wide-ranging experience and expertise in a highly professional, nonpartisan and exemplary fashion. Over the years Mr. Norton has provided professional staffing services to numerous joint standing committees, including those with jurisdiction over natural resources and energy, marine resources, inland fisheries and wildlife and state and local government, as well as to numerous legislative study committees and commissions. An expert policy analyst, Mr. Norton has employed exceptional analytical skills and careful attention to detail. He has undertaken his increasing

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managerial responsibilities in the office with the unwavering goal of supporting the professional nonpartisan services provided to the Legislature by the office, particularly by ensuring the full utilization, expansion, improvement and updating of its technological resources. He has made significant contributions to ensuring dependable computerized tracking and sophisticated analysis of the status and movement of thousands of bills and amendments through the legislative process. Mr. Norton is a respected and admired member of senior nonpartisan staff management and will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him. Mr. Norton is an avid paleontologist and has written about the fossils that exist in the floor stones of the State House. He served on the Shellfish Commission in Freeport. He is writing his doctoral dissertation in political science. Although he is retiring from state service, he will be actively pursuing other interests. While he pursues those interests, we hope he will reflect on his years of service to the State and know that he has accomplished much here. We take this opportunity to congratulate him on his retirement and to acknowledge and extend our deep appreciation for his years of service and commitment to the Legislature. We send him our very best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 580)

Blane and Joan Brilliant Campbell, of Topsham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were married in Freeport on June 27, 1959. They have 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 581)

Glennys Tilton, of Lincoln, on the occasion of her 95th birthday. Mrs. Tilton was born on July 20, 1914 in Chester and today resides at Lincoln Manor. She was married to James Tilton for 59 years and together they enjoyed farming. Mrs. Tilton was a housewife and she also worked at Gold Star Cleaners for 30 years. We join with her family and friends in sending her our best wishes on this milestone birthday; (HLS 582)

the Androscoggin Yacht Club, in Wayne, on the 100th Anniversary of its incorporation. A petition for the incorporation of the yacht club was drawn up on August 12, 1909. Currently there are approximately 120 family memberships and 55 single memberships. Activities at the yacht club include 3 sessions of summer swim lessons, 2 sessions of sailing lessons and a regatta. In addition, the Androscoggin Yacht Club hosts various community events such as pot luck suppers, music night, dances, game night, family day and fundraising suppers. We extend our congratulations to the Androscoggin Yacht Club on its centennial celebration and our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 583)

James Black, of Wilton, who was named the 2009 *Morning Sentinel* Lacrosse Coach of the Year for his team's continued improvement since he became coach. Mr. Black is the coach of the Mt. Blue High School boys lacrosse team, which had a 13-game winning streak during the season, winning the 2009 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Championship. We extend our congratulations to Coach Black on his receiving this high honor, and we send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 584)

the Natural Resources Council of Maine, on its 50th Anniversary of protecting natural resources in Maine. The Natural Resources Council of Maine is the State's leading member-supported organization working to protect Maine's environment and has more than 12,000 members. Since its founding in 1959 by a small group of volunteers determined to help preserve the Allagash Waterway, the council has been involved in nearly every major issue facing the environment in

Maine. We acknowledge the Natural Resources Council of Maine's tireless efforts over the years in protecting the natural beauty of the State. It is one of the most respected state-based environmental organizations in the nation. We send our appreciation for the council's 50 years of hard work and success, and we extend our congratulations to the members of the council on this anniversary; (HLS 585)

Everett P. Pope, of Bath, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Pope was born in Milton, Massachusetts, graduated from North Quincy High School and attended Bowdoin College, graduating magna cum laude. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and in 1942 was deployed with the First Marine Division to the Pacific. He served with the Division at Guadalcanal and in the New Britain campaign, receiving the Bronze Star Medal for valor. In the First Marine Division's assault on Peleliu in September of 1944, he led his reinforced rifle company in an assault on heavily fortified Japanese positions, an action for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. After the war Mr. Pope returned to Boston and joined Workingmen's Co-operative Bank. He was named president of that institution in 1953, making him the youngest bank president in New England. Mr. Pope retired from the banking business in 1983 and moved to Brunswick with his wife, Eleanor. He served on the governing boards of Bowdoin College from 1961 to 1988 and held many positions at Bowdoin College. Mr. Pope led the effort to establish a memorial on the campus for the graduates of the college who died in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was the recipient of 2 honorary degrees from Bowdoin. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 586)

Donald W. Betts, of Woodville, a veteran of the United States Army and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Betts was born in Brooklyn, New York and after graduating high school joined the United States Army, serving with the 82nd Airborne. He also served in the Army Reserves. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 30 years as a machinist. He served his community as a selectman for the Town of Woodville for several years and he was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 587)

Harold E. Bossie, a lifelong resident of Millinocket. Mr. Bossie was a veteran of the United States Army and worked for Great Northern Paper Company as a master machinist for 33 years. He was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and a member of Millinocket American Legion Post No. 80 and Disabled American Veterans. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 588)

Amanda Buckner, of Portland, on her promotion to Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Amanda is the only female Black Belt in that martial art in the State, and possibly in New England. We congratulate her on her achievement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 589)

Tyler Nadeau, of Brewer, who received a gold medal in First Aid-CPR at the 2009 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. A senior at Brewer High School, Tyler spend many hours practicing and studying for his event. His instructor, Don Wade, noted that Tyler is considered one of the best in the country in First Aid-CPR. We extend our congratulations to Tyler Nadeau on this remarkable achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 590)

John Wiltse, of Medway. Mr. Wiltse was born in Michigan and received a degree in mechanical engineering from Western

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Michigan University. He served in the Peace Corps for 2 years, traveling extensively in Western Pakistan. After his service in the Peace Corps, he came to Millinocket and worked for Great Northern Paper Company in the engineering department for 36 years, from 1967 to 2003. He worked as a staff engineer for D and S Engineering until his retirement in 2006. Mr. Wiltse enjoyed skiing and spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 591)

the following 4 people involved in the heroic rescue of Jeffrey Brough from a burning vehicle in Sabattus on July 14, 2009: Sabattus Police Officer Ralph Destefano, Androscoggin County Sheriff's Sergeant Brian Smith, bystander Jim Levesque and his son Jake Levesque. Mr. Brough had crashed into a tree and was unconscious, his truck in flames. Officer Destefano and Mr. Levesque struggled to pull Mr. Brough out of the passenger side of the vehicle. Sergeant Smith tried to help them while fighting the fire with an extinguisher, and Jake Levesque used an extinguisher to fight flames around Mr. Brough. As Mr. Brough was being pulled out of the truck, fuel from the ruptured fuel tank exploded, and witnesses said the flames rose 10 feet above the truck. We send our appreciation to all the people involved in this selfless act and congratulate everyone for their remarkable and heroic actions. We send to all the people involved our best wishes; (HLS 592)

Mount Desert Island Hospital, on its being named for the 7th consecutive year one of the top hospitals in a national patient satisfaction survey. The Overall Best Performer award, presented recently by the research and consulting firm Avatar International, is based on the results of the hospital's 2008 patient surveys. In addition, the hospital has been awarded Avatar International's 5-star service award for the emergency department for 2008. We send our congratulations to the staff at Mount Desert Island Hospital, who have made the institution one of Maine's finest hospitals; (HLS 593)

Zac Conlogue, of Farmington, who was named the *Morning Sentinel* and the *Sun Journal* 2009 Boys Lacrosse Player of the Year. A member of the successful Mt. Blue High School Boys Lacrosse Team, Zac finished his lacrosse career scoring a total of 110 goals, 50 of which were scored this season. We extend our congratulations to Zac on his achievements and send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 594)

John Kezal, of Rumford, who was named the 2009 Rumford Citizen of the Year by the Selectmen of the Town of Rumford. Mr. Kezal was honored for his contributions to the community's quality of life in organizing and coaching sports and for his dedicated service to veterans, to the Maine Veterans Home and on the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Kezal on his receiving this honor; (HLS 595)

Franklin Memorial Hospital, of Farmington, on its being designated a 2009 recipient of the Most Wired, Most Improved Award from the *Hospital and Health Networks* magazine, the journal of the American Hospital Association. Franklin Memorial Hospital is listed as one of the Top 25 Most Improved hospitals in the nation in the area of information technology. We extend our congratulations to Franklin Memorial Hospital on its receiving this designation; (HLS 596)

Emily Scribner, of Wilton, medical librarian for Franklin Memorial Hospital, who has been named Caregiver of the Year for Franklin Community Health Network. Ms. Scribner has been librarian at the hospital for 17 years. She has grown a small library into a state-of-the-art medical library in the Ben Franklin Center, a transition from an article and book library to an

electronic research center with networking capability throughout the world. We congratulate Ms. Scribner on her receiving this distinguished award and send her our best wishes; (HLS 597)

the 60th Anniversary of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, a mutual aid organization formed after the New England states were ravaged by a series of major forest fires in 1947. In Maine, the fires destroyed over 225,000 acres and many homes. The United States Congress recognized the need for closer cooperation among the states to fight forest fires and in 1949 authorized the establishment of the first regional compact to prevent and control forest fires in the Northeast. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York joined the compact in 1949 and eventually the Canadian provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador became members, making the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact the first international forest fire compact. In addition, the White Mountain, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests joined in 1996 under the name of the New England National Forests. We acknowledge the true commitment by each state, province and agency in making up the compact and commend the members for the time and dedication needed to maintain and coordinate an interstate and international organization. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to all the members on the success of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact on its 60th Anniversary; (HLS 598)

Rudolph and Helen Toothaker, of Wilton, on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Toothaker were married at a double wedding with friends in the Wilton Congregational Church on June 23, 1946. Both couples still live in Wilton and are celebrating this anniversary. We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Toothaker on this special occasion; (HLS 599)

Benedicta Township, on its 175th Anniversary of being a community. Benedicta Township was launched as an Aroostook County Irish settlement in 1834 and was named after Benedict Fenwick, the Roman Catholic bishop of Boston who first sent the settlers to the area. They created a farming community and established St. Benedict's Parish, incorporating the town in 1873. Although the town deorganized as a town in 1987, a strong sense of community remains in the township today. We send our congratulations to the good citizens of Benedicta Township on this occasion; (HLS 600)

the following members of the Saco Senior All-Star Team, who have won the 2009 Maine State Softball Championship: Jenny Scontras, Katie Kalagias, Katherine Zafirson, Arica Foster, Kristen Duross, Meg Strickland, Amanda Robinson, Taylor Duranceau, Sam Schildroth, Courtney Lynch, Mary Brown, Karen Jacques, Katie Campisi, and Aryn Foster. The team was coached by Coach Tom Duross and Manager Stan Scontras. This is the first state championship in the 19-year history of Saco Girls Little League softball. The team will represent the State of Maine at the Eastern Regional Championship in Massachusetts. We send the team our congratulations on its achievement and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 601)

Camp Agawam, in Raymond, on its 90th anniversary. Located on Crescent Lake and open for 7 weeks every summer, Camp Agawam is a camp for boys between the ages of 8 and 15. In 1971, Dave Mason, son of the camp's founder, established Main Idea, which is a week-long free experience that has welcomed more than 2,600 deserving young men. Main Idea occurs one week prior to the regular camp season and, in 2005, Camp Agawam was the recipient of the Eleanor P. Eells Award for Program Excellence from the American Camping Association for this program. We join the many campers and their parents in

celebrating 9 rewarding and fun-filled decades at Camp Agawam. We send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 602)

Edward Karass, of Whitefield, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of dedicated service with the State. Mr. Karass began working for the State in 1981 with the Department of Audit. He transferred to the Department of Administration in 1987. In 2003 he was appointed State Controller. Mr. Karass has continually exhibited a commitment to excellence and a drive to make change and improve organizations. His vision of streamlined and effective government led to the combining of the Department of Administration and the Department of Finance into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Enhancing the State's financial reputation has always been an important goal for him, and he has carefully preserved and protected Maine's reputation for financial integrity, transparency and accountability. He drafted successful legislation that improved internal controls over the expenditure of taxpayer funds. During his nearly 3 decades in state government, Mr. Karass has acquired an in-depth understanding of all aspects of state budgeting, and his institutional knowledge of Maine's financial history over this period is second to none among active state employees. He has a great appreciation for the appropriations process, and his candid and constructive testimony on a wide range of financial matters has been of invaluable help to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. His drive for excellence exemplifies what state government employees provide in service to their State. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Karass for his commitment to the people of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 603)

George A. and Mary O. Farnum, of Wilton, on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Farnum were married at a double wedding with friends in the Wilton Congregational Church on June 23, 1946. Both couples still live in Wilton and are celebrating this anniversary. We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Farnum on this special occasion; (HLS 604)

Phil Lawrence, of Eustis, who was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by the New England Lions Council, presented by Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya at a benefit for Lions Clubs International Foundation. This fellowship award is the highest form of recognition within Lions International and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his club and the community it serves. Mr. Lawrence has been an active member of the Stratton-Eustis Lions Club and is the treasurer of the club. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this high honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 605)

Bruce Marcoux, of Coplin Plantation, who was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by the New England Lions Council, presented by Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya at a benefit for Lions Clubs International Foundation. This fellowship award is the highest form of recognition within Lions International and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his club and the community it serves. Mr. Marcoux has been an active member of the Stratton-Eustis Lions Club for 5 years and is the president of the club. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this high honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 606)

W. Dennis Stires, of North Livermore, for his 37 years of dedication to the communities of Livermore and Livermore Falls. Mr. Stires has been an integral part of this area for several

decades. He has served as Chairman and board member of the Androscoggin Historical Society and has also served as a board member for the Livermore-Livermore Falls Historical Society. He helped establish the Maine Paper and Heritage Museum in Livermore Falls. Mr. Stires collected many artifacts and photographs, compiled volumes of information, located display cases and serves as a board member for the museum. He created the local annual History Night (Main Street USA), which brings people from the community together for an outdoor event including local vendors, artists, musicians and entertainers. Mr. Stires also worked at the Norlands Living History Center for many years. We acknowledge Mr. Stires's many years of exemplary contributions to his community and to the State of Maine, and we send him our appreciation for his work; (HLS 607)

the following members of the Southern Maine Flame, a fastpitch softball team in Scarborough, who won the 2009 ASA U14 New England Softball Championship: Kathryn Lebreux of Biddeford; Mo Hannon, Abby Rutt, Erin Giles, Mariah Volk and Lilly Volk of Scarborough; Emily Schatz and Taylor Bergeron of Lyman; Julia Geaumont of Saco; Meryl Richardson of West Newfield; Chelsey Burnell of West Baldwin; and Cleo Miller of Lewiston. We congratulate the team on its achieving this remarkable accomplishment and send the members and coaches our best wishes for future success; (HLS 608)

the Birdsacre Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary, in Ellsworth, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Birdsacre Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary was formed in 1959 after Chandler Richmond and others purchased the home of Cordelia Stanwood, a respected naturalist and ornithologist who died in 1958. The sanctuary began with 40 acres and now covers 200 acres. The sanctuary includes a nature center, a raised boardwalk, several nature trails, and enclosures where injured birds are nursed back to health. Birdsacre Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary is Ms. Stanwood's legacy, but the Richmond family and other volunteers keep the sanctuary running. The sanctuary is free to visitors. We extend our appreciation to the Richmond family and all the volunteers that have made the sanctuary available for the people of the State to enjoy; (HLS 609)

The Theater At Monmouth on the celebration of its 40th season. The Theater At Monmouth is a year-round repertory company of professional theater artists from across Maine and the United States. The Theater has delighted and educated its many audiences by presenting great works of Shakespeare, other works of classic literature and innovative new plays at historic Cumston Hall in Monmouth and in schools and communities throughout the state. In 1975, The Theater was recognized by the Legislature as "The Shakespearean Theater of Maine." It enjoys a national reputation for excellence and achievement, and going to a summer show in Monmouth has become an annual tradition for many Maine families. We extend our congratulations to The Theater At Monmouth as it celebrates its 40th season and our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 610)

James Spencer Lentz, of Brunswick, a longtime football coach and the first director of the Outing Club at Bowdoin College. Mr. Lentz, born in Pennsylvania, served in the United States Army Special Service division in 1945 and 1946 and was an outstanding athlete during his military career. He graduated from Gettysburg College, where he was a member of the wrestling team and captain of the football team. Mr. Lentz began his coaching career at Gettysburg College in 1952. He received a master of arts degree in health and physical education from Columbia University, and in 1957 went to Harvard University as an assistant football coach. He was the defensive coach of the

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Harvard football team from 1962 to 1968. In 1968, Mr. Lentz came to Bowdoin College, where in his 16 years as head coach of football, his teams won numerous championships. Mr. Lentz stepped down from coaching football in 1984, but continued to be involved in the physical education program. He taught whitewater canoeing, cross-country skiing, fly tying and fly fishing, drawing on a lifelong love of the outdoors and skills honed by decades of fishing and camping trips to West Forks in Maine. He proposed formal recognition of the Outing Club at Bowdoin College in 1983 and became its first director; it became the largest student organization on campus during his tenure. In the fall of 1984 Mr. Lentz held the Outing Club's first Leadership Training Program, which became a central part of the club's mission. The Outing Club established the James S. Lentz Leadership Award to honor those students who over the course of their Bowdoin College careers exhibit the leadership qualities of sound judgment, dedication, concern for others and composure in the face of adversity. Mr. Lentz was named Coordinator of Physical Education and the Outing Club Emeritus and an honorary member of the Bowdoin Alumni Association following his retirement in 1992. We acknowledge Mr. Lentz's long and distinguished career. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 611)

Morris L. Gallant, Sr., of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Gallant was born in Millinocket and was one of 12 children. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 24 years and was a lifetime member of Francis Elliot Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 612)

Lowell F. Brookings, a longtime resident of New Gloucester. Mr. Brookings was born at the same home as his mother in Cape Elizabeth and attended Cape Elizabeth schools and played on the first Cape Elizabeth High School basketball team. As a young man, he worked on farms and in 1940 trained at the University of Maine. He was an early pioneer of artificial insemination of dairy cattle. Mr. Brookings worked on the home front during World War II helping to produce milk and milk products for the country. He married his wife, Barbara, in 1942 and he bought his farm in New Gloucester in 1944. They had a herd of Registered Holstein cows, and Mr. Brookings shipped his dairy's milk to Oakhurst Dairy for 35 years. After retirement, he harvested hay and wood from his farm well into his eighties and lived on his farm the rest of his life. He was a man with many friends and was known as a conversationalist and as a curious and spiritual person. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 613)

Edna McLean, of Millinocket. Mrs. McLean was born in Upper Frenchville and was married to the late Carleton McLean. She was very active in and a charter member of the local Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as its president in 1951 and 1991. She was also a member of AARP, serving as its president. Mrs. McLean was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Emblem Club and the Katahdin Area Cancer Support Group. She worked at Reed's Insurance Agency for 15 years and was the office manager for 8 years. She will greatly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 614)

William L. Small, of New Gloucester, a United States Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Small was born at home in New Gloucester and graduated from Bates College. He was a teacher

and coach in the town of New Portland, a principal and teacher in the Town of Solon and a teacher at Lebanon Academy and at Pennell Institute in Gray. He served his community as a selectman in New Gloucester and was treasurer for the school district. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 615)

Nancy Ibarguen, of Wilton, on her retirement from the Department of Education after 37 years of dedicated service to teaching and to education. Ms. Ibarguen began teaching mathematics in Auburn in 1969. From 1972 to 1988, she taught math in MSAD No. 9. She was very active in the teachers' association, serving as president for 3 years and in other leadership capacities for many more years. Between 1984 and 1988, Ms. Ibarguen participated in transitioning teacher certification from being totally state-run to being overseen at the local level. During the 1988/1989 school year, she was a Distinguished Educator of the Department of Education. The next year, Ms. Ibarguen began work at the Department of Education in the Certification Office and was instrumental in crafting the certification process as it is today. We acknowledge her many years of commitment to education and to the teachers and students of Maine. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 616)

Jeannette L. Parsons, of Van Buren, upon her retirement as an Office Assistant II within the Department of Health and Human Services. During her 28 years of dedicated service, Ms. Parsons assisted some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens with courtesy and professionalism. We extend our appreciation to her for her commitment to the people of Maine, and we send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 617)

the 100th Anniversary of Highmoor Farm, in Monmouth. Highmoor Farm was purchased by the State in 1909 to be used as an experimental farm for research and demonstrations on apples. The University of Maine later took over the land and buildings and has continued agricultural research there. Highmoor Farm is now the University of Maine's apple, small fruit and vegetable research location. Over the years, new sweet corn varieties, cucumbers, a cantaloupe, the FNC tomato, two strawberries and an apple, the Brock, were developed at Highmoor. Highmoor is part of the overall research effort for the natural resource-based economy in Maine, which continues to be an important component of Maine's overall economy, and the work done at Highmoor and all the experiment stations will help ensure the future success of the economy. We send our appreciation and congratulations to all the people at Highmoor Farm, past and present, on this centennial celebration; (HLS 618)

Don C. Payne, M.D., of Holden, upon his retirement after many years of service as a psychiatrist at Acadia Hospital and at Eastern Maine Family Practice. Dr. Payne has served with distinction and has provided valuable contributions as a psychiatrist to countless people over the years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Payne on his retirement and we thank him for his years of service to the community; (HLS 619)

Gary John Rowland and Joyce Marcia Dunn, of Jay, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. and Mrs. Rowland were married August 22, 1959 in Corinth, New York. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 620)

the following members of the 1959 graduating class of Phillips High School: Clinton Abbott, Paul Bubier, Robert Caton, Lorrimer Hodges, Robert Therrien, Barbara Smith Raymond, Melvin Webber, Jane Bubier Bunnell (deceased), Sherry Jalbert Barret, Courtland Dill, Alexander Peterson, Carolyn Rowe Nash,

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Rosalynne Walli, Donald Whittemore and Marie Wing Buber. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them as they celebrate their 50th class reunion; (HLS 621)

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berry, of Phillips, who have been named the Honored Couple of 2009 by the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been married for 58 years and have 5 children. They enjoy snowmobiling, fishing, horseshoes and entertaining at their camp in East Madrid. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are very active in the community. We extend our congratulations to them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 622)

Nancy Howland, of Hulls Cove in Bar Harbor, on her retirement after 20 years as the director of the Jesup Library. Ms. Howland had been a school librarian in Virginia and Massachusetts and in Cape Elizabeth, Maine before she and her husband, Dave, moved to Mount Desert Island in 1974. She joined the Jesup Library staff in 1980, and became head librarian in 1989. We acknowledge Mrs. Howland's dedicated service to the community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 623)

Louise Kirkland, of Brewer, on her retirement from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension after 30 years of dedicated service as an educator. Ms. Kirkland retired on June 30, 2009 and was named an Extension professor emerita. She is the daughter of an Extension homemaker and she participated as a youth in the 4-H program. She taught high school home economics for 7 years in her hometown of Fort Kent, and went on to earn her Master's degree and become an Extension educator. We acknowledge her many years of service to the community and to the State, and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 624)

Glendon and Mary Sprague, of Ellsworth, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague were married on July 27, 1949. We extend our congratulations to them on this milestone anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 625)

Arthur and Doris Vicnaire, of St. Albans, upon the occasion of their 69th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Vicnaire were married in Parkman on September 7, 1940. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vicnaire; (HLS 626)

Amos and Margery Lawrence, of St. Albans, upon the occasion of their 66th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were married in Pittsfield on January 9, 1943. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence; (HLS 627)

Patrick M. Thompson, of Union, 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 Patrick on this achievement; (HLS 628)

Cam Bubar, of Lisbon, a member of the Lisbon High School Boys Track Team, who was named the 2009 Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year by the *Lewiston Sun Journal*. Cam finished his senior year with very strong results in the State Class C Championship and the Mountain Valley Conference Championship, receiving 2 titles, 5 runner-up finishes and 62 team points. We extend our congratulations to Cam Bubar on his receiving this well-deserved honor and we send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 629)

Charles E. Colburn, of Bangor, who was presented with his high school diploma from Bangor High School at the age of 87 and 67 years after leaving school to enlist in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Colburn left school in 1942 to

serve his country and served for the remainder of the war. He re-enlisted with the United States Air Force Reserves and later served during the Korean War. Mr. Colburn was informed that he was eligible for his diploma if he could prove his military service and that he had attended Bangor High School. He researched the information needed on his own and was presented his diploma on his 87th birthday in front of dozens of Bangor teachers and administrators to great applause. We send our appreciation to Mr. Colburn for his dedicated service to his State and Nation, and we congratulate him on his getting his well-deserved high school diploma; (HLS 630)

Jacob Hastings, of Farmington, for his winning the grand prize of the 2009 Unity College Fishing for Scholarships Tournament. As part of the Get Hooked on Unity Weekend, the tournament hosted more than 400 students and guests and featured a record number of tagged fish caught from Unity Pond. The catch-and-release scholarships fishing tournament is the only one of its kind in the United States. Jacob is a 2009 Mt. Blue High School graduate and will study Conservation Law Enforcement this fall at Unity College. We congratulate Jacob on his winning this prize and send him our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 631)

Madeline H. Hollister, of St. Albans, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane in recognition of her being the oldest female resident of the town. Mrs. Hollister was born in St. Albans on January 18, 1916. She was employed for many years at Hartland Tanning, Dexter Shoe, Northeast Shoe and Scott-Webb Nursing Home. She has one child, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Hollister on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 632)

Arthur J. Vicnaire, of St. Albans, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane in recognition of his being the oldest male resident of the town. Mr. Vicnaire was born in Cambridge on November 6, 1917. He married Doris Kimball on September 7, 1940. He was employed for many years at Irving Tanning, retiring in 1982. He also was a woodsman. In his earlier years, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. Vicnaire continues to be active and self-sufficient, mowing his lawn, planting his garden and shoveling his driveway. He has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Vicnaire on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 633)

Daniel Clark, 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. Daniel dedicated more than 200 hours on his service project of building and erecting shelves and signs for the Sabbathday Lake Grange in New Gloucester. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 634)

Rodney and Joan Hunnewell, of New Gloucester, upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at the home of Mrs. Hunnewell's parents in North Yarmouth on September 4, 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Hunnewell have lived in New Gloucester most of their married life, where they raised their 4 children, Sandra, Patty, Valerie and Jeffrey. They have 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Hunnewell started Hunnewell Insulation in 1967 and operated this successful business until 1989, when it was turned over to their son. They now operate R and J Management, specializing in rental properties. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hunnewell on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 635)

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Glen David Evans, of Millinocket, loving husband, father, brother and friend, who will be greatly missed and long remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 636)

Lucille McNamara Morrison, of Millinocket. Mrs. Morrison was a graduate of Stearns High School and attended Bryant College in Boston. She began her career at Millinocket Trust Company, retiring from Northeast Bank as assistant vice president in 1979. She and her husband, Dick, raised 2 daughters and enjoyed their granddaughters and great-grandson. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving husband, her family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 637)

Arthur L. Nadeau, of Millinocket, who was a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company, until his retirement. Mr. Nadeau served his country in the National Guard for 4 years and was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He enjoyed giving back to the community by volunteering for several local community services. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 638)

Ron Brown, of Bangor, a longtime Eastern Maine basketball coach and author. Mr. Brown coached basketball for more than 30 years and wrote the column "Time Out" for the *Bangor Daily News*. He also wrote numerous books about basketball. Mr. Brown started coaching at Central High School in Corinth in 1976. He was head coach at Penquis Valley High School, Piscataquis Community High School, John Bapst Memorial High School, Hampden Academy, Bangor Christian School, Machias Memorial High School, Searsport District High School and Narraguagus High School and he coached at Eastern Maine Technical College. His teams made 11 title-game appearances and he led the Machias boys to the Eastern Maine Class D Championship and a state runner-up finish in 1992. He also coached the Maine professional team the Maine Lumberjacks for 2 seasons. He and his wife, Shelly, received the Penobscot Valley Conference basketball coaches' Outstanding Contributor Award in 2007. In 2006, he was selected for the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors and in 2002 he received the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches' Contributor Award. The Maine Association of Basketball Coaches now gives out the Ron Brown Media Award annually in his honor. Mr. Brown will be missed by his loving wife, the athletes he coached, his friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 639)

C. Audrey Giles Chase, of Edgecomb, who had just celebrated her 95th birthday on June 3, 2009. Mrs. Chase was born in Boothbay Harbor and celebrated her 75th high school reunion several years ago. She married John Chase of North Edgecomb, and they began their lives together in a log cabin that he built for her. She lived in Edgecomb for 70 years. Mrs. Chase was a valued participant in her community and church activities and she will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 640)

Dakota Arsenault, of Mexico, 11, who with his father, Eric Arsenault, saved the life of John Harlow, Dakota's great-uncle and Eric's uncle. Mr. Harlow had fallen outside on a freezing December evening, knocking himself out. He regained consciousness, but was suffering from hypothermia and frozen hands and was unable to stand. With the wind blowing, his calls for help went unheard for hours, until around 5 a.m., when young Dakota Arsenault, who lives on the second floor of the building, heard the cries and convinced his father to investigate. Mr. Harlow was nearly frozen and near death and was saved due to Dakota's heroic actions in insisting that his father find the source of the cries. Because of Dakota and Eric, a serious tragedy was

averted. We commend both Dakota and Eric for their heroic actions in saving John Harlow's life; (HLS 641)

Leonette "Nan" (Therault) Pelletier, of Eagle Lake, who was named the State Quilter of the Year for Area 7 by the Pine Tree Quilters Guild. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 642)

Donald R. "Dick" Pound, Sr., formerly of Millinocket, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Mr. Pound was a graduate of Stearns High School and played many sports in high school and throughout his life. He was wounded in battle and awarded the Purple Heart during his wartime service, and after his discharge he worked for Great Northern Paper Company for many years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 643)

Wendell C. Rideout, of Mattawamkeag, a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Rideout was raised in North Yarmouth, entered the United States Army in 1951 and served during the Korean War. He was the recipient of the Korean Service Medal with 2 bronze stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, the United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. After his discharge from the service, Mr. Rideout moved to Millinocket and worked for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad for 2 years before Great Northern Paper Company, where he worked for 37 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 644)

Colonel Joe Kittinger, a native of Orlando, Florida, for piloting the first solo flight in a helium balloon across the Atlantic Ocean in a voyage that began in Maine. In September 1984, Colonel Kittinger took off from Caribou and landed in Cairo Montenotte, Italy in 86 hours. His travel covered 3,543 miles, setting a record for the longest distance flown in a 3,000 cubic meter helium balloon. This transatlantic flight was not the first record broken by Colonel Kittinger. He set records for the highest parachute jump and the longest parachute free fall, and he was the first person to break the sound barrier without an aircraft or space vehicle. He also received 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 for his balloon experiments and 3 for his combat tours in Southeast Asia. We acknowledge Colonel Kittinger's service to his nation and celebrate the 25th anniversary of his historic voyage; (HLS 645)

The Jackson Laboratory, of Bar Harbor, which has been identified by the Wellness Council of America as a Gold Level Well Workplace. The recognition, received by only a handful of Maine companies, evaluates the quality of a company's health promotion programs for its employees and recognizes those companies that have successfully built comprehensive worksite wellness initiatives and are demonstrating and capturing concrete outcomes related to behavior change, productivity, cost-effectiveness, and return on investment. We congratulate The Jackson Laboratory on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 646)

Laura Ferguson, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 years of dedicated service as the town clerk. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Ferguson for her commitment to the citizens of East Millinocket and send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 647)

Eugina T. Lowell, of Scarborough. Ms. Lowell was born in Millinocket and graduated from Schenck High School. She was a devoted mother and loved animals, gardening, cooking and entertaining. For the past 10 years she was the valued and loyal office manager of Thomas Benenti, D.M.D., of Kennebunk. Ms.

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Lowell will be sadly missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 648)

Pamela C. Ames, of North Yarmouth, who has been selected for the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award by the North Yarmouth Events Committee for her significant contributions to the community through her volunteer activities. Ms. Ames was cited for her "tireless, visionary and inspiring" service to Skyline Farm. She also is President of the Walnut Hill Garden Club, helping to maintain 4 public gardens in town. We congratulate Ms. Ames on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 649)

Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr., of North Yarmouth, who has been selected for the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award by the North Yarmouth Events Committee for his significant contributions to the community through his volunteer activities. Mr. Merrill was cited for his contribution to the North Yarmouth Historical Society. We congratulate Mr. Merrill on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 650)

the Raymond A. Geiger Elementary School, in Lewiston, on the occasion of its dedication ceremony, September 16, 2009. The newest educational facility in Lewiston is a state-of-the-art project and the most energy efficient of any in the district. The building committee worked 4 years on the project, and it took 18 months to build the school, located on 24 acres on College Street. Inspiring, colorful and green, the Raymond A. Geiger Elementary School is geared to helping children learn and reach their aspirations. We extend our congratulations to the Lewiston community on the dedication of the Raymond A. Geiger Elementary School, and we send our best wishes to everyone at the school for a successful future; (HLS 651)

firefighters Christopher W. Bryant, Allen E. Chartier and Edward L. Carey, Jr., who saved the life of fellow firefighter Bill Johnston, who was trapped on the 3rd floor of a burning building in Mexico. On June 28, 2008 fire departments from Rumford and Mexico responded to the burning 3-story apartment building and firefighter Bill Johnston became trapped on the 3rd floor when the roof collapsed. Although everyone at the scene played a part in the rescue, it was Mr. Bryant, Lieutenant for the Mexico Fire Department and a Deputy Chief for the Rumford Fire Department; Mr. Chartier, Lieutenant for the Mexico Fire Department; and Mr. Carey, Captain for the Mexico Fire Department and a Private for the Rumford Fire Department, who entered the interior of the 3rd floor and brought Mr. Johnston to a window area to waiting firefighters. We commend these gentlemen on their heroic actions that earned them the Mexico Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year award and Medal of Valour with Citation Bar for performance above and beyond the call of duty at extreme personal risk and being instrumental in rescuing and saving another life. We congratulate them on their receiving these well-deserved honors; (HLS 652)

Eldora Carter, of Easton, upon her retirement as the Easton correspondent for the *Star Herald*, the newspaper of the greater Presque Isle area. During her 30-year tenure, Ms. Carter kept area citizens informed about local news and events. We congratulate her on her retirement after many years of hometown writing and send her our best wishes; (HLS 653)

Pamela Hartvigsen, of Alfred, who is retiring from York County Shelter Programs, Inc. after over 30 years of helping people in southern Maine who are homeless. Ms. Hartvigsen has worked since 1985 with York County Shelter Programs, Inc., which helps people with emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment, health care, vocational training, food programs and legal services. Working with a dedicated board of directors and staff, she has made certain that those who have the very least

receive the respect and dignity to which they are fully entitled. Ms. Hartvigsen first joined this effort as the shelter director, later serving in various roles, including client services coordinator and residential facility manager. She has participated in numerous local, regional and statewide committees and task forces over the years. We commend her for her long-standing commitment to helping her community and the people of the State of Maine, and we send her our appreciation for all that she has done. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 654)

Georgetta P. Grindle, of Five Islands, who was known as the "greeter" of the town. Ms. Grindle was born and raised in Bath and attended Morse High School. She worked for Congress Sportswear as a supervisor for 19 years and at the gate at Reid State Park for 16 years. After her retirement from Reid State Park, she helped her daughter Ebbie deliver the local mail. In Five Islands Ms. Grindle was everyone's "Nana." She was a member of the West Bath Grange and Pomona. She enjoyed playing bingo and was known to travel far and wide to find the perfect bingo game. Ms. Grindle enjoyed going on cruises and traveling to Florida. She fed people in need through the 10 for 10 program at Shaw's Supermarket. She loved people and people loved her. In 2009 she received the Citizen of the Year Award for Five Islands. Ms. Grindle will be missed by her loving family, her many friends and the people of Five Islands; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 655)

Brandon M. Helms, 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, leadership, personal growth and community service. Brandon is a member of Boy Scout Troop #64 of the Katahdin Area Council. With the help of fellow scouts, leaders and family members, Brandon spent more than 60 hours refurbishing a gazebo at the Memorial Park in the Town of Howland. We commend Brandon for his many dedicated hours of service to his community, and we extend our congratulations to him on his achieving this honor; (HLS 656)

Brad L. Helms, 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, leadership, personal growth and community service. Brad is a member of Boy Scout Troop #64 of the Katahdin Area Council. For his service project, Brad, along with fellow scouts, leaders and family members, worked more than 100 hours painting the Sunday School rooms at the West Enfield Baptist Church. We commend Brad for his many dedicated hours of service to his community, and we extend our congratulations to him on his achieving this honor; (HLS 657)

Dr. Robert "Bob" Doyle, of Denmark, upon his retirement after more than 39 years of providing medical care to the people of Maine and the Nation. After graduating from Boston College and receiving his medical degree from New York Medical College, Dr. Doyle spent the next 2 years at Union Memorial Hospital. In 1968, Dr. Doyle was inducted into the United States Armed Forces and served a year as a Combat Battalion Field Surgeon in a MASH unit during the height of the Vietnam War. Upon completion of his tour in a combat zone, Dr. Doyle was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, fulfilling his military service in 1970. After completing his Surgical Residency at Baltimore Union Hospital in Maryland in 1973, Dr. Doyle came to the State of Maine, taking a position at Bridgton Hospital. Dr. Doyle has served thousands of people in southwestern Maine through his affiliation with Bridgton Hospital as a private orthopedics, OB/GYN, general practice and vascular surgeon. Dr. Doyle and

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Dr. Keith Buzzel started the Hospice Program, which offers compassionate care for those with terminal illness and a tremendous support service to countless families facing the crisis of losing a loved one. He cares about people and has shown compassion and understanding serving them, from the badly wounded soldier on the battlefield to the frail senior citizen in rural Maine. We thank Dr. Doyle for his service and for his major contributions to meeting the health care needs of the people of southwestern Maine and beyond; (HLS 658)

Margaret E. Matheson, a native of Augusta, upon her retirement after many years of devoted service to the State of Maine. Ms. Matheson has been a member of the nonpartisan staff of the Maine State Legislature for more than 26 years, serving the last 16 as the Revisor of Statutes, the director of the Legislature's production office for legislation. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Matheson has demonstrated unfailing dedication and proficiency in assisting legislators in their work for the State and its citizens. In so doing, she has ensured the accuracy, clarity and consistency of Maine's laws and their accessibility not only to lawyers, governmental agencies and institutions, but to all Maine citizens. Her career has exemplified the characteristics of integrity and impartiality and sacrifice of one dedicated to public service. In an environment that at times can be demanding and hectic, she has contributed her unique expertise, unreserved personal warmth and generous spirit to the institution and the legislators of the State. For 16 years, she led an office of dedicated staff, whose loyalty to Ms. Matheson and to the Legislature is unequalled. Ms. Matheson has also participated enthusiastically in community theater for many years as an actor, director, and volunteer. She is an avid bird hunter and outdoor enthusiast, thoroughly enjoying all aspects of the great State of Maine. We take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Matheson on her retirement and acknowledge her many years of distinguished service and accomplishments on behalf of the Legislature. We send her our deep appreciation and best wishes for her future endeavors; (HLS 659)

Andrew Wasson, 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 Project, Andrew improved and upgraded existing amenities at North Caribou Park. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 660)

Henry Tinkham, of Stroudwater Village, who at 90 years of age is a lifelong resident of Stroudwater Village. He was born in the Hasty Thompson House on the banks of the Stroudwater River and grew up in the blue house on Cobb Street. He attended the Willard School and the West School before graduating from Deering High School. His fondest memories in Stroudwater were of going blueberry picking, swimming in the river, watching the bonfires on Dole Mountain on Washington's Birthday and the springtime when the whole village smelled of skunk after Westbrook Street residents flushed skunks from their holes and tanned their hides and extracted the skunk oil. Mr. Tinkham served as a bomber in France and the Philippines during World War II. He was a groundskeeper at Brooklawn Cemetery and a chauffeur for the Leavitt family before working at the Post Office. Mr. Tinkham is a proud and caring villager of Stroudwater. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Tinkham for his contributions to the unique character of Stroudwater Village; (HLS 661)

Madeline Maxfield, of Stroudwater Village, who, having moved to the village at the age of 5, has lived in Stroudwater

Village for 85 years. She attended the Libby School and the West School and graduated from Deering High School. She enjoyed picking blueberries, catching pollywogs and watching her friends jump off the old bridge and swim in the Stroudwater River. Mrs. Maxfield was devoted to the Stroudwater Baptist Church and helped raise money to put the steeple on the church. She has contributed significantly to the Stroudwater Village spirit with her devotion to church, family, friends and neighbors. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Maxfield for her contributions to the unique character of Stroudwater Village; (HLS 662)

the 40th Anniversary of Kennebec Valley Community College, in Fairfield. Founded in 1969 as Kennebec Valley Vocational Technical Institute and first established in a wing of Waterville Senior High School, the institution began classes with 35 full-time and 131 part-time students. Today, Kennebec Valley Community College enrolls more than 2,200 students and has 4 buildings sited on 64 acres in Fairfield. We extend our congratulations to the Kennebec Valley Community College community on this important anniversary, and we send our best wishes for continued excellence; (HLS 663)

Richard "Dick" Thompkins, of Fairfield, for his exemplary contributions over the years to the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry. Mr. Thompkins is one of the original founding members from when the food pantry was founded 16 years ago and is a driving force in its success in serving the community. We send him our appreciation for his commitment and service, and we commend him for his work; (HLS 664)

Nancy Marcoux, of Fairfield, for her exemplary contributions over the years to the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry. Ms. Marcoux is one of the original founding members from when the food pantry was founded 16 years ago and is a driving force in its success in serving the community. We send her our appreciation for her commitment and service, and we commend her for her work; (HLS 665)

Tyler M. McDermott, of Wells, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, 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, Tyler designed and constructed a 100-foot bridge on the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District's recreational trail system. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 666)

Pamela Thompson, of Industry, who has received the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ms. Thompson, a grade 3-4 looping teacher at Madison Elementary School, will travel to Washington, D.C. and receive her award at a ceremony at the White House. This award is given annually to the best pre-college-level science and math teachers from across the country, and the winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators. Ms. Thompson has been teaching for 25 years, the last 5 years at Madison Elementary School. She holds a Master's Degree in Education from St. Joseph's College and 2 degrees from the University of Maine at Farmington. Ms. Thompson also serves on the board of the Maine State Science Teachers Association. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to teaching our young students and extend our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 667)

David and Mary Snell, of Oxford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Snell were married on September 5, 1959. Over the past 50 years, they have been blessed with 4 children and 11 grandchildren. They spent their anniversary on their Honda Gold Wing, traveling the highways of Maine. We extend our congratulations on their Golden

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Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 668)

Roland Cote, of Sanford, who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Cote was honored for his distinguished career in coaching girls basketball. We send him our congratulations on his being inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; (HLS 669)

Private First Class Jordan M. Brochu, 20, of Oakland, who died while in service to the Nation. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. The son of Daniel and Suzanne Brochu, Private First Class Brochu graduated from high school in 2008 and was eager to follow in his family's footsteps by joining the United States Armed Forces. Private First Class Brochu was an engaging and talented young man who had many interests and who was considered to be a born leader. We acknowledge his dedicated 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 many friends and his grateful State and Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 670)

Morgan Davis, 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 community service. Morgan is a student at Central Maine Community College. For his service project, he constructed a storage building for the Oakland Area Historical Society. We commend Morgan for his many dedicated hours of service to his community. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 671)

Henry J. Barker, Jr., of Millinocket, beloved husband and father. Mr. Barker joined the National Guard in 1938 and served in World War II. He served with the 124th Regiment in the Pacific Theater and was discharged at the rank of staff sergeant in 1945. He continued in the National Guard until retiring in 1979 as a chief warrant officer. Mr. Barker worked as an accountant for Great Northern Paper Company for 44 years. He loved music and played the keyboard with skill. He was active with local sporting activities and was a member of the Donald V. Henry Post No. 80 American Legion and the Francis E. Elliott Post No. 4154 VFW. Mr. Barker will be sadly missed by his wife, children and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 672)

Hunter Leighton Corson, of Kingfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 500, 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 Hunter on this achievement; (HLS 673)

Andrew Bedard, of Rumford, on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Bedard, who played for the University of Maine men's basketball team, was a 2007 inductee into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame and was a two-time First Team All-America East selection in addition to being named twice to the NABC All-District I Team. He also was successful in his high school basketball career for Mountain Valley High School in Rumford and at Maine Central Institute, where he played his senior year. We extend our congratulations to him on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; (HLS 674)

Nick Scaccia, of Scarborough, on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Scaccia played basketball for Sanford High School and Colgate University and was drafted by the Denver Rockets of the American Basketball Association.

He also played in Italy for one season. We congratulate him on his being inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; (HLS 675)

Susan Hayward, of Lewiston, for her 30 years of volunteer service to the Stanton Bird Club, the last 3 years as president. The Stanton Bird Club was founded in 1919, and over the years a number of parcels of land were donated to the club, eventually encompassing 357 acres, known as the Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, in the heart of Lewiston. The club also owns and manages the 160-acre Woodbury Bird Sanctuary in Monmouth. Ms. Hayward and her husband Tom moved to Lewiston in 1976, and she began her work for Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary in 1979. In 1988, she was named steward and served in that capacity until 2006, when she became president. Under her stewardship and presidency, the club has added about 145 acres to the sanctuary, improved existing trails and added to them, identified and protected vernal pools, created and improved wildlife habitats and raised the awareness in the community of the value of this natural area. As an educator, Ms. Hayward established and coordinated the "Naturalist in the Classroom" program, under which hundreds of young students in the local school systems have learned about the fascinating ecosystems and natural wonders at Thorncrag. We send our appreciation to Ms. Hayward on her many years of commitment to the community and to the Stanton Bird Club; (HLS 676)

Keith Metayer, of Windham, 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. Keith has enjoyed and benefitted from the Boy Scout program since he was a Cub Scout. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 677)

Earl and Carole Edgerly, of Farmington, on the occasion of their 51st Wedding Anniversary, September 5, 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Edgerly on this very special occasion; (HLS 678)

Christopher Josselyn, of Union, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 679)

Joseph Hamilton Murphy, of Union, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 680)

Beecher King and Viola Lavoie, of Caswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple exchanged marriage vows on October 24, 1959 at St. Joseph Parish in Hamlin with Father Ludger Melanson officiating. We extend our congratulations to Beecher King and Viola Lavoie on this very special occasion; (HLS 681)

Sharon Seiders, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of dedicated service as an Office Assistant II with the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Seiders devoted herself to courteously and professionally helping some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Seiders for her commitment to the citizens of Maine and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 682)

Michael Provenzano, of East Millinocket, United States Army veteran of World War II and longtime Great Northern Paper Company employee. Mr. Provenzano was born in Pratania, Italy and with his family immigrated to America when he was 9 years old. He was a graduate of Schenck High School, Class of 1943.

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He served in the 343rd Infantry Regiment during World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters. After the war, he returned to East Millinocket and started his 43-year career as a mason with Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Provenzano will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 683)

Donald E. Swander, of Windham, for his direct efforts in helping the Windham Veterans Association to pay off the mortgage on the Windham Veterans Center 6 years early and securing a permanent meeting place for local veterans. Mr. Swander has been president of the Windham Veterans Association since 2003. He is Commander of the Windham Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10643 and a member of the Windham American Legion Post 148. We acknowledge his generous dedication to his community and to the State of Maine and congratulate him on his success with the Windham Veterans Association; (HLS 684)

Patrick Dempsey, noted Maine actor, on the occasion of the inauguration of The Dempsey Challenge, a day-long festival at Simard-Payne Police Memorial Park in Lewiston providing family entertainment and raising cancer awareness. The Dempsey Challenge includes cycling routes of 10, 25, 50 and 100 miles, as well as a 5K run/walk and a Kids' Fun Run. Mr. Dempsey, a native of Lewiston, who lives in the Los Angeles area and has a home in Harpswell, grew up in the Turner and Buckfield area of central Maine. He has appeared to great acclaim in numerous motion pictures and television shows and is currently starring in the internationally popular hospital television drama "Grey's Anatomy," for which he was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series. He generously contributed seed money to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston to establish the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing to honor the cancer care providers who assisted his mother, a two-time cancer survivor. We acknowledge Mr. Dempsey's exemplary charitable and civic contributions to the people of the State of Maine and to his native city, and we send him our appreciation for his generosity in the fight against cancer. We extend our congratulations to all the participants and supporters of The Dempsey Challenge; (HLS 685)

J. Ruth Jackson Waterhouse, of New Gloucester, longtime resident and active community member of New Gloucester. Mrs. Waterhouse was born in Freeport, the 11th of 12 children, and married Forrest Henry Waterhouse in 1944. She drove a school bus for the New Gloucester, Gray, Freeport and Pownal schools for more than 51 years. Mrs. Waterhouse had been a member of the New Gloucester Planning Board since 1986 and was especially proud of her perfect attendance award. Her other civic duties included serving on the school board and as a ballot clerk for many years. She was also in Eastern Star and progressed through the chairs. Mrs. Waterhouse could always be found working on the family farm, Twilight Farm. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 686)

Robert H. Foster, of Dover, New Hampshire, a United States Army veteran of World War II and Korea, and prominent newspaper publisher in New Hampshire and southern Maine. Mr. Foster worked nearly 63 years leading *Foster's Daily Democrat* and the expanded group of newspapers of the George J. Foster Company, Inc., which includes the *Sanford News* in Sanford, Maine. His history with the 136-year-old renowned newspaper that was founded by his great-grandfather began when he returned from service in World War II. Mr. Foster received numerous journalism honors and tributes through the

years, including the Yankee Quill Award presented by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors and the Academy of New England Journalists. We acknowledge his excellent contributions to journalism and the communities he served in New Hampshire and Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 687)

Sidney "Sid" H. Short, of Stockton Springs, devoted husband, father, grandfather and civic leader. Mr. Short served as chair of the Shellfish Committee, Animal Control Officer and Shellfish Warden. He was well respected and was known as a dedicated and caring volunteer and friend. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends and the citizens and officials of the Town of Stockton Springs; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 688)

David Alan Stilkey, of Freeport. Mr. Stilkey lived his life in Freeport, graduating from Freeport High School in 1978. He was known as a gentle and caring man who spoke his mind respectfully. Mr. Stilkey had many careers in his lifetime in Freeport. Together with his wife Rebecca, he ran Dave's Auto Service and more recently D and B Fire Equipment. He also worked at Emergency Vehicles of Maine and for his father's Cemetery Maintenance Company and went on to take care of Grove Cemetery. Mr. Stilkey was a founding member of the Towing and Recovery Association of Maine and a board member of the National Kidney Foundation of Maine. He was a member of the Freeport Fire Department and a lifetime member of the Freeport Fire Company and Chief of Freeport Fire Police. He also was an active member of the Antique Tractor Association. Mr. Stilkey lost the love of his life, his wife of 26 years, Rebecca Fogg Stilkey, in 2008. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 689)

Matthew MacDonald, of Turner, 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 service project, Matthew fixed up the Olde French Cemetery on Wilson Hill Road, complete with a picket fence and new shrubs. We send our congratulations to him on this achievement, which is especially notable due to his enduring multiple surgeries over the years due to a rare syndrome of his. We send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 690)

Duane Conant, of Canton, dairy farmer and owner of Conant Acres, who is the recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award by the National Dairy Shrine at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Conant is a second-generation dairy farmer who took over the family farm in 1970 and diversified into breeding Holsteins. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Conant on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 691)

Lieutenant Brian Levesque, of Monmouth, a 7-year member of the Monmouth Fire Department, who aided 2 men trapped in the Annabessacook Lake tributary. Lieutenant Levesque rescued Andrew St. Laurent and Randall Black, who were trapped in the water in a truck that went off the Waugan Road bridge. When he arrived at the scene, the truck's cab was completely submerged, and Mr. Black was being crushed between the roof of the truck and the bridge's guardrail. Mr. St. Laurent was pinned between the truck's cab and tank. Lieutenant Levesque was the first in the water to assist the men, and he used extrication tools to break the men free. We send him our appreciation for his heroic actions to save the lives of the 2 men, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 692)

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Betty Karkos, of Wilton, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, September 27, 2009. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this special celebration; (HLS 693)

Russell Mathers, of Wilton, wastewater and water superintendent of Wilton, who is the recipient of an Operator Award from the Department of Environmental Protection for his dedication and commitment to the wastewater and water plant. We congratulate him on his receiving this award and send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 694)

Tyler Thibeault, of Passadumkeag, a member of Lowell-Enfield Boy Scout Troop No. 64, 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 community service project, Tyler made several upgrades to the Ammadamast Grange Hall in Enfield. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 695)

the University of Maine Hutchinson Center, in Belfast, on the occasion of the dedication of the \$4 million expansion of the center. A local capital campaign raised half of the needed funds, which will supplement a \$2 million contribution from the University of Maine. This expansion increases the number of classrooms and science laboratories and augments the available course offerings at the Belfast institution of higher learning. We acknowledge the University of Maine Hutchinson Center's contributions to enhancing the educational opportunities in the midcoast region and we congratulate the center on this expansion; (HLS 696)

Chelsea Graves, of Boothbay Harbor, for her quick thinking. While playing with friends, Chelsea heard someone yelling for help and yelled to the neighbors to call 911. A young man was pinned between a tree and a branch. Chelsea's action set in motion a successful rescue. We commend Chelsea for her quick response to the situation; (HLS 697)

Bridget Spofford, of Boothbay Harbor, for her heroic efforts in saving the life of person who collapsed outside of a local restaurant. Ms. Spofford instructed a colleague to call 911 and with assistance performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the person. When the ambulance arrived, the victim had a pulse and respiration. We commend Ms. Spofford for her quick response to the situation; (HLS 698)

Christin Bailey, of Boothbay Harbor, for her heroic efforts in saving the life of a choking camper. Christin is a YMCA lifeguard and performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a person who was choking on a popsicle stick. We commend Christin for her quick response to the situation; (HLS 699)

Brent and Bertha Smith, of Farmington, who were named the 2009 Citizens of the Year by the Farmington Emblem Club 460 for their work with children with special needs. Since 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have held a Christmas party that draws between 40 and 50 children. We commend Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their generosity and commitment to the children and the community; (HLS 700)

Nicholas LaJoie, of Van Buren, upon being one of 10 middle school students in the nation to be named a finalist in the 11th Annual Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. A 13-year-old high honors student at Van Buren Middle School, Nicholas entered the online contest with a video in which he explained a device he invented to dampen sound. He was first chosen in July to represent Maine as one of 50 semifinalists. As a finalist, Nicholas has been awarded an all-expense paid trip to New York City, where he will compete in the Young Scientist Challenge finals on October 6, 2009. We join with his parents, teachers and fellow students in acknowledging his noteworthy

achievement. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 701)

Ed Holt, of Harpswell, a renewable energy consultant, who is the recipient of the annual Green Power Leadership Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy and the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions for outstanding achievement in support of renewable energy. Mr. Holt received the 2009 Green Power Leadership "Pioneer" Award for a career spent building and promoting the market for green power. He has dedicated the last 30 years to moving the market forward for renewable energy. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Holt on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 702)

the Acadia Corporation, of Bar Harbor, upon its receiving the 2009 Maine Merchant of the Year Award from the Maine Merchants Association. Founded in 1932 by a group of Mt. Desert Island businesspersons and professionals, the Acadia Corporation provides visitor services in Acadia National Park, one of the most beautiful and popular national parks in the country. The Acadia Corporation has provided friendly and courteous service and quality merchandise to millions of visitors. We extend our congratulations to the Acadia Corporation on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 703)

the youth theater group of the Boothbay Region YMCA, on its being selected to perform in the New Works Showcase at the 2010 Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, Georgia in January 2010. The group is one of four educational theater programs across the United States that have been chosen for the special honor. The Junior Theater Festival brings together hundreds of elementary and middle school students, teachers and Broadway professionals to promote theater excellence. The YMCA group first attended last year. We extend our congratulations to the Boothbay Region YMCA and its youth theater group on their receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 704)

Bertha M. Martin, of Millinocket, beloved wife and mother. Mrs. Martin enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling to visit her children, going on trips with her husband, playing cards and bingo. She was a member of AARP, Millinocket. She will be missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 705)

Steven Dewaine Seamans, of Millinocket, beloved husband and father. Mr. Seamans enjoyed traveling with his wife Sue to Florida and Alaska. He would lend a helping hand to anyone who stopped by his garage. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 706)

the following 4 individuals and one nonprofit organization on their receiving the 2009 Giraffe Awards given by the Maine Children's Alliance at the 15th annual "Champions for Children" event: Heidi Bowden of Augusta, Barbara Ford of Winterport, Dr. James Morse of Unity, Emanuel Pariser of Waterville and Jobs for Maine's Graduates in Augusta. The Maine Children's Alliance is a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine, and we extend our congratulations to these recipients; (HLS 707)

United States Army Specialist Fourth Class Charles Earle Crafts, of Livermore, on his being awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and a second Bronze Star Medal stemming from his actions during the Vietnam War. Spc. Crafts is receiving the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Bronze Star Medal for valor during his service in Vietnam from December 29, 1964 to February 23, 1967, including 2 years and nearly 3 months as a prisoner of war. We acknowledge his

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heroic service and sacrifice for his State and Nation, and we congratulate him on his receiving these well-deserved honors; (HLS 708)

Andre Charles Joseph Castonguay and Marguerite Marie (Legere) Castonguay, longtime residents of Livermore, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Castonguay were married at Ste. Rose de Lima in Jay on July 11, 1959. Mr. Castonguay is retired from International Paper and is a member of UPIU Local 14. Mrs. Castonguay has been a caring homemaker for her family. They followed their faith and cultural traditions in raising their 5 children: Lucien, Marcel, George, Noella and Celine. They are also the proud grandparents of 15 grandchildren. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Castonguay on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 709)

Richard and Nan (DeCosta) Lincoln, of Wayne, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were married on September 19, 1959 at the Baptist Church in Turner by the Reverend Charles Watkins. During their 50-year union Richard and Nan have been blessed with two daughters, Elaine and Lisa. We extend to them our congratulations on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 710)

Sandi Clark, of Georgetown, for her many years of dedicated service to the Georgetown Central School. Ms. Clark has worked for almost 20 years in the school lunch program. Long before "wellness" was a word in top news stories and research papers, Ms. Clark was baking from scratch, making her own whole wheat bread and sauces and purchasing locally grown produce for the meals that she prepared for the children. Not a holiday went by without Ms. Clark whipping up a special surprise for the children. She has mentored young girls who needed extra support. Her annual Thanksgiving dinner, complete with tablecloths and traditional foods, is legendary. Ms. Clark has always been willing to accept a challenge and do whatever she can to improve the lives of the children and staff at Georgetown Central School. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Clark for her commitment to the students of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 711)

David and Colleen Taylor, of Shirley, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. David Nolan Taylor and Theresa Colleen McKeon were married on October 31, 1959 at St. Kevin's Catholic Church in St. Ann, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 712)

Boy Scout Troop #580, of Mexico, on its 50th Anniversary. We send our congratulations to the members of Boy Scout Troop #580, past and present, on their valuable contributions to Boy Scouting, to their community and to the Nation. We send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 713)

the 40th anniversary of the United Methodist Economic Ministry, in Salem Township. The United Methodist Economic Ministry has its roots in the Sugarloaf Protestant Ministry, the Evangelical United Brethren Churches in Kingfield and Salem and Mission at the Eastward. In 1969 the first building was moved to Salem and set up as a thrift shop. The ministry's facilities have grown to include a food cupboard, office space and workgroup quarters. Through the years the mission's goals have remained the same: "to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and house the poor." The mission is in partnership with rural communities of western Maine to create healthy and sustainable communities within the region. In northern Franklin County, many individuals received direct assistance through the ministry, including emergency fuel, food and housing repairs. We extend

our appreciation to the United Methodist Economic Ministry on its commitment to the community, and we extend our congratulations on its 40th anniversary; (HLS 714)

Kenneth C. Jordan, of Lewiston, longtime administrator at Lewiston Regional Vocational Center. Born in St. Petersburg, Florida, Mr. Jordan enlisted in the United States Navy after he graduated from high school. After his military service, he moved to Maine and enrolled in the Industrial Arts program at Gorham State Teachers College, where he received a bachelor of science degree in education, which he used in a 37-year career in vocational education. In 1969, Mr. Jordan earned his master's degree in education administration. As an administrator at Lewiston Regional Vocational Center, he helped transform the 3-course program into a multimillion dollar regional center offering 36 different courses at the time of his retirement in 1991. Mr. Jordan was named Public Administrator of the Year in 1991 by the Maine Chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators, and a special award was later established in his honor at Lewiston High School to acknowledge his years of devoted service to vocational education. We acknowledge Mr. Jordan's longtime commitment to his profession and to the community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 715)

Ludger J. Martin, a longtime resident of Sanford. Mr. Martin was born and raised in Van Buren, one of 18 children. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps at the age of 16 and travelled to Cheyenne, Wyoming. He then joined the United States Marine Corps, and his tour of duty during World War II included Guadalcanal. Mr. Martin earned his high school diploma in 1973 while in his fifties and attended classes at the University of New Hampshire, majoring in gerontology. He worked for Singer Sewing Machine and also was Head Dispatcher at the Sanford Police Department. Mr. Martin was an avid golfer and a member of the VFW Post 9935 and a 4th-degree member and color guard of the Knights of Columbus. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 63 years, Lucille, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 716)

the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education, at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, on the reopening of the center in a three-story addition. The new map library contains quadruple the space of the old library, thereby expanding its capacity to serve people both at the library and through public outreach efforts. The Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education opened in 1994 at the university. In 1986, Eleanor Houston Smith donated a collection of cartographic materials on behalf of herself and her late husband, Lawrence M.C. Smith. Dr. Harold L. Osher and Peggy L. Osher donated their collection in 1989 to form this world-class map library in Portland. Now an educational and cultural resource center, it has a national reputation as a rare maps library with an even rarer mission: to share its priceless holdings with Maine's students and the general public, not just with university scholars and researchers. Containing such treasures as a 1475 map of the Holy Land, Christopher Columbus's 1493 letter announcing the success of his voyage to the "islands of the India sea," Captain John Smith's 1614 map of New England, the first map of the State of Maine, issued in 1820, and a map used to determine the boundaries of the United States of America at the Treaty of Paris in 1782-1783. We acknowledge the extraordinary value of the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education to the people of Maine and to the Nation. We extend our congratulations to the center on its reopening in a newer and larger space, and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 717)

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the Bayside Neighborhood Association, of Portland, on the honored occasion of the 10th Anniversary of its founding. Situated on the shores of Back Cove in Maine's largest city, and embracing the most densely populated square mile of Maine, the association was founded to create a sustainable, vibrant mixed-use community of neighbors, homeowners, tenants, elders, immigrants and social service providers. We salute the Bayside Neighborhood Association for its first decade of successes, and for its dedication to the challenges of its next decade, in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 718)

Jessi Welch, of Winslow, a member and president of Venture Crew 443, a coeducational division of Scouting, who is the first person in the Pine Tree Council to earn a Ranger Award. Venturing is for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Jessi has been a member for two and a half years. She has also served as secretary and vice-president. The Ranger Award is one of the more challenging awards to earn in Venturing, and Jessi is the second person in the State to earn the award. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her earning this award; (HLS 719)

Thomas Maines, of Brunswick, who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Maines was honored for his distinguished career in coaching high school boys basketball. We send him our congratulations on his being inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; (HLS 720)

John Phillip Shaw, of Camden, who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Shaw was honored for his distinguished career in coaching high school boys basketball since 1964 in various high schools in Maine and Massachusetts. We send him our congratulations on his being inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; (HLS 721)

Marion (Walker) Morris, of Lebanon, on the occasion of her 106th Birthday, December 4, 2009. Mrs. Morris was the youngest child in a family of 10 children. She married Charles Morris in 1928 and they had 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. As the oldest citizen in Lebanon, Mrs. Morris is the holder of the Boston Post Cane for the town. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 722)

Caldwell Auto Parts and Towing, of Limestone, for its generous donation of a 2006 Ford Explorer to the Limestone Police Department. This philanthropic gesture was made after one of the town's police cruisers was substantially damaged by inclement weather last winter. Scott and Robbie Caldwell, owners of Caldwell Auto Parts and Towing, retrofitted the sport utility vehicle with a full police package at no expense to local taxpayers. We commend the Scott and Robbie Caldwell for their generous commitment to the community; (HLS 723)

Dale and Helen (Barr) Brooker, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Brooker were married on August 29, 1959 at the bride's parents' home in Rowena, New Brunswick, Canada, with the Reverend Garnett officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Brooker on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 724)

June N. Baker, of East Millinocket. Mrs. Baker was born in East Millinocket in 1927 and graduated from Schenck High School, Class of 1945. She was married to Paul J. Baker at St. Peter's Catholic Church on April 1st in 1951. They were married for 58 years. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 725)

John H. Stanley, Sr., longtime resident of Medway. Mr. Stanley was born in 1925 in Medway and attended Medway High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II

and was employed for 35 years at Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1987. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 726)

Eldon W. "Put" Gagnier, Sr., of Millinocket. Mr. Gagnier was born in Millinocket in 1928 and was a graduate of Stearns High School, Class of 1944. He was a fourth-degree member of Knights of Columbus, Council No. 680, and a member of the Fin & Feather Club and the Great Northern Paper Retirees Association. Mr. Gagnier worked for Great Northern Paper Company for many years, retiring in 1985. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 727)

Clara Waterman, of North Haven, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, October 27, 2009. She taught fifth grade for 37 years at Stanley School in Swampscott, Massachusetts and retired around 1970. During a recent ceremony honoring Ms. Waterman for her contributions to education, former students praised her as being "born to teach, a master from the moment she walked in the door. Mesmerizing, with a contagious enthusiasm for life." Ms. Waterman holds the Boston Post Cane as the oldest citizen of North Haven. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 728)

The Town of Farmington, on its being designated as a Preserve America Community. Preserve America is a federal program that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural and natural heritage. We congratulate the good citizens of Farmington on their achieving this designation; (HLS 729)

Michelle Souliere, of Portland, on the occasion of the grand opening of The Green Hand, the first bookstore to open in the Parkside neighborhood of Portland in 20 years. A Cum Laude graduate of the Maine College of Art, in 2005 she founded the *Strange Maine Gazette*, a journal with an international circulation, and the award-winning Strange Maine Blogspot, one of the State's most popular and rapidly growing websites devoted to research into the marvels and mysteries of the Pine Tree State. We salute her ongoing spirit of entrepreneurship and continuing contributions to the revitalization of the Downtown Arts District in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 730)

Loren Coleman, of Portland, upon the honored occasion of the opening of the International Cryptozoology Museum, in the Arts District of the Parkside neighborhood of Portland. A Master of Social Work graduate of Simmons College, Boston, Mr. Coleman has for 50 years been an intrepid investigator in the field of cryptozoology, the study of hidden and recently discovered animals. A veteran of field expeditions in 49 states and in Canadian provinces, Latin America, the Caribbean and Scotland, he has authored over 30 books and 4,000 articles and columns. A former Senior Researcher at the Muskie School at the University of Southern Maine, he has trained in anthropology and zoology and taught at 6 New England universities. Today his award-winning crypto-research blog receives over a million visitors a week. The International Cryptozoology Museum, the first of its kind in the United States, will share evidence, artifacts and information to educate, inform and inspire students and future researchers. We congratulate Loren Coleman for his sharing a lifetime of work in this long-awaited museum, and for his contributions and career of commitment to the questing spirit and sense of wonder which so enriches our world; (HLS 731)

the Honorable Barbara E. Strout, of Windham, for her public service to the Town of Windham and the State. Ms. Strout

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served as Windham town clerk during the 1960s and 1970s, leaving for a brief period to serve as Casco Town Manager. She was elected to the Maine House of Representatives, representing District 37 during the 113th and 114th Legislatures. She is extremely active in local politics, serving on the Windham Republican Town Committee, where she served as secretary and chair, and the Cumberland County Republican Committee, where she served as secretary. Ms. Strout has also worked at the polls for the Town of Windham for many decades. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Strout for her commitment to the people of the State; (HLS 732)

Jim Ellis, of Dover-Foxcroft, for his dedication and commitment in supporting local youth programs. Mr. Ellis helped establish the Arthur L. Hitchcock, Jr. wild game dinner 7 years ago to raise money for scholarships for children to attend the Piscataquis Regional YMCA in Dover-Foxcroft and to support Hooked on Fishing and Hooked on Hunting, Not Drugs and Alcohol programs and the Kiwanis Club bicycle safety program. Mr. Ellis solicits fish and wild game meat from hunters and guides as well as meat confiscated by Maine game wardens and then prepares and serves the food for this annual event, which more than 400 people attended last year. In addition, he sells hot dogs and hamburgers during Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming Days to benefit these programs. More than \$5,000 is raised annually by these 2 events. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Ellis for his commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 733)

Rocco Palumbo, of Wellington, for his dedication and commitment in supporting local youth programs. Mr. Palumbo helped establish the Arthur L. Hitchcock, Jr. wild game dinner 7 years ago to raise money for scholarships for children to attend the Piscataquis Regional YMCA in Dover-Foxcroft and to support Hooked on Fishing and Hooked on Hunting, Not Drugs and Alcohol programs and the Kiwanis Club bicycle safety program. Mr. Palumbo solicits fish and wild game meat from hunters and guides as well as meat confiscated by Maine game wardens and then prepares and serves the food for this annual event, which more than 400 people attended last year. In addition, he sells hot dogs and hamburgers during Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming Days to benefit these programs. More than \$5,000 is raised annually by these 2 events. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Palumbo for his commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 734)

Miles Ingraham, of Rockport, 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 service project, Miles worked for many months to raise \$2,500 in cash as well as materials for a new pathway to Harbor Park in the Town of Rockport. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 735)

Pat Niidas, of Kingfield, on her retirement after more than 20 years of dedicated service with the Mt. Abram Regional Health Center Board of Directors. We extend our best wishes to Ms. Niidas in her future endeavors; (HLS 736)

the Boothbay Region High School Boys Cross-country Team, which has won the 2009 Mt. Valley Conference Cross-country Championship. We send the members of the team our congratulations on this accomplishment; (HLS 737)

Skowhegan Savings Bank, in Skowhegan, on its being named one of the 2009 Best Places to Work in Maine by the Society for Human Resources Management. The award was created in 2006 and was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Maine, benefitting the State's economy and its workforce and businesses. We

congratulate Skowhegan Savings Bank on its receiving this high honor; (HLS 738)

Velma Pearson, of New Sharon, on the celebration of her 104th birthday, September 3, 2009. Mrs. Pearson continues to attend church on special occasions. She loves to play cards, especially bridge, and enjoys crocheting and crossword puzzles. As the oldest citizen of New Sharon, she holds the Boston Post Cane. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Pearson on this very special occasion; (HLS 739)

the week of November 16th to November 20th, 2009 as National Geography Awareness Week, to promote geographic literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, as an essential part of a 21st-century education. The United States Congress established National Geography Awareness Week in 1987 to support education about the world's cultures, environments and contemporary issues. Yarmouth schools will honor National Geography Awareness Week using curricula developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations. We congratulate the students and teachers of the Yarmouth school system for their commitment to learning and to their community; (HLS 740)

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Ellis, III, of Wayne, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 28, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were married at the Old South Congregational Church in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. They have 2 daughters, Dawn Elizabeth and Nancy June. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis on this very special occasion; (HLS 741)

Walt Abbott, longtime University of Maine educator and former student-athlete, football coach and athletic director, on his 50 years of commitment and service to the University of Maine. Mr. Abbott, currently professor of Kinesiology and Physical Education in the College of Education and Human Development, has been employed by the University since 1960, and the 2009-10 academic year represents his 50th year of employment. A Rumford native, Mr. Abbott was an outstanding high school and college football player. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1958 with a degree in Resource Economics and also earned a master's degree in Education. He started his career at his alma mater in 1960 as an instructor in physical education and assistant football coach. Mr. Abbott became the Black Bears' head coach in 1966 at age 30, one of the youngest collegiate coaches in the nation. He led the team through the 1975 season, when he relinquished the post to devote his time to teaching and to building a campuswide physical fitness program. We congratulate Mr. Abbott on his 50 years of dedication to the University of Maine, and we send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 742)

Cindy Stevens, of Farmington, a second grade teacher at the Mallet School in Farmington, who has been named 2009 History Teacher of the Year by the Maine Historical Society for her teaching of concepts that may be difficult for young students to grasp, such as the early settlement of Farmington. Mrs. Stevens ensures that her students will understand by creating resources and planning lessons that are engaging and meaningful, drawing on her experience as a member of the Farmington Historical Society to provide authentic learning experiences. Mrs. Stevens is a caring and compassionate educator who has made her work and that of her students accessible to anyone through the Farmington team of the Maine Community Heritage Project, a partnership between the Farmington Public Library, the Farmington Historical Society, Mt. Blue Middle School, the University of Maine at Farmington and the Center for Community GIS, as well as the Maine Historical Society. We extend our

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congratulations to Mrs. Stevens on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 743)

Joe Bedard, of Gray, on his induction into the Lynchburg College Sports Hall of Fame, for his contributions as a track and field athlete. Mr. Bedard won the NCAA Division III decathlon championship in 1997 and defended the title in 1998. His career high score in the event still ranks among the top 10 all-time in the nation. Mr. Bedard was a football, basketball and track standout in the early years of Mountain Valley High School. At Lynchburg College he was an All-American in the long jump. We congratulate him on his being inducted into his alma mater's sports hall of fame, and we send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 744)

Seth Koenig, of Lisbon, a reporter for *The Times Record*, who has earned the prestigious 2009 Maine Journalist of the Year Award. Mr. Koenig, who grew up in Durham and went to Lisbon High School, wrote for his high school newspaper and for the *Daily Collegian* at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and has been a sports writer and columnist for various other publications. He has worked for *The Times Record* for 3 years and has written notable articles on Bath Iron Works, the Brunswick Naval Air Station, efforts to redevelop the base, local schools and municipal government. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 745)

Donald J. McNaughton, a native of Portland. Mr. McNaughton was a 1944 graduate of Cheverus High School. He served in the United States Army and was assigned to the 10th Counter Intelligence Corps, a predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency, at Fort Holabird, Maryland. In 1946, following intensive Japanese language studies at Yale University and the University of Washington, he was stationed in Japan as a counterintelligence agent as part of the first contingent of American troops sent to occupied postwar Japan. At the age of 19, during his service there, he met both Emperor Hirohito and General Douglas MacArthur. He attended Georgetown University on the GI Bill and graduated in 1950 from the School of Foreign Service. He returned to Portland to marry the love of his life, Evangeline Mary MacDonald, on June 24, 1950. They were happily married for 44 years until her untimely death in 1994. Mr. McNaughton had a 33-year career as a salesman and office manager for the Graybar Electric Company in Portland. Following his retirement, he did volunteer work for a number of organizations, including St. Joseph's Manor, the Wayside Soup Kitchen, the World Affairs Council and the Japan-America Society. Mr. McNaughton was a lifelong parishioner of St. Joseph's parish in Portland. He served on the church's first parish council and served as a lector there for over 35 years. He served on the District 1 Board of Catholic Charities Maine and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 55 years. His lifetime of service to the local Catholic church was formally recognized in 2001 when he received the Catholic Man of the Year Award from the Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men. Mr. McNaughton will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 746)

Richard John Morrison, of Millinocket. Mr. Morrison graduated from Stearns High School in 1944. He joined the United States Navy at the age of 17 and served in the amphibious forces and later served on the USS *Dionysus*. After his discharge from the service, Mr. Morrison attended Ricker College and there discovered his love of poetry. He returned to Millinocket and worked for Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Morrison was an accomplished jazz saxophonist. He formed the Dick Morrison band, playing at high school proms and New

Year's Eve parties, and provided music every Thursday and Saturday night at Hotel Terrace for many years. He was a skilled golfer, fisherman, pool player and cook. He was instrumental in the organizing of Hillcrest Golf Club and served as one of its first presidents. He will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 747)

Robert P. Wheeler, Jr., of Boothbay Harbor. Mr. Wheeler was born in Lewiston and grew up in Auburn, graduating from Edward Little High School in 1949. He graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1953. Mr. Wheeler served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, and when he returned home, he attended the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and graduated in 1959. His first job as a pharmacist was at Hassen's Drug Store in Fairfield, and in 1964 Mr. Wheeler accepted a pharmacy position in Boothbay Harbor. He later purchased that pharmacy, naming it Wheeler's Corner Drug Store, where he served his community until retirement in 1999. He was an active member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and founding member of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Wheeler will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 748)

Stella E. Williams, of Georgetown, a lifelong member of the community. Born in Georgetown, Mrs. Williams attended Robinhood schools. She drove the school bus for the school system, for a while using a horse and buggy. Mrs. Williams owned and operated Hilltop Sandwich Shop in Georgetown for many years and also served for many years as a volunteer ambulance driver. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 749)

Northeast Hearing and Speech on the celebration of its 85 years of excellent service to the people of this State and New Hampshire. Northeast Hearing and Speech is a nonprofit hearing and speech center that has been serving the communities of Maine and New Hampshire since 1924. Its audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide comprehensive hearing evaluations, speech-language evaluations and therapy for children and adults. It also dispenses and services hearing aids. We extend our appreciation to Northeast Hearing and Speech for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 750)

Don Hudson, of Arrowsic, who has been associated with the Chewonki Foundation for 50 years. The Chewonki Foundation is a nonprofit institution in Wiscasset that runs educational programs with an environmental focus. Mr. Hudson's first stop at Chewonki was in 1959, when he visited his brother attending the summer camp. Now, 50 years later, Mr. Hudson has been the president of the foundation for 18 years. He worked as a camp counselor, staff assistant, faculty instructor and head naturalist before becoming president in 1991. We congratulate him on his many years of contributions to the Chewonki Foundation and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 751)

the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, which has been honored as the 2008 Conservation Landowner of the Year for its efforts in providing public access to many of the region's finest natural resources and for its dedication to improving fish and wildlife habitat, for providing and maintaining over 35 miles of recreational trails and for its numerous programs designed to protect a variety of resources and educate the public about responsible stewardship. We congratulate the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 752)

Alice Ellen Gray Sanborn, of Wales. Mrs. Sanborn was born in Gardiner and graduated from Gardiner High School and the

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Auburn School of Commerce. She married George A. Sanborn, from Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Leeds Church hall in 2007. Mrs. Sanborn worked as an executive secretary for Rural Community Action Ministry and as a Central Maine Power Company accountant and was a project administrator at Bates College for 22 years, retiring in 2003. She was a member of Wales Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and deacon as well as a Sunday school teacher, treasurer and financial secretary. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 753)

the following members of the Southern Aroostook Community School Girls Soccer Team, who are the 2009 Class D State Champions: Alex Bishop, Elizabeth Bishop, Jessica Charest, Emily Cummings, Jillian Diaferio, Desirae Dubois, Cassie Garcelon, Elizabeth Goodall, Evangeline Goodall, Katelyn Goodall, Morgan Gustin, Shelby Hartin, Mallary Lawlor, Lauren McGary, Rochelle Nadeau, Kimberly Pratt, Olivia Raymond, Janel Rockwell, Jasmine Rockwell, Kaitlyn Sommers and Kristen Tarr and coach Holly Vining, assistant coach Diane Rockwell and managers Nicole White and Dominique Williams. The Lady Warriors defended their 2008 State Championship title, finishing their 2009 season with a record of 18-0. We extend our congratulations to the Southern Aroostook Lady Warriors on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 754)

James W. Davis, of Waldoboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 142, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 755)

the Pownal Land Trust, for 20 years of preserving land for public recreation use and to protect wildlife habitat. In 1989, the Pownal Land Trust began with adding 100 acres to the 300 acres of Bradbury Mountain State Park. Over the years, the trust was responsible for the addition of over 600 acres to the preserved land holdings of Bradbury Mountain State Park, while the members of the trust worked on multi-use trail development. In January of 2009, the Pownal Land Trust merged with Royal River Conservation Trust, joining with 12 towns to protect the Royal River watershed, ranging from Sabbathday Lake to Casco Bay. We congratulate the members, past and present, of the Pownal Land Trust on their successful achievements; (HLS 756)

Ethan Hafford, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 757)

Kevin M. Grover, of Falmouth, a second-grade teacher at D.W. Lunt School in Falmouth, who was named the 2010 Maine Teacher of the Year. Mr. Grover is well-respected by his colleagues and serves as a wonderful role model for his students. We congratulate Mr. Grover on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 758)

John and Marcia Donald, of New Sharon, whose farm, Triple D Acres, was named Maine's 2009 Outstanding Dairy Farm of the Year by the New England Green Pastures Program. John and Marcia Donald run a family operation, along with John's nephews Jeff Donald and Frank Donald, Jr. Triple D Acres was the first organic dairy farm in Maine and the first organic operation to be selected for the award. We congratulate the

Donalds on their receiving this well-deserved honor, and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 759)

Richard Meserve, of Falmouth, a teacher at The REAL School on Mackworth Island, who is the recipient of a \$25,000 Milken National Educator Award. Mr. Meserve is in his 6th year as an alternative education teacher at the school, which is a regional program for grade 7-12 students with severe behavioral, emotional or learning disabilities. The Milken Family Foundation awards program is now the nation's largest teacher recognition program. We congratulate Mr. Meserve on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 760)

Adelma Laughton Sevey, of Ripley, on the occasion of her 104th birthday. A lifelong resident of Ripley, Mrs. Sevey was born November 5, 1905. She taught school for 20 years in the Ripley school system and finished her teaching career in SAD 46. In 1927, she married Albert Sevey and they were married for 70 years before his death in 1997. Mrs. Sevey served as Ripley Town Clerk from 1937 to 1953 and holds the Boston Post Cane as the eldest citizen of Ripley. She is very involved in the community and with numerous civic organizations in the area, continuing to live independently in her own home. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her birthday; (HLS 761)

the Town of Rangeley, which was named among "New England's Best Small Towns" in *Boston* magazine's October 2009 issue. We congratulate the good citizens of Rangeley on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 762)

Aaron Pattershall, of Windham, 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 service project, Aaron worked at Gorham House, a comprehensive living center in Gorham, to level off the ground between 2 of the main buildings so residents could walk more easily. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 763)

Rick Stanley, of Springvale, president of the Sanford-Springvale Chamber of Commerce, who is the recipient of the 2009 Chamber Executive of the Year Award from the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stanley is a lifelong resident of Springvale and has served as Chamber President since 1992. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 764)

the Honorable Robert Clifford, native son of Lewiston, for his illustrious career serving the people of Maine, a personal retrospective of which is featured at the Great Falls Forum at the Lewiston Public Library. Justice Clifford is best known as Maine's longest serving member of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, having retired in August 2009 after 23 years on the high court bench. This was preceded by 7 years with the Superior Court, where he was named that court's first Chief Justice. Justice Clifford graduated from Bowdoin College and Boston College Law School and served in Europe with the United States Army before returning to Lewiston in 1964 to join the family law firm. He quickly became involved in local civic activities, serving multiple terms as both city councilor and mayor. He served 2 terms in the Maine State Senate, where he cosponsored the State's existing criminal code as well as the bill that created the Administrative Office of the Courts for the State. He also chaired the Lewiston Charter Commission, which drafted the current charter creating the city's mayor-council government system. Now newly appointed as an Active Retired Justice, he continues to hear cases in Maine's trial courts. We acknowledge Justice Clifford's commitment to his community, his profession and the State of Maine, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 765)

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Day One, Maine's leading agency dealing with teen drug and alcohol abuse, on the 36th Anniversary of its making a difference in the lives of youth. Day One provides training and education, assessment, screening, referrals and treatment for individuals, families, schools and communities throughout Maine. On this important anniversary, we also send our appreciation to 4 individuals who have made a difference in the organization: Rodney E. Bouffard, of Gray, who has worked with Long Creek Youth Development Center since 2000 and who became superintendent in 2004; Jan Clarkin, of Augusta, currently the Executive Director of Maine Children's Trust and Prevent Child Abuse Maine, who has been a great partner with Day One; Jon R. Doyle, of Richmond, a senior partner and founder of Doyle & Nelson Law Firm, who for over 35 years has consistently maintained the largest active list of lobbying clients in the State and has earned a reputation as one of the State's most effective legislative advocates; and Eric A. Hansen, of Bangor, who has over 24 years of service with the Department of Corrections, beginning in 1985 as Business Manager for the Charleston Correctional Facility, and has served for many years on the Maine Regional Children's Cabinet, a collaboration of state agencies. We send our congratulations on this anniversary to Day One and the people who have dedicated themselves to its mission, and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 766)

the following members of the Ellsworth High School Boys Soccer Team, who are the 2009 Class B Eastern Maine Champions: Matt Duhaime, Zach Emeigh, Seth Cote, Sage Dyer, Brad Folmer, Justin Kane, Drew Barkhouse, Bobby Box, Andrew Austin, Jakob Jordan, Cote Card, Tyler Palmer, Jordan Carter, Nick Holt, Kyle Haslam, Thomas Sawyer, Mike Curtis, Ben Curtis, Tyler Small, Josh Bean and Maks Grover and coaches Brian Higgins, Drew Myers and Darby Higgins and manager Alyssa DeWitt. The Eagles were undefeated during the regular season and finished the year with a 16-1-1 record. This is the 16th Eastern Maine championship for the team in 36 years. We extend our congratulations to the Ellsworth High School Boys Soccer Team on this achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 767)

Dot Lamson, of Wiscasset, on her retirement from the Chewonki Center for Environmental Education. Ms. Lamson has worked for the past 27 years with children, teaching them about the natural world with an energy and enthusiasm that inspired not only her students, but her colleagues as well. The Chewonki Center has set up a fund in her honor to support the programs to which Ms. Lamson has dedicated so much of her life. We send Ms. Lamson our appreciation for her commitment to children and education and we send her our best wishes for her future endeavors; (HLS 768)

the following members of the Dexter Regional High School Field Hockey Team, on their winning the 2009 Class C State Championship: Emmerald Irvin, Catherine Mountain, Cristina Mountain, Whitney Mower, Shelbee Lancaster, Katie Eastman, Danielle Mower, Holly Libby, Hillary Mower, Caitlyn Wood, Gabrielle Adams, Jamika Cookson, Rebecca Mason, Devyn Bell, Chelsea Lougee, Sarah Eastman, Kayla Libby, Kirstie Mower, Megan Mower, Crystal Cunningham, Lisa Conway, Jordyn Bell, Chelsea Crane, Darci Perkins and Maicee Gustin. The team's coach is Margaret Veazie, the assistant coaches are Sharon Palmer and Darby Goodreau and the scorer is Kelly Tobin. We congratulate the members of the team on their victory, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 769)

the University of Maine at Farmington men's rugby team, on its winning the 2009 New England Division III College Rugby

Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 770)

Norman and Verna Johndro, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Johndro were married on April 1, 1959 at the St. Louis Catholic Church in Limestone, with Father Theodore Dugal officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Johndro on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 771)

Clayton and Carol (Knight) Kelley, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were married by Reverend Foote on November 13, 1959 at the Andover Baptist Parsonage in Andover, New Brunswick. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley in extending our congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 772)

Charlie Edgerly, of Dover-Foxcroft, upon his retirement as a police officer for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft after 35 years of dedicated service. Officer Edgerly began his career with the police department in 1975 and, acting as the town's night watchman, has spent his nights making certain that the community and its businesses were secure. We acknowledge his 35 years of commitment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft and to the State of Maine. We send Officer Edgerly our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 773)

Dr. Carol Marcotte, of Old Orchard Beach, who was selected as the 2009 Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year by the Maine Curriculum Leaders' Association for her exemplary leadership, devotion to education and knowledge of curriculum, instruction and assessment. Dr. Marcotte is the Director of Instruction/Curriculum for Regional School Unit No. 23, which consists of the communities of Dayton, Old Orchard Beach and Saco. Dr. Marcotte has served as an adjunct professor at the University of New England and on several critical committees for the international curriculum development organization ASCD. She also is a past president of Maine ASCD. She has been a principal and Title 1 coordinator and has served as a delegate for the ambassador-to-ambassador education program working with Vietnam and Cambodia. We acknowledge her commitment to her profession and to the community, and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 774)

the following members of the St. Dominic Regional High School Boys Soccer Team, who have won the 2009 Class C State Championship: Nick Brigham, Captain; Brian Mathieu; Alex Parker, Captain; Garrett Darnell, Captain; T.J. Novella; Trevar Haefele; Kyle Hargreaves; Shayne Curtis; Josh Charest; Cam Brown; Jackson Erickson, Captain; Troy Haefele; Jameson Peterson; David Dean; Zakary Johnson; Austin Gervais; Cam Hainey; Kurt Johnson; Seth Tillson; Bobby St. Hilaire; Will Desmarais; D.J. Curtis; Dakota Keene; Deryk Beliveau; Head Coach Matt Erickson; and Assistant Coaches John Brissette and Marty Bressler. We extend our congratulations to the Saints on this tremendous achievement, and we send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 775)

Justin Howard Holbrook, of Hermon, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 25, 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 community service project, Justin constructed four sets of horseshoe pits, two bridges and two fire pits and straightened out a picnic table shelter at Hermon Elementary School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 776)

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the following members of the Winslow High School Girls Soccer Team, who have won the 2009 Western Class B State Championship: Kaitlyn Bernard; Emily Farrell; Kaylee Constable; Jordyn Mallett, Captain; Alliyah Veilleux; Alexis Lane; Myranda Dodge; Kim Curtis, Captain; Jill Guthrie; Julie Riordan; Jordyn Pomerleau; Lynsey Vigue; Katrina Zemrak; Rachel Hall; Jessica Gordon; Sarah Fowler; Madeleine Daily; Chelsea Flye; Haley Levasseur; Kelsea Bouchard; Sara Poirier; Elizabeth Ferry; Head Coach Scott Wood; Assistant Coach and Junior Varsity Coach Kathy Beaulieu; and scorekeeper Alicia Twitchell. We extend our congratulations to the Winslow Black Raiders on this tremendous achievement, and we send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 777)

Everyone's Resource Depot, of Farmington, on its 30th anniversary. Everyone's Resource Depot is a nonprofit organization located on the campus of the University of Maine at Farmington. Everyone's Resource Depot collects clean and safe materials donated by Maine businesses and local community members and sells them at a very low cost. Everyone's Resource Depot's main focus is to get the community involved with taking the recycled goods it provides and reusing them in different creative ways. We extend our appreciation to Everyone's Resource Depot for its commitment to keeping the State "green" and congratulations and best wishes on its 30th anniversary; (HLS 778)

Phil Walters, of Wilton, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, December 1, 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Walters on this special occasion; (HLS 779)

the following members of the York High School Girls Soccer Team, who have won the 2009 Class B State Championship: Amanda Bauman, Emily Bauman, Emma Clark, Erin Collins, Elizabeth Cartier, Kami Kristjansdotter, Whitney Leroux, Savannah Tapley, Ashley Taylor, Lindsay Weigel, Kayla Weston, Stephanie Gallagher, Mackinnon Hill, Emily Mitchell, Nicole Taylor, Addison LaBonte, Carolyn Lee, Zoe Weston, Alexa Bando, Marquis MacGlashing, Kayla Swasey and head coach Wally Caldwell. This is the school's second state championship in the last 3 years. We congratulate them on this achievement and send them our best wishes for their future endeavors; (HLS 780)

the following members of the York High School Field Hockey Team, who have won the 2009 Western Maine Class B Championship: Kellee Cribby, Ali Graziano, Katherine Hird, Stephanie Lomasney, Lindsey Contella, Emily Garry, Hannah Keating, Catherine Keenan, Chelsea Morley, Shaunna Peard, Michelle Potter, Corrie Prestridge, Becka Sarson, Meghan Boria-Meyer, Elizabeth Fiorentino, Cari Posternak, Haley Spencer, Shelby Spencer, Olivia Drew, Amanda Kasbohm and head coach Barb Marois. We congratulate them on this achievement and send them our best wishes for their future endeavors; (HLS 781)

Dr. William Daniels, of Sherman, a beloved doctor and prominent member of his community. Born in 1915 in North Carolina, he received his doctor of osteopathy degree at Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1938. While interning at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine in 1938 he met the love of his life, Frederica Wilson. They married that year, and in their 71 years together they were blessed with 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Dr. Daniels served in the United States Army as a medic in the 5th Armored Division and was honorably discharged with 5 battle stars. He opened his first practice in Calais. In 1948 he moved to Sherman and practiced there until he opened Milliken Medical Center in Island Falls in 1978 with Dr. Ronald Blum. Dr. Daniels was president of the Maine Osteopathic

Association and was named General Practitioner of the Year by the Maine Osteopathic Association. Among his many contributions to his community, he served as a deacon at Memorial Church, was for more than 30 years on the Sherman School Committee, part of that time as chair, and was instrumental in building the Sherman elementary school. We acknowledge Dr. Daniels' extraordinary life and his generous contributions to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and the entire community of Sherman; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 782)

Laura M. Shedd, of Mattawamkeag, on the occasion of her 98th Birthday, December 20, 2009. The daughter of John and Addie Tilton, she married Howard Shedd and together they raised 6 children. Mrs. Shedd is also the proud grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 20, great-great-grandmother of 13 and great-great-great-grandmother of 6. She worked at Forster Manufacturing Company for 28 years. She has belonged to the Eastern Star for more than 75 years and the Grange for more than 80 years. We join family and friends in extending our best wishes to Mrs. Shedd on this special occasion; (HLS 783)

Marden's Surplus and Salvage, one of the top 4 surplus and salvage companies in the nation, on its being named a 2009 Editors' Choice--Best Bargain by *Yankee Magazine* for the publication's *Travel Guide to New England*. The Editors' Choice recommendation designates the editors' and writers' favorite restaurants, lodgings, attractions and bargains across New England. Earning the Shop Till You Drop distinction, Marden's has been a Maine tradition and premier destination for bargain hunting since 1964. The company's slogans "I should have bought it when I saw it at Marden's" and "Where the elite meet and the misers mingle" highlight the appeal of this Maine chain of stores where you can seemingly get anything you want or need at a fraction of the cost. We congratulate Marden's Surplus and Salvage on its receiving this prestigious Editors' Choice designation; (HLS 784)

Stephens Memorial Hospital, in Norway, on its being named one of the top 3 rural hospitals in the country for its delivery of quality care based on results from The Leapfrog Hospital Survey. Stephens Memorial Hospital scored in the top decile nationally for delivering quality care and its prudent utilization of resources. The award was presented by the Leapfrog Group to the hospital at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. We congratulate Stephens Memorial Hospital on its receiving this high honor; (HLS 785)

Adam Stanley, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 786)

Melody Lam, of Wilton, who has been named the Morning Sentinel Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Melody is a member of the Mt. Blue High School Girls Cross-country Team. She finished her high school cross-country career by winning the Eastern Maine Class A Title, placing 3rd in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Championship and placing 9th in the Class A State Championship. With her leadership, her team was the only Eastern Maine girls team to earn a spot in the New England Championship. We extend our congratulations to Melody on her tremendous achievements and wish her continued success; (HLS 787)

Kelton Cullenberg, of Chesterville, who has been named the Morning Sentinel Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Kelton is a member of the Mt. Blue High School Boys Cross-

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country Team. He finished his high school cross-country career by placing 3rd in both the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A and the Eastern Maine Class A Championship. He finished 4th at the Class A State Championship and 10th at the New England Championship. We extend our congratulations to Kelton on his tremendous achievements and wish him continued success; (HLS 788)

the Reverend Gilbert Patenaude, of Augusta. Father Patenaude was a graduate of St. Augustine School in Augusta and St. Charles Borromeo College in Sherbrooke, Quebec and studied theology at St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto, Ontario. He was ordained in Portland on June 15, 1946. He served in numerous parishes throughout Maine and retired in 1989. In addition, Father Patenaude served 7 years in the Maine Army National Guard and 16 years in the United States Army Reserve as a chaplain, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After retiring he continued his ministry by helping out various area parishes on weekends. He was also a Registered Maine Guide for more than 40 years. Father Patenaude was a lifetime member of Le Club Calumet and served as chaplain for the club for more than 10 years. Le Club Calumet honored him with La Medaille d'Honneur in 2005 for extraordinary accomplishments. As chaplain of Le Club Calumet, he was devoted to the members and their families. He also visited the veterans hospital at Togus, Maine General Hospital in Augusta and area nursing homes. Father Patenaude will be missed by his loving family, his many friends and the people whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 789)

Robert E. Sanders, of Jay, a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, for his many years of dedicated service to his community, to the State and to the Nation. Mr. Sanders is a valued employee of the town of Jay, having worked as a police dispatcher and reserve officer for the police department for over 9 years and currently serving as Transfer Station Supervisor. He has been deeply involved in the community and is known for his spaghetti dinners at the Baptist Church in Livermore Falls in support of many benefits. Mr. Sanders has dedicated 10 years to both the Cub and Boy Scouts, and 5 years to AYS baseball. He is also known to the children at the Jay Elementary School as Sammy Swat, for the Halloween safety program he presented for over 9 years. Mr. Sanders and his wife, Sylvia, have provided day care for area children for the past 23 years. We acknowledge Robert E. Sanders' strong commitment to his work and to the people of his community. We send him our appreciation for his many years of service; (HLS 790)

Joan A. Thompson, of Limestone, upon her retirement as a small business owner. Ms. Thompson is a 1949 graduate of Limestone High School. Over the years, she became a successful entrepreneur, having owned and operated a trailer park, several grocery stores, a convenience store, a clothing store and a variety/hardware store. Ms. Thompson was the first woman appointed as a "Mark Mainer" by then Governor Kenneth Curtis and was also named Limestone Citizen of the Year in 1986. She and her brother Roger received the Associated Grocers of Maine Outstanding Retailer of the Year Award in 1986. Ms. Thompson served on several civic organizations, including Limestone's Budget Committee, Health Committee, Housing Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce. Also active in politics, Ms. Thompson served as chair of the Limestone Democratic Committee for several years and was a candidate for State Representative in 1968. We acknowledge Ms. Thompson's various accomplishments and contributions to her community. We extend our congratulations to her on her retirement; (HLS 791)

Margaret Jeannette (Campbell) Evers, a lifelong resident of Millinocket, a longtime registered nurse in the area and one of the founding members of the Katahdin Area Support Group. Mrs. Evers was a graduate of Stearns High School and Augusta General Hospital School of Nursing. She did private nursing care and worked at Millinocket Regional Hospital; her most enjoyable job was in the obstetrics department there, as she loved to be around children. Mrs. Evers was a nurse for the Millinocket school system and taught a certified nurse's aide course at Stearns High School. She also spent many years volunteering her nursing services for clinics offered in the community and worked as a volunteer at Katahdin Nursing Home. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her community and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 792)

Joy M. Dewley, of Veazie and Millinocket. Ms. Dewley grew up and attended school in Millinocket. She attended Bangor Community College and received an associate degree as a respiratory technician. She worked as a respiratory therapist at Eastern Maine Medical Center for more than 30 years. Ms. Dewley loved spending time with her family and enjoyed swimming, playing cribbage and other card games and reading. She will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 793)

James L. DiCentes, of Medway, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. DiCentes worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 31 years. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 794)

Hannah Prince, of Gorham, who has been named Miss Maine Field Hockey. Hannah is a center midfielder for Gorham High School. Miss Maine Field Hockey is an award given annually by the Maine Field Hockey Association to the top senior player in the State. Hannah will play field hockey next fall at the University of Massachusetts. We extend our congratulations to Hannah on her receiving this award and wish her continued success; (HLS 795)

Mt. Abram Regional High School, of Strong, on its being recognized as a 2009 U.S. News & World Report America's Best High Schools Bronze Medal winner. U.S. News & World Report in collaboration with School Evaluation Services analyzed academic and enrollment data from more than 21,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country. These top schools were placed into gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention categories. Ten schools in Maine achieved gold, silver or bronze medal status. We extend our congratulations to Mt. Abram Regional High School on its receiving this award; (HLS 796)

Telstar Regional High School, of Bethel, on its being recognized as a 2009 U.S. News & World Report America's Best High Schools Bronze Medal winner. U.S. News & World Report in collaboration with School Evaluation Services analyzed academic and enrollment data from more than 21,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country. These top schools were placed into gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention categories. Ten schools in Maine achieved gold, silver or bronze medal status. We extend our congratulations to Telstar Regional High School on its receiving this award; (HLS 797)

Allison Lewandowski, of Lewiston, who won the Class B State Championship in the women's 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute and 11.27 seconds. Allison is a member of the St. Dominic Regional High School Swim Team. We extend our congratulations to Allison on this tremendous achievement and wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; (HLS 798)

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Maine Tomorrow, of Hallowell, which received a President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Company President John Melrose heads Maine Tomorrow, which is a consulting firm that specializes in public policy research and governmental affairs, community development and association management for public, private and nonprofit clients. We congratulate Mr. Melrose and all the employees of Maine Tomorrow and wish them continued success; (HLS 799)

Andrew E. Silsby, of Augusta, who has received the Young Professional Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Silsby is the Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Kennebec Savings Bank. Mr. Silsby is a volunteer for the United Way, Fort Western, Lithgow Library, the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and Literacy Volunteers. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Silsby for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 800)

Roger and Helen Browne Espling, of New Sweden, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on December 20, 1959 at the United Methodist Church in Limestone, with Reverend Alfred and Lillian Standish officiating. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Espling on their Golden Anniversary and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 801)

Ulric Stanislas Turmel, of East Millinocket, a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Turmel was born in Chisholm. He married the love of his life, Nancy Louise Hoag, in 1948. They moved from Livermore Falls to East Millinocket in 1954, when Mr. Turmel began working as a papermaker at Great Northern Paper Company. He worked his way up to shift supervisor, and in the early 1970s, when the Millinocket mill built a new paper machine, he went there to work for several years as one of the foremen. He returned to the East Millinocket mill and in 1974 became a day foreman, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. Mr. Turmel was well-known in the industry as an extraordinary papermaker, but more importantly he was loved and respected by all who worked with him. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends. (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 802)

George Wayne Tapley, Sr., of Millinocket, who will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 803)

David M. Stewart, of Millinocket. Mr. Stewart worked in the woods driving a skidder for many years and was also a truck driver. He was a talented woodworker, who enjoyed giving away his works to others. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 804)

Roscoe Lovell York, Jr., of Medway. Mr. York was a veteran of the United States Army and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 805)

the Falmouth High School Boys Soccer Team, the Yachtsmen, on its winning the 2009 Class B State Championship, the school's seventh state title in 10 seasons. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Yachtsmen on their achievement; (HLS 806)

Richard Knight, of Farmington, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 31 years with the United States Postal Service. Mr. Knight started as a clerk in East Wilton and also worked in Jay, Wilton, Farmington, Newport and Burnham. He performed various duties, including those of mail carrier, officer in charge, certified interviewer, certified postal examiner, function four auditor, city route inspector and janitor. He became the

postmaster for Farmington in 1988. In 1999 Mr. Knight received the statewide Benjamin Franklin Award for Excellence. We extend Mr. Knight our congratulations and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 807)

Howard Dunham, of Kingfield, on the celebration of his 80th birthday, November 29, 2009. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dunham on this very special occasion; (HLS 808)

Dylan Fitzhenry, of Cutler, who won the sixth grade prize in the seventh annual Energy Savings Tip contest with his suggestion to "hang out laundry or buy a laundry rack." Dylan is a student at Bay Ridge Elementary School. Chosen by the Public Utilities Commission's Efficiency Maine program and the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security, Dylan will be recognized by Governor Baldacci on January 11, 2010. We extend our congratulations to Dylan on his winning this contest; (HLS 809)

the Wilton Lions Club, which was honored as the 2009 Nonprofit Organization of the Year by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. This nonprofit group works year-round to support the Wilton community with events and programs designed to attract visitors, to support various organizations and those who are less fortunate and to award scholarships to deserving students. The Wilton Lions Club continues to host the breakfast at the Wilton Blueberry Festival, which helps to bring visitors to this great annual event. We congratulate the Wilton Lions Club on its receiving this acknowledgement; (HLS 810)

Sugarloaf, in Carrabassett Valley, which was honored as the 2009 Large Business of the Year by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Under new ownership, Sugarloaf has been working to upgrade its operations, which will attract more visitors to the Franklin County region. Sugarloaf has been instrumental in distributing the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Welcome Guide to visitors. We congratulate Sugarloaf on its receiving this acknowledgement; (HLS 811)

the Mt. Blue branch of Bangor Savings Bank, in Farmington, which was honored as the 2009 Small Business of the Year by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. The bank's local employees and parent company volunteer and help the community with programs and donations badly needed by the area's nonprofit organizations. The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation has committed to donating \$100,000 to over 60 Maine-based nonprofit organizations throughout the State. The bank has been recognized by the Maine Development Foundation for its commitment to communities in Maine and has been recognized as one of the best places to work in Maine. We congratulate the Mt. Blue branch of Bangor Savings Bank on its receiving this acknowledgement; (HLS 812)

Heidi Elliott, of Strong, who is the recipient of the 2009 Ben Franklin Volunteer of the Year Award by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Elliott works at the Mt. Blue branch of Bangor Savings Bank in Farmington. She has donated countless hours of her time attending board meetings, volunteering on various committees and helping with events and other activities of the Chamber. We congratulate Ms. Elliott on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 813)

Sharon Newell, of Kingfield, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service with the Mt. Abram Regional Health Center as Front Office Coordinator. The job included scheduling, doing insurance papers and even shoveling the walkway. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Newell and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 814)

Carolyn Tranten, of Kingfield, who has been named HealthReach Community Health Centers Practice Manager of the

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Year for 2009. Ms. Tranten manages the Mt. Abram Regional Health Center in Kingfield. HealthReach has 11 community health centers located throughout the State. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Tranten on her receiving this award; (HLS 815)

Natalie Twitchell, of Kingfield, who has been named HealthReach Community Health Centers Administrative Support Person of the Year for 2009. Ms. Twitchell works as the front desk receptionist at the Mt. Abram Regional Health Center in Kingfield. HealthReach has 11 community health centers located throughout the State. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Twitchell on her receiving this award; (HLS 816)

Specialist Ryan Hinchman Sylvester, of Eliot, for his heroic service in Afghanistan from May 2008 to June 2009. Specialist Sylvester served in the 1st Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade, Special Troops Battalion Aces. He earned several distinguished awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Combat Active Badge. We extend our gratitude to Specialist Sylvester for his gallant efforts in aiding to secure the safety and welfare of his State and Nation; (HLS 817)

Jared B. Lussier, of Lewiston, 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, Jared disassembled and rebuilt 2 bike bridges in Bradbury Mountain State Park. We extend our congratulations to Jared on this achievement; (HLS 818)

Barbara Sawyer Nelson, of Greene, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, January 15, 2010. Ms. Nelson served in the United States Army during World War II and was discharged with the rank of Captain in December 1945. She served in the Pacific Theater with the China-Burma-India unit. Ms. Nelson is one of the oldest living women veterans in the State. She is also the oldest citizen of Greene and the holder of the Boston Post Cane. We commend her commitment to the State and to the Nation, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 819)

Ron Pendleton, of Bristol, Fire Chief of the Bristol Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement. Fire Chief Pendleton served on the fire department for 55 years, 20 of those years as chief. He grew up in Bristol Mills, where his father, Robert Pendleton, was one of a group of men who founded the Samoset Fire Co. in 1944. When Fire Chief Pendleton was 15 years of age, he joined his father on the department. Keeping with the family tradition of service, he and his wife of 47 years, Geraldine, have sons, grandsons and granddaughters on the Bristol department rolls. Even though he is leaving the chief's job, he will still be available when needed to help out his hometown, which now has three modern fire stations, new equipment and a company of trained volunteers. For his commitment and service to the people of Bristol, we commend Ron Pendleton and send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 820)

Major Warren C. Cook, Jr., United States Marine Corps, of Freeman Township, for his 4 tours of service in Afghanistan and Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. We commend Major Cook for his exemplary performance. We join citizens throughout the State in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the Nation; (HLS 821)

Emilee Hartley, of Dover-Foxcroft, who saved her family from a devastating fire at their home. Emilee was awakened by the noise of a smoke alarm and woke her parents and 3-year-old brother. She led the family downstairs and out through a bathroom window to safety. Her parents were able to save their 7 dogs before escaping the burning building. We commend Emilee for her bravery and quick thinking in alerting her family to the fire; (HLS 822)

Daniel B. Brigalli, Jr., of Millinocket. Mr. Brigalli attended Millinocket schools and worked at Great Northern Paper as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed spending time at camp and providing his family produce from his garden. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 823)

Rodney Earl Scott, Sr., of Medway. Mr. Scott was born in Sanford and grew up in Medway. He graduated from Schenck High School and served in the United States Army. Mr. Scott worked for Great Northern Paper Company and served as a firefighter as well as volunteering for Little League and the Boy Scouts. Among his other community activities, Mr. Scott served as a selectman for the Town of Medway and as a member of the town's Conservation Committee. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 824)

Rene C. Lambert, of Biddeford. Mr. Lambert was employed in the Pepperell Mills and by Gagne Brothers Ice Company, and left to serve in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Lambert participated in the Invasion of Normandy and revisited Normandy at the age of 80. After the war he worked for Wakefield Roofing, the Saco-Lowell Shops, Boston and Maine Railroad and Portland Rendering. In 1967, he and his wife purchased the Marvel Drive-in Restaurant on Route 1 in Saco and operated it for 10 years. He also worked at Vito Mininni, Inc. and Carl Subler Trucking during the winter months. He was employed from 1980 to 1990 by Fiber Materials, Inc. and in his retirement he was employed by his brother-in-law and nephews at Northeast Transmission. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 825)

William A. Ramsey, of Sanford. Mr. Ramsey was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont and served in the United States Navy as a Seabee during World War II. He married Constance Bergeron in 1947 and they moved to Maine in 1952. Mr. Ramsey owned and operated a car dealership, Continental Motors, in Sanford for several years after moving to Maine. After selling his dealership, he went to work for American Cyanamid for approximately 24 years until retiring in 1987. Since 1952, he was a member of the Sanford Elks Lodge 1470, where he had served as Past Exalted Ruler and Past District Deputy. He was also a former member of the American Legion, the V.F.W. and the Knights of Columbus. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 826)

Seth T. Erickson, of Hampden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 1776, 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, Seth installed a permanent enclosure for the public facilities at the recreational fields in Hampden. He has served as a state officer of the Maine Demolay as both junior and senior steward. He is currently working towards earning his pilot's license. We extend our congratulations to Seth on this achievement; (HLS 827)

Susan Lippert, of Wiscasset, on her being selected as the School Counselor of the Year by the Maine School Counselor Association. Ms. Lippert, who is on the staff of Wiscasset Middle

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School, has worked with many counselor interns and works with civil rights teams. We commend Ms. Lippert on her receiving this high honor and send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 828)

Linda Bleile, of Wiscasset, on her being named Administrator of the Year by the Maine School Counselor Association. Ms. Bleile is the principal of Wiscasset Middle School and has been on staff for 37 years, serving as principal for the past eight. We commend Ms. Bleile on her receiving this high honor and send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 829)

Steve LeVasseur, the boys basketball coach at Schenck High School in East Millinocket, on his reaching his 300th career win. Mr. LeVasseur has been a varsity head coach for 22 years. He has coached the Stearns High School Boys Basketball Team and the Schenck High School Girls Basketball Team and has won 4 state titles. We congratulate Mr. LeVasseur and extend our best wishes for his continued success; (HLS 830)

Cory James Quirion, of Sanford, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 317, 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 Cory on this achievement; (HLS 831)

Dwight "Lib" Libby Sr., of Freeport, who served as fire chief from 1977 to 1983. Known as a good man, an excellent leader and a devoted grandfather, Fire Chief Libby believed wholeheartedly in serving the community and he loved being a firefighter. A former Freeport High School athlete, Fire Chief Libby married Victoria Golding and together they raised 2 sons in Freeport, who both eventually became junior and full volunteer firefighters in Freeport. After retiring as fire chief, he continued as a firefighter and was active in the Freeport Fire Company. We acknowledge Fire Chief Libby's dedicated career as a firefighter and as a family man. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his grateful community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 832)

Helen Melledy, of Monmouth, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, January 13, 2010. Mrs. Melledy is an exemplary and active community volunteer in the area. She volunteers each week at the United Church of Monmouth Vestry Thrift Store and has been the ticket taker at nearly every Theater of Monmouth performance for the last decade. She is also one of the Friends of Cumston Library and of Cumston Hall. She makes baked goods for sales benefitting the Monmouth Museum, the Monmouth Fire Department and town offices. We join with the citizens of Monmouth in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Melledy as the town celebrates her life; (HLS 833)

Richard T. Bergeron, of Sanford, on his being awarded the 2009 Saint Anselm College Alumni Award of Merit for his success as a small-business owner and for his lifelong commitment to his community. The award is given to a graduate or friend of the college who has demonstrated unusual professional competence or standing in the community and a general concern for the betterment of humanity. A 1958 graduate of and an advocate for Saint Anselm College, Mr. Bergeron has owned Bergeron's Shoes and Pedorthic Services on Main Street in Sanford for more than 40 years. As an integral participant in the Sanford business community, Mr. Bergeron is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and has been on the Saint Thomas School Board and the Board of the Diocese of Portland Schools. We congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 834)

Mike Portwine, head coach of the Stearns High School Girls Basketball Team, of Millinocket, who has earned his 100th varsity victory. Mr. Portwine is in his 26th season as a high school

basketball coach. We congratulate him on his achievement; (HLS 835)

Phillip Hoose, of Portland, who won the National Book Award for young people's literature for the book *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*, which was based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others. Mr. Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott and court case that would change the course of American history. The book placed on various lists of best books of the year. We congratulate Mr. Hoose on his winning this prestigious and well-deserved award; (HLS 836)

the Reverend Bernard Alderman, of Framingham, Massachusetts and formerly of Livermore Falls, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry at First Baptist Church in Livermore Falls. A 1951 graduate of Colby College with an A.B. degree, Reverend Alderman graduated from Andover-Newton Theological School in 1955 with a B.D. degree. He came to Livermore Falls as the new pastor at First Baptist and the Moose Hill Free Will Baptist Churches in 1954 and ministered there until 1963. His 50-year anniversary of being ordained will be recognized at First Baptist Church in the same sanctuary where his ministry began. We join the congregation at First Baptist Church in congratulating Reverend Alderman and celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination. We send him our best wishes for the future; (HLS 837)

Ronald and Arlene Jones, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Ronald Jones and Arlene McCrillis were married on November 24, 1949 at the First Baptist Church Parsonage by the Reverend Stewart Kinley. Mr. and Mrs. Jones met at a dance at the New Norland Grange, of which they are still members today. After 60 years of marriage, they celebrate a family that includes 4 children, 4 grandchildren and one great-grandson, as well as many "special" children they have helped throughout the years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jones on this special anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 838)

Matthew and Wendy Polstein, of Millinocket, who are the recipients of a 2010 Governor's Conference on Tourism award for tourism growth. Matthew and Wendy Polstein were selected by their peers for their outstanding contribution to the tourism industry in the State through the New England Outdoor Center. We extend our appreciation to Matthew and Wendy Polstein for their dedication to the State and congratulate them on their receiving this award; (HLS 839)

Cassidy Emma Poland, of Bremen, born November 5, 2007. Cassidy is the daughter of Bobbie and Tracy Lucas Poland. She loved dancing, singing, coloring, swimming, kayaking and paddle boating. She especially enjoyed playing and spending time with her big brother Cole. Cassidy will be sadly missed by her loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 840)

Crispin H. Connery, of Woolwich, a philanthropist, a community volunteer and a gentleman through and through. Mr. Connery had been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Woolwich, a Sagadahoc County commissioner, a member of the Patten Free Library Board of Trustees, president of the Maine Municipal Association and a trustee and longtime supporter of the Maine Maritime Museum. His friends describe him as a caring man of keen foresight. He was known for always being able to see the big picture. Mr. Connery was associated with many beneficial changes in the Town of Woolwich and Sagadahoc County. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 841)

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Jean Laidlaw Pinfold, of Topsham. Mrs. Pinfold was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and attended local schools. She graduated from Smith College in 1940. She married Russel Warren Pinfold, a veterinarian, in 1945, and they lived in Hawaii for 2 years before the family moved to Maine. She did the books for her husband's veterinary clinic in Brunswick during its early years and later was treasurer of Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick and a member of its board. Mrs. Pinfold joined the League of Women Voters of Maine a year after the creation of its Brunswick chapter and was secretary of the Davis Fund Committee from 1978 to 1986. Mrs. Pinfold will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 842)

the Honorable Alton W. Whittemore, of Skowhegan, a prominent and active member of his community and former Member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1977 to 1980. Mr. Whittemore was born in Skowhegan and served in the United States Army during World War II as a sergeant in the South Pacific. He was a very accomplished and successful man, well-known and respected by the community in which he lived. He owned and operated Whittemore's Real Estate for many years with his wife and also owned Whittemore's apartments. Some of Mr. Whittemore's many local accomplishments and endeavors include serving as a Selectman, and as a member of many of the town's committees, including the Budget Committee and the Planning Board. Mr. Whittemore was an incorporator of Skowhegan Savings Bank, an incorporator and trustee for the Franklin Savings Bank, a stockholder and director of Skowhegan Motor Lodge and a former president of Kennebec Valley Board of Realtors. He was named Realtor of the Year in 1971. Mr. Whittemore was a former president for Northern Kennebec Valley Board of Realtors and a director for State of Maine Realtors Association. Mr. Whittemore was honored by the Skowhegan Eagles Club as a Home Town Builder, by the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge as Citizen of the Year and by the Town of Skowhegan Annual Report. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award through the local Lions Club and a recipient of the Alton W. Whittemore award through the local Chamber of Commerce. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 843)

Eric Eugene Barnett, of Buxton and Island Falls, Maine and Big Lake, Alaska. Mr. Barnett was born on May 12, 1980 in Millinocket. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the 101st Airborne Division, the first unit to enter Iraq. Mr. Barnett will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 844)

Don Levesque, originally from Grand Isle and now of Saint-Basile, New Brunswick, on his retirement as the publisher and editor of the St. John Valley Times in Madawaska. Mr. Levesque joined the St. John Valley Times in 1985 as an advertising sales representative. He sold advertisements throughout the St. John Valley and was soon named advertising manager, then general manager shortly thereafter. In addition to his duties as general manager, Mr. Levesque became a general assignment reporter-photographer in 1988 and, during the same year, was named managing editor. He has served with distinction as publisher-editor since 1996. We acknowledge Mr. Levesque's commitment to his profession and to the St. John Valley and we congratulate him on his retirement. We send him our best wishes on his future endeavors, including his continued work with the 2014 Congres mondial acadien; (HLS 845)

Father James Albert, of Madawaska, on his retirement as pastor and administrator of Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Parish in Madawaska. Father Albert, who was ordained as a priest in

1986, helped to form this new parish from St. Thomas Aquinas and St. David parishes in Madawaska and St. Gerard Parish in Grand Isle. Earlier, he served as administrator at St. Peter Chanel Parish and St. Bruno and St. Remi parishes in Van Buren and St. Joseph Parish in Hamlin. He was also pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Wallagrass and St. Mary Parish in Eagle Lake. We send our appreciation to Father Albert for his dedication to the church and to the community. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 846)

the newest bottling facility of Poland Spring, built in Kingfield in 2008, which has received the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. This is the first manufacturing facility in Maine to receive this certification. LEED is an internationally recognized certification system that measures how well a building performs across various sustainability metrics, including energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction and stewardship of resources. We congratulate the Poland Spring facility in Kingfield on receiving this prestigious certification; (HLS 847)

Jason Bartlett, a native of Windsor, now living in Goshen, New York, who is a recipient of the Thurman Munson Award for his harness racing excellence. The award is given by AHRC-New York City Foundation, which supports children and adults with disabilities. In 2009, Mr. Bartlett recorded 578 wins and more than \$9.1 million in purses at Yonkers Raceway, with the highest winnings among Yonkers harness racers for the second straight year. In all, his totals of 720 wins and more than \$10.8 million in purses ranked second and fourth, respectively, in North America. In May, Mr. Bartlett traveled to Norway to represent the United States at the World Driving Championship and won his 3,000th career race. An excellent athlete, Mr. Bartlett was also an All-American point guard at the University of Southern Maine. He has been honored by the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs for his dedication and commitment to harness racing. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Bartlett on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 848)

the Bates Outing Club, at Bates College in Lewiston, on its 90th Anniversary. The Bates Outing Club was founded in 1920, the second oldest collegiate outing club in the country, and the first to include both men and women as members. From its beginning, all members of the college community, and all alumni, have been considered members. It is one of the few remaining completely student-run organizations of its kind. The club provides outdoor opportunities and access to necessary equipment to all its participants, introducing generations to core activities such as hiking, skiing, canoeing, snowshoeing, rock-climbing and camping and pursuits such as ice climbing, kayaking, surfing, sailing and snowboarding. Involvement with the Bates Outing Club continues to inspire Bates students toward careers in the fields of outdoor and experiential education, exploration, the natural and environmental sciences and other adventurous pursuits. We extend our congratulations to the Bates Outing Club on the occasion of this anniversary and send the members our best wishes for future success; (HLS 849)

Noreen Wormwood, of Sanford, on the occasion of her retirement as Dispatcher after 19 years of dedicated service to the Sanford Police Department. We acknowledge her commitment to the community and to the State, and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 850)

Richard Paradis, of Auburn, who is the 14th recipient of the Travis Roy Award. Richard is the 3rd winner of the award from St. Dominic Regional High School. He was named the top hockey player in the State at the 2009 Class A Hockey Banquet.

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We congratulate Richard on his receiving this award and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 851)

Donald S. Cobb, of Brownville Junction. Mr. Cobb was a 1938 graduate of Brownville Junction High School, and he served in the United States Navy during World War II, and after, from 1944 to 1946. He was a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company and retired in 1983. Mr. Cobb enjoyed the outdoors and spending time on Schoodic Lake. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 852)

Donald W. Smith, a lifelong resident of North Yarmouth. Mr. Smith was born on July 14, 1920. He attended local schools and graduated from Greely Institute in 1938. Upon graduation, Mr. Smith worked for the family poultry business. In 1942 he married the former Katherine Nickels and they raised 3 children. Mr. Smith loved to participate in sports, including hunting and fishing. He coached Little League for 30 years, played for the Yarmouth Twilight League, served as an umpire, was a Registered Maine Guide and raised English Pointers that he ran in field trials. Mr. Smith was very involved with town government. He served as a North Yarmouth town meeting moderator, on the Board of Selectmen and on the local school board. He was a member of the North Yarmouth Historical Society and a member of the North Yarmouth Congregational Church and served many years on the Board of Directors of the North Yarmouth/Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Smith believed in land preservation and helped form the Future Lands Fund. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be missed deeply by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 853)

Warren R. Dwyer, of Brunswick, longtime resident and prominent member of the community. Mr. Dwyer was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. He served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the troop ship USS General W.C. Langfitt in the Pacific theater. He graduated from the University of Michigan, earned his law degree at the University of Pennsylvania and then practiced law in New York City. In 1957 he married Marilyn Habel, whom he had met on a trip to Stowe, Vermont. They moved to the Boston area in 1959, where Mr. Dwyer served as corporate counsel for Raytheon and subsequently as vice-president of the international management consulting firm Harbridge House. Mr. Dwyer originally came to Maine for a one-year assignment to Bath Iron Works. Together with business partner John Palmer, he purchased the Yarmouth-based firm Down East Novelties in 1972. As company president, Mr. Dwyer turned a small local company into a firm with nationwide sales. Mr. Dwyer was very active in the communities in which he lived. He worked with a New York City housing clinic, served as a selectman in Lincoln, Massachusetts and was involved extensively in the Brunswick community. In 2002, along with wife Marilyn, he was recognized with a Jefferson Award for a distinguished record of community involvement that included service as President of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Vice-president of Mid Coast Hospital, Chair of the Bowdoin College Friends Fund, President of the Maine State Music Theatre, Deacon at First Parish Church and Brunswick Planning Board member. Mr. Dwyer will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 854)

the Gardiner/Augusta Lions Club, on the special occasion of its 60th anniversary. The Lions Club has been and continues to be an important part of the Gardiner and Augusta communities, making an outstanding contribution to the residents of the area through its charitable giving. The Lions Club has provided

scholarships to local high school students and has provided support for the Gardiner General Hospital, the Kennebec Valley Medical Center and the Good Shepherd Food-Bank. The Lions Club has sponsored drug education and prevention via the Huggy Bear Program and sponsored the chemical-free Project Graduation. These activities represent the true spirit of community. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Gardiner/Augusta Lions Club as they celebrate this special occasion; (HLS 855)

Horace T. Gardner, Jr., of Millinocket, devoted husband and father. Mr. Gardner attended school in Orono and Old Town. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in wildlife management. Mr. Gardner worked for James W. Sewell Company and Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Gardner will be sadly missed by his loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 856)

Robert Lefebvre, of Gorham, the Fire Chief of the Gorham Fire Department, who has been named the Cumberland County Fire Chief of the Year by his peers, the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. Fire Chief Lefebvre began his career in 1968 with Westbrook Rescue while he was a Westbrook High School student. He became a full-time Westbrook firefighter in 1971, following in the footsteps of his father, who was with Westbrook Fire Department for 28 years. Fire Chief Lefebvre was appointed as Gorham's part-time call fire chief in 1984 and became the town's full-time fire chief in 1987. We congratulate Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre on his receiving this well-deserved honor, and we wish him continued success in the future; (HLS 857)

Officer Darin Gilbert, of the Farmington Police Department, who has been named the 2009 Top Employee for the Farmington Police Department. This annual award is given to any full-time employee who stands well above other employees in job performance and who contributes immensely to the mission of the Farmington Police Department. We acknowledge Officer Gilbert's commitment to the department and to the community. We extend our congratulations on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 858)

Maine Wildlife Park, in Gray, upon its receiving a 2010 Commitment to Tourism Growth award given by the Maine Office of Tourism. The award recognizes those in the tourism industry that lead by example and demonstrate commitment to Maine as a world-class tourist destination. The Maine Wildlife Park is owned and operated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and promotes an understanding and awareness of the wildlife indigenous to Maine, conservation and habitat protection programs and projects of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. We congratulate Maine Wildlife Park on its receiving this award; (HLS 859)

the following members of the Dirigo High School Football Team, who won the State Class C Championship: Nick Young, Brandon Jonaitis, Brett Whittemore, Eric Bolduc, Nic Crutchfield, Bryan Blackman, Spencer Ross, Ben Holmes, Chad Oakes, Mike Smith, Justin Dowland, Evan Seavey, Cody Chiasson, Justin Jasper, Mitch Lemay, Caleb Hall, Tyler Chiasson, Jacob Weston, Mason Cote, Ben Dolloff, Holt McCollister, Jake Dowland, David Guildford, Thomas Barnett, Cliff Boynton, Cody Houghton, Chad Cormier, Brodie Thompson, Aaron Libby, John Calden, Alex Snowman, Arik Fenstermacher, Doug Swan, Joe Pelote, Zach White, Reilley Lombardi, Kyle Hutchinson and Alex Miele and coaches Doug Gilbert, David Crutchfield, Dana Whittemore and Lou Bran. The team had an undefeated season. This is the team's 5th state championship and the first since 1975. We

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congratulate the team members and coaches on this achievement; (HLS 860)

Nic Crutchfield, of Carthage, a senior at Dirigo High School in Dixfield and quarterback of its state Class C championship football team, who is the recipient of the *Lewiston Sun Journal's* All-Area Player of the Year award. He is also the recipient of the John Taglienti Award as the Most Valuable Player of the Class C division in the Campbell Conference and was one of the 3 finalists for the James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy, presented each year to the outstanding senior football player in the State. We extend our congratulations to Nic on his receiving these well-deserved honors and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 861)

Nancy Thibodeau, of Fort Kent, who has been named the 2010 Fort Kent Citizen of the Year. Ms. Thibodeau has been an active and generous member of the community for many years and has extensive community service. As former director of Quality Improvement at Northern Maine Medical Center and a registered health information administrator, Ms. Thibodeau has a long and distinguished career in the medical field. She has been event director for the International Paralympic Committee Nordic Skiing World Championships in Fort Kent, as well as for numerous biathlon events. She has served on the board for Make-a-Wish Foundation of Maine, the University of Maine at Fort Kent Foundation and the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Ms. Thibodeau is the recipient of the Deborah Morton Award from the University of New England, the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent and was named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club in Fort Kent. We acknowledge her many contributions to her community and to the State, and we congratulate her on being named the 2010 Fort Kent Citizen of the Year. (HLS 862)

Grover Gundrilling, of Norway, which received a Business of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Grover Gundrilling, a deep hole drilling company, has dedicated time and money to the Oxford Hills community for many years. It has helped to develop the Oxford County Fair, supports the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Aspirations Program and the Dollars for Scholars initiative. Grover Gundrilling maintains a high-tech machine shop, specializes in deep hole drilling for industries such as nuclear, aerospace, medical, plastics and superconducting. It employs 55 full time employees and provides summer internships. We congratulate Grover Gundrilling and wish it continued success; (HLS 863)

Kevin Marshall, of Norway, who has received the Employee of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Marshall works as generator manager for Flanders Electric. He has transformed the company's generator sales and service operation into one of the best in the business. His business knowledge and customer service skills have made Flanders Electric one of the top ten dealers in the country in home standby generators. He always puts the customer first. We congratulate Mr. Marshall on his receiving this award; (HLS 864)

Todd Truman, of Oxford, who has received the Rising Star of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Truman has transformed Turn Key Homes of Maine into one of the best house builders in the Oxford Hills area in just a few short years. He is also involved with charitable organizations and works on behalf of those who are in need for such organizations as the Toys for Tots program. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Truman for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 865)

Marjorie Medd, of Norway, who has received the Community Service Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Medd was honored for her longtime commitment to the Oxford Hills area through her work with the Oxford Hills Athletic Boosters Club, the Oxford Hills School Board, the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education and her invaluable assistance in securing the Western Maine University and Community College Center in South Paris. She also worked to develop economic opportunities by serving on the Board of the Western Maine Economic Development Committee and the Growth Council of Oxford Hills. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Medd for her contributions to the community and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 866)

Edward A. Barrett, who served as city manager for the City of Bangor from 1988 to December 2009, and who was hired as the new city manager for the City of Lewiston. During his 21 years in Bangor, he supported major efforts to reinvent Bangor's downtown through city encouragement and financial support. Mr. Barrett's achievements include achieving financial stability and a declining and then stable property tax rate for the city. We acknowledge Mr. Barrett's many years of dedicated commitment to his community and we join the citizens of Bangor in extending our congratulations to him on his accomplishments. We send Mr. Barrett our best wishes on his new endeavors; (HLS 867)

Jack Mallis, of Windham, who was awarded the 2009 James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy. The trophy is given annually to Maine's most outstanding high school senior football player. Jack, the Windham High School Eagles' star running back, scored 4 touchdowns in the final State Championship victory. During his senior year, he rushed for 1,686 yards and 26 touchdowns, and he scored a total of 51 touchdowns during his high school career. We join the Windham community in congratulating Jack on his receiving this well-deserved award, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 868)

F. Stevenson Burton, of Damariscotta, on the occasion of his 50th year of service to Rotary. Mr. Burton is an active member of the Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle and serves as the Club Sergeant-at-Arms. He is the past president of 2 Maine Rotary Clubs and a longtime scribe for the Damariscotta-Newcastle *Twin Village Topics* newsletter. Mr. Burton is a 2-time Paul Harris Fellow and was a longtime stalwart of the Rotary Oyster Festival and the Community Elm Tree replacement project. He has always followed the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" by actively supporting every local club service project and Rotary fundraising campaign to provide humanitarian grants for those less fortunate throughout the community and state and across the globe. We commend Mr. Burton for his commitment to his Rotary Club, his community and the extended family of Rotary throughout the world; (HLS 869)

Sandra "Sandy" Armentrout, of Kennebunkport, noted museum administrator and preservationist. Born and raised in New Jersey, Sandy graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in Art History and later earned a certificate from the Colonial Williamsburg Seminar for Historical Administration. She moved to Maine in 1965 and made the Kennebunks the center of her life from that time onward. With her expertise in decorative arts and architectural history, Sandy began her professional career in 1976 at the Brick Store Museum, where she served as Director from 1980 to 1986. In 1987, she was named Citizen of the Year by the Kennebunk Chamber of Commerce. After working at the Brick Store, she held a series of interim directorships at the Portsmouth Athenaeum, the Old York Historical Society, the Joan Whitney Payson Gallery at Westbrook College, the Maine Historical Society and River Tree

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Arts. From 1989 to 1993, Sandy served as the Northern New England Regional Administrator for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. She also served as a consultant to small museums throughout New England and was a member of the Maine Arts Commission from 1988 to 1992. In recent years, Sandy was a member of the board and on the executive committee of the Kennebunk Land Trust, and was rewarded with the 2008 Bull Moose Award for her commitment to conservation. She was an active volunteer for the York County Shelters Food Pantry, the Community Outreach Committee of South Congregational Church and the Seacoast Garden Club. In 2007, the University of New England honored her with their annual Deborah Morton Award for her community and charitable work. We acknowledge Sandy Armentrout's generous contributions and dedication to her community and to the State. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 870)

American Legion Post No. 210, of Lewiston, for its outstanding efforts in supporting those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States through the American Legion Blue Star Salute program. The Blue Star Service Banner displayed in the window of a home is an American tradition. The banner lets others know that someone in the home is serving in the United States Armed Forces. The banners were widely used during World War I and World War II. The American Legion has rekindled the program as a reminder that war touches every neighborhood in our Nation. We extend our appreciation to American Legion Post No. 210 for its commitment to our soldiers fighting overseas; (HLS 871)

Harold and Judy Boyce, of Kingfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce were married November 28, 1959 in Strong at the United Methodist Church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Boyce on this very special occasion; (HLS 872)

Richard Clark, of Wells, head coach of the York High School Girls Basketball Team, who has earned his 400th career victory. Coach Clark is one of 12 coaches in Maine to reach this milestone. As of February 3rd, Coach Clark's Wildcats are 36 and 1 in Class B over the past 2 seasons. We acknowledge Coach Clark's athletic prowess and offer him our gratitude for educating his players about the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship and congratulate him on his achievement; (HLS 873)

the Town of Pownalborough, on the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of its incorporation. In 1760 the separate settlements at Wiscasset Point, Sheepscot and Frankfort were incorporated into a new town named Pownalborough, the 16th town incorporated in Maine. This name was chosen to honor Governor Thomas Pownall, who signed the Act incorporating the town into law on February 13, 1760. Soon thereafter, Lincoln County was established, and Pownalborough became its shire town. In 1794, Pownalborough divided itself up into Dresden and New Milford, which later became Alna, and in 1802 the remaining eastern parish of Pownalborough changed its name to Wiscasset. In 1847, Swan Island split off from Dresden and became the Town of Perkins, which became an unorganized township in 1918. In celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the original Pownalborough, we wish to acknowledge the leadership exhibited by the early settlers of that town in shaping the Maine, Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County of today. We join the citizens of Wiscasset, Dresden, Alna and Perkins Township, although the communities are now governed separately, in celebrating the history and accomplishments of the former

Pownalborough and extend our best wishes to all for the future continued success of their communities; (HLS 874)

Doug and Nona Boyink, of Mount Vernon, for their volunteer leadership of the 2009 United Way of Kennebec Valley Campaign. Dr. Boyink, a physician, and Mrs. Boyink, a senior vice president, both at Maine General Health, inspired community volunteers as they led and planned the campaign. Individuals and businesses in the communities of Kennebec Valley contributed over \$1,350,000 to support 52 programs that serve local people. We send Doug and Nina Boyink our appreciation for their hard work and commitment to the United Way, and we congratulate them for a successful 2009 United Way campaign; (HLS 875)

Edwin F. Harrington, Sr., a lifelong resident of Boothbay Harbor. After graduating from Boothbay Harbor High School, Mr. Harrington worked as a stone mason. He married Jeannine Winslow on January 11, 1952 and later that year joined the United States Army. After being discharged from the service, he worked at many of the local shipyards. Mr. Harrington was a caretaker at Bayville Village for many years. He enjoyed watching the Celtics and automobile racing. Mr. Harrington attended the Boothbay Harbor Methodist Church and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. His greatest love was his family. Mr. Harrington will be missed greatly by many; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 876)

Dana Kelley, of Old Orchard Beach, who is Chief of Police of the Old Orchard Beach Police and the recipient of the 2009 Chief of the Year Award from the Maine Association of Police. The award honors a police chief who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and support to law enforcement as well as making contributions to the association. We congratulate Chief Kelley on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 877)

Kimberly R. Smith, of Presque Isle, who is the recipient of the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award from the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Smith received the award for her enthusiastic leadership of the Sesquicentennial celebrations in the City of Presque Isle and her untiring participation in Presque Isle Historical Society activities. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Smith on her receiving this award; (HLS 878)

John H. Graves, of Presque Isle, who is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Graves has contributed to the academic and athletic growth of area students for over 40 years and has been involved in civic organizations throughout the region. We congratulate Mr. Graves on his receiving this award; (HLS 879)

Braden Theater, in Presque Isle, on the theater's being named the Business of the Year by the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce. Chris Dow, of Dow Theatre Company, had the vision of rejuvenating the abandoned Braden Theater, which now provides area residents with recent-release films with 3 modern screens. We congratulate Chris Dow and Braden Theater on their being honored by the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce as the Business of the Year; (HLS 880)

Erika Joyce, of Portland, a sophomore at Portland High School, and a member of the Debate Team, who placed first in the Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the State Championship on January 30, 2010 in Orono. We extend our congratulations to Erika on her achieving this honor; (HLS 881)

the Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership, based in Falmouth, a Maine-based medical support group that works to improve the public health system in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, on its raising more than \$140,000 in a day-long telethon at City Hall in Portland, sponsored by the city and WGME-TV. Konbit Sante

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works with the Haitian Ministry of Health and with Haitian colleagues to build capacity within the public health system for Haitians to care for Haitians. In recent days, Konbit Sante has secured medical supplies and gasoline for generators to help with earthquake relief efforts. Through its work with Justinian Hospital in Cap-Haitien, doctors, nurses and residents worked from the beginning in helping patients from Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. The telethon, the brainchild of former Portland city councilor Peter O'Donnell and City Councilor Jill Duson, engaged city hall employees, city councilors, Mayor Mavodones, Police Chief Craig and many others to work the phone lines. We acknowledge the extraordinary measures that Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership and the volunteers for the telethon have provided in their assistance of the people who need it most, and we send our appreciation to all who were involved in this exemplary charitable cause; (HLS 882)

the Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as the council members celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Katahdin Area Council serves over 4,000 youths from the scenic six northern counties of Maine. It covers 17,981 square miles, making it the largest council in land area east of the Mississippi, and is the easternmost council in the contiguous 48 states. The council represents approximately two-thirds of the land area and about one-third of the population of the State of Maine. Since 1920, the Katahdin Area Council's mission has been to "serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential." We send our congratulations to the Katahdin Area Council as the members celebrate the centennial of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 883)

the following members of the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School Girls Basketball Team, who won the 2009-2010 Penobscot Valley Middle School League Championship: Erin Jeter; Erica Meehan, Katie Seekins, Casey Black, Kierra Speed, Rachel Gower, Katie Later, Erin Murphy, Erin Flewelling, Meghan Morin, Taylor Harnish, Julia Burns, Erika Oliver, Miranda Thibodeau and Taylor Hamor, manager Alyssa Thibodeau and Coach Stephanie Turner. We extend our congratulations to the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School Girls Basketball Team on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 884)

The following members of the Marshwood High School team who won the State We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Championship: Dennis Ailinger, Elizabeth Barker, Meagan Beckert, Tyler Billipp, Emily Bryant, Michelle Carr, Natasha Chabot, Andrew Church, Emma Collins, Isabella Connelly, Richard Cooney, Justin Davis, Megan Fontaine, Kathryn Gagnon, Robert Harper, Kelsey Hoyt, Tim Jefferson, Coby Jones, Steven Lachance, Taygra Longstaff, Caroline Muise, Tucker Nixon, Tad Olsen, Hannah Perry, Erika Philbrick, Stephen Shea, Alex Spencer and Andrew Verrill and coach Matt Sanzone. The team will represent the State at the national competition in April in Washington, D.C. We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and is a yearly competition for American high school students. This is Marshwood High School's 3rd state title in the last 4 years. We commend the team for their enthusiastic and concentrated study of the structure and operation of the American political system and the vital role of the citizens within it and wish them luck at the national competition; (HLS 885)

Mrs. Hazel Betty Cohen, of Millinocket, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, March 25, 2010. Mrs. Cohen, who was born

in Medway, worked for the school lunch program in New York. After she retired, she moved back to Millinocket. Mrs. Cohen now resides in Woodlands Assisted Living of Brewer. She has 2 sons, 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Cohen on this special occasion; (HLS 886)

Louise Carter, of Abbot, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, March 22, 2010. Ms. Carter, who worked for Hardwood Products Co., LLC in Guilford, is a quilting enthusiast who continues to create beautiful quilts today. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Carter on this very special occasion; (HLS 887)

Brandon G. Ouellette, of Ellsworth, 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. For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon landscaped the property of St. Margaret's Chapel in Winter Harbor, which included the construction of stairs and benches and seeding the lawn. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this achievement; (HLS 888)

Kyle A. Ouellette, of Ellsworth, 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. For his Eagle Scout project, Kyle constructed a storage shed at the Woodlawn Museum in Ellsworth to store croquet gear. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on this achievement; (HLS 889)

William C. Dickey, of Lamoine, 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. For his Eagle Scout project, William constructed a recycling bin for Lamoine Consolidated School. We extend our congratulations to William on this achievement; (HLS 890)

Saint Joseph's College Mens Soccer Team in Standish, which won the Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship. The 2009 season was the most successful season in the team's history and featured the first St. Joseph's men's soccer team to go without losing consecutive games in a single season. Saint Joseph's led the conference in all defensive categories and ranked highly in the region in goals allowed and save percentage. The 2009 team placed 7 players on the all-conference team and broke 21 program and individual records on its way to the first National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament in the team's history. We extend our congratulations to the team members and coaches on a very successful season; (HLS 891)

Timothy D. Carr, of South Portland, a longtime community activist and firefighter. Mr. Carr served on the South Portland Fire Department from 1973 to 1998, retiring as Fire Captain. He had extensive training and education in fire science and fire protection and shared his knowledge with the community. Since 2000, he contributed to firefighting by serving as Hazardous Materials Coordinator for Maine Fire Training and Education, and since 2002 he served as Fire Science Education Coordinator at Southern Maine Community College. Mr. Carr was a true public servant, who was dedicated to the community of South Portland, volunteering in numerous civic organizations, such as the Spring Point Ledge Light Trust, the South Portland Historical Society and the Pleasantdale Neighborhood Association. He served as treasurer of his church and was involved with countless conservation and preservation projects. We acknowledge his

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dedicated commitment to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 892)

Tate Gale, of Portland, a freshman at Portland High School. Tate, the 14-year-old son of Jon and Nori Gale, spent his summer vacation in Gulu, Uganda, where he was a volunteer English teacher. With only 2 hours of training, Tate faced a classroom packed with 90 students, all of whom had been touched by Uganda's recent war and the deep poverty of the country. The more time he spent with his students, both inside the classroom and outside the classroom, the more he learned. On his final day, Tate found a note from a student that said, "Thank you for coming. Please come back." Tate exemplifies the spirit of the State and we commend him for his accepting this challenge without question; (HLS 893)

Todd Brackett, of Nobleboro, who is the recipient of the Maine Sheriffs' Association Presidential Citation Award. The award is given each year to someone who has made significant contributions to the Maine Sheriffs' Association, someone whose contributions and hard work go above and beyond the call of duty. Sheriff Brackett is the President of the Maine Sheriffs' Association. He has rejuvenated the Maine Sheriffs' Association and has effectively promoted the association with the new tagline "One Team, One Mission." He is to be commended for representing the Maine Sheriffs' Association at the state level while maintaining his full-time job and responsibilities as the Sheriff of Lincoln County. We extend our appreciation to Sheriff Brackett for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 894)

Katarina Voit, of Kennebunk. Mrs. Voit was born in Ulm, Germany in 1900, came to the United States in 1929 and was naturalized as an American citizen in 1939. She married her husband Max in 1933. Together they helped raise a young girl who became Mrs. Voit's lifelong friend. In 2006 she received the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest resident of Kennebunk. While a resident of the Kennebunk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mrs. Voit enjoyed singing and bowling. She would sing "O Tannenbaum" in German for the other residents during the center's Christmas party. Mrs. Voit would sit in the front hallway of the center greeting visitors, dressed in an aqua vest and Mardi Gras beads. She watched the Lawrence Welk Show every day. Mrs. Voit will be missed by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 895)

Lois Bolstridge Bowers, of Bangor. Mrs. Bowers was a chef for 30 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Tuscan Chapter No. 148, American Legion Honor Guard Post No. 84 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Norman J. Dow Post No. 1761. Mrs. Bowers will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 896)

Sarah Ford, of Berwick, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the third highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Sarah on this accomplishment; (HLS 897)

Christopher Michael Allinson, of Berwick, 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 Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 898)

Wilbert B. Small, a lifelong resident of West Bath. Mr. Small was educated in the Littlefield Schoolhouse on the Berry's Mill Road, graduated from Morse High School and was a member and president of the Morse High School Alumni Association. Mr.

Small served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Italy, where he was a technician, 4th grade. He worked 34 years for the civil service, working at the Navy Fuel Depot in Harpswell, on the Coast Guard Base in South Portland and at the Bath Post Office. In 2008, Mr. Small and his wife received the West Bath Board of Selectmen's Special Recognition Award for their many years of community service. He was a member of the West Bath Grange, the E911 Committee, the WINNS Committee, the West Bath Historical Society, the Tri-Town Winnegance Alewife Commission and the American Legion Smith Tobey Post 21 in Bath. He served as a volunteer fireman and was fire chief of the West Bath Fire Department. The fire department dedicated the Squad 8 fire truck to him. Mr. Small enjoyed farming, putting on clambakes and being active in the West Bath community. Mr. Small will be sadly missed by his family and friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 899)

R. Wayne Werts, of Auburn, on the occasion of his retirement from the Auburn Fire Department after 33 years of dedicated service. Chief Werts began at the Auburn Fire Department on May 2, 1977 and became fire chief on March 22, 2001. During his time in the department he earned an associate degree in fire science and became a paramedic. He was president of the union for 6 years and serves on the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association Board of Directors representing Androscoggin County and the Maine EMS Board as the Municipal EMS Provider Representative. Chief Werts served as the chair of the Maine EMS Board for 2 years and is on the task force of the All Hazards Training Facilities study. He has worked as an EMS instructor, teaching throughout Maine and internationally. We extend our appreciation to Chief R. Wayne Werts for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 900)

Eugene F. Stanley, Sr., of Medway, beloved husband and father. Mr. Stanley served in the United States Army during the Korean War and he worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 43 years. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved being in the woods. Mr. Stanley will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 901)

Reed and Reed, of Woolwich, which is the recipient of a SHARP award sponsored by the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program recognizes small employers who operate an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance into SHARP by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration is an achievement of status as a model of work site safety and health management. We congratulate Reed and Reed on its receiving this award; (HLS 902)

Karl Eliot Douin, of Hollis, a student at Bonny Eagle High School and one of two delegates chosen to represent Maine in the 48th annual United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. The United States Senate Youth Program was established in 1962 and is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. We congratulate Karl on his achieving this distinction of representing Maine in our Nation's capital and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 903)

Frank J. Gaziano, of Cape Elizabeth, who was a prominent member of the community. Mr. Gaziano was raised in Waltham, Massachusetts. He was a gifted athlete and won a football scholarship to College of the Holy Cross, where he graduated in 1941 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He was selected as an All-American football player and went on to

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play professional football. Mr. Gaziano served in the United States Army during World War II. After the war, he worked for Anheuser-Busch, first as a route salesman in 1946 in Boston. By the late 1950s, he became the Division Manager and was assigned to manage the entire New England territory. In 1960, he purchased National Distributors, Inc. in Portland. The company originally operated out of a small warehouse on York Street that received and shipped beer out of the same door. Today the company employs 200 people and is celebrating its 50th year in business. In 1985, Mr. Gaziano donated \$50,000 for the construction of the bandstand in Deering Oaks Park in Portland. He was the local sponsor of the Annual Holy Cross Book Award which was presented to a student at Catherine McAuley High School to encourage attendance at College of the Holy Cross. He initiated an awards dinner for outstanding student athletes selected by Class A coaches, now sponsored by the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Gaziano was a member of the Portland Lions Club, H.T. Andrews Post, the Portland Elks Club, the Cumberland Club, the Italian Heritage Club, the Holy Cross Alumni Association and the Holy Cross President's Council. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 904)

Charles C. Bacheller, of Norridgewock. Mr. Bacheller was born in Waterville, was a graduate of Good Will-Hinckley, a school for students facing challenges, and attended Thomas Business College. In 1966, he began service in the United States Army as a heavy equipment mechanic stationed in Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1969 with the rank of sergeant. In 1970, Mr. Bacheller began his 19-year career with the Maine State Police. He also worked for International Paper in Jay and he owned and operated Chuck's Auto Sales in Norridgewock. Mr. Bacheller was active in the community, having been a past master of the Lebanon 116 Masonic Lodge in Norridgewock as well as a lifetime member of both the Winslow Veterans of Foreign Wars MacCrillis-Rousseau Post 8835 and Fairfield American Legion Post 14. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 905)

the Town of Eliot, in honor of its Bicentennial Anniversary. Originally part of the Piscataqua Plantation in 1623 and incorporated in 1647 as the Second Parish of Kittery, Eliot became a separate town in 1810. During the 19th century, the quaint village was known for its fertile fields, orchards, shipbuilding and brickyards. Over the years, Eliot, in a scenic location along the Piscataqua River, has developed into a town of over 6,000 residents. Buildings of historical interest in the town include the William Fogg Library, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2007, the William Fogg House, the Dr. Willis Homestead, built in 1725, and the Libby Home, a former roadside tavern built in 1768. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Eliot as they celebrate the 200th birthday of one of our State's southernmost communities; (HLS 906)

the members of the Farmington Area Ski Team, who won the Middle School Alpine State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 907)

James Bessey, of Farmington, who has been named Coach of the Year for the Northern Division by the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Mr. Bessey is coach of the Mt. Blue Boys Basketball Team. This is Mr. Bessey's 35th season as coach. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bessey for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 908)

the celebration of Eliza Steele Day in the City of Rockland on June 12, 2010. The city and the Rockland District Nursing Association will honor Eliza Steele's more than 40 years of service to and partnership with the community. In 1929, Eliza Steele, RN, joined community leaders to form the Rockland District Nursing Association. Supported solely through local funds and together with the community, Eliza Steele and the association responded to changing community health needs. She retired in 1968, having worked as a Public Health nurse, RDNA nurse and school nurse and in other capacities. Eighty years later, the association picks up her mission, in continued partnership with the community and the City of Rockland, understanding that the health of the community is dependent on the well-being of its most vulnerable members. We join with the Rockland District Nursing Association and the City of Rockland in celebrating Eliza Steele Day on June 12, 2010 and honoring the legacy of Eliza Steele's work and commitment; (HLS 909)

the Westbrook High School Wrestling Team, which won the 2010 Class A Eastern Regional Championship. Two team members were State Champions: Cole Larrivee, with a season record of 38 wins to 12 losses; and Andrew Drouin, who was the school's first three-time state finalist. Team member Danielle Richards placed first at the 3rd Annual Maine State Girls Invitational Tournament. We extend our congratulations to the following members of the Westbrook High School Wrestling Team on their winning this championship: Head Coach Ryan Hutchins; Assistant Coaches Craig DiBiase and John Nicholas; wrestlers Cody Payer, Ryan Pitas, Glenn Emery, Danielle Richards, Tori Pabst, Ben Arsenault, Mike LaCourse, Craig DiBiase, Nick Tremblay, Scott Kirkpatrick, Cal Randall, Mark Charest, Graham Strondak, Jarred Martin, Brandon Hurd, Manny Vincent, Jack Riley, Cole Larrivee, Troy Fogg, Stephen Sawyer, Dimitri King, Harrison Strondak, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Andrew Drouin, Devon Grant, Josh Tardiff, Chris Rinaldi and Mick Cleveland; and Managers Abby Webster and Dan Zemla; (HLS 910)

Daniel C. Smith, of Gorham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 817, 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, Daniel built a large warming shed to be used by ice skaters at the community ice rink. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this achievement; (HLS 911)

Kelley Damboise, of Caribou, a senior at the University of Maine at Farmington, who was recently honored as an Outstanding Future Professional by the Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She is one of only two Maine college students chosen in 2009 for this distinction. Ms. Damboise is majoring in community health education with a concentration in school health. She was recognized for this prestigious award for her academic achievement, campus and community involvement, leadership qualities and professional standing. We congratulate Ms. Damboise on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our best wishes for her future endeavors; (HLS 912)

Meghan Kelley, of Falmouth, who is the recipient of the 2009 Girls 12 and under Sportsmanship Award by the United States Tennis Association New England for exemplary sportsmanship qualities on and off the court. We congratulate Meghan on her receiving this award and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 913)

Orrell Linnell, of West Paris, on the celebration of his 100th birthday, March 16, 2010. Mr. Linnell resides at Ledgview Nursing Home, has his own apartment and cooks his own meals.

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We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Linnell on this very special occasion; (HLS 914)

Howard and Laura Dunham, of Kingfield, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, February 10, 2010. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dunham on this very special occasion; (HLS 915)

Franklin County on its being listed as the healthiest county in Maine by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Dr. Burgess Record, a pioneer in the local community, and the Healthy Community Coalition, which has been active in offering health and wellness programs to the people of Franklin County for more than 20 years, have both contributed greatly in encouraging better general health for the local population. We extend our appreciation to Franklin County for its commitment to a healthy population and extend our congratulations on its receiving this recognition; (HLS 916)

Steve Mitchell and the Maine School of Masonry, of Avon, on their having the Town Report of Avon dedicated to them for their work in the community. Mr. Mitchell is the founder and head instructor of a one-year apprenticeship program in Avon designed to develop skills in brick, block and stone masonry with classroom and lab instruction and community projects. We join with the Town of Avon in commending Mr. Mitchell and the students of his school for their contributions to the community; (HLS 917)

Robert Boyd, Sr., of Strong, who has had the Town Report of Strong dedicated to him on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service to the town. Mr. Boyd worked for the Town of Strong on the road crew, proving himself to be a dedicated and versatile worker. We join the Town of Strong in commending Mr. Boyd for his commitment to his community and send him our best wishes for a happy retirement; (HLS 918)

Betty Mitchell, formerly of Wilton and now living at Pinewood Terrace in Farmington, on the celebration of her 90th birthday at the Wilton Legion Hall. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 919)

the late Steve Bull, of Temple, who has had the 2009 Town Report of Temple dedicated to his memory for his longtime service to the town. Mr. Bull served for over 20 years as moderator of town meetings in Temple. We join the citizens of Temple in remembering the dedicated service of Mr. Bull to the town; (HLS 920)

Paul L. Farrington, a longtime resident of South China and prominent member of his community. Mr. Farrington was born in Waterville and was a graduate of Erskine Academy and Bates Business College. He was president of his class at the Dale Carnegie Course. He was cofounder of the South China Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Dirigo Lodge No. 157 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Kora Temple. Mr. Farrington was the owner of Farrington's Clothing and Footwear, for many years a popular destination for purchasing clothing in the area. He was also an entrepreneur who enjoyed buying and selling antiques and collectables and was cofounder and treasurer of Break of Day, Inc. Mr. Farrington will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 52 years, his loving family and his many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 921)

Patrick J. Federico, of Medway, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Federico served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany as a mechanic in the motor pool. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, East Millinocket American Legion, and was a charter member and past president

of Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Federico built, owned and operated a service station, car dealership and hardware store and, with his wife, opened PJ's Pasta, which became a favorite dining spot for many. He loved vacationing with family at the camp he built on Cedar Lake where he enjoyed fishing, swimming and boating. Mr. Federico's wonderful sense of humor and quick wit will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 922)

Beverly J. Pelletier, of Hampden. Mrs. Pelletier attended Stearns High School and Westbrook College. She worked in Millinocket for many years at the Millinocket Community Hospital and White Birch Medical Center. She also worked in the children's unit at Acadia Hospital, which she found to be her most rewarding work. She was very active in the local chamber of commerce, the Rotary Club, the American Legion and the Millinocket Emblem Club. Mrs. Pelletier will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 923)

Dennis Sweetser, of Auburn. Mr. Sweetser was a graduate of Edward Little High School and Bates College and was a lifelong educator. He taught chemistry at Edward Little High School for 33 years and was head of the science department before he retired in 2004. Mr. Sweetser devoted 42 years to the Auburn Suburban Little League, as coach, manager, historian and onetime occupant of every chair on the governing board. One of his proudest experiences was managing his Senior League All-Star team of 1979, which advanced all the way to the Senior League World Series in Gary, Indiana. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 924)

the following members of the Telstar Regional High School Girls Ski team, who are the winners of the 2010 Class C Alpine State Championship: Samantha Largess, Tara Cowin, Morgan Lee and Rachel Wheeler. This is the 4th straight title for the team. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 925)

The following members of the Gorham High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, who won the 2010 Western Maine Class A Sportsmanship Award: players Courtney Burns, Elizabeth LaMontagne, Mia Rapolla, Kristi Brown, Kiersten Turner, Sam Peters, Sarah Perkins, Vicki Parker, Lindsey Smith, Natalie Egbert, Alyssa Clark, Audrey Adkison and Kristin Ross; head coach Laughn Berthiaume; assistant coaches Mike Esty, Aaron Ouellet and Ashley Dyer; athletic director Gerry Durgin; and athletic trainer Brian Whalen. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on its receiving this award; (HLS 926)

the Honorable Joseph Clark, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2010 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 927)

the members of the Schenck High School Boys Basketball Team, of East Millinocket, who won the Class D State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 928)

Verna Littlefield, of Portland, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Littlefield was born and raised in Friendship, the oldest daughter of 14 children, which included 3 sets of twins. She was married to George Littlefield, who died in 1955. She has lived on Munjoy Hill in Portland for 70 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Littlefield on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 929)

Michael Powers, of Houlton, member of Houlton Lodge of Elks #835 and State President of the Maine Elks Association, as he ends his 2009-2010 term in office. Mr. Powers has been

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active in Elks since 1978, and we send him our congratulations on his year of helping lead the Elks in Maine as a major fraternal and charitable organization. We send him our best wishes; (HLS 930)

Riley Masters, of Bangor, a sophomore member of the University of Maine Cross Country and Track teams and the first Black Bear to break the 4-minute barrier in the mile run. Riley broke the school record on February 13, 2010 with a time of 3 minutes, 59.97 seconds, provisionally qualifying him for the NCAA Championships. On February 20, 2010, Riley won the 3,000-meter run at the America East Indoor Track Championship. We congratulate Riley on his exceptional achievements and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 931)

Gary Levesque, of Van Buren, upon his retirement as a supervisory accountant at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Limestone. In October 1973 Mr. Levesque enlisted in the military and was honorably discharged in 1981. He worked with the Civil Service and co-owned a consignment and antique shop in the mid-1990s. Mr. Levesque was hired at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in March 1995. He enjoys photography, golf and bird-watching. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Levesque on his retirement; (HLS 932)

Joseph Lamoin, of Gorham, for his heroism in helping his family escape unharmed from a fire that started in their home. Joseph, just 4 years of age at the time, remembered the training he had received during a fire prevention program at his day care center when he woke up and smelled smoke in his house and was able to wake up his mother, sister and grandmother, allowing all of them to get out of the building safely. We congratulate Joseph Lamoin for his quick thinking and knowledge of fire safety, which enabled him to help save the lives of his family members; (HLS 933)

Steve Shible, Director of the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department, on his 30 years of service to the Town of Farmington. Mr. Shible has been an asset to the town and has been recognized by the Farmington Board of Selectmen for his hard work, loyalty and dedication. An estimated 10,000 children have participated in Farmington recreational programs during his tenure. We congratulate Mr. Shible on his 30th anniversary as Director of the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 934)

Matt Butler, of Windham, 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. Matt's Eagle service project was to build a timber boardwalk crossing a bog area over 75 feet in length, a key element for the Windham cross-country trails. He has also helped more than 5 other scouts on their Eagle projects. We extend our congratulations to Matt on his achievements and send him our best wishes; (HLS 935)

Ed Gorham, of Randolph, on the occasion of his retirement as President of the Maine AFL-CIO after 35 years of service to Maine unions. A Peace Corps volunteer in India in the 1960s and a boilermaker by trade, Mr. Gorham has been one of the great leaders in the history of the Maine labor movement. He started out with the Maine AFL-CIO as a Legislative Liaison participating in labor committee sessions and lobbying on behalf of labor legislation. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer, serving in that position for 22 years until he was elected President of the organization in 1999. We acknowledge Mr. Gorham's commitment to his profession, to the labor movement and to the

people of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 936)

Stephen L. Mann, of Freeport. Mr. Mann's life was a catalyst for the expansion of opportunities in the Greater Brunswick area for people with Down Syndrome and other handicapping conditions. In 1966, Mr. Mann's mother founded a private program for school-aged children, the Youth Development Center in Brunswick. That developed into the Independence Association, which now serves 276 children, young people and adults through a variety of day and residential programs. Mr. Mann found lifelong friendships in the association and an outlet for his creative ability in its Spindlenworks day program for the arts. His drawings, paintings, weavings and yarn works have been shown throughout Southern Maine as well as in Augusta, Bangor and Deer Isle and Boston and New York. He enjoyed swimming, shooting baskets, Sunday School at the First Parish Church, boat rides, cooking, watching wrestling matches, throwing darts, Pine Tree Summer Camp and his annual shopping trips to New Hampshire. He loved celebrations, especially his home birthday parties at Independence House in Freeport and Christmas parties with his family. Mr. Mann will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 937)

Sherman R. Boulter, of Standish, who was a longtime owner of a chicken hatchery and a grain business and who was also a home building contractor. Mr. Boulter served in local government as a member of the Standish Budget Committee. Born in Saco, educated in Limington, Mr. Boulter first worked in the poultry business with his father before going into business for himself. He was well known throughout Cumberland County and York County for delivering fresh eggs to the local stores as well as to Maine Medical Center. He retired in the late 1980s. He was married to Betty Estes, and together they raised 3 daughters. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 938)

Dorothy Randall Gaddis, of East Machias. Mrs. Gaddis grew up in Oakland and attended Williams High School. She graduated from Eastern Maine Medical Center Nursing School and the University of Maine. She married Ralph Gaddis in 1946 and they raised 3 sons. Mrs. Gaddis was actively involved with many organizations. She was a recipient of a Leon Look Volunteer Service award and helped start Down East Community Hospital. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 939)

Donald Eugene Cushing, of Pembroke. Mr. Cushing grew up in Pembroke and attended Pembroke High School. He served in the United States Army during World War II with the 182nd Infantry, American Division, earning the Purple Heart while in the Philippines. He worked for Merle Corporation in Eastport and later Bangor Hydro Electric Company, where he worked for 29 years. He married Dora Redding in 1947 and they raised 6 children. Mr. Cushing was a lifetime member of American Legion Cobscook Post No. 59, Veterans of Foreign Wars Passamaquoddy Memorial Post No. 11299 and Dennys River Sportsman's Club. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 940)

Richard Bronson, Jr., of Bangor, on the occasion of his retirement from the Brewer Fire Department. Chief Bronson served 35 years with the Brewer Fire Department, 11 of which he spent as Chief. We extend our congratulations to Chief Bronson on his retirement and send him our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 941)

Ryan Leach, of Farmingdale, a senior at Hall-Dale High School, on the occasion of his scoring his 1,000th career point in

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high school basketball. Ryan is the 9th student in the school's history to surpass that scoring level and is the Mountain Valley Conference's leading scorer at 23 points a game. We congratulate Ryan on his surpassing 1,000 career points and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 942)

the Greater Houlton Christian Academy, a private nondenominational Christian school now in its 26th year, which is being accredited for a ten-year term by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. It is the second Christian school in the State to become accredited. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is the nation's oldest accrediting association. We congratulate the Greater Houlton Christian Academy on its receiving this valuable and important accreditation; (HLS 943)

Alden Murphy, of Saco, Chief of the Saco Fire Department, who has been named the York County Firefighters Association 2009 Firefighter of the Year for public service. Chief Murphy began his career in emergency services as a volunteer for the Old Orchard Rescue Squad in 1972 and he joined the Saco Fire Department in 1974. He has been instrumental in helping the Saco Fire Department improve training and services. Chief Murphy has worked tirelessly to enhance the capabilities of the Saco Fire Department with the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment and additional personnel. We extend our appreciation to Chief Murphy for his dedication to making the State a safer place to live and we congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 944)

Peter L. Smith, of Acton, Assistant Chief of the Acton Fire Department, who has been named the York County Firefighters Association 2009 Firefighter of the Year for public service. Assistant Chief Smith has worked for the Acton Fire Department for 27 years. He prepares the equipment so that the firefighters are prepared and safe while performing their tasks. His professional attitude, desire and skills are unmatched. Assistant Chief Smith makes it his practice to make new members welcomed. We extend our appreciation to Assistant Chief Smith for his dedication to making the State a safer place to live and we congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 945)

Ken Thorpe, a firefighter for the Biddeford Fire Department, who is the recipient of the Heroism Award from the York County Firefighters Association for going beyond the call of duty on February 6, 2010 in helping to save a baby from a burning building. Firefighter Thorpe, along with another firefighter, entered the second floor of a burning building and, without the protection of a hand line or safety search ropes, began to search for the child. The 2 firefighters crawled under the fire, went beyond the fire area, got the child and returned back. We send our appreciation to Firefighter Thorpe for going beyond the call of duty in helping to save the life of a young child and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 946)

Derick Ouellette, a firefighter for the Biddeford Fire Department, who is the recipient of the Heroism Award from the York County Firefighters Association for going beyond the call of duty on February 6, 2010 in helping to save a baby from a burning building. Firefighter Ouellette, along with another firefighter, entered the second floor of a burning building and, without the protection of a hand line or safety search ropes, began to search for the child. The 2 firefighters crawled under the fire, went beyond the fire area, got the child and returned back. We send our appreciation to Firefighter Ouellette for going beyond the call of duty in helping to save the life of a young child and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 947)

George Gorman, Chief of the South Berwick Fire Department, who has been named the York County Firefighters Association 2009 Firefighter of the Year for public service. Chief Gorman began his career with the South Berwick Fire Department in 1966 and was appointed chief in 1970. Before that, Chief Gorman served in the United States Air Force for 4 years and then as a firefighter on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's fire department. He has dedicated the better part of his life to serving the citizens of South Berwick and continues to do his job with great pride. We extend our appreciation to Chief Gorman for his dedication to making the State a safer place to live and we congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 948)

Lisa Hanscom-Winger, of Trenton, who was named the 2009 Firefighter of the Year for the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department. Captain Hanscom-Winger has been a member of the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department for 7 years. She is a member of the training committee, secretary for the department and chair of the Hancock County Firefighters' Association Training and Education Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 949)

Ken Worden, of Ellsworth, who was named the 2009 Ellsworth Firefighter of the Year. Lieutenant Worden has been a member of the Ellsworth Fire Department since 1986, and he is president of the Senator Hale Hose Company. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (HLS 950)

Jacqueline Marie Maranda Dumas, of Rumford, longtime dedicated member of the community. Mrs. Dumas was born in Rumford and graduated from Stephens High School. She went on to proudly serve her country in World War II as a United States Navy WAVE and also served as a member of the United States Army Reserve during the Korean conflict. She married Paul R. Dumas, Sr., in Rumford after World War II and they had two sons. Mrs. Dumas lived in the town of Coburn Gore for many years after her husband retired from the United States Army. She worked at Oxford Paper Company, was a translator and transcriptionist for the Department of the Navy in Washington, D.C., taught English to French-speaking students in Quebec and was United States Postmistress in Coburn Gore. Mrs. Dumas will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 951)

Helen Langlais, of Cushing, a prominent champion of the Maine art community. Born Helen Friend in Skowhegan, she was a graduate of the University of Maine and earned a master's degree at Ohio University in 1953. In 1955, she married Bernard Langlais, an artist originally from Old Town. They settled in New York City, but bought a summer cottage in Cushing. In 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Langlais purchased an 80-acre farm in Cushing as their year-round home. Mrs. Langlais took a job as a teacher at Cushing Elementary School, while her husband pursued his art. After Mr. Langlais died in 1977, Mrs. Langlais devoted herself to preserving and promoting her late husband's artistic legacy and championing young artists. Mrs. Langlais was instrumental in creating Maine's first-in-the-nation artist's estate tax law, which allows payment of estate taxes in works of art. She also arranged for Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville to receive her late husband's work and the Cushing property. Helen Langlais will be greatly missed and long remembered by those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 952)

the following members of the Livermore Falls High School Boys Basketball Team, who won the 2010 Maine Class C Sportsmanship Award: players Tom Ventrella, Hunter Brett, Willie Brown, Sam Chabot, Nate Michaud, Chandler White, Derek Castonguay, Khyle Whittemore, Jacob Keene, Mike Castonguay,

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Mike Armstrong, Mike Anctil, Ian Wilcox and Bryan Maurais; head coach Travis Magnusson, coaches Tyler Tracy, Tim Madden and Bill White; and athletic director Sally Boivin. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on its receiving this important award; (HLS 953)

John "Jack" May, of Pittsfield, upon his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Seabasticook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield after more than 10 years of dedicated service. Under his leadership, the hospital has grown, adding programs and services to meet the needs of the people of the Seabasticook Valley region. We acknowledge his service and commitment to the hospital and to the community, and we send Mr. May our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 954)

Mary Lou Nelson, of New Sweden, for her 50 years of service to the community and Cary Medical Center in Caribou. Born and raised in New Sweden, Ms. Nelson graduated from Caribou High School and attended the University of Maine. In 1960, with the help of a colleague and the support of a hospital pathologist, Ms. Nelson developed the Cary Memorial Hospital medical laboratory. Four years later, she became the lab's manager, a position she held during the hospital's transition to Cary Medical Center in 1978. A recipient of the first Cary Manager of the Year Award, Ms. Nelson was named one of three Employees of the Decade in 1998. She took part in establishing the most successful blood donor program in Aroostook County while also helping to institute a cholesterol screening clinic at the Cary Medical Center Health Fair. This event has screened more than 10,000 people, assisting in the identification of potential health risks. Ms. Nelson is a cancer survivor, displaying personal courage in her battle with breast cancer with the caring encouragement of hospital staff, physicians and community residents. She is a charter member of the Caribou Choral Society and founder of the Nelson Piano Education Center. We acknowledge Ms. Nelson's 50 years of distinguished service to Cary Medical Center, where she is the longest-tenured staff member, and to her community. We congratulate her on her work anniversary and send her our best wishes; (HLS 955)

Matthew Winters, of Scarborough, for his 2 years of serving with honor on the Community Partners, Inc. Lead Team. With support from Community Partners, Inc. and Community Integration Services, Matt enjoys his independence and citizenship. After accepting his nomination to the Lead Team, Matt won the election for a 2-year term. He was involved with organizing a conference and helping to make decisions regarding place, time and activities, as well as handing out awards. We congratulate Matt on his successful completion of his 2-year term. We send him our appreciation for his good citizenship and his dedicated service to the community; (HLS 956)

Debbie Mullen, of Boothbay Harbor, who is the recipient of a gold President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The award is given in recognition and appreciation of a volunteer's commitment to strengthening the Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service. Ms. Mullen is the chair for the Lincoln County Triad, which works in partnership with law enforcement, senior citizen organizations and individual senior citizens to enable them to remain in their homes and enjoy the best possible quality of life. She also is coordinator for Boothbay Region Seniors. We congratulate Ms. Mullen on her receiving this well-deserved service award; (HLS 957)

Calvin and Marjorie Carney, of South China, on the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carney were married in Augusta in 1940. Mr. Carney served in

the 504th Military Police Battalion in Heidelberg, Germany at the end of World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Carney lived in Augusta for 20 years before they moved to South China. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Carney on this very special occasion; (HLS 958)

Goff R. French, of Smithfield, for more than 40 years of dedicated service in State Government, of which 27 years was with the Bureau of General Services. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 959)

Edwin E. Nickerson, of Presque Isle, a prominent and active member of his community. Mr. Nickerson was born in Presque Isle and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and accounting from Husson College and took courses in bank management and administration at the University of New Hampshire. Mr. Nickerson had a long and distinguished career in banking, finance and promoting business in Aroostook County, dealing mainly with commercial lending, as well as offering his expertise to several other area businesses and organizations. He was recently the vice-chair and revolving loan director of the Northern Maine Development Commission, a member of the Economic Development Council of Maine, a board member of the Presque Isle Development Council, the secretary and one of the founding members of the Northern Maine Finance Corporation and, most recently, the director of economic development at the Loring Development Authority of Maine. Mr. Nickerson served as the latest chair of the Presque Isle City Council and was past president and active member of the Northern Maine Fair Association and several other local civic organizations. He was a foundation board member and great supporter of Northern Maine Community College. We acknowledge his long and dedicated commitment to his profession and to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 960)

Sonny T. F. Williams, of Topsham. Mr. Williams was born and educated in Bath and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After returning from overseas, he was employed as a truck driver for Sewall and Sons in Brunswick. Mr. Williams worked for the Topsham Police Department for 27 years, retiring as detective in 1996. He also worked security at the Bowdoin Mill. He was a member of the Topsham American Legion Post and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 961)

Dorothy M. Larrabee, of Manchester, on the celebration of her 98th birthday, March 10, 2010. Mrs. Larrabee worked as a shoemaker for Hazzard Shoe for 2 years and for Taylor Shoe for 18 years. She retired in 1956 and moved to Florida with her husband. While in Florida, she and her husband managed the North Florida Christian Service Campground. Mrs. Larrabee moved back to Maine in 1980. She enjoys gardening and crocheting and participates in craft fairs by selling her needlework. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Larrabee on this very special occasion; (HLS 962)

the Town of Winterport, on its sesquicentennial anniversary. Incorporated on March 12, 1860, the small Waldo County community lies on the west bank of the Penobscot River and is a former shipbuilding town. Its name was derived from its fine harbor and location at the head of winter navigation on the Penobscot River. The town was formerly a part of Frankfort. The break between Frankfort and Winterport came in 1860, largely because the inhabitants in Winterport did not like to share in the repairs of the bridge over Marsh River. The river is full of

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ice through the winter and has a strong current, which made repairs to the bridge expensive and constantly necessary. James Otis Kaler, known as James Otis, the writer of children's literature, was born in Winterport. The Union Meeting House, built in 1834, is of significant historical interest in the town, having a Paul Revere bell, a belfry clock and a Masons and Hamlin hand-pumped reed organ. Winterport retains a 19th-century charm that blends with modern convenience, with a thriving downtown and heavily utilized waterfront. We extend our warmest wishes to the leaders and residents of Winterport and join with them in celebrating the town's 150th anniversary; (HLS 963)

Byron and Taffene Davis, of Farmington, who have had the 2010 Farmington Town Report dedicated to them for their committed involvement in preserving the past and enriching the future of Farmington. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have made Farmington their home for over 20 years. Among some of his many contributions to the town, Mr. Davis was Director of the Franklin County Economic Development Office and Director of the Tri-County United Way. He chaired the Comprehensive Plan Committee from 1989 to 1993 and is presently a member of the Town of Farmington Revolving Loan Fund Board and the Parking Ordinance Committee. Mrs. Davis is a nurse and began work in the area in the emergency room at Franklin Memorial Hospital. She has managed many different departments since then, and through her involvement in nursing education she is presently the Clinical Education Instructor. She is also president of the Farmington Historical Society and was instrumental in writing a grant that provided funds to begin restoration of the North Church. She has cataloged numerous photos and documents to preserve Farmington's past. She has also volunteered on several town committee projects. We join the citizens of Farmington in sending our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Davis for their commitment to their community; (HLS 964)

Genia Graham, Leyla Lacayo, Sarah Bly, Page Bly and Sgoagani Mye, for their dedicated work in serving the community by making girls and women aware of the risk of Human Immunodeficiency Virus. At a time when many females are unaware of HIV risk, this special team of women have been featured in a public awareness campaign called "Ask for the Test" that encourages Maine women to ask for an HIV test as part of routine care. Their efforts have educated thousands of women around the State and have helped to stop the spread of HIV. March 10, 2010 is National Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day and it is a fitting tribute to the commitment of Ms. Graham, Ms. Lacayo, Mrs. Bly, Ms. Bly and Ms. Mye that they be recognized during the week of the national awareness day; (HLS 965)

the Mt. Blue High School Boys Wrestling Team, on its receiving the 2010 Class A East Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on receiving this important award; (HLS 966)

Robert O'Connor, of Farmington, who was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A Boys Wrestling Coach of the Year. Coach O'Connor coaches wrestling at Mt. Blue High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 967)

the following members of the Mt. Blue High School Girls Nordic and Alpine Ski Teams: Alex Allen, Hannah Allen, Shelby Aseltne, Janel Brooks, Addie Cullenberg, Caitlin Douglass, Molly Fissette, Ruth Leopold, Shireen Luick, Emily Ramsey, Deanna Richards, Emily Roberts, Emily Deane, Amanda Hall, Abbi Davis, Eliza Richard, Heather Farrington, Abbey Ellis, Katie Lewis,

Hannah Gibson, Karen Maranon, Segolene Berckmans and Marijo Hakkarainen; coach Mark Cyr; and assistant coach Rick Hardy. The Alpine team won the Class A State Championship and the Nordic and Alpine teams were overall combined Class A State Champions. We extend our congratulations to the teams on these accomplishments; (HLS 968)

David Nordstrom, of Wilton, who was selected as the 2010 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Nordic Ski Coach of the Year. He coaches at Mt. Blue High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 969)

Mark Cyr, of Farmington, who was selected as the 2010 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Alpine Ski Co-Coach of the Year. He has been the Mt. Blue High School Alpine Ski Coach for many years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Coach Cyr for his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 970)

the following members of the Mt. Blue High School Boys Nordic and Alpine Ski Teams: Tim Andrews, Richie Brooks, Jake Correll, Kelton Cullenberg, Jared Foster, Brody Hines, Jonah Jones, North Kay, Zach Veayo, Nick Wilkins, Harris Roberts, Alex Witt, Sam Prentiss, Dean Ellis, Alex Chandler, Shane Smith, Robert Cesar and Shawn Macquire; coach Mark Cyr; and assistant coach Rick Hardy. The Alpine team won the Class A State Championship and the Nordic and Alpine teams were overall combined Class A State Champions. We extend our congratulations to the teams on these accomplishments; (HLS 971)

Andrew Currier, of Chesterville, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, who has achieved 103 career wins in wrestling. We congratulate Andrew on his accomplishment and send him our best wishes; (HLS 972)

Elaine Allen, of Strong, who was selected as the Maine Mother of the Year by the Maine Chapter of American Mothers Inc. Mrs. Allen is the proud mother of 6 children. She has 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Allen earned her LPN degree in 1972 and her RN degree in 1992. She worked for Franklin Hospital, for a home for severe and profoundly retarded children and for Home Health, specializing in pediatrics. She retired from her nursing career in 2003 as a MDS Coordinator for nursing homes. Mrs. Allen will represent Maine at the National Convention in New York City in April, 2010. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Allen on her being named the Maine Mother of the Year and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 973)

Seth Webber, of New Vineyard, who earned the gold medal for pipe welding at the Associated Builders and Contractors Craft Championship in San Diego, California. Mr. Webber represented Cianbro, a Maine industrial construction company, and competed with other participants in chapter-sponsored and company-sponsored craft training programs from throughout the nation. We congratulate Seth Webber on his receiving this high honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 974)

Holly Gould, of Wilton, who coaches cheering at Mt. Blue High School and who was named the 2010 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A East Cheering Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Coach Gould on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 975)

Cyndi Pratt, of New Sharon, the Assistant Athletic Director and Field Hockey and Softball coach at the University of Maine at Farmington, who was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame. Ms. Pratt was honored for her performances as a player at Mount Blue High School and the University of New Hampshire. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Pratt on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 976)

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William Buzza, of Auburn, who was nominated for Maine Teacher of the Year. Mr. Buzza is a music teacher at Leavitt Area High School. We congratulate him on the honor of this nomination; (HLS 977)

Keegan Goan, a senior at Westbrook High School, who won the 100-Yard Butterfly Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to Keegan on this accomplishment; (HLS 978)

Derek Hawkes, a senior at Westbrook High School, who won the 500-Yard Freestyle New England Championship. We extend our congratulations to Derek on this accomplishment; (HLS 979)

Gary Theriault, of Chesterville, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, who has earned 121 career wins in wrestling. He also placed 4th at the Maine State Wrestling Championship. We congratulate Gary on his achieving these accomplishments and send him our best wishes; (HLS 980)

the Gagnon Family, whose reunion will be held in Madawaska in June 2010. In 1635, the brothers Mathurin, Pierre and Jean Gagnon and, in 1655, their cousin Robert Gagnon left Tourouvre and La Ventrouze, Perche, Basse-Normandie, France to settle in Quebec City and La Famille, l'Île d'Orleans. By the 1700s, the Gagnon ancestors had settled in Riviere-Ouelle, Quebec and began migrating to other parts of the world, settling in the Madawaska area in 1831. The Gagnon descendants have distinguished themselves in a variety of public and private professions and in religious life. We extend our best wishes to the Gagnon Family as they celebrate and renew acquaintances and friendships; (HLS 981)

Richard and Betty Bredeau, of Phillips, on the celebration of their 54th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 982)

Emily Luce, of Carrabassett Valley, a senior at Mt. Abrams High School, who won first place in both the slalom and giant slalom competitions at the 2010 Class B Skiing Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her achievements; (HLS 983)

the Maine Warden Service, on the 130th Anniversary of its creation, March 9, 2010. In 1880, the 59th Maine State Legislature enacted legislation to expand the duties of previous Commissioners of Fisheries to include enforcement of all matters pertaining to game as well as fisheries, creating the position of State Game Warden as we know it today. The Maine Warden Service was given the task of protecting our fish and wildlife resources and given the responsibility of conducting search and rescue missions for persons lost in Maine's woods and on Maine's inland waters. There have been significant changes in the Maine Warden Service over the years, but the one thing that has remained constant is the commitment and dedication to the job by those who serve as game wardens. We recognize the Maine Warden Service on this anniversary and we extend our appreciation to the past and present members of the Service for their efforts in protecting Maine's precious resources; (HLS 984)

Seth Thomas Whitmer, of East Millinocket, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 56, 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 service project, Seth refurbished the old memorial park in East Millinocket. He installed 2 picnic tables, relocated some flowers, painted the benches, placed trash cans for returns and trash, painted the cement slabs and put new plant pots with flowers on the slabs. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 985)

Amanda Huntley, of Trescott Township, a student at Lubec High School, who is the recipient of a 2010 Maine Principal's Award from the Maine Principals' Association. The award is given in acknowledgement of a high school senior's academic excellence and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to Amanda and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 986)

Bruce P. Trott, of Eliot, who was a prominent member of his community. Mr. Trott was raised in Augusta and was a graduate of Cony Free High School. He attended Portland Junior College before joining the United States Naval Reserve in 1951. Mr. Trott then worked for Central Maine Power Company and also shipped out as a merchant marine for Saucony Oil Company. He attended the University of Maine's engineering program and graduated in 1962. Mr. Trott served as a selectman and on many town boards, including the zoning and planning boards. For 40 years he was a member of the Eliot Fire Department and he also worked with the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. Mr. Trott was a life member of the Free Masons Augusta Lodge and active on the Republican State Committee. We acknowledge his dedication to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 987)

the Falmouth High School Real World Design Challenge team for winning aeronautical design top honors in the Maine competition. The team, made up of 6 juniors coached by Andrew Njaa, John Kraljic and Chris Morin, with the assistance of local engineers, will represent Maine at the national Real World Design Challenge in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (HLS 988)

Andrew Njaa and John Kraljic, teachers at Falmouth High School, who received the National Science Teachers' Association \$10,000 Toyota Tapestry grant. This grant will enable the teachers to buy a Bandolero race car and convert it to an electric-powered race car as part of a class they will team teach. We congratulate Mr. Njaa and Mr. Kraljic on their receiving this important grant and send them our best wishes; (HLS 989)

Gabe Hoffman-Johnson, of Falmouth, who received the *Maine Sunday Telegram* Most Valuable Player award. Gabe is a senior at Falmouth High School and plays forward and midfielder for the boys soccer team. This season Gabe helped the soccer team win its 3rd Class B State Championship. He earned All-American and All-New England honors for the second consecutive year. We extend our congratulations to Gabe on his receiving this award; (HLS 990)

David Halligan, of Falmouth, who has been named 2009 High School Coach of the Year for the New England region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Mr. Halligan was one of 8 coaches honored nationally in the association's large school division. He is the coach for the Falmouth High School Boys Soccer Team. He has completed his 23rd season at Falmouth High School. His teams have won 8 state titles, including 3 of the last 4 state Class B titles. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Halligan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 991)

the Falmouth High School Boys Indoor Track Team, which won the 2010 Class B Indoor Track State Championship. We congratulate the team on its achievement and we send the members our best wishes; (HLS 992)

the Falmouth High School Boys Ski Team, which won the 2010 Boys Combined Alpine and Nordic Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 993)

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the Falmouth High School Science Bowl team for its victory at the Regional Science Bowl, held at the University of Southern Maine on February 27, 2010. The championship team will represent Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire at the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. We congratulate the members of the Falmouth High School Science Bowl team on their achievement and we send them our best wishes for the national competition; (HLS 994)

Rebecca Robertson, of Livermore and Scarborough, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, March 18, 2010. Mrs. Robertson attended Leavitt Institute High School and Nasson College. She was a therapeutic dietitian for 40 years. She was president of the Women of Rotary and the Business and Professional Club of Portland and a member of the Woodfords Women's Club. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Robertson on this very special occasion; (HLS 995)

Normand Angers, of Lewiston, for his contributions to the Franco-American community of Maine. Mr. Angers volunteers countless hours to the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society in Lewiston, and has helped many people at the center learn about their genealogy. We acknowledge his commitment to his community and to the State of Maine. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to him on Franco-American Day; (HLS 996)

the Honorable Severin Beliveau, of Hallowell, a former member of the Maine State Legislature and a prominent attorney, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Beliveau is known throughout the State for his significant contributions to not only Franco-American culture but to public issues, environmental projects and international trade. Born in Rumford to a distinguished family of Maine lawyers and judges, Mr. Beliveau has a long and dedicated history of civic involvement and is the recipient of numerous professional awards. Since 1991, he has been the French Consular Agent from the State of Maine and is the recipient of the French Legion of Honor Award, the highest distinction France awards civilians, for his leadership on key projects to improve the relationship between Maine and France. We acknowledge Mr. Beliveau's commitment to francophone culture and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his well-deserved induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 997)

Jean Francois Dionne, of Grand Isle, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Dionne joined the Association des Dionnes d'Amerique in 1987 and took part in organizing the first Dionne reunion on Ile d'Orleans in Quebec, commemorating the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Antoine Dionne, his wife Catherine Ivory and their son Andre. He also contributed to the promotion, growth and organization of the association's membership in the United States, his contributions making the 1990 Riviere-du-Loup/Kamouraska reunion a great success. Mr. Dionne is a talented singer and has taken part in many French concerts in the United States and Canada. He is the first Franco-American recipient of the prestigious Prix Meritas. We congratulate Mr. Dionne on his being inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 998)

Annette Lebel Daigle, of Fort Kent, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mrs. Daigle has been very active in her community and committed to her French heritage. She and her husband Bert raised their 3 children with strong Franco-American values and to speak French. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. She is the recent past president of the Fort Kent Historical Society and the recipient of the Acadian Achievement Award from the Maine Acadian Heritage Council. Mrs. Daigle has received the Member

of the Year Award from Fort Kent Business and Professional Women and has served for 10 years on the Aroostook Area Agency on Aging board. She is strongly involved in her church and was named Mother of the Year by the Ladies of Sainte Anne in 2001. She is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and past president of the Northern Maine Medical Center Guild. We acknowledge Mrs. Daigle's service to her community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate her on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 999)

Fernand and Dora Bosse, of Madawaska, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, May 10, 2010. Mr. Bosse, a native of St. Agatha, and Mrs. Bosse, a native of Edmundston, New Brunswick, were married in Madawaska and made their home there. The parents of 6 children, they have 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mr. Bosse is a diligent fund-raiser for charitable organizations and actively involved in the Catholic church. Mr. Bosse was a volunteer firefighter for 40 years and is retired from Fraser Papers, after working for 42 years. Mrs. Bosse is a 52-year member of the Order of the Daughters of Isabella, works for others in their homes and helps in fund-raising for charitable organizations. They are both active members of the community. We join the family and friends of Fernand and Dora Bosse and the community of Madawaska in congratulating them on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 1000)

the following members of the Washington Academy Boys Basketball Team, of East Machias, who won the Class C State Championship: players Bryce Colbeth, Keith Farren, Mike Lenfestey, Jonathan Mallar, Justin Morren, Derrick Porter, Ben Teer, Noah von Rotz, Jordan Porter, Romayn Richards, Sam Stevens, Aaron Huffman, Nick Pineo, Jacob Schoppee and Tyler Varney; managers Lehann Hester, Nick Rushforth, Danny Chen and Monica Xu; coach Steven Pineo; assistant coaches Barry Terrill and Rich Fabri; and athletic director Blaine Steeves. This is the team's first Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1001)

Laurianne Murphy, of Lewiston, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The prestigious 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. Laurianne, an 8th-grade student at Lewiston Middle School, spent most of her free time last summer helping to take care of babies and toddlers in the childcare center of her local YMCA after she completed a YMCA babysitting course and became certified as a babysitter. We extend our congratulations to Laurianne on her receiving this honor, we commend her for her selfless work and community spirit and we extend our best wishes to her for her continued success; (HLS 1002)

the following members of the Greenville High School Girls Basketball Team, who won the 2010 Western Maine Class D Championship: seniors McKenna Peat, Saige Weeks, Ashley Munroe, Rachel Soule, Jesse Theriault and Tiffany Howard; juniors Gretel Breton and Sarah Lavigne; sophomores Miranda Drinkwater and Carli Peat; and freshmen Michaela Gilbert, Tricia Sherman and Haylie Genoa; head coach John Jardine; assistant coaches Chris Fenn and Joe Jardine; and manager Alyssa Anderson. We congratulate the Lady Lakers on this remarkable achievement and we send the team members our best wishes; (HLS 1003)

Jarod Alan White, of Temple, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy

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Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jarod on this achievement; (HLS 1004)

Fort Kent Community High School, on its winning the 2010 Class C Boys and Girls State Skiing Championships. The Girls Ski Team has won the state title in 3 of the last 4 years and the Boys Ski Team has won its 4th straight state championship. We congratulate the members of the teams on these remarkable achievements and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1005)

Carlton G. Brandt, of Columbia, South Carolina and formerly of Hodgdon, a longtime educator. Mr. Brandt taught in Hodgdon, Maine for 36 years, retired and returned to teaching at Irmo High School and Orangeburg High School in South Carolina. Mr. Brandt loved working with young people and served as waterfront director at Camp Caribou in Waterville. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 43 years, Carolee, his family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1006)

Brian J. Rowe, of Moxie Gore Township, who died while in the line of duty responding to a snowmobile accident with the West Forks Fire Department. Mr. Rowe was born and raised in Bath, and was a graduate of Morse High School. He joined the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War. After working for the forest service and Bath Iron Works, Mr. Rowe became a deputy sheriff for the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Rowe then served on the Woolwich Fire Department for 19 years. For the past 12 years, he was a member of the West Forks Fire Department, serving as chief for the last 3 years. He was very active in his community and was a Master Maine Guide. We acknowledge his dedication to his profession and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1007)

Phillip Edward Allen, of Standish. Mr. Allen was born in Everett, Massachusetts and was a 1965 graduate of Cheverus High School in Portland and a 1969 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy. He served in the Merchant Marine for 3 years and, in 1972, started working for his father's wholesale florist business. Mr. Allen and his brother later bought the business and operated it until 2008. Mr. Allen was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Cheryl, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1008)

the Honorable Norman Kenneth Ferguson, Jr., of Hanover, our esteemed colleague and friend, who served many years in local, county and state government. Senator Ferguson was a member of the Maine State Legislature during the 117th through 120th legislative sessions. He spent many hours on the slopes of Black Mountain and assisted with officiating numerous Nordic ski racing events. He was also active in St. Andrew's Society activities and enjoyed attending highland games. Senator Ferguson was known for his honesty, trustworthiness and professionalism and for being a hard worker. We acknowledge his dedicated and exemplary service to the people of his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Barbara, his 4 children and his loving family, colleagues and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1009)

the following members of the Fort Fairfield High School Girls Basketball Team, who won the Class D State Championship: Brooke Beaulieu, Emily Blaisdell, Courtney Churchill, Sydney Churchill, Amanda Hotham, Kelly McGillan, Courtney Morgan, Rebekah Pelkey, Dani Shaw, Danielle Tracy, Kelsey Turner, Kelsie Wilson and Kacie York, coach Larry Gardner and

managers Aleesha Campbell and Keegan Watt. The team finished its season with a record of 21 wins and only one loss. This is the team's first Class D State Championship title. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1010)

Alys Parsons, of Andover, who recently celebrated her 98th birthday with many of her friends and neighbors in town, as the oldest citizen of Andover. She is the recipient of a Boston Post Cane and the former owner and operator of Lakewood Camps on Richardson Lake. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Parsons on her birthday and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1011)

Lynda McLean Macalino, of Millinocket, beloved wife and mother. Mrs. Macalino was president of local Chapter 2652 of AARP and president of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4154 for 2 years and secretary for 20 years. Mrs. Macalino will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1012)

Ronald D. Wing, of Industry, a longtime resident and dairy farmer. Mr. Wing was educated in schools in Lancaster, New Hampshire, Industry and Farmington. He married Betty Morse in 1954 and together they began farming and managing land in Industry, eventually operating one of the largest dairy farms in the area. The Lazy W Farm is a local landmark and in 2008 earned the Outstanding Conservation Cooperation Award. In 2009, the farm was named the State of Maine Conservation Farm of the Year. Mr. Wing was very involved and active in the community, served as a selectman and was an Industry Planning Board member. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1013)

Michele S. Holyoke, of Brewer, who will represent Maine as a nominee to the *USA Today* All-USA Community College Academic Team, a merit award that honors students for what they have accomplished during their community college careers. The *USA Today* All-USA Community College Academic Team is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, *USA Today* and the American Association of Community Colleges. Michele, a student at Eastern Maine Community College pursuing degrees in Business Management and Medical Transcription, will represent the State of Maine along with 11 other students in the Maine Community College System in hopes of being one of 20 full-time undergraduates named to the team, representing all outstanding community college students. We extend our congratulations to Michele on this outstanding accomplishment and offer her our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 1014)

William Buzza, of Auburn, who was nominated for Teacher of the Year in Maine. He is among 5 semi-finalists, chosen from an original pool of 13 nominees. The Teacher of the Year Award program is coordinated by the Maine Department of Education and is supported by the Maine Board of Education and the Maine State Teacher of the Year Association. Mr. Buzza is a music teacher and the Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator at Leavitt Area High School. He has been teaching for 17 years, all of them within MSAD #52, and has worked in his current position at Leavitt Area High School for the past twelve years. The principal notes that Mr. Buzza provides the consummate role model for his peers and describes him as a collaborative, positive and committed problem solver. He is passionate about the arts and his students reap the benefits on a daily basis. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Buzza on this tremendous achievement and wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; (HLS 1015)

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Theodore Kryzak, of Acton, who was named the 2010 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year. Mr. Kryzak is the owner and operator of Riverside School and has an extensive background in vocational education, including 19 years as an instructor. On his 160-acre elk farm, he uses a curriculum that incorporates both agriculture and aquaculture. The special-needs students at the farm feed and care for the animals while also participating in the production of maple syrup and raising flowers and vegetables. Math, language arts, social studies and science are also taught at his unique school. Mr. Kryzak has successfully hatched and raised tilapia and was the first in Maine to import this freshwater exotic fish. He is also the recipient of the White Reinhardt Fund for Education Teacher Scholarship to support his participation in the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. We congratulate Mr. Kryzak on his being named the 2010 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year; (HLS 1016)

the Boothbay Region Y-Arts performers, from the Boothbay Region YMCA, under the direction of Emily Moore, who have won their competition for the second year in a row at the iTheatrics Junior Theaterfest in Atlanta, Georgia with their performance of *Seussical*. The 43 Y-Arts students competed against more than 49 junior theater groups from all around the country and from Canada. They were celebrated for their enormous amounts of energy. We extend our congratulations to the performers and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1017)

the Camden Hills Regional High School Wrestling Team, which has won the 2010 Class B State Championship. The team trailed its opposition heading into the semifinals and finals, and "everyone stepped up," according to Coach Levi Rollins. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and winning their first state title since 2007; (HLS 1018)

the following members of the Brewer High School Boys Ice Hockey Team, who have won the 2010 Class B Hockey State Championship: players Eric White, Jamie Williamson, Ian Forrest, Evan Nadeau, Michael Shedd, Jacob Chapman, Jake Valley, Joey Fowler, Tyler White, Brody Valley, Nick Moore, Lucas Lamond, Spencer Valley, Nick Risser, Alec Pacheco, Tyler McCormick, Kyle Alexander, Ryan Parkhurst, Garrett Gonzales, Chris Lopez, Adam Cossette and Matt Sloan; head coach David Shedd; and assistant coaches Rob Bergman, and Gary Gonzales. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1019)

the following members of the Jay Middle School FIRST LEGO Team, "6 Chicks and a Dude," on their winning the 2009 Maine FIRST LEGO League Championship: Sydney Bishop, Brittany Crocker, Kendra Peart, Alexa Perkins, Emily Taylor, Erik Taylor, Alyssa Timberlake and coach Rob Taylor. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement and send our best wishes to the team at the World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia in April, 2010; (HLS 1020)

the University of Maine at Farmington Men's Basketball Team, which won the 2010 North Atlantic Conference, the team's first conference championship. As the conference champions, the team received an automatic bid to attend the Division III NCAA National Tournament. The team was the only collegiate team from Maine at the tournament and defeated Bridgewater State in the first round by one point. We extend our congratulations to the team on their accomplishments this season and send the members our best wishes; (HLS 1021)

Mahoney Real Estate, in Caribou, on its 50th Anniversary of doing business in the community. Opened on March 2, 1960 by Graydon and Martha Mahoney, Mahoney Real Estate

professionally assists buyers and sellers in the real estate process. The firm's reputation of offering customers and clients the very best in real estate service is renowned throughout Aroostook County. We commend the owners of Mahoney Real Estate for their dedication and hard work over the past half century; (HLS 1022)

Dick Meader, of Waterville, the men's basketball coach at the University of Maine at Farmington, who was named the Conference Coach of the Year by the North Atlantic Conference and was named the Maine Men's Basketball Coaches and Writers Association State Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Coach Meader on his receiving these well-deserved honors; (HLS 1023)

Jimmy Lucibello, of Ogunquit, an advocate and educator for people who are HIV-positive or have AIDS, who is the recipient of the Cameron Duncan Award from Equality Maine. Mr. Lucibello has been working in the HIV field since he was diagnosed HIV-positive in 1989 and is following in the footsteps of the person for whom his award is named. More recently he has worked as a Men's Health Outreach Specialist for York County for Franny Peabody Center. In addition to his work with Franny Peabody Center, Mr. Lucibello has started a support group called Go Ogunquit for men to have a safe haven in which to gather. We commend Mr. Lucibello for his exemplary work for people who are HIV-positive or have AIDS. His efforts are tireless on the local and state level. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this award and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1024)

Dianne Helprin, of Tremont, principal of Pemetic Elementary School in Southwest Harbor, who was named Maine's 2010 Elementary National Distinguished Principal by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Helprin, who has been principal of Pemetic Elementary School since the fall of 2002, previously taught for 7 years in Ohio and was a principal of the South Lincoln Elementary School in Alliance, Ohio before moving to Maine with her family. We congratulate Ms. Helprin on her receiving this well-deserved honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1025)

Wesley Bennett, Jr., of Durham, who was a longtime town selectman and a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Bennett was born and raised in Turner, and moved to Durham in the 1960s. After his retirement, he was elected to the Board of Selectmen for the town of Durham in 1990 and served for 20 years with dedication and distinction as a board member and as Board of Selectmen Chair. We acknowledge his 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 1026)

the Honorable Merton C. Waterman, a lifelong resident of Buxton and former Member of the Maine House of Representatives. Mr. Waterman proudly served his country during World War II under General Patton in the United States Army. He worked as a lineman for New England Telegraph and Telephone Company. He was a member of the American Legion, Buxton Masonic Lodge #115 AF and AM, the Maine Democratic Party, the Buxton/Hollis Historical Society, the Berry Memorial Library and many other local community organizations. He was a longtime member of the school board and was active in the creation of MSAD #6. The 2008 Town of Buxton Report was dedicated to him for his years of community service and involvement. Mr. Waterman will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and his grateful community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1027)

Elbert H. Lambert, of Strong, beloved husband, father and grandfather. After Mr. Lambert graduated from Strong High

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School in 1933, he went to work on the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad. He married Montress Wing on October 9, 1938 and built their home in Strong. After the close of the railroad, Mr. Lambert worked at Forster Manufacturing Company, where he became foreman of the flatware department. He took correspondence courses in geometrical layouts and became proficient in his craft. Mr. Lambert enlisted in the Seabees during World War II and was assigned as an instructor on the rifle range at Camp Perry in Virginia. He transferred to the regular United States Navy and was deployed to the Pacific Theater on the U.S.S. Cascade, repairing destroyers. He was awarded a battle star for the Battle of the Philippines. In 1977 he set up his own sheet metal shop. Mr. Lambert ran his shop at home for 18 years and enjoyed building sap pans, stovepipes and blower pipes and all sorts of custom work for the public and small woodworking mills in the area. At the age of 80 he finally retired for good and enjoyed planting and growing a garden. He enjoyed hunting and was picked in 1980 in the first Moose Lottery in the State. He was a member of Strong United Methodist Church, of Johnson-Cox Post American Legion and of Blue Mountain Lodge in Phillips and was a past master of Davis Lodge No. 191 A.F. and A.M. He served on the Strong Boy Scout Troop Committee and was one of the founding members of the Strong Development Corporation and a member of the Strong Hunters Club. Mr. Lambert will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1028)

Joseph Eugene Boivin, of Rumford, a lifelong champion of community service. Born and raised in Rumford, Mr. Boivin was a professional firefighter for over 30 years and retired in 1989 as the Fire Chief of the Rumford Fire Department. During his career, he served as president of the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association and has been honored with certificates of appreciation from the Maine Forest Service, the American Red Cross and the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Boivin served 6 years in the Army National Guard, was elected to the MSAD 43 school board, headed the Rumford Democratic Committee and served as a Rumford town selectman. Most recently, he volunteered countless hours to help families build their own homes with Community Concepts, Inc. Due to Mr. Boivin's dedication to his community, he was named Rumford's Citizen of the Year and received the Volunteer of the Year award by the River Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Commissioner's Award from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. We acknowledge Mr. Boivin's commitment to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1029)

Lily Jordan, of Cape Elizabeth, who won the 2010 Maine State Spelling Bee. Lily is in the 7th grade at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. We extend our congratulations to Lily on this achievement; (HLS 1030)

Shelby Asetline, of Wilton, a junior at Mt. Blue High School, who was named the 2010 *Morning Sentinel* Girls Nordic Skier of the Year for the 3rd year in a row. Shelby won the State Title in Class A freestyle and placed 2nd in classical skiing and 3rd in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference freestyle skiing championship. She also helped her ski team to win the State Class A Championship, the school's 6th straight overall State Title and their 17th in the last 19 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Shelby on her achievements; (HLS 1031)

the League of Women Voters of Maine, a nonpartisan political organization, on the 90th anniversary of its founding. Founded in 1920, the league seeks to improve our system of government

and affect public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters of Maine works to promote the values and processes of representative government, encourages informed and active participation and works to increase understanding of major political policy issues. We send our appreciation to the League of Women Voters of Maine for their dedicated commitment to improving government. We extend our congratulations to the League on its 90th anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1032)

Harry J. Conway American Legion Post No. 135, of Sabattus, for its outstanding efforts in supporting those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States through the American Legion Blue Star program. The Blue Star Service Banner displayed in the window of a home lets others know that someone in that home is serving in the United States Armed Forces. The banners were widely used during World War I and World War II. The American Legion has rekindled the program as a reminder that war touches every neighborhood in our Nation. We extend our appreciation to Harry J. Conway American Legion Post No. 135 for its commitment to all of our military personnel, including active duty, reserve and National Guard, and their families; (HLS 1033)

Katie Cole, a senior at Casco Bay High School, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Katie on her receiving this award; (HLS 1034)

Molly Monaghan, of Portland, a senior at Portland High School, who is the recipient of a 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Molly on her receiving this award; (HLS 1035)

Mohdis Delijani, of Portland, a senior at Deering High School, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Mohdis on her receiving this award; (HLS 1036)

Josh Thornton, of Rumford, who won the 2010 Class B Wrestling State Championship in the 140-pound weight division. Josh began his wrestling career in the first grade and was a New England Champion in the second grade. In the eighth grade, Josh went undefeated all the way to a state title. As a sophomore, he won the Western Class B Regional competition, placed fourth at the State Championships and the Eastern National Tournament and was selected to participate in the Maine-Nebraska Friendship Wrestling Exchange. Josh had a 34-4 record during the season he earned his state title. He placed first at the prestigious Redskin Invitational Tournament, the Mid-State Championship and the Western Class B Regional Tournament. We extend our congratulations to Josh on these accomplishments and wish him continued success; (HLS 1037)

Terry Goan, of Brunswick, who has been named Officer of the Year by the Maine Association of Police. Mr. Goan is a police officer with the Brunswick Police Department. He was cited for his work as a volunteer on behalf of the elderly, youth and other citizens in the community. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Goan for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1038)

Matthew Allen LaRou, of Rome, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 453, 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 Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 1039)

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Scott Dyar, of Strong, on his retirement from the Strong Fire Department after 15 and a half years of dedicated service. Mr. Dyar has served many roles at the department, including deputy chief and chief of the department. He was a state certified firefighter instructor and also a successful grant writer. We commend him for his dedication to his profession, the community and the State. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1040)

Kelton Cullenberg, of Farmington, a senior at Mt. Blue High School, who was named the 2010 *Morning Sentinel* Boys Nordic Skier of the Year. Kelton was the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference classical race winner and helped his ski team to win the State Class A and Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kelton on his achievements; (HLS 1041)

Allan Purinton, of Durham, on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to the Town of Durham as a member and chair of the Budget Committee. Mr. Purinton's commitment to the town and his financial expertise have saved the town tax dollars for the benefit of Durham's citizens. He also has served the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen, the Solid Waste Committee, the Transfer Station Committee, the New School Building Committee, the School Consolidation Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Committee. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Purinton for his commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1042)

the following members of the Madison Area Memorial High School Girls Basketball Team, who won the Girls Class C Western Maine Basketball Championship: Marlisa Emerson, Ali Russell, Andrea Smith, Bianca Stoutmyer, Jennifer Brown, Kelly Costa, Mindy Farrell, Kirsta Grant, Kayla Belanger, Sam McLaughlin, Lyndsay Weese, Samantha Bruce and Brooke Emery, head coach Albert Veneziano, junior varsity coach Bob Marandola and assistant coaches David Ela and Penny Hay. We extend our congratulations to the team on their achievement; (HLS 1043)

Lianne McCluskey, a senior at Camden Hills Regional High School, who was named the 2009-2010 State Class B Female Swimmer of the Year. Lianne has won the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly titles at both the state and the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B meets. We congratulate Lianne on her receiving this well-deserved designation, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1044)

Llewellyn Winfield Cooper, M.D., of Bar Harbor. Dr. Cooper devoted more than 40 years to Mount Desert Island Hospital, the people of Bar Harbor and the Mount Desert Island area. He graduated from Lincoln Academy in 1943, was a member of Bates Navy V12 during World War II and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1945, Tufts Medical School in 1949 and surgical postgraduate Maine Medical Center in 1951. Dr. Cooper was a truly gifted physician and surgeon, with a unique sense of humor, a razor-sharp wit, wisdom and a common-sense intelligence. His talents and knowledge as a well-rounded family practitioner specializing in general surgery were well known. He was a member of many professional, civic and community organizations. He was medical examiner for the State and founder and medical director of Mount Desert Island Hospital Oncology Service. The Mount Desert Island Hospital Operating Room was dedicated to Dr. Cooper in 1993, and the former Medical Associate Building was renamed the Cooper-Gilmore Health Center in 1998. Dr. Cooper will be greatly missed by his loving family, his friends, his colleagues and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1045)

Stephanie Etnier Doane, of Bath, who was active in the Mid-coast community. Mrs. Doane was born in Portland, the daughter of notable Maine artist Stephen Etnier and author Elizabeth Jay Etnier, and spent much of her childhood in Gilbert Head, Long Island. She married John Doane and was the mother of 3 sons. After raising her family in such diverse locations as Pakistan, Thailand, Ohio, Texas and Connecticut, she retired to Bath. Mrs. Doane will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1046)

Ed Marshall, of Madawaska, who is the recipient of the 2010 State Award of Merit presented by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Mr. Marshall has been the athletic administrator for Madawaska High School for 15 years. He has had a very successful coaching career in boys basketball, girls soccer, softball and girls tennis. He was named state soccer Coach of the Year 4 times. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Marshall on his receiving this award; (HLS 1047)

Mechanic Falls-Minot-Poland American Legion Post No. 150, for its outstanding efforts in supporting those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States through the American Legion Blue Star program. The Blue Star Service Banner displayed in the window of a home lets others know that someone in that home is serving in the United States Armed Forces. The banners were widely used during World War I and World War II. The American Legion has rekindled the program as a reminder that war touches every neighborhood in our Nation. We extend our appreciation to Mechanic Falls-Minot-Poland American Legion Post No. 150 for its commitment to all of our military personnel, including active duty, reserve and National Guard, and their families; (HLS 1048)

Charlene Knox Farris, of Searsport, who has been named the first official town historian. Mrs. Farris has been preserving and sharing the history of the town with her fifth-grade students and the people of Searsport for 30 years. She is the author of *Searsport's Sam Houston*, the story of a local man who was a bodyguard to George Washington. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Farris on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1049)

The Steel Rail Express, which won the 2009 Colgate Country Showdown held at the Augusta Civic Center. The Colgate Country Showdown begins each spring with over 450 local talent contests sponsored by country music radio stations throughout the United States. The group consists of Tim Woiwitz of Stockton Springs, Mike Ponder of Liberty, Joel Watson of Belfast and Paul Vachon of Lisbon and is sponsored by WEBB. The Steel Rail Express competed in the Colgate New England Regional Competition held in Boston, Massachusetts and took second place. We congratulate the Steel Rail Express and wish them success in the future; (HLS 1050)

Erin Luce, of Carrabassett Valley, a sophomore at Mt. Abram High School, who was named with her sister Emily as the 2010 *Sun Journal* Girls' Alpine Skiers of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Erin on her being awarded this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1051)

Emily Luce, of Carrabassett Valley, a senior at Mt. Abram High School, who was named the 2009-2010 *Morning Sentinel* Girls' Alpine Skier of the Year and also with her sister Erin as the 2010 *Sun Journal* Girls' Alpine Skiers of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her being awarded these well-deserved honors; (HLS 1052)

Gregory Brooks, of Gorham, and the crew of his ship, the Sea Hunter, for their commitment and dedication to bringing emergency relief supplies to the earthquake-stricken country of

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Haiti, despite facing weeks of bureaucracy and red tape, and Bill Nemitz, of Buxton, on assignment for the *Portland Press Herald* onboard the *Sea Hunter*, for his reporting of the story as it unfolded. After collecting more than twenty tons of humanitarian supplies from individual Mainers, nonprofits and businesses, Mr. Brooks and his crew set sail for Haiti only to encounter delays and obstruction. Bill Nemitz wrote about the journey and its many setbacks, allowing Maine residents to follow the events with frustration and hope. When at last the *Sea Hunter* delivered its cargo, Mainers shared in the satisfaction of that accomplishment. We send our appreciation to all the people involved in this goodwill mission and we congratulate Gregory Brooks, the ship's crew and Bill Nemitz for their exemplary role in this humanitarian venture; (HLS 1053)

Joseph A. Sassi, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Sassi was an educator for 37 years. He taught English at SAD 43 in Mexico and served as the Librarian at Mountain Valley High School. He volunteered at St. Athanasius and St. John School, teaching computer skills to the students. Mr. Sassi was an avid cook and enjoyed trivia, working daily crossword puzzles, reading, dancing, fishing, traveling, theater, photography, cross-country skiing, fantasy baseball and all variety of sports. He served as President of Chisholm Ski Club and on the board of directors at Black Mountain and coached at Mountain Valley High School. Mr. Sassi will be remembered as a kind, gentle soul with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1054)

American Legion Post No. 100, of Dixfield, for its outstanding efforts in supporting those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States through the American Legion Blue Star program. The Blue Star Service Banner displayed in the window of a home lets others know that someone in that home is serving in the United States Armed Forces. The banners were widely used during World War I and World War II. The American Legion has rekindled the program as a reminder that war touches every neighborhood in our Nation. We extend our appreciation to American Legion Post No. 100 for its commitment to all of our military personnel, including active duty, reserve and National Guard, and their families; (HLS 1055)

Carl Scott Hinse, of East Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Hinse graduated from Stearns High School in Millinocket. After graduation he served in the United States Army for 3 years. He worked as a machinist at Great Northern Paper for 42 years. Mr. Hinse was an avid sportsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially with his son Danny. He and his son Danny both received the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club's Adrian Batson Memorial Award in 2009. He enjoyed gardening and was active in Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus Council 680, Veterans of Foreign Wars Francis E. Elliott Post No. 4154 and Donald V. Henry Post No. 80 of the American Legion. Mr. Hinse will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1056)

David B. Dearing, of Millinocket and Bangor. Mr. Dearing was born in Bangor and graduated from Bangor High and the University of Maine, where he lettered in cross-country and track. Mr. Dearing worked 40 years as an educator, beginning in 1955 at East Corinth Academy, where he taught and coached cross-country, baseball and basketball. He was the principal at Hermon Elementary School from 1963 to 1969, remaining active in sports by directing the Hermon youth basketball program. Mr. Dearing received his Master of Education degree in 1964 and his Certificate of Advanced Study in 1969 from the University of Maine. He moved to the Millinocket area in 1969 to serve as a

teacher and principal at Maine Avenue School. That year he was also appointed principal of Granite Street School, where he worked for 26 years. The Granite School Library and its volunteer program became very special to him, and after he retired in 1995 the library was named in his honor The David B. Dearing Library. After retirement he continued to volunteer at the school. He was a member of Northeast Principals' Association, serving throughout the years as secretary, vice president and president. He was a member of the Maine Principals' Association and was active on several committees. He was also a member of the National Principals' Association. In addition to his career in education, Mr. Dearing served in the United States Army Reserves. Mr. Dearing attended Faith Baptist Church in Millinocket and Glad Tidings Church in Bangor. Mr. Dearing will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1057)

Paul R. Lapierre, of Berwick, who has been named the town's Citizen of the Year. Mr. Lapierre started his career in Berwick as a laborer for the Highway Department and retired more than 36 years later as the Superintendent. He continues to support his community by volunteering at church suppers. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Lapierre for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1058)

Gerald J. Martin, of Madawaska, as he leaves his position as State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus of Maine. Mr. Martin has served as State Deputy of the 10,000-member organization since 2008 and is the former Grand Knight of Council 2638 of Madawaska. During his tenure, the Knights of Columbus of Maine has been very active in raising money for charity, including \$160,000 for the Tootsie Roll program, \$20,000 for Special Olympics and \$15,000 for the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care. We join the Knights of Columbus of Maine in sending our appreciation to Mr. Martin for his hard work and dedication, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1059)

Woodlawn Croquet Club, of Ellsworth, which won the 2010 U.S. Croquet Association Club Team National Championship in the medium-sized club division at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. The team includes Tim McCormick, Charles Alexander, Randall McAndrews, Larry Stettner, Perry Mattson and Ben Rothman. All 3 of Woodlawn's two-man teams secured awards in their respective divisions. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1060)

Waldo County General Hospital, which was named one of the top 3 rural hospitals in the country in 2009 for its delivery of high-quality care based on results from The Leapfrog Group Hospital Survey. The Leapfrog Group makes the only national public comparison of hospitals on the key issues of quality, safety and efficiency in order to prevent medication errors, to improve mortality rates for certain common procedures and to reduce infection rates. We commend Waldo County General Hospital on its achieving this high rating, and we extend our congratulations to the administration and staff of the hospital for providing the community with such excellent care; (HLS 1061)

Niki Taylor, of York, who was named the 2009-2010 Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. A member of the 2009-2010 Class B State Champion York Wildcats, Niki is the first junior in school history to reach 1,000 career points. For the second consecutive season, she was named the Most Valuable Player of the Western Maine Class B tournament. She has won multiple individual awards, including 2-time First Team All-State and 3-time Most Valuable Player. We extend our congratulations to Niki for receiving this important honor and commend her for

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her commitment to the team. We send her our best wishes for her future success; (HLS 1062)

the following members of the York High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2010 Class B State Championship, their first state title since 1994: players Amanda Bauman, Elizabeth Cartier, Emma Clark, Emily Graziano, Lindsey Contella, Stephanie Gallagher, Chelsea Morley, Niki Taylor, Addie LaBonte, Andrea Mountford, Emily Campbell and Marquis MacGlashing; head coach Richard Clark; assistant coaches Steve Freeman, Tony Robinson and Gwen Nelson; managers Greta Hayes, Kelsey Heroux, Samantha Taylor and Jenna Apgar. After winning their second straight Western Class B Championship this year, the members of the team finished with a perfect season of 22 wins and zero losses. We congratulate the York High School Girls Basketball Team on its championship season; (HLS 1063)

St. Andrews Hospital and Healthcare Center, in Boothbay Harbor, which has received the President's Award from the New England Rural Health Roundtable for its work with other Maine critical access hospitals to promote medication safety. We extend our congratulations to St. Andrews Hospital and Healthcare Center on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1064)

Hodgdon Yachts, of East Boothbay, which received the Pine Tree Award presented by the Department of Labor through its SafetyWorks! program. SafetyWorks! is an outreach program designed to reduce job-related injuries, illnesses and deaths. Hodgdon Yachts received the award for its ongoing efforts to improve workplace safety and health at its East Boothbay facility. It has partnered with SafetyWorks! over the last couple of years to identify and address hazards at its site and develop a comprehensive safety and health management program. We extend our congratulations to Hodgdon Yachts on its receiving this award; (HLS 1065)

Maureen Heffernan, of Boothbay, Executive Director of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, who is the recipient of a 2010 Governor's Conference on Tourism award for innovation and creativity. Insightful planning from the Board of Directors and hundreds of volunteers have made Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens a jewel of rare quality among North American gardens. Ms. Heffernan and Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens were selected by their peers for an outstanding contribution to the tourism industry in the State. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Heffernan for her dedication to the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1066)

Arthur W. Gardner, a lifelong resident of East Machias. Mr. Gardner, affectionately known as Tart, graduated in 1938 from Washington Academy. After serving in the United States Navy, he graduated from Washington State Normal School. He taught and coached at Machias High School and then at Washington Academy, where he worked as headmaster for 17 years until his retirement in 1977. Mr. Gardner served as a selectman in East Machias and was a member of the Maine Principals' Association's Eastern Maine Basketball Committee, a trustee of Washington Academy and a member of Warren Lodge. He was an accomplished athlete and a strong supporter of Washington Academy, which named a new gymnasium built in 1994 in honor of Mr. Gardner and his son Richard. He was married to his wife Alice for 70 years and was a dedicated father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Gardner will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and the community of East Machias; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1067)

the Boothbay Region Land Trust, on its 30th Anniversary. The Trust, committed to preservation, education and

conservation, now encompasses 21 preserves, more than 30 miles of hiking trails and 2 working waterfront sites, providing critical wildlife habitat and open space along with hiking, boating and birding for residents and visitors throughout the year. We extend our congratulations to the Boothbay Region Land Trust and send our best wishes for a successful future; (HLS 1068)

the Edward Little High School Boys Basketball Team, of Auburn, which won the 2010 Eastern Maine Class A Championship. We congratulate the team on this achievement; (HLS 1069)

James Philbrook, of Auburn, who has been named to the 2010 Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Team. James led the Edward Little High School Boys Basketball Team to 2 consecutive Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Championships as well as 2 consecutive Eastern Maine Championships. He has been named a Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference first team all-star and appointed to the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference all-defensive team. In his junior and senior years, James averaged a double-double in points and rebounds. We extend our congratulations to James on these achievements and wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; (HLS 1070)

Kirsten Prue, of Auburn, who has been named to the 2010 Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Team. Kirsten, a member of the Edward Little High School Girls Basketball Team, is the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference leader in scoring, averaging 16 points per game, as well as the top playmaker, averaging 7 assists per game. She has been named Player of the Year in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference for 2 years in a row and has assisted the Edward Little High School Girls Basketball Team to a record of 30 wins and 4 losses over the last 2 years. We extend our congratulations to Kirsten on this achievement and wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; (HLS 1071)

the Leavitt Area High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, which was the 2009 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Nordic Team Runner-Up and won the 2009 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Melissa Kelson, Natasha Varney, Laura Dacyczyn, Samantha Varney, Taren McGray, Lucy Knowlton, Coach Dustin Williamson and the entire team on its achievements; (HLS 1072)

Ashten Hackett, of Auburn, a senior at Edward Little High School, who won the Triple Jump Class A Indoor State Championship. As a junior, Ashten was a silver medalist in both the indoor and outdoor track competitions. She was named the *Sun Journal's* girls' indoor track all-area athlete of the year and was the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference champion in the triple jump, 55-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash. We extend our congratulations to Ashten and wish her continued success; (HLS 1073)

Michael Cote, of Embden, who was named the 2010 Small Company Business Leader of the Year by *Mainebiz*, a statewide business news publication. Mr. Cote, president and chief executive officer of Look's Gourmet Foods, revived a cannery in Whiting that originally opened in 1917. In spite of difficult times, this example of a traditional Maine industry has become successful once again, and it now has products on 27% of the supermarket shelves in the Nation. The seafood processor is also expanding into global markets and provides full-time work, including benefits and profit-sharing, to 20 workers in Downeast Maine. We commend Mr. Cote for his exemplary leadership and congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1074)

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Victoria Munson, of Lubec, who has been named to the Maine Community College System 2010 All-Maine Academic Team. Ms. Munson, who will graduate in May from Washington County Community College's Medical Assisting Program, has maintained a 3.9 grade point average. She plans to work as a medical assistant before continuing her education to become a registered nurse. During her time at Washington County Community College, Ms. Munson has supervised fundraisers for the college's Food Cupboard and Maine Medical Center's Breast Care Center and organized a teddy bear and doll clinic to help children feel more comfortable when going to the doctor's office. We congratulate Ms. Munson on her scholastic achievement and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1075)

Jon Hentz, of Georgetown, who was named the 2010 Georgetown Citizen of the Year. Mr. Hentz was born and raised in Georgetown. He returned to live in Georgetown after serving in the United States Navy. While serving in the Armed Forces, he received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his extraordinary heroism in saving the lives of the crew of a B-52 bomber that went down in the Pacific Ocean during a typhoon. Mr. Hentz has served with distinction with the Georgetown Fire Department since 1981 and since 1988 he has been the safety officer. He was president of the fire department's board of directors for 8 years and is now serving as vice president. He also was the first chair of the town's harbor committee and has been the town shellfish warden since 1990. We send our appreciation to Mr. Hentz on his dedicated commitment to his community and to the State. We congratulate him on his being selected as the 2010 Georgetown Citizen of the Year; (HLS 1076)

the men and women of the 286th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Maine Army National Guard for their dedicated service to the State of Maine and the Nation. The 81 members of the 286th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion served 9 months in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. One of the 286th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion's duties was to plan and coordinate logistics in southern Afghanistan to support combat operations against Al-Qaeda and Taliban forces. We acknowledge the 286th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion's dedication to the Nation and we commend its members for their service; (HLS 1077)

the following members of the Leavitt Area High School Football Team, who won the Class B State Championship: players Josh Strickland, Dylan Moore, Isaiah Wright, Jordan Hersom, Kurtis Brown, Buck Bochtler, Pedro Liriano, Bobby Churchill, Lucas Witham, Kevin Theiss, Brian Bedard, Eric Theiss, Steve Michaud, Christian McBreaity, Ian Durgin, Jason Fisher, Oscar Rodriguez, Nick Urquhart, Jack Griffin, Robbie Hill, Mike Martel, Jake Ouellette, Tyson Nichols, Jon Letourneau, Zach Frost, Devin Long, Kevin Russell, Ryan Labbe, Jake Irish, Dan Sleeper, Brandon MacDonald, Colton Pelkey, Josh Bunker, Jesse Pelletier, Chase Emerson, Sebastian Small, Max Cloutier, Brandon Collins, Cole Rowland, Steve Gibbings, Jake Posik, Dakota Duncan, Matt Pellerin, Greg Lake, Chad Landry, Devin McMahan, Justin Fontaine, Mat Porter, Mitch Cobb, Kelvin Liriano, Luke Wiley, Alex Pond, James Morin, Josh Allaire, Tom Langelier, Dustin Collins, Nate Berube, Tyler Lessard, Cory Ledwell, Josiah Cedre, Derek Bates, Tom Hite, Dustin Moore, Cam Griffin, David Hersom, Tyler Vallee, Cody Craig and Connor Willard; head coach Michael Hathaway; assistant coaches Pete Higgins, Dave Bochtler, Chris Gray, Jim Theiss, Tory Ford, Larry Hathaway, Jim Hersom and Dave Whitcomb; statistician Randy Gray; videographer Kelvin Youland; and athletic director Doug

Conn. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1078)

the Leavitt Area High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, which has placed first at the Sassi Memorial Race and which won the 2010 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Championship and the 2010 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Derek Drouin, Travis Adams, Dylan Chase, Elliott Wiegman, Keith Lemelin, Tom Rabon, Coach Dustin Williamson and the entire team on these remarkable achievements; (HLS 1079)

Tom Rabon, a sophomore at Leavitt Area High School in Turner, who is the 2010 Class A Freestyle and Classical State Champion. He was on the 2010 KVAC Champion Nordic Ski Team and the 2010 Class A State Championship Ski Team. We extend our congratulations to Tom on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1080)

Captain Kevin LeConte and Detective Sergeant Thomas Cryan, of the York Police Department, who were commended by the United States Department of Justice for their work in identifying a person responsible for a series of arsons and burglaries in southern Maine. The United States attorney's office in Portland recognized these 2 law enforcement officers for their efforts in linking the crimes, which caused \$5,000,000 in damages and displaced 26 businesses. We join with the Department of Justice in honoring Captain Kevin LeConte and Detective Sergeant Thomas Cryan and we send them our appreciation for a job well done; (HLS 1081)

Matthew Ouellette, of Medway, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 56, 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 service project, Matthew created shaded sitting for the playground at the Medway Recreation Area. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1082)

the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, a statewide land conservation organization, on the 40th anniversary of its founding. The Maine Coast Heritage Trust seeks to protect the character of Maine for future generations through a commitment to voluntary land conservation, collaborative problem solving, responsible stewardship of conserved lands and a conservation ethic that seeks to connect people to the land. In its first 40 years, the trust has partnered with federal, state, local and private entities to help permanently conserve more than 135,000 acres of land and 288 coastal islands. The trust's commitment to statewide conservation has led to the creation of the Maine Land Trust Network, and the trust has worked closely with the State and other land conservation organizations to establish the Land for Maine's Future program, a program that has conserved more than 500,000 acres through projects in all 16 counties. We congratulate the Maine Coast Heritage Trust on this anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1083)

Richard "Rocky" D'Andrea, of Limerick. Mr. D'Andrea was born in Chicago, Illinois and served as a medic and physical therapist in the United States Army. After his military service, he lived in Nebraska, moving to Maine in 1997. He was dedicated to the communities in which he lived and ran group homes for handicapped and underprivileged children and young adults. While battling cancer, Mr. D'Andrea gave legislative testimony in support of a health care bill, which has been passed by the Legislature. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife Theresa, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1084)

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Edwina Neptune, of the Penobscot Nation. Ms. Neptune was born on Indian Island and lived there for most of her life. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Indian Island's senior club. She is survived by her 3 children, Eileen McGillicuddy, Patrick Almenas and David Almenas, and by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and the Penobscot Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1085)

the 50th anniversary of the Penobscot County Conservation Association scholarship support to students in the University of Maine wildlife ecology program. In 1960, the association gave \$150 to a single student. Today the organization provides 22 scholarships, each named for one of the association members who has contributed time and effort to support the organization over the years. Since 1960 more than \$900,000 has been donated. The Penobscot County Conservation Association was founded in 1928 as the Penobscot County Fish and Game Association. We extend our appreciation to the Penobscot County Conservation Association on their 50 years of generosity and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1086)

the following members of the Lewiston High School Bowling Team, who have won the 2010 State Championship: Tyler Saucier, Cam Marcotte, Tim Leeman, Alex Gagne, Kyle Fenderson and Brian Bickford; head coach Jeff Marcotte and assistant coach Brandon Marcotte. This is the 3rd State Championship for the Blue Devils in 6 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their winning this top honor; (HLS 1087)

Carlos Baeza, of Camden, who has received a McDonald's Spirit of the Game Award, which is given annually to two Maine high school seniors who embody the spirit of the sport, exemplify sportsmanship, support and inspire their teammates and coaching staff and show an ability to overcome obstacles and boundaries. Carlos, a 4-year Team Manager for the Camden Hills Regional High School Basketball Team and who was chosen as team captain this year, was honored with the East Division Award, which has been renamed the Joshua Titus Spirit of the Game Award. He served as Class President for the 2006-2007 school year and received the Principal's Award. A member of Amnesty International, he also served on the high school debate team. In 2009 Carlos was designated as Homecoming King. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Carlos on his receiving these honors; (HLS 1088)

Michael McCarthy, principal of King Middle School, in Portland, who was named the 2010 Maine Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association for his accomplishments as an educational leader in the areas of personal excellence; collaborative leadership; curriculum, instruction and assessment; and personalization. He will attend the Principals' Institute to honor the 2010 Principals of the Year in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael McCarthy on his receiving this well deserved award; (HLS 1089)

the Somerville Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, for its recently receiving a Spirit of America Award. The award honors the exemplary volunteer spirit of the Women's Auxiliary, both in assisting firefighters as they respond to fires at all hours of the night in Somerville and in numerous surrounding towns as well as in providing volunteers for countless other community activities. The award coincides with the Women's Auxiliary's 40th anniversary, celebrating Lincoln County's only women's auxiliary unit. We send our congratulations to the Somerville Fire

Department Women's Auxiliary on its receiving this award; (HLS 1090)

Richard Bond, of Springvale, a firefighter who was at home when his neighbor, Deanna Cousens, desperately sought his help when her one-month-old son, Dustin Cousens, stopped breathing. Mr. Bond quickly began cardiopulmonary resuscitation and was able to help the baby begin breathing again before firefighters and paramedics arrived. Dustin was taken to Goodall Hospital and his prognosis is good. We join with the Cousens family in sending our appreciation to Richard Bond for helping to save the life of his neighbor's son; (HLS 1091)

Jenni Roberts, of Sanford, who has been named to the 2010 *Maine Sunday Telegram* All-State Girls' Swim Team. Jenni set 2 state records at the Class A State Championship meet in the 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley. She also set 2 more records during the swim season in the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. We congratulate Jenni Roberts on her being named to the *Maine Sunday Telegram* All-State Girls' Swim Team, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1092)

the Maine Troop Greeters, of Bangor, on the occasion of the 1,000,000th soldier greeted at the Bangor International Airport since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. For 7 years, the greeters have met thousands of 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 1093)

Molly Mooney, of Gray, who has received a McDonald's Spirit of the Game Award, which is given annually to two Maine high school seniors who embody the spirit of the sport, exemplify sportsmanship, support and inspire their teammates and coaching staff and show an ability to overcome obstacles and boundaries. Molly was honored with the West Division Award, which has been renamed the Patrick Thibodeau Spirit of the Game Award. Molly is a 3-year member of the girl's varsity basketball team at Gray-New Gloucester High School, earning the Coach's Award in 2009. She is also a member of the girl's soccer team, National Honor Society, Community Service Club and the Student Council. In March of 2009, Molly's mother lost her 10-year battle with breast cancer. Molly chose to honor her mother by working to become a better basketball player and a person of tremendous courage and character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Molly Mooney on her receiving these honors; (HLS 1094)

Markus Hall, of Sabattus, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 110, 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 service project, Markus built a memorial garden at Sabattus Central School's bus stop. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1095)

David LeClaire, of Windham, 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 service project, David restored the area surrounding the stone monument upon the point from which all other property lots in Windham were measured in the

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early 1700s. We extend our congratulations to David on this achievement; (HLS 1096)

Lance Webster, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 805, 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 service project, Lance constructed 3 benches along the Mountain Division Rail Trail for hikers to rest on and an information kiosk at the entrance to the trail. We extend our congratulations to Lance on this achievement; (HLS 1097)

Patrick Hapworth, of Pittsfield, a senior at Maine Central Institute, for his outstanding high school wrestling career. Wrestling in 2 weight classes for the 2009/2010 season, Pat won the 2010 Class B State Championship in the 171-pound class. Pat was named the 2010 *Morning Sentinel* Wrestler of the Year. In 2009, he was the Class B State runner-up in the 152-pound class and was a Westlake Tournament Champion. He received the 2010 Coach's Award and the 2009 Most Improved Wrestler Award and was named wrestler of the week on 4 occasions. He had a career record of 104-55. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Pat on his outstanding achievements; (HLS 1098)

Christine Sawyer, of Gorham, who is the recipient of the 2009-2011 Recognizing Excellence for Doing Good Award from Alpha Delta Kappa. Mrs. Sawyer is a graduate of both Washington State Normal School and the University of Maine at Orono and enjoyed a successful teaching career until her retirement in the late 1980s. She has always used her native Maine common sense as an outspoken supporter of community, educational, moral, financial and other issues. She has been involved in community service for much of her life as a volunteer, including assisting the Congregational Church, the Gorham school system, local politics and local history celebrations, and as a member of the Maine Beta Chapter of the teaching sorority, Alpha Delta Kappa. Now in her 80s, Mrs. Sawyer continues to look out for others and is actively involved in the charity work of the sorority. Each year at Christmas she handles the preparation and delivery of gifts from Alpha Delta Kappa for a needy family in her area, and each fall she delivers books that have been donated to Camp Sunshine. We offer our congratulations to Christine Sawyer on her receiving this honor and wish her continued success; (HLS 1099)

the following members of the Nokomis Regional High School Girls Basketball Team, of Newport, who won the 2010 Class B Eastern Maine Championship: Mary Badeen, Julie Smith, Marissa Shaw, Emilee Reynolds, Stephanie Stone, Brittany Dunton, Samantha Richardson, Kara Batchelder, Megan Perry, Rachael Tozier, Kourtney Bradbury, Laura Lyford and Danielle Watson and Coach Kori Dionne. The team had a record of 17 wins and 4 losses. We extend our congratulations to the team members and coach on this achievement and wish them continued success in the years to come; (HLS 1100)

Major General John W. Libby, of Sidney, Adjutant General of the Maine Army National Guard, on the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the military and to the State of Maine. Major General Libby began his military career upon commission from the ROTC program at the University of Maine in 1966 and held active duty command and staff positions in both Vietnam and the Federal Republic of Germany before resigning in 1975 to join the Maine Army National Guard. Major General Libby has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and many other major awards and

decorations throughout his long career. He is the recipient of the Heart of Gold Award from Community Counseling Center for his commitment and dedication to the well-being of those serving in the Maine Army National Guard and their families. We send our appreciation to Major General Libby for his exemplary commitment to his State and the Nation, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1101)

the following members of the Lewiston High School Girls Ice Hockey Team, who won the 2010 Eastern Maine Girls Ice Hockey Championship: Sarah Turner, Lauren Lessard, Olivia Cote, Emilie Cloutier, Bianca Langelier, Taylor Teixeira, Natalie Rousseau, Katie Bonawitz, Marisa Zamrock, Allison Lafreniere, Mariah Conway, Kristen Lacasse, Sara Marden, Tamara Roy, Katherine Anthoine, Ashley Chase and Brianna Lajoie and head coach Ron Dumont, assistant coach Randi Dumont and volunteer Don Cote. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 1102)

Leika Scott, of Falmouth, who won the skimeister competition at the Maine Junior Alpine and Nordic Ski Club Championships at Shawnee Peak and Stark's Hill. We extend our congratulations to Leika on her accomplishments; (HLS 1103)

Jessica Abramson, of Falmouth, who won the Nordic skate race at the Maine Junior Ski Club Championship held at Stark's Hill. We extend our congratulations to Jessica on this accomplishment; (HLS 1104)

the members of the Falmouth Middle School Girls Ski Team, who won the top combined spot at the Maine Junior Ski Club Championships held at Shawnee Peak and Stark's Hill. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1105)

Guilford Primary School's selection by the Valley Grange for its Community Citizen Award. This award is normally given to an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the community. This year the Valley Grange selected Guilford Primary School and its students past and present, teachers and parents as the recipient in recognition of their support of the local communities. The Guilford Primary School serves the community in many ways from offering excellence in education to collecting aluminum pop tops and Jump Rope for Hearts, an American Heart Association program. Its efforts throughout the year to serve our community reflect great credit on the children, the teachers and the parents of the school and serve as a civic model to emulate. We extend our congratulations to the Guilford Primary School in recognition of its tradition of service to the community; (HLS 1106)

Warden Douglas Kulis, of Georgetown, who has been named Maine's National Wild Turkey Federation Chapter Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the National Wild Turkey Federation. Warden Kulis is also the recipient of the 2009 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. He has served the Maine Warden Service as a District Game Warden for the past 15 years and has handled all aspects of his job with ease and confidence. We extend our congratulations to Warden Kulis on his receiving these awards; (HLS 1107)

Sergeant Mark Warren, of Edgecomb, who is the recipient of the 2009 Supervisor of the Year Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. Sergeant Warren was the training supervisor for the service for 14 years and is currently serving as a field supervisor. He has positively influenced and has earned the respect and loyalty of many of the wardens. We extend our appreciation to Sergeant Warren for his commitment to the people of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1108)

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Mark Baker, of Caribou, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 26 years of dedicated service as a firefighter and paramedic with the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Baker for his commitment to the citizens of Maine and wish him well in his retirement; (HLS 1109)

Betty Kent-Conant, of Fort Fairfield, Department Chair for Nursing and Allied Health at Northern Maine Community College, on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to both the nursing profession and education of health care professionals throughout Maine. Ms. Kent-Conant has been an innovative leader in the delivery of nursing and health care education to residents of Maine. In her 3-decade tenure as an educator at Northern Maine Community College, she has been a driving force in the expansion and outreach of associate degree level nursing to residents of Washington County, southern Aroostook County and the St. John Valley. Ms. Kent-Conant was appointed by Governor Angus King and reappointed by Governor John Baldacci to serve on the Maine State Board of Nursing. She has also devoted her time and energy to the Northern Maine Regional EMS Council, the Board of Directors of The Aroostook Medical Center and the Eastern Maine Healthcare System Home Care Board. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Kent-Conant for her commitment to the health care community and nursing profession and for her commitment to the citizens of the State. We send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1110)

the following members of the Lebanon Rescue Department for their heroic response to the near drowning of a 2-year-old boy on December 4, 2009: Chief Samantha Cole, Assistant Chief Jason Cole, Lieutenant Kevin Romano, C.J. Deshaies, Carolyn Limerick, William Stacewicz and Skip Wood. Maine State Trooper Benjamin Smith was the first responder at the scene and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child after his mother pulled him from the frigid Little River. Members of the Lebanon Rescue Department arrived 5 minutes after receiving the initial call and took over the boy's care. Only 17 minutes went by from the time the rescue team received the emergency contact to the arrival of the boy at the hospital. We extend our appreciation to the members of the Lebanon Rescue Department and Trooper Smith for their prompt, life-saving actions; (HLS 1111)

the following members of the Lisbon High School Wrestling Team, who won the Class C State Championship: Marcus Bubar, Joe Doughty, Ryan Havlicek, Art Stambach, Lawrence Thomas, Forrest Cornell, Jonathan Gamache, Stephanie Hayslip, Michael McNamara, Matthew Nicholson, Joshua Pomerleau, Zachary Splude and Sean McManus, coach Mark Stevens and assistant coach Ted Albasini. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment and wish them continued success; (HLS 1112)

Erin McGrath Woolley, of Bangor. Ms. Woolley was born in Bangor and attended Bangor High School, where she was the senior speaker at her 2002 graduation. She graduated *summa cum laude* in 2006 from the University of Maine, Orono, where she majored in English and women's studies. Ms. Woolley also spent one semester studying abroad at Hull University in England, where she continued to pursue her academic passions. After graduating from the University of Maine, she dedicated her energies to caring for women and children by working for Spruce Run in Bangor. In 2007, Ms. Woolley enrolled at Vermont Law School, where she continued to advocate for women and children, working during the summer of 2008 for a local nonprofit organization. During the summer of 2009 she worked for the United States District Attorney's Office in Bangor. She would have graduated with a juris doctor degree in May and had

planned on practicing family law. Erin McGrath Woolley will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her many friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1113)

the Books ReVisited bookstore, in Sanford, a volunteer program of HomeHealth Visiting Nurses of Southern Maine that is celebrating its 10th anniversary on April 14, 2010. Books ReVisited, managed by Dr. Muriel Poulin, is staffed entirely by local volunteers and all proceeds from book sales benefit charity care for home health and hospice patients through HomeHealth Visiting Nurses of Southern Maine. The store, one of 2 in southern Maine, was started with generous donations from local businesses and institutions such as Sanford Institution for Savings, Kennebunk Savings, the Louis B. Goodall Memorial Library and the Kiwanis Club. The store now has more than 40 dedicated volunteers, some of whom have volunteered since the store opened, who have helped raise close to \$19,000 during 2009. We extend our congratulations to the Sanford community and the Books ReVisited bookstore on this special occasion and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1114)

Caleb Guerin, of Glenburn, 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 service project, Caleb built composite material window boxes for the Bangor Public Library. Caleb is also the President of the Sunshine Community Service 4-H Club, with which he has done numerous community service projects. He owns his own commercial greenhouse business, has been a Master Gardener at the University of Maine for 4 years and will have completed 7 college courses by the time he graduates from high school. We extend our congratulations to Caleb on his achievements; (HLS 1115)

Yusuf Iman, of Auburn, a senior at Edward Little High School, who was named the 2010 Boys Basketball All-Region Player of the Year by the *Lewiston Sun Journal*. Yusuf averaged 17.6 points per game and was named the Player of the Year in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference South. He helped the Edward Little High School Boys Basketball Team win its third Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference title in 4 years and 2 regional titles. We extend our congratulations to Yusuf Iman on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1116)

the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club, which was named the 2010 Club of the Year by the Maine Snowmobile Association. The club was started in 1968 and it now has more than 150 individual and family members and more than 45 business members. We extend our congratulations to the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club on its receiving this honor and we send the club our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1117)

Mark Beatty, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Gold Medal in T-shirt Design at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Mark will attend the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to Mark on his achievement; (HLS 1118)

Candice Osborne, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Gold Medal in the Health Knowledge Bowl at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Candice will attend

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the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to Candice on her achievement; (HLS 1119)

Byron Ouellette, a student at Penobscot Valley High School in Howland, who won a Silver Medal in Diesel Technology at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. We extend our congratulations to Byron on his achievement; (HLS 1120)

Dylan Markie, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Gold Medal in Welding Sculpture at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Dylan will attend the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to Dylan on his achievement; (HLS 1121)

Max Voisine, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Gold Medal in Welding Technology at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Max will attend the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to Max on his achievement; (HLS 1122)

Dakota Crosby, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Silver Medal in Advertising Design at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. We extend our congratulations to Dakota on this achievement; (HLS 1123)

Amy Russell, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Silver Medal in Commercial Baking at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. We extend our congratulations to Amy on her achievement; (HLS 1124)

Brooke Hanscom, a student at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, who won a Gold Medal in the Health Knowledge Bowl at the 2010 SkillsUSA Championship competition. SkillsUSA is one of 8 nationwide career and technical education student organizations recognized under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Brooke will attend the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations to Brooke on her achievement; (HLS 1125)

Sean Sibley, of Lincoln, a senior at Mattanawcook Academy, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, for his outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. Sean has served as president of the academy's chapter of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the senior class and student representative on the school board and is an ambassador to the Maine Youth Leadership program. He will be graduating with 24 college credits. He has also been involved with several school plays and musicals. We extend our congratulations to Sean on his receiving this award; (HLS 1126)

C. J. Stratton, of Howland, who is the 2010 Class C State Wrestling Champion in the 285 lb. weight class. C. J. is a member of the Penobscot Valley High School Wrestling Team. He is the first wrestler in 6 years to win a championship for

Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to C. J. on this achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 1127)

the FIRST Robotics Team No. 172, of both Gorham High School and Falmouth High School, for receiving the Chrysler Team Spirit Award at the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition in Worcester, Massachusetts. The award celebrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit through exceptional partnership and teamwork. This is the fourth consecutive win for the team. We congratulate the members of the team on their receiving this honor and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1128)

Ammadamast Grange No. 379, of Enfield, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary as a nonprofit organization. The origins of the Grange in Maine extend back to the organization of the Farmer's Clubs in the 1850s. The Maine State Grange was organized in Lewiston in 1874. By 1907, Maine's per capita Grange membership was larger than any other state's. The Town of Enfield and surrounding communities are grateful for the activities of the Ammadamast Grange, and we extend our best wishes for continued service and success; (HLS 1129)

Neil Stinneford, of Weld, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame for his contributions to baseball. Mr. Stinneford grew up playing baseball in Oakland. He played 3rd base for Dixfield High School and was the first high school player to play for the town's team, the Timber League Dixies. He had an outstanding baseball career as a center fielder at Colby College under legendary coach John Winken, leading the Mules in hits, home runs and stolen bases. In his junior year, he hit .371 and was named an All-American. Mr. Stinneford's talent and speed attracted the attention of major league ball clubs, including the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Kansas City Athletics. We congratulate Neil Stinneford on his being honored with induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame; (HLS 1130)

Clayton Clark, of Skowhegan, who is the recipient of the 2010 Commissioner's Distinguished Service Award from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for giving his time and talent for the betterment of agriculture in Maine. Mr. Clark has served as the President of the Maine Jersey Association and was the president and a director of the Maine Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He has worked in the Livestock Department of the Skowhegan State Fair, and was inducted into the Skowhegan Fair Agricultural Hall of Fame. Mr. Clark is a 55-year member of the Skowhegan Grange, also Somerset Pomona, State and National Grange. In 1985, Mr. Clark and his family were chosen as Maine's Grange Farm Family. He is also dedicated to his community, serving on local town, school and farm boards and committees. We congratulate Clayton Clark on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1131)

Mariah Bundy, of Woodstock, a senior at Telstar Regional High School, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Mariah on her receiving this award; (HLS 1132)

Erwin "Larry" and Lorraine Wilbur, of Kingfield, on the occasion of their 67th Wedding Anniversary, March 13, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur have one son, one grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren. They were longtime members of the Kingfield SnoWanderers Snowmobile Club and enjoy playing bingo on Saturday nights and taking care of the wildlife that visits their home daily. We congratulate them on their anniversary and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1133)

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Lisa Boisvert, of North Waterboro, who assisted Charanay Pok in rescuing Mrs. Pok's children, Kisani and Tayven. Mrs. Pok was driving home from work and lost control of her vehicle, and it plunged into the Little Ossipee River in Limerick. Mrs. Boisvert came upon the accident, stopped, and jumped into the river to assist Mrs. Pok. As water rushed into the semi-submerged vehicle, Mrs. Boisvert and Mrs. Pok removed the children from the car and brought them to safety. Mrs. Boisvert's actions exemplify the best attributes of Maine's citizens. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Boisvert for her selflessness and her heroic efforts to save two young lives; (HLS 1134)

Benjamin Stevens, of Indian Township, who is a student at Washington County Community College, for his being named to the Maine Community College System 2010 All-Maine Academic Team. Mr. Stevens graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree and is currently enrolled in the Adventure Recreation and Tourism program at the community college. He will graduate this May with a 3.8 grade point average. Last summer he worked for the Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge in Baring as a Youth Conservation Corps Group Leader. Mr. Stevens was a student senator in the 2009 school year, and he also received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the community college in 2009. We congratulate him on his scholastic achievement, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1135)

Cheryl L. Rust, of Wiscasset, on the 10th anniversary of the Maine Health Access Foundation. Ms. Rust is the chair of the foundation's board of trustees. Since its inception, the Maine Health Access Foundation has been committed to advancing health reform and promoting patient-centered and family-centered health care. We applaud Ms. Rust and the Maine Health Access Foundation for the foundation's 10 years of hard work and send our best wishes for success in all future endeavors; (HLS 1136)

Jerry Harkavy, of the Portland Bureau of the Associated Press, on the occasion of his retirement. Born in the Bronx, New York, Mr. Harkavy came to Maine in 1968 after military service and remained over more than 3 decades as an Associated Press newsman and correspondent. He covered some of the State's biggest stories and was a mentor to countless Associated Press colleagues. He survived a plane crash while covering a wildfire in Baxter State Park and even made his way onto the pages of a Stephen King novel. Those who worked with Mr. Harkavy have described him as the bedrock of the Associated Press's Maine operations. We extend our appreciation for his many years of covering the news in Maine and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1137)

Phillis Weiner Russakoff, of Skowhegan, a longtime member of the community. Mrs. Russakoff was born in Boston and graduated from Jeremiah Burke High School. She met Archie Russakoff, then on a buying trip for his Skowhegan jewelry store, while she was working for a Boston diamond merchant. They married in 1950 and Mrs. Russakoff became a homemaker and mother. She was recognized in 1966 as an Outstanding Young Woman of America and served as president of Skowhegan's chapters of the Semper Fidelis Club, the Skowhegan Women's Club and the Woman's Aid Society. She served on the boards of Kennebec Valley Mental Health, the State Board of Psychological Examiners and Redington-Fairview General Hospital. She also joined her husband in the jewelry business. A 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sunset Chapter, Mrs. Russakoff served as secretary for 39 years and rose to positions of state and national significance. She also was a Dedimus Justice and Notary Public, performing numerous wedding ceremonies in the

area. Mrs. Russakoff will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1138)

Mails Bailey, of Skowhegan and Swan's Island, who is the recipient of the 2010 Community Volunteer/Parent Award from the Maine Children's Trust for her contributions to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through her volunteer work and dedicated service to the community. Ms. Bailey has been very involved in the Skowpendous event since 2005, has been a foster parent and has organized many programs and charitable collections for the area. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1139)

Marcus Davis, of Bangor, who was featured on *The Ultimate Fighter 2*, a mixed martial arts reality television series. Mr. Davis, a native of Houlton, currently fights as a welterweight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship mixed martial arts promotions in the United States and was previously ranked in the top ten fighters in his weight division. He has close to 100 fights between mixed martial arts and professional and amateur boxing. Mr. Davis owns two gyms in Maine. We congratulate him on his achieving national success in his field and send him our best wishes on his future success; (HLS 1140)

Jimmy Howard, of Dedham, professional hockey goaltender with the Detroit Red Wings in the National Hockey League and University of Maine Black Bear record holder. Mr. Howard participated in the United States National Team Development Program. He played for the Maine Black Bears for 3 seasons and holds the University of Maine single-season and career records for shutouts, goals against average and save percentage. He has helped young hockey players in the area with his "Youth Goalie Clinic with Jimmy Howard" and donated to the Maine State Legislature's recent Legislative Scholarship Auction. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to Maine and our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1141)

the Honorable Richard R. Farnsworth, of Portland, former member of the Maine House of Representatives, who is retiring after a long and accomplished career in the field of health and human services. For the past 18 years, Mr. Farnsworth has served as the Executive Director of Woodfords Family Services, a nonprofit organization that is committed to the support and inclusion of individuals with special needs and their families in Maine communities. During his time there, he transformed the agency into one of the leading agencies for children and adults with developmental disabilities. He worked to add a diverse set of programs to the services the agency offers and oversaw the agency's receiving accreditation from the Council on Accreditation. Before coming to Maine, Mr. Farnsworth served as Director of Developmental Services at COMHAR, Inc. in Philadelphia, Executive Director of Region Ten Client Management, Inc. in New Hampshire and Assistant Professor at Temple University's School of Social Administration. Mr. Farnsworth's career has spanned decades and touched thousands of lives. He has worked as a tireless advocate for some of our state's most vulnerable citizens, and his civic and volunteer activities demonstrate his commitment to improving the lives of others. We send our appreciation to Mr. Farnsworth for his dedication, compassion and leadership not only at Woodfords Family Services but throughout his entire career. His hard work has made life better for thousands of individuals with special needs. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1142)

David Jones, of Lewiston, who has been named the 2009 Public Works Leader of the Year by the Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Mr. Jones, a Professional

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Engineer, has been employed by the City of Lewiston since 1999 and has been the Director of the Department of Public Services since 2004. He was selected for the award for his leadership and involvement with several projects, including the implementation of Lewiston's Storm Water District, one of only two in the State, the Gendron Business Park Development, the Water Street Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Facility and the joint Lewiston-Auburn Drinking Water Initiatives. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Jones on his receiving this award; (HLS 1143)

Anglers Restaurant, of Searsport. The *Village Soup*, a local paper in Belfast, sponsored a The Best of the Best in Waldo County contest and had the citizens of Waldo County select their favorite businesses in a variety of categories. Anglers Restaurant was chosen as the best family restaurant, as well as for having the best lobster roll, the best prime rib, the best seafood, the best clam chowder and the best fried food. We extend our congratulations to Anglers Restaurant on its being selected as one of The Best of The Best in Waldo County; (HLS 1144)

Robert Gagnon, of Madawaska, who was named by the Maine Community College System as the 2010 Northern Maine Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Gagnon on his earning this distinguished honor, and we send him our best wishes on his future success; (HLS 1145)

Tyler J. Mitchell, of Eastport, a senior at Shead Memorial High School, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on his receiving this award; (HLS 1146)

Maria T. NeCastro, of Machias, a senior at Machias Memorial High School, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Maria on her receiving this award; (HLS 1147)

the Franklin County Community College Coalition Network, recipient of the 2010 President's Award given by the Central Maine Community College for the network's outstanding efforts and success in expanding educational opportunities for the residents of Franklin County. Since the fall of 2005, the network and Central Maine Community College have been offering classes to residents of Franklin County, many of whom would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend college. We congratulate the Franklin County Community College Coalition Network on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1148)

Charlene Mary Perkins Strang, of Topsham, on the occasion of her 90th birthday on April 16, 2010. Mrs. Strang is the daughter of Herman and Bessie Berry Perkins and was born in Madison. She graduated from Madison High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Maine in 1941. She married her high school sweetheart, Walter Pershing Strang, also a Madison native, on July 26, 1942, and after World War II they settled in Camden. They had 2 children, Jonathan Peter and Meredith Nancy, who served as a Representative in the 123rd and 124th Maine State Legislature. Mrs. Strang also has 3 grandchildren. Public service is part of Mrs. Strang's heritage, as her grandfather Granville Deering Perkins served as a Representative in the 84th Maine State Legislature in 1929 and her great-grandfather Joshua B. Perkins served as a Representative in the 39th Maine State Legislature in 1860 and again in the 59th Maine State Legislature in 1880. Mrs. Strang's working career began in 1942 when she taught history at Madison High School. She then

moved into lifelong involvement with social work. She worked as a public assistance worker in Baltimore, Maryland while her husband attended dental school at the University of Baltimore and then began work in 1962 for the State of Maine as a social worker, initially receiving \$1.94 per hour. She continued to work out of the Rockland office of Department of Health and Human Services and held several titles over the years, including Child Custody Protection Worker and Human Services Caseworker when she retired in 1996. In addition, she opened Camden Travel Agency in 1976 and sold the business in 1992. Mrs. Strang has always been very active in her community and a leader in a number of different organizations. Her family is very proud of all she has accomplished and the positive role model and excellent example of citizenship she lives every day. We join her family and friends in sending Charlene Mary Perkins Strang our congratulations and best wishes on the 90th birthday celebration of her life; (HLS 1149)

the following members of the Easton Junior/Senior High School boys junior varsity basketball team, which went undefeated in its 2009-2010 season: Logan Sutherland, Holden Turner, Zachary Clark, Chris Flewelling, Garrett Gray, Jared Hafford, Jeff Condon, Jonah Bacon, Cody Tompkins, Harvey Brown, Carl Mullen and Justin Guerrette and coach Randy Bacon and manager Samantha Fuller. The team's 25-point average margin of victory during its 13-win crusade was made possible by a rigorous defense that held opponents to an average score of 35 points per game. Jeff Condon led the team in rebounds and Garrett Gray in assists. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team and wish them well in their future endeavors; (HLS 1150)

Fort Fairfield Middle/High School, which has been named one of America's best high schools by *U.S. News and World Report*. In an analysis of 21,786 public high schools in 48 states and the District of Columbia, Fort Fairfield Middle/High School was acknowledged for its excellence in math and reading instruction. We extend our congratulations to School Administrative District No. 20 Superintendent Marc Gendron, Principal Mark Jenkins and the school's administration and staff, as well as the attending students, on their earning this noteworthy distinction; (HLS 1151)

the top 5 graduating students of Stearns High School, class of 2010: Jessica Rogers, Valedictorian, Gwyndolyn Morneault, Salutatorian, Jonathan Cunningham, Sarah Rizzo and Michelle Switzer. We congratulate them on their accomplishments and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1152)

the Portland Symphony Orchestra, which is the recipient of the 2010 Maine Association of Nonprofits Governor's Award for Nonprofit Excellence in the mid-sized organization category. The Portland Symphony Orchestra is the first arts organization to earn first place in any of the categories for the Governor's Award for Nonprofit Excellence. These awards are presented annually to nonprofit organizations that have achieved significant results by combining ingenuity with sound management practices. The Portland Symphony Orchestra serves the city of Portland, the State of Maine and northern New England and is the largest performing arts organization in Maine. We extend our congratulations to the Portland Symphony Orchestra on its receiving this award; (HLS 1153)

Pittston Consolidated School, which has earned the second-largest achievement increase of schools in the State over the past 3 school years, according to the State's Department of Education. The portion of Pittston Consolidated School students meeting or exceeding benchmarks on standardized tests has grown by nearly 34% over the past 3 school years. An average of 64.3% of Pittston Consolidated School's students have

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achieved proficient scores or better on math and reading tests. Three years ago, the school staff reviewed the school's Maine Educational Assessment scores, which were at the bottom in the school administrative district and not near state standards. The members of the staff, making a commitment to vastly improve the scores, worked as a team and dedicated themselves to the success and well-being of all students. They are dedicated to continuing success for even greater improvement and achievement for all their students. We congratulate Pittston Consolidated School on this remarkable accomplishment and offer our best wishes for continued success in all its future endeavors; (HLS 1154)

Frederick E. Hutchinson, of Lamoine, former president of the University of Maine at Orono. Dr. Hutchinson was born on the family farm in Atkinson and attended a one-room schoolhouse. He graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1948 and served in the United States Army. After his military service, he entered the University of Maine, Orono, in 1949, with a \$200 scholarship. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1953 and received a master's degree in agronomy in 1957 and, in 1966, his doctorate from Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Hutchinson was a member of the University of Maine faculty from 1957 to 1972 and served for the next 3 years as dean of agriculture. He was vice president of research and public service at the University from 1975 to 1982. From 1982 to 1985, Dr. Hutchinson served in the United States State Department and he was the provost and senior vice president at Ohio State University from 1985 to 1992. He returned to the University of Maine as its 16th president in 1992 and retired from that position in 1997. As a University of Maine legend and icon, Dr. Hutchinson exemplified the promise and value of public higher education. The University of Maine Hutchinson Center in Belfast is named in honor of his contributions to the University of Maine. We acknowledge his extraordinary commitment and service not only to his profession but to his State and to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and colleagues and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1155)

Richard W. Cost, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of his retirement after 8 years of service to the University of Maine at Fort Kent as President. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Cost for his dedication to the University and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1156)

Gilbert Albert, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of his retirement after 10 years of service to the University of Maine at Fort Kent as an Assistant Professor of Education. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Albert for his dedication to the University and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1157)

Richard Bouchard, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of service to the University of Maine at Fort Kent as the Director of Facilities Management. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bouchard for his dedication to the University and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1158)

Marion "Penny" Albert, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her retirement after 10 years of service to the University of Maine at Fort Kent as an Assistant Professor of Education. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Albert for her dedication to the University and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1159)

Camille Theriault, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of service to the University of Maine at Fort Kent as the Building and Grounds Maintenance Crew Leader. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Theriault for his dedication to the University and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1160)

Douglas S. Clapp, Jr., of Frenchville, who is the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Mr. Clapp is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Boston and completed his teaching certification through the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He is currently enrolled in the University of Southern Maine's Masters Outreach Program. He began teaching in SAD 33 in 1985 and has extensive experience working on the Maine Educational Assessment design and scoring committees in theater, philosophy and the visual arts. He has written plays and musicals and under his leadership the Community High School drama team has won the Maine Principals' Association regional competition in 6 of the last 8 years. We congratulate Mr. Clapp on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1161)

the memory of Dr. Robert L. Woodbury, on the occasion of his being awarded a posthumous Honorary Degree from the University of Maine at Fort Kent for his commitment to and advocacy of the University of Maine System, as well as his championing of and advocacy for the smaller regional campuses. Dr. Woodbury was former chancellor of the University of Maine System and President of the University of Southern Maine. He passed away in September 2009 and had a long and distinguished career in education. We join the University of Maine at Fort Kent community in remembering the dedication to education of the late chancellor; (HLS 1162)

Gregory Solomon, of Augusta, 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 Gregory on this achievement; (HLS 1163)

Marlene Hall, of Rockland, on her retirement from teaching music at Rockland District High School and Rockland District Middle School after almost 36 years of dedicated service to music and education. Ms. Hall began teaching on September 1, 1974 and is currently band director and has led the marching band and the jazz ensemble at both the high school and middle school levels. She is also the director of the Lincolnville band Bay Winds North Wind Ensemble and the Breakers Jazz Ensemble. Ms. Hall has directed her band in competition in New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire. Among the parades her bands have marched in is the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to music, education and her students and we congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1164)

Robert McNally, of Old Orchard Beach, for his contributions to his community and to the Nation. Mr. McNally has planned and coordinated the Town of Old Orchard Beach's Memorial Day Parade, one of the largest in the State. He is a veteran of World War II, having enlisted in the military after the attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, at the age of 15. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as an aircraft radio operator for 4 years, and his love of service to country is well known. We send Mr. McNally our appreciation for his dedicated service to the State and to the United States military; (HLS 1165)

Shelly Gervais, of Wilton, owner of Shelly's Hometown Market, who is the recipient of a 2010 Grange Community Award as an outstanding business from Wilson Grange No. 321 for her efforts in enriching the community. We congratulate Ms. Gervais on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1166)

Philip and Kimberly Hilton, of Wilton, who are the recipients of a 2010 Grange Community Award as an outstanding family from Wilson Grange No. 321 for their efforts in enriching the community. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hilton on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1167)

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Jessica Rogers, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1168)

Gwyndolyn Morneault, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1169)

the Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union for its philanthropy and involvement in the community. The Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union made \$12,000 in donations to local food organizations. We extend our appreciation to all the branches of the Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union and thank it for its generosity; (HLS 1170)

Harold Clark, of Easton, on the occasion of his retirement from Maine Public Service Company after 37 years of employment. Mr. Clark served his Nation as an infantry foot soldier in Vietnam and is a graduate of Bob Jones University with a degree in Business Administration. We congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1171)

Dr. Mark S. Eastman, of Paris, on the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of service and leadership. Dr. Eastman has touched the lives of thousands as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and superintendent in schools located in Winthrop, Gorham, Mars Hill and Oxford Hills. As the Superintendent of Schools in the Oxford Hills School District for 15 years, Dr. Eastman has created a model system recognized for its organizational efficiency, focus on student academic growth and achievement and strong community support. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Eastman for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1172)

Colonel Don McCormack, of Windham, on the occasion of his retirement from the Air National Guard. In addition to his service in the Air National Guard, Colonel McCormack became commander of American Legion Post No. 148 in Windham in 1999 and served in that capacity until 2004. He was post adjutant and finance officer from 2005 to 2010. He has worked tirelessly for the Town of Windham and the legion, revitalizing Memorial Day activities, including the Memorial Day Parade and veterans' memorial services. As President of the Windham Veterans Association, he helped with a series of fund-raisers to pay off the Windham Veterans Center's mortgage early. Colonel McCormack has organized regular ceremonies at the center as well as fund-raisers for the American Legion post. We acknowledge Colonel McCormack's dedicated service to the veterans of the State and Nation, and we send him our appreciation for his serving in the Air National Guard; (HLS 1173)

Herb Damon, of Gorham, who is the recipient of the Remember ME award from the Maine Health Care Association. This award is given to Maine citizens who have spent the best years of their lives making a difference for their families, communities, state and country. Mr. Damon, a resident of Gorham House, became involved in Amistad, Inc. and Shalom House. He served as President of the board of Amistad for many years. While active in Shalom House, Mr. Damon spoke to the National Alliance on Mental Illness in order to give caregivers, students, doctors, nurses and social workers his perspective on living with mental illness. In so many ways, his work has improved the lives of people with mental illness. We congratulate Mr. Damon on his receiving the Remember ME award and extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 1174)

The Honorable Catharine "Kay" Lebowitz, of Bangor, former councilor for the City of Bangor and Member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1983 to 1992. Mrs. Lebowitz was active as a volunteer for dozens of local organizations long after her retirement as the chief clerk of the federal District Court. She was a familiar face serving on local committees, boards and groups, including the Bangor Museum, Eastern Maine Community College, the Maine Center for Aging, St. Joseph Hospital and the United Way of Eastern Maine. She was a member of the board of the Bangor Troop Greeters and was able to leave the nursing care facility in which she was staying to attend a ceremony recognizing the millionth service member to fly through Bangor International Airport. In 2005, Bangor Mayor Frank Farrington declared her birthday as "Kay Day," and, in 2006, Governor John Baldacci named a "Kay Lebowitz Day" to recognize her service as a troop greeter. The Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce renamed its Public Service Award the Catharine Lebowitz Award for Public Service. We acknowledge Mrs. Lebowitz's generous commitment to the State of Maine. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and the community in which she served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1175)

Cameron Rose, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 1176)

Michael Keim, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 1177)

Bill Brown, of Westbrook, on the occasion of his retirement after many years of service to the community through Northeast Mobile Health Services of Scarborough. Mr. Brown was shift leader for the Chair Car Division and is affectionately known as the positive face and personality of the company. He is a former United States Army colonel and a veteran of the Vietnam War. We send him our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to helping people and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1178)

Brooks J. Skinner, of Crystal, known as "Uncle Bub." Mr. Skinner was born in Houlton on November 16, 1976 and was a graduate of Southern Aroostook Community School. He enjoyed singing in a band, hunting and fishing, dirt biking and four-wheeling. Mr. Skinner was a fan of anything fast; it seemed his life was always a race against time. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1179)

John W. L. White, of Freeport, born and raised in Maine, and who was known for his tremendous contributions to his community, his devotion to his family and friends and his love of the outdoors, especially being on the water. When he indicated that it was a beautiful day on Casco Bay, that could mean any weather from a perfect summer day to half a gale, but it certainly meant that he was "putterin" on a boat. He began his college career at Dartmouth College, left to join the United States Navy, and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. White received his United States Navy commission at Columbia University, attended Harvard Business School and served in the Pacific at the end of World War II. He began his career at Consumers Water Company in 1946, retiring in 1984 as chairman and Chief Executive Officer. From his first boat, the

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ROSIE B to his final boat, the *MOLLY W*, he lived to be out on the water, lobstering and exploring the coast of Maine with Molly, his wife of 61 years. Mr. White's commitment to community service included volunteering for the South Freeport Church, Maine Historical Society, Maine Medical Center, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, Maine Seacoast Mission, United Way and Freeport Community Center. He was a member of the Maine Charitable Mechanics Association, the Portland Marine Society and the Portland Fraternal Club. He believed that a good Maine Yankee lives frugally in order to be able to be generous and that to have a happy life, it is desirable to repay society for one's good fortune. The passing of John White marks the end of an era in Freeport. His whistling and singing, kindness, goodness and gentlemanly ways will be greatly missed. He will be long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1180)

Nancy Johnston, of Windham, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Windham. Ms. Johnston served as Assistant Town Manager and interim Town Manager when needed. She will be greatly missed by the staff and the people of Windham. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Johnston and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1181)

Harland L. Taylor, of Oakland, who is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Maine Emergency Medical Services for his more than 40 years of service as a licensed ambulance attendant and firefighter for Oakland Fire and Rescue. Mr. Taylor helped map and color-code the Messalonskee Stream Trail to allow quick and easy access to emergency situations. He is respected by his peers as a valued mentor and role model. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Taylor for his unwavering dedication and service and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1182)

Robert Merrill, of Ellsworth, president of Merrill Furniture, who has been chosen by the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce as its 2010 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Merrill is chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. He has worked tirelessly to help raise \$5,000,000 to build a new emergency department at the hospital. He has been active in numerous civic affairs of the City of Ellsworth, including the Harbor Commission, the Economic Development Committee and the Traffic Committee. Mr. Merrill has also served as president of the chamber board. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Merrill on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 1183)

Jenni Roberts, a senior at Sanford High School, who won the 100-yard butterfly competition at the YMCA National Swim Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In addition, she recently set 2 records at the 2010 Class A Southwest Regionals in the State's schoolgirl competition, added 2 more records in the 2010 Class A State Swim Championships and broke 2 more records at the 2010 New England Swim Championships. Ms. Roberts has a scholarship to attend the University of Virginia, which has a prestigious and award-winning swimming and diving team. We congratulate Jenni Roberts on her accomplishments and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1184)

John W. White, of Minot, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. White grew up on the Whiteholm Dairy Farm in Auburn, attended Edward Little High School and graduated from Bates College with a bachelor's degree in economics. He was captain of the Bates swim team. Mr. White was the farm manager and treasurer of the Whiteholm Dairy Farm and later developed a second career in real estate. He enjoyed farming, selling real estate, competitive swimming, hybridizing irises,

genealogy, history and public service. Among his many civic contributions, he was a director of the Lewiston-Auburn Red Cross, the Sarah Frye Home and the Maine Breeding Association; a member of the Twin County Farm Bureau and Androscoggin County Soil Conservation Commission; and president of the Auburn Heritage Society. Mr. White, with his wife, Evelyn, and son, Edward, established extensive flower gardens at their Minot home, specializing in varieties of iris, daylilies and hosta. Mr. White was nationally known for his new and improved Japanese and Siberian iris and received the distinguished W.A. Payne Medal from the American Iris Society in 2007 for his creation "Dirigo Pink Milestone." He was a member of the Maine and American Iris Societies, the Maine Hosta Society and the Japanese, Siberian and Pacific Coast Iris Societies. He became a world-class competitive masters swimmer in the backstroke, training and competing until 93 years of age. Mr. White will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1185)

Sean J. Knight, of Berwick, 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 Sean on this achievement; (HLS 1186)

Brian Bridge, of Berwick, 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 Brian on this achievement; (HLS 1187)

the Millinocket Middle School Show Choir, which has won the 2010 Division II State Championship at the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival with its performance of "Alice in Wonderland." We congratulate the members of the choir on their winning this state title and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1188)

the Unified Harmony Show Choir, a collaborative effort of Stearns High School in Millinocket and Schenck High School in East Millinocket, which has won the Division II State Championship at the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival. Unified Harmony Show Choir, which has approximately 25 students, performed "Fosse." We congratulate the members of the choir on their winning this state title and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1189)

Gwyndolyn Morneault, a senior at Stearns High School in Millinocket and a member of the Unified Harmony Show Choir, who was named Outstanding Female Vocalist in Division II at the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival. We congratulate Gwyndolyn on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1190)

Sandy Hartley, a member of the Unified Harmony Show Choir, combined of students from Stearns High School in Millinocket and Schenck High School in East Millinocket, who received the Best Choreography award in Division II at the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival. We congratulate Sandy on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1191)

Liza Brown, a member of the Millinocket Middle School Show Choir, who was named Outstanding Female Vocalist in Division II at the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival. We congratulate Liza on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1192)

Jeanette Pomerleau, of Jay, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, April 5, 2010. Mrs. Pomerleau was honored by a party given at Sandy River Center for Healthcare, where more than 40 of her relatives from across the State gathered to wish her a

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happy birthday. Mrs. Pomerleau ran a penny candy store in Chisholm, which was known for her homemade fudge and taffy and roasted peanuts. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Pomerleau; (HLS 1193)

Oak Hill High School, which serves the communities of Wales, Sabattus and Litchfield, and which was chosen to represent Maine at the High School Redesign in Action conference in Nashua, New Hampshire. Oak Hill High School is one of 3 Maine high schools cited as being on the leading edge of reform and selected for having made significant progress toward raising student achievement, graduation rates or college-enrollment numbers, according to the New England Secondary School Consortium. We congratulate the Oak Hill High School community in its receiving this well-deserved honor and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1194)

Helen Archer, of Eastport, for her 27 years of service to the City of Eastport as City Clerk. Ms. Archer is known for her cheerful and helpful nature in her role in public service. We join Ms. Archer's family and the community of Eastport in honoring her for her nearly 3 decades of dedicated commitment. We send her our best wishes for a restful, relaxing and well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1195)

Bangor Savings Bank, of Ellsworth, which is the recipient of the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce 2010 Top Drawer Award. The Top Drawer Award recognizes a business that has made significant contributions to the growth, development and improvement of Ellsworth and the region. Bangor Savings Bank and its Foundation invest more than \$1,000,000 a year in the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives. We extend our congratulations to Bangor Savings Bank on its receiving this award; (HLS 1196)

Lincoln County, on the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of its establishment. The easterly parts of York County in the District of Maine were set off as Cumberland County and Lincoln County on June 19, 1760, effective November 1st, and the new Town of Pownalborough was named the shire town for Lincoln County. All lands east of the New Meadows River, Merrymeeting Bay and the Androscoggin River, north and east to Canada, became Lincoln County, named for the town of Lincoln in England, the birthplace of Royal Governor of Massachusetts, Thomas Pownall. These lands remained together through the tumultuous times of the American Revolution until 1790, when Washington County and Hancock County were created from Lincoln County territory. Kennebec County and lands to the north were separated in 1799, followed by Waldo County in 1827, Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties in 1854, and finally Knox County in 1860. In celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Lincoln County, we recognize that its creation was meant to encourage settlement by bringing meaningful civil government to a more local level. Citizens of Lincoln County had better access to a legal system of courts, registries of deeds and probate, and the enforcement of law. These institutions helped to create order and arbitrate community standards as the old military frontier became settled. We join the citizens of Lincoln County, and those counties that arose from Lincoln County, in celebrating their history and accomplishments of the past 250 years. We recognize the important roles that our counties have served, and continue to serve, in making Maine the strong, vibrant place it is today. We extend our best wishes to all for their future continued success; (HLS 1197)

the beloved memory of United States Army Sergeant Richard Clair Dority, of Dover-Foxcroft, for the contributions he made to the State and Nation. Born January 27, 1952, Sergeant Dority served with the United States Army as a member of the 329th

Transportation Company. At the age of 18, Sergeant Dority drowned along with 10 of his crew members while en route to the Army port of Hue, Tan My in South Vietnam. On Memorial Day, American Legion Post No. 29 in Dover-Foxcroft will dedicate its club room to Sergeant Dority in recognition of his service. We take this occasion to express our gratitude and respect for Sergeant Dority's sacrifice on behalf of our country; (HLS 1198)

Adelbert and Jacqueline Beaulieu Carney, of South China, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carney were married in Augusta on March 26, 1940. They lived in Augusta until 1979, when they moved to South China. Mr. Carney is a decorated United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Carney had 2 sons, Adelbert, Jr., and Arthur, who also served their Nation, and who are interred at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Carney on their celebrating this special anniversary, and we join their loving family and friends in sending them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1199)

Rick Lashua, of Auburn, on his induction into the Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Lashua was the 7th of 8 children and grew up living a life filled with sports. He got his start as a young athlete in Auburn Suburban Little League and had a very rewarding career as an All-State player in both baseball and football at Edward Little High School. He was recruited by John Winkin at the University of Maine for baseball and was a starter by the time his freshman year ended. He went on to participate in 4 College World Series with the Black Bears, and in his senior season he was named Division I Player of the Year in New England. After college, Mr. Lashua spent some time in the New York Yankees' farm system but eventually returned home, where he started his business. He now coaches his 12-year-old son, who plays on the same Little League team he played on, and is the assistant coach for his daughter's Little League softball team. We extend our congratulations to Rick Lashua on his receiving the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame, and we send him our best wishes for the future; (HLS 1200)

the Honorable Maitland E. Richardson, of Skowhegan, former selectman for the Town of Skowhegan, former chair of the Somerset County Republican Party and Member of the Maine House of Representatives from 2003 to 2006. Mr. Richardson was born in New Sharon and graduated from Williams High School in Oakland. He later graduated from the University of Maine at Orono with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. He joined the United States Army and served with the 40th Infantry Division during the Korean War. Mr. Richardson had a long and distinguished career with Nichols Incorporated of Exeter, New Hampshire and Arbor Acres Farm Incorporated in Glastonbury, Connecticut and was a partner in Richardson Farms in Skowhegan. He also was past manager of the Skowhegan State Fair. Mr. Richardson was a member of many organizations, including the Skowhegan Federated Church and the Kennebec Tourism Committee, and he was the director of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs. He was chair of the Skowhegan Economic Corporation for 25 years. Mr. Richardson was a member of the Skowhegan Rotary Club, the Blue Lodge, Skowhegan Masons and the Skowhegan Elks Lodge. We acknowledge Mr. Richardson's generous commitment to his family and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 57 years, Sylvia, his family and the community in which he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1201)

James Thomas Kelley, Sr., of Topsham, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Kelley graduated from Sherman High

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School. He owned a dairy farm in Millinocket. In 1955 he established Kelley's Mobile Home Park, which provided housing for the employees of Great Northern Paper. He enjoyed snowmobiling, swimming, boating, waterskiing, gardening, landscaping and bicycling. Mr. Kelley will be sadly missed by his loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1202)

Richard Leo Donley, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Donley attended Millinocket schools and served 4 years in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He worked for Great Northern Paper for 38 years. Mr. Donley will be sadly missed by his loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1203)

Billy Walker, 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 Eagle Scout project, Billy worked with VFW Post No. 5744 to locate and record the graves of United States veterans. Using global positioning system technology and digital photography, Billy recorded data for approximately 400 grave sites. The information was then provided to the VFW in a custom-made database. Billy will continue in Boy Scouting as an assistant scoutmaster with Troop No. 338 and as a counselor at Camp William Hinds. We extend our congratulations to Billy on this achievement; (HLS 1204)

Alban and Noelle Roy, of Hamlin, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 11, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Roy were married at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Drummond, New Brunswick, Canada with Monsignor Alfred Lang officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Roy on this special occasion; (HLS 1205)

Dr. Delmont N. Merrill, president emeritus of Husson University and resident and native of Ellsworth. Dr. Merrill was a graduate of Ellsworth High School and served 3 years in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He was a decorated veteran of the assault on Iwo Jima. After his military service, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree, a Master of Education degree and a Certificate of Advanced Study. In 1986 he was awarded a Doctor of Business Administration degree. Dr. Merrill had a 39-year career in education, serving as a teacher, coach, athletic director, professor, vice president and college president. Thirty-four of those years he spent at Husson University, where he served as president from 1978 until his retirement in 1987. Dr. Merrill participated in sports in many capacities and served as state basketball commissioner from 1975 to 1978. He was active with the family business, Merrill Blueberry Farm, Inc., and he served as its president for 17 years. Dr. Merrill also served as a member of the state blueberry commission, trustee of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, trustee of Union Trust Company and member of the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce. He was a loving husband to his wife of more than 57 years, Elizabeth, and a doting father to his 3 children. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1206)

Clarence and Evangeline McLaughlin, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 7, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin were married at the St. Joseph Parish in Hamlin with Father Ludger Melancon officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin on this special occasion; (HLS 1207)

Cole Butler, of Auburn, for his performance at the 2010 Auburn Math Meet. Cole achieved the highest individual score of all 58 competitors in Auburn's Sixth Grade Math Meet. He was a valuable asset to the district team, which represented Auburn's 6

elementary schools. The team competed against over 25 teams from southern Maine. We congratulate Cole on his remarkable accomplishment and send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1208)

Raymond L. Astle, of Millinocket, a veteran of World War II and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Astle served with the 5th Marine Division at Iwo Jima during the war and was witness to the first American flag being raised there. He worked for many years at Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1988. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1209)

Michael Paradis, of Lewiston, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 007, 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 service project, Michael assisted the City of Auburn with a recycling survey, going door-to-door with other Boy Scouts and providing residents of the city with information on recycling. We extend our congratulations to Michael on his achieving this performance-based award; (HLS 1210)

Linwood L. Bowers, Sr., of Burlington. Mr. Bowers was born in Lowell, Maine in 1916 and grew up in the Town of Burlington. A stellar athlete at Lee Academy, he excelled in the sports of basketball, baseball and track, earning the distinction of Shot Put State Champion his senior year. Following his high school graduation, he attended Fryeburg Academy. He married Marilyn Hill in 1937, and together they raised 8 children. Through the years Mr. Bowers worked in the woods as a cook and river driver, became a master plumber and owned a bottled gas delivery service. He was also very involved in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and was the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Maine. Mr. Bowers was known for his family reunions, the cottage on Cousins' Beach at Niatous Lake and his wonderful cooking. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife, children, 34 grandchildren and other extended family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1211)

Denise Vachon, of Portland, who is leaving the position of chair of Aging Services of Maine and New Hampshire. Ms. Vachon is the administrator for The Park Danforth/Home for the Aged. During her time as administrator of The Park Danforth an assisted living program was added and there was a major renovation of the home in 2006. She is a volunteer for the United Way and Deering High School. She served as volunteer chairperson of the Northern New England Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, which became Aging Services of Maine and New Hampshire. Ms. Vachon remains on the Board of Directors of Aging Services of Maine and New Hampshire and is the association's Maine representative to the House of Delegates of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She participates in the association's Maine Government Relations Committee and has served as an advocate at both the state and federal level on behalf of Maine residents who receive long-term care services. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Vachon for her commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1212)

Zachary Joseph Al Hebert, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 130 in South Paris, 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 service project, Zachary planned and managed the renovation of the playground area for Poland Spring Academy, including updating the safety

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features and replacing worn equipment. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1213)

Sarina Selleck, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Deering High School. Sarina is a member of the Drama Club and the music program. She earned her Girl Scout Silver Award in Girl Scouting. Her teachers describe her as an incredibly gifted student and a curious observer of the world. We extend our congratulations to Sarina on her accomplishment; (HLS 1214)

Rachel Miller, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Deering High School. Rachel is a member of Future Teachers of America and the captain of the tennis team. She is described as being a self-starter, intelligent, an enthusiastic student and blessed with a solid work ethic. We extend our congratulations to Rachel on her accomplishment; (HLS 1215)

Brenda McInnis, of Rumford, who is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service as a teacher. Ms. McInnis has taught at Meroby Elementary School and the former Kimball and Abbott schools in Mexico. She wanted to be a teacher ever since admiring her kindergarten and first-grade teachers. She considered them, as well as her parents, as her mentors. We acknowledge Ms. McInnis's many years of dedication to the children of Maine and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1216)

Daniel Mancine, of Jay, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Postal Service after 34 years of service. A lifelong resident of Jay, Mr. Mancine began his postal career in Livermore Falls in 1976 as a part-time carrier. He then worked in accounting for the United States Postal Service district office in Auburn before becoming a postmaster, first in Wayne and then Livermore Falls. Mr. Mancine became the postmaster in the Jay office in 2002. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Mancine for his dedication to the United States Postal Service and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1217)

Elmhurst, Inc., in Bath, on the 50th Anniversary of its helping and encouraging people with developmental disabilities or mental illness in the Mid Coast area. Elmhurst, Inc. was established by a group of parents seeking educational opportunities for their children. The Bath-Brunswick Regional Association for Retarded Children was incorporated and developed much-needed services. The association became Elmhurst, Inc. in 1990. This grassroots association has expanded over the years and now provides an array of services to people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities and autism. By supporting people with disabilities to learn more in their daily lives, Elmhurst, Inc. helps people become more independent, valued and respected in their local communities. We send our appreciation to Elmhurst, Inc. for its dedication to people with disabilities and we congratulate all the members of the organization on this 50th Anniversary; (HLS 1218)

Don Hudson, of Wiscasset, who is the recipient of an Environmental Merit Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The award, which is the oldest Environmental Protection Agency awards program in the nation, recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have dedicated their lives to preserving and protecting New England's natural resources. Mr. Hudson has been president of the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset since 1991 and has worked at the Chewonki Foundation since 1962. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hudson on his receiving this award; (HLS 1219)

the following members of the Narraguagus High School Destination ImagiNation team, who placed first in both the

regional and state Destination ImagiNation championships: Katy Mathews, Devin Brann, Mike Larson, Stephen Sprout and Erin Smith; and coach Zach Alarcon. The team will be competing against other teams from around the world in Tennessee in May, displaying a combination of skills in problem solving, teamwork, acting, research and critical thinking. We extend our congratulations to the Narraguagus High School Destination ImagiNation team members on this achievement and wish them success in Tennessee; (HLS 1220)

Alvin and Kathleen Macomber McDonald, longtime residents of Wilton, who have had the 2010 Annual Town Report dedicated to them for their commitment to the community. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have enjoyed an active and fulfilling retirement over the past 19 years and have been involved in numerous community organizations, including Franklin Memorial Hospital, the Wilton United Methodist Church and the Wilton Area Food Pantry. As the main organizer and contact person for the Wilton Area Food Pantry, Mrs. McDonald works tirelessly to keep the pantry shelves stocked and ready to serve the residents of Wilton, East Wilton, Weld, North Jay, East Dixfield and Dryden who need support. We send our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald for their service to the community and we congratulate them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1221)

the following Honor Graduates of the 2010 Graduating Class of Mt. Abram High School: Elizabeth M. Chenard, Forrest G. Collins, Magnolia V. Dixon, Hillary Sue Eustis, Magalloway Ann Field, Hope Marie Gould, Jenna M. Hamlin, Grace Eleanor Carmen Hooke, Alana Deanne Knapp, Kaelyn Marie Lecander, Emily Louise Luce, Amanda Kay Richards, Emmaline Alberta Twitchell and Jillian Beth Withee. We send our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1222)

the following top ten students of the Class of 2010 at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington: Kelton Cullenberg, Sarah Deveau, Jared Foster, Garrett Goodridge, Amanda Hall, Adam Paul, Sean Paul, Sam Prentiss, Chelsea Thompson and Kelly Yardley. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1223)

Quint-Cheney American Legion Post No. 87, of North Berwick, on the occasion of the naming of the North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge on Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2010. We acknowledge the efforts of Post No. 87 to honor those who served their Nation in the name of this bridge and we recognize the strong support from the Town of North Berwick's Board of Selectmen and the town manager in this endeavor. We send all the participants who worked to name North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge our appreciation on Armed Forces Day for their commitment to and commemoration of our military personnel; (HLS 1224)

the University of Maine at Farmington men's Rugby Team, which won the Maine Collegiate Championship Title. This is the 3rd title for the team in four years. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1225)

Shane Michael Crean, of Freeport, 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 service project, Shane organized a drive to obtain critically needed daily use items, such as bleach, trash bags, paper towels, blankets and rubber gloves, for the Coastal Humane Society Animal Shelter in Brunswick. He coordinated with 6 local schools, student councils and church organizations during a 2-month period, collecting over 1,000 items. He also raised awareness in the community for the shelter's mission and helped educate the public on the importance of supporting the shelter

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and adopting shelter animals. We extend our congratulations to Shane on his achievement; (HLS 1226)

Omer and Robertine Lebel, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lebel exchanged marriage vows at St. Bruno Catholic Church in Van Buren with Father Guy Lebel officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 1227)

Cynthia Gagnon, of South Berwick, who has been named the South Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club's 2010 Citizen of the Year. Ms. Gagnon is a founder of the South Berwick Strawberry Festival and has led many efforts to make the town a stronger, safer and more enjoyable place to live. She played an instrumental role in saving the South Berwick Emergency Rescue Squad and was a volunteer at Powderhouse Hill, helping to acquire a warming hut for the top of the hill. Over a ten-year period, Ms. Gagnon worked in consultation with the area library committee to develop plans for a large building to benefit all. Other community involvement includes being a mentor and helper at Great Works School and an important team member in developing South Berwick's Kids' Day and remaining active at Marshwood Junior High School after her retirement as a teacher. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Gagnon on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1228)

Helen Buzzell, of Industry, a teacher at Cape Cod Hill School, on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1229)

Mary Buckley, of Wilton, librarian at Mt. Blue High School, on the occasion of her retirement after 21 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1230)

Claire D. Vining, of Farmington, a teacher at Academy Hill School, on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1231)

Marie Turner, of Farmington, a teacher at Cape Cod Hill School, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1232)

Mary Paradis, of Farmington, a kindergarten teacher at Mallett School, on the occasion of her retirement after 24 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1233)

Randy Cook, of Farmington, assistant principal at Mt. Blue High School, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years. We send him our appreciation for his dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1234)

Pat Mellen, of Farmington, a school nurse at Mt. Blue High School and Mallett School, who is retiring after 24 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1235)

John MacDonald, of New Portland, a composite manufacturing teacher at Foster Technology Center, on the occasion of his retirement after 24 years. We send him our appreciation for his dedication to the citizens of the community and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1236)

Sherry Ames, of New Sharon, a teacher at Cape Cod Hill School, on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1237)

the Somerset Valley Middle School Show Chorus, which won the Division I Middle School State Title at the 2010 Maine State

Vocal Jazz Festival. This is the 5th straight title earned by the school. Directed by Lisa Neal, the chorus performed "An African Celebration," a medley of African-themed songs. The school also earned top honors in best choreography. We extend our best wishes and congratulations on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 1238)

Dr. Maurice J. Morin, of West Palm Beach, Florida and a longtime resident of Sanford. Dr. Morin graduated high school in Wakefield, Massachusetts and then attended St. John's Preparatory School, the University of Notre Dame and the Massachusetts College of Optometry. He served in the United States Army for 2 years. In 1944 he began his practice of optometry in Sanford, where he worked for 38 years. Dr. Morin was a member of the Sanford School Board, the Board of Appeals, the Urban Renewal Board and the boards of directors of the Sanford Trust Company, Norstar Bank and Fleet Bank. He was a lifetime member of the American Optometric Association, a communicant of Holy Family Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1239)

Samantha Danis, of Biddeford, a senior at the University of Maine at Orono, who won a national YouTube and Pulitzer Center "Project: Report" video competition award for a video documentary she made about 2 members of the local deaf community. Ms. Danis is one of 5 top winners of the contest, which is intended for nonprofessional aspiring journalists. Her grand prize includes a \$10,000 grant for an international reporting assignment for the Pulitzer Center on anything she chooses. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Danis on her receiving this well-deserved and prestigious award, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1240)

Susan Poppish, of Wiscasset, who is retiring as principal of Wiscasset High School. During her tenure, Ms. Poppish worked with her staff to provide innovative scheduling, expanded curricular and extracurricular opportunities and a true "small school" safe, supportive and caring environment in which her students could thrive and achieve success. She exemplifies excellence in public school administration. Ms. Poppish served on the Bath Regional Career and Technical Center Advisory Committee and the Sheepscot Valley RSU Administrative Team. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Poppish for her commitment to the students of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1241)

Sarah Sutter, of Wiscasset, who is the recipient of the 2010 Maine Education Association Teaching Excellence Award. Ms. Sutter is an art teacher and technology integrator at Wiscasset High School. She has a true passion for technology, which she combines well with her artistic abilities to bring inspirational instruction to her students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Sutter for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1242)

the following members of the fourth-to-sixth-grade winter competition team of the Scarborough Cheering Club, which took first place in its division at The Poland Spirit Invitational: Lexi Adams, Emily Adler, Dani Blake, Kaicee Flaherty, Cassandra Gonzalez, Annee Hale, Emily Keenan, Megan Nathanson, Courtney Noiles, Lexie Raymond, Tiana Brown, Marina Clough, Taylor Martel, Katrina Nappi, Kaitlyn Dube and Kendra Tonneson and coach Lindsay O'Brien and assistant coaches Kara Johnston and Mullyna Oul. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1243)

the following members of the seventh-grade and eighth-grade winter competition team of the Scarborough Cheering Club, which took first place in its division at The Poland Spirit

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the Aktion Club of MidCoast Maine, in Rockland, a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability and the newest member of the sponsored organizations and programs at Kiwanis International. The mission of the Aktion Club is to provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills, to serve their communities, to be integrated into society and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities. Aktion Club members also strive to return to their communities the benefits, help, and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process. We extend our welcome to the Aktion Club and send them our best wishes for a successful future; (HLS 1245)

Benjamin K. Acker, of Scarborough, 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 service project, Benjamin built a bridge and trail at the Broadturn Farm in Scarborough. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on his achievement; (HLS 1246)

Daniel Garneau, of Rumford, a junior at Mountain Valley High School, who was a popular athlete and honor student. Daniel played football, baseball and basketball, and was a member of the team featured in the football documentary "The Rivals." The community rallied around him and initiated efforts to help his family as he fought his disease. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends and neighbors; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1247)

the top 5 graduating students of Schenck High School in East Millinocket, class of 2010: Allison A. Dhuy, Valedictorian, Devvan T. Powers, Salutatorian, Logan L. Twist, Karlie Jo Michaud and Tyler D. Ham. We congratulate them on their accomplishments and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1248)

Amy Smith, of Lincolnville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at the University of Maine. Ms. Smith had been out of high school for 18 years when she decided to go back to school. She will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in history. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Smith on this achievement; (HLS 1249)

Judy Clossey, of Camden, who is a school nurse at Camden Hills Regional High School and Camden-Rockport Middle School, on the occasion of her retirement. In her 37 years with the district, Ms. Clossey has conducted home visits and worked with local organizations to provide housing, clothing and supplies for children and families in need. She has organized numerous food and gift drives in order to make the holiday season special for everyone in the district. In addition, she has involved both the students and the community at large in an annual blood drive to help all in giving the gift of life. We commend her for her tireless efforts toward making the lives of other people better and we send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1250)

Gloria and Charles Murphy, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary,

June 8, 2010. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy on this special anniversary; (HLS 1251)

Devvan T. Powers, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Devvan on this achievement; (HLS 1252)

Allison A. Dhuy, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Allison on this achievement; (HLS 1253)

Fred Jones, of Hampden, a beloved and respected English teacher at John Bapst High School and the longtime organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bangor. Mr. Jones is well known for his mastery of the organ and for establishing a world class choir, which under Mr. Jones' leadership achieved a high degree of artistry and proficiency in performing the early choral works of the Anglican church and which notably performed many times in churches and cathedrals in Great Britain. He also created a youth choir program that has attracted 2 generations of youngsters, both from within the Episcopal community and from beyond its borders. For 29 years the students and faculty of John Bapst High School benefited from his passion for the English language, his delight in the classics of literature and his boundless curiosity about the Celtic world. He is the author of a book about ancient Celtic culture entitled *Chasing the Sun: A Journey in Neolithic Speculation*. The John Bapst High School graduating class of 2010 dedicated its yearbook to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones will be deeply missed by his loving family, students, friends and choir members; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1254)

the following top ten students of the Class of 2010 at Lewiston High School: Rebecca Spilecki, Jennifer Bergeron, Christopher Jacques, Michael Wong, Nimal Eames-Scott, Chelsea Letourneau, Megan Starks, Katelin Jacques, Ruth Choate and Michelle Caron. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1255)

NAPA Maine, headquartered in Westbrook, for its receiving the 2009 President's Award. This award is presented annually to the employees of the organization within Genuine Parts Company that is judged to have had the most outstanding performance during the year. The employees of NAPA Maine not only achieved exemplary sales and profit contributions but also demonstrated the high standards of customer service that the company has held since its establishment in 1928. This is the 39th time that the award has been presented and the 3rd time it has been received by NAPA Maine. In order to qualify for this coveted honor, all members of the NAPA Maine team, including management and employees of both the Distribution Center and the 15 company-operated NAPA Auto Parts Stores, had to demonstrate outstanding teamwork. We send our congratulations to each member of the team on this extraordinary accomplishment and extend our best wishes for their continued success; (HLS 1256)

Marie Ayotte Belanger, of Scarborough, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, June 20, 2010. Mrs. Belanger attended Hamlin schools and Gates Business College. She enjoys reading and playing cards and word games, is very interested in politics and loves her Red Sox. Mrs. Belanger has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Belanger on this special occasion; (HLS 1257)

James Grippe, of Chesterville, a chemistry teacher in SAD 9, on the occasion of his retirement after many years in education. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Grippe for his dedication to the

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children of the community and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1258)

Peter G. Thompson, of Readfield, who received a special service award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce for his 20 years of service to the organization. Mr. Thompson is president and chief executive officer of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Under his leadership, the local chamber has grown from 300 members to 650 members. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Thompson for his dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving the award; (HLS 1259)

Margaret Robinson, of Farmington, a library media technician at Mt. Blue High School, on the occasion of her retirement after working in schools in SAD 41, Islesboro, Boston and New York City. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1260)

Trish Flint, of Farmington, librarian at Cascade Brook School, on the occasion of her retirement after working in schools for over 20 years. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1261)

James Perkins, of New Vineyard, a music teacher at Mt. Blue Middle School, on the occasion of his retirement after many years of teaching in Farmington, Caribou, Windham and MSAD 41. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1262)

Chelsea Freeman, of Jay, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class at Jay High School. We extend our congratulations to Chelsea on the achievement; (HLS 1263)

Kelsey Doiron, of Jay, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Jay High School. We extend our congratulations to Kelsey on the achievement; (HLS 1264)

Ryan Gao, a senior at Falmouth High School, who is the recipient of a \$100,000 college scholarship from the Proton Energy Scholarship program. The scholarship recognizes high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding achievement in science or technology and plan to pursue higher education in these areas. The finalists were also evaluated based on their financial need, leadership, work ethic and community involvement. Ryan is a member of the Falmouth High School science team, which represented northern New England at the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. Ryan plans to study science and mathematics at Stanford University in California. We extend our congratulations to Ryan and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1265)

Lalia Senecal, of Strong, an education technician II at Cascade Brook School, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 20 years of service to education. We send her our appreciation for her dedication to the children of the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1266)

Dr. Michael C. Connolly, of Portland, upon the honored occasion of the publication of his book, *Seated by the Sea: The Maritime History of Portland, Maine, and Its Irish Longshoremen*, the first full-length study of this founding industry in Maine's largest city. A native of Munjoy Hill in Portland, Dr. Connolly received his Ph.D. from Boston College and spent 30 years researching over 90 volumes of records of the Portland Longshoremen's Benevolent Society. He was the first scholar allowed access to these valuable sources. Today he serves as a professor of history at Saint Joseph's College in Standish. We

congratulate Dr. Connolly on his accomplishment and wish him well for his future works about the history and heritage of the immigrant and maritime legacy of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1267)

Dakota Snyder, of York, who is one of Maine's 2010 United States Presidential Scholars. Dakota received the honor for her academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. Of the more than 3,000 qualifying candidates, Dakota is one of 141 outstanding high school seniors acknowledged with this honor. She will receive a Presidential Scholar medallion from President Barack H. Obama at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations to Dakota on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1268)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pratt, of Oakfield, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 3, 2010. We extend our congratulations to them on this special anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1269)

the Park Avenue Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team, of Auburn, which has won the state title and has earned the honor of attending the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University. With team coach Debbie Charest, the following 6 third-graders will present their original play: Jillian Foster, Sophia Wood, Madeline Duff, Tessa Paige, Sarah Charest and Delaney Morneau. We send our congratulations to the students on their accomplishment and send our best wishes to them; (HLS 1270)

Theodore "Teddy" Bowers, of Island Falls, 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. Teddy's Eagle service project was the arrangement of the mail boxes for the ever-increasing number of residents on Pleasant Lake in Island Falls. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1271)

Lizzie Chenard, of Freeman Township, a senior at Mt. Abram High School, who is the recipient of the 2010 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this award and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1272)

Margaret Emery, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of her retirement after 42 years in the education profession. Ms. Emery has been a music teacher at T.W. Kelly Dirigo Middle School. She has taught voice and instruments and helped direct school musicals. She also taught in Livermore Falls, Vassalboro, Brunswick and Bucksport. Ms. Emery intends to stay involved in music by joining a musical group, a community chorus or an orchestra. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Emery for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1273)

James "Jimmy" Jordan, of Ellsworth. An Ellsworth native, Mr. Jordan attended Waltham schools and graduated from Ellsworth High School. He owned and operated a number of area businesses but is best known for operating Jordan's Snack Bar in Ellsworth since 1981. He was a member of Ellsworth Masonic Lodge No. 40, Anah Temple, Ellsworth Lions Club, where he served as King Lion and president, and Ellsworth Elks Lodge No. 2745. He was active as a coach for the Waltham Little League and the Cave Hill basketball team. Mr. Jordan and his wife Carol were married for 41 years, and they raised 2 sons. He was a caring and dedicated husband, father and grandfather, who will

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be deeply missed by his loving family and friends and the entire Ellsworth community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1274)

the Reverend Elinor Carolyn Reynolds Bradley, of Millinocket, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. The Reverend Bradley graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and received her Master of Divinity from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. She completed her Doctor of Ministry program at Bangor Theological Seminary. The Reverend Bradley was pastor of the First Congregational Church in Millinocket and was assisted by her husband. The Reverend Bradley will be deeply missed by her loving family, friends and congregation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1275)

Jay Adams, of Dresden, Director of the Viles Arboretum and former Director and Curator of Collections and Education of Old Fort Western in Augusta, who was named Outstanding Citizen for 2010 by Le Club Calumet for his many years of dedicated service to the community. Le Club Calumet is one of the foremost civic organizations in the Augusta area and in the State. Mr. Adams worked for 23 years to make certain that the story of Fort Western and of Augusta included the many contributions of the people of France and New France. He feels that the French population in Augusta from 1866 to the present is one of the strongest and most enduring cultural groups in Maine. He has been very active on numerous boards and commissions, including serving as the board chair of the Kennebec-Chaudiere Corridor Commission, chair of the Maine Arts Commission Museum Grant-Review Panel and board member of Maine Archives and Museums, the Maine League of Conservation Voters and the Kennebec Valley Tourism Council. We send our appreciation to Mr. Adams for his generous service to the Augusta area and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his being named Outstanding Citizen for 2010 by Le Club Calumet; (HLS 1276)

Melvin Frederick Curtis, of Richmond, on the occasion of his retirement after 42 years as an educator. Mr. Curtis has been the Special Education Director for the Lewiston School District for 34 years. He taught at Lisbon High School and Montello Junior High School and was Title One Office-Evaluator for the Lewiston School District. He received a Spurwink Trustee Award in 1998 and the Sweetser Pendleton Award for Community Partner in 2007. Mr. Curtis served on the boards of directors of the Collaborative School in Pownal and of the Regional Educational Treatment Center and the Renaissance School in Auburn and has been a member of Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities since its inception. He also served as a member of the school district's Professional Development Committee, Response to Intervention Committee, Safe Schools-Healthy Students Committee and Drop Out Prevention Committee. Mr. Curtis has been a leader whose opinion is valued and respected throughout the entire school district. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Curtis for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1277)

R.J. Grondin and Sons, of Gorham, for receiving national recognition for its safety achievements by winning an Associated General Contractors of America's Construction Safety Award. R. J. Grondin and Sons is a third-generation, family-owned earth-moving business located in Gorham, with operations in southern and central Maine. The company, which was once a successful dairy farm business in the 1950s, has evolved into one of the premier construction companies in Northern New England. R.J. Grondin and Sons completed 3 and a half years without a loss time injury and the number of hours worked without an injury exceeds 990,000. The company continues to update training

programs and safety procedures as advancements in the industry occur. We extend our congratulations to R.J. Grondin and Sons for its hard work and proactive approach to safety in the workplace, and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1278)

Donna Wilcox, of Leeds, on her retirement from Livermore Falls High School. Ms. Wilcox has been in the teaching profession for the past 27 years, with 19 years spent at Livermore Falls High School. During her time at Livermore Falls High School, Ms. Wilcox has coached skiing and track, been a class advisor, started the Peer Helper program and taught Life After LFHS, Parenting, Crafts, Fabric and Let's Cook. We extend our congratulations to Donna Wilcox on her retirement and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1279)

Tammy Haddix, of Kansas City, Missouri, on the occasion of her visit to Maine as Artist for the Day for Hallmark for ME, a Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Club sponsored by Stacy's Hallmark in Augusta. We welcome Ms. Haddix on her first visit to the State of Maine, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1280)

Hallmark for ME, a Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Club, sponsored by Stacy's Hallmark in Augusta, on its being one of 10 clubs in the country to be awarded an Artist for the Day signing. On August 13th and 14th, artist Tammy Haddix will be in Augusta to present a special ornament that she will sign at Stacy's Hallmark. We congratulate the members of Hallmark for ME on the club's receiving this honor; and we send them our best wishes for a successful event; (HLS 1281)

the St. Joseph's College Baseball Team, the Monks, which won the 2010 Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship. The team has earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III New England Regional tournament. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1282)

Peter Littlefield, of Sidney, for his First Place finish in the State of Maine MATHCOUNTS Competition. An eighth-grade student at Messalonskee Middle School, Peter participated in the MATHCOUNTS Competition under the guidance of his teacher, Marshalyne Baker. MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and challenging contests and inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in students across the United States. Peter was one of 228 final competitors to advance to the 2010 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition held in Orlando, Florida. We congratulate Peter on this outstanding accomplishment and wish him continued success; (HLS 1283)

Linda Gramlich, of Chesterville, on her retirement from her position as a second grade teacher at Livermore Elementary School. Ms. Gramlich has been in the teaching profession for the past 38 years, the majority of which were spent in Maine School Administrative District #36 Livermore and Livermore Falls. We extend our congratulations to Linda Gramlich on her retirement and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1284)

Valerie Macdowell, of Livermore, on her retirement from her position as a kindergarten teacher at Livermore Elementary School. Ms. Macdowell has been in the teaching profession for the past 41 years, all of which have been spent in Maine School Administrative District #36 Livermore and Livermore Falls. We extend our congratulations to Valerie Macdowell on her retirement and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1285)

Linda Veilleux, of Belgrade, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Augusta, on her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service. Ms. Veilleux was known for competence, dedication, honesty and

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cordiality and for her deep concern for her coworkers and the public. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Veilleux for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1286)

Alyssa Chretien, of Farmington, who was named the 2010 Student of the Year at Foster Technology Center in Farmington. We congratulate her on her receiving this honor and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1287)

Ian Bouffard, of Sabattus, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 110, 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, Ian renovated the community room at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Sabattus. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1288)

Helen Kay, of Long Island, who is the recipient of the Francis "Tiny" Murphy Civic Award, given by the Long Island Civic Association to those who exemplify the qualities of being a good public citizen. Ms. Kay has served as president of the Long Island Civic Association and has been extremely active with the Evergreen United Methodist Church as a lay leader, speaker, music and choir director and gift shop manager. She has blessed many with her musical talents by teaching music at the Long Island School and providing music for numerous occasions on the island. We send our appreciation to Helen Kay for her dedication to and hard work for her community and we congratulate her for receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1289)

Jane Wheeler, of Leeds, on the occasion of her retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to the Town of Leeds. During her tenure with the town, Mrs. Wheeler has been the deputy treasurer, tax collector, registrar of voters, clerk, Assistant to the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen. She is active in the community, visits elderly neighbors and friends at the local nursing home and is a deacon at the Leeds Community Church. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Wheeler for her commitment to the citizens of her community and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1290)

Zetta Wojcik, of Perkins Township, a secretary at Cushing School, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of working in the school system. We send her our appreciation for her service and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1291)

Jack Libby, of Wilton, a custodian at Cushing School, on the occasion of his retirement after many years of working in the local elementary schools. We send him our appreciation for his service and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1292)

Ramona Gaudette, of Southport, who has received the honor of being named Grand Marshal of the 2010 Windjammer Parade in Boothbay Harbor. Ms. Gaudette is a beloved figure in the community, having worked at Southport Central School for 53 years and served many generations of island schoolchildren. She has also waitressed at the Rocktide Inn in Boothbay Harbor since its opening 43 years ago. We send our appreciation to Ramona Gaudette for her dedication to the community and congratulate her on her being named Grand Marshal; (HLS 1293)

John Milton Bartlett, of Friendship, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1294)

Clovis McDonald, a lifelong resident of Jay, on the occasion of his retirement after 26 years working with the Jay School

Department as a bus driver and custodian. Mr. McDonald, known as Sike, with his wife Vicki raised 2 children, Chad and Deena. He is well liked by the students, has been supportive of his coworkers and has taken great pride in his work with the school system. He has been a hard worker and very reliable. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, and we send him our congratulations on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1295)

Milton G. Simmons, of Kingfield, who is receiving his high school diploma from Mt. Abram High School with the 2010 graduating class 68 years after leaving high school to fight in World War II. Mr. Simmons enlisted in the United States Army in October 1942 before graduating from Kingfield High School. He served as a private first class with honor under General George Patton and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, receiving a Bronze Star for his service to the Nation. We send him our deep appreciation for his service to his State and Nation, and we send him our congratulations on his receiving his diploma; (HLS 1296)

James Cassidy, of Turner, on his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Mary's Health System. Mr. Cassidy is the former president and chief executive officer of the Sisters of Charity Health System and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Prior to working in Maine, Mr. Cassidy was President of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. He graduated with a Masters in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Cassidy's professional associations include: the Maine Hospice Council Board, the Maine State Housing Authority Board, the Maine Hospital Association Board, the New England Healthcare Assembly and the American College of Healthcare Executives (Fellow). He served as a member of the Maine Hospital Association Public Policy Council and the Maine Irish Heritage Center Board of Directors. He is also a past chair of the Maine Hospital Association Board of Directors, a past member of the Board of Trustees for Androscoggin Headstart and Childcare, a past chair of the Maine State Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and of the St. Andre Health Care Facility Board of Directors, a former member of the American Heart Association and a former member and a past chair of the United Way of Androscoggin County Campaign Cabinet. We acknowledge his remarkable commitment to the community and to his profession, and we congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. We send him our best wishes; (HLS 1297)

Paul E. Floyd, M.D., of Farmington, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. Dr. Floyd was born in East Machias on June 19, 1910. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of his life; (HLS 1298)

Maynard and Velma (Madore) St. Peter, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. St. Peter were married on August 6, 1960 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Caribou, with Father Charles J. Rivard officiating. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. St. Peter on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1299)

Maximilian D. Goodman, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, 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 him on this achievement; (HLS 1300)

Paul E. and Emily Frizzell Floyd, of Farmington, on the special occasion of their 70th Anniversary. Paul Floyd, M.D., married Emily Frizzell, R.N., in Colebrook, New Hampshire on June 15, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd have 4 children and 4

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grandchildren. We send them our congratulations on their anniversary and our best wishes; (HLS 1301)

Roger Fenn Duncan, of Boothbay, noted educator, author and seaman, who wrote definitive books on maritime New England. Mr. Duncan was raised in Scarsdale, New York and was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College. He was a teacher, coach and administrator at the Fenn School in Concord, Massachusetts and the Belmont Hill School in Belmont, Massachusetts and was chairman of the School Committee in Concord, Massachusetts. He was the author of numerous books, including "Coastal Maine: A Maritime History" and "The Cruising Guide to the New England Coast: Including the Hudson River, Long Island Sound, and the Coast of New Brunswick," considered the most complete and authoritative cruising guide to the northeastern coast and the bible for eastern sailors and powerboaters for more than half a century. Mr. Duncan and his wife Mary sailed their Friendship sloop "Eastward" extensively along the coast from New York to New Brunswick. They sailed parties for many years in the Boothbay Harbor Region, and he was a member of the Cruising Club of America and the Friendship Sloop Society. Mr. Duncan was known and respected throughout New England for his seamanship and his knowledge of the coast and its history. He was also a founding member of the Midcoast Maine Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist. We acknowledge Mr. Duncan's immense contributions to his community and his profession and to the maritime traditions of Maine and New England. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1302)

Samuel Butler, of Winterport, for his dedicated service to the Town of Winterport as a member of the Board of Selectmen and Town Council for almost 25 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Butler for his commitment to the citizens of Winterport; (HLS 1303)

Courtney Langley, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Lawrence High School. We extend our congratulations to Courtney on this achievement; (HLS 1304)

Christopher Low, of Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Lawrence High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 1305)

William R. "Rick" Wilson, of Readfield, on the occasion of his retirement as principal of Manchester Elementary School after 28 years of dedicated service. Mr. Wilson is the principal of Mt. Vernon Elementary School. He was the music director for Community School District 10 for 4 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Wilson for his commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 1306)

the veterans of the United States Armed Forces who reside in Manchester. They served faithfully to protect the citizens of the United States in times of war and of peace. We acknowledge these veterans' dedicated service to their State and Nation, and we send them our appreciation for their sacrifices; (HLS 1307)

Linda Davis, of Fayette, on the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of service to the Jay School Department as a Business Teacher. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Davis for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1308)

Linda Peterson, of Belgrade, on the occasion of her retirement after 21 years of service to the Jay School Department as a Librarian. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Peterson for her dedication to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1309)

Ian Wilcox, of Livermore Falls, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class at Livermore Falls High School. Ian has played soccer, basketball and baseball and competed in track. He has been an active member of the National Honor Society and was a representative in the Student Senate, serving as secretary and treasurer. He has also participated in band. We extend our congratulations to Ian on this achievement; (HLS 1310)

Thomas Ventrella, of Livermore Falls, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Livermore Falls High School. Thomas has been vice-president of his class during his sophomore, junior and senior years and vice-president of the Varsity Club his senior year. He has been active in the National Honor Society, served his church as a youth minister and volunteered as a soccer coach to elementary school students. Thomas is an accomplished athlete, serving as captain of his school's soccer and basketball teams. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on this achievement; (HLS 1311)

the King Middle School "Small Acts of Courage" Expeditionary Learning team of 2009-2010 on the honored occasion of the publication of its multivolume Maine oral history compendium, "Maine Memories of the Civil Rights Movement." During the school year, 82 7th-grade students from King Middle School collected the memorabilia, testimonies and oral interviews of 22 Maine participants in the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s. Archived and annotated in 4 digital volumes, the documents have been donated by the students to the African American Archives of the Jean Byers Sampson Center for Diversity in Maine at the University of Southern Maine for the benefit of future scholars. We salute the students of King Middle School on the preservation of the history and heritage of an era that forever changed Maine and America. The compendium will now serve as a resource and inspiration for future generations of students in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1312)

Paula Swenson, of New Vineyard, on the occasion of her retirement from the Jay School Department as a World Language Teacher for Jay High School. Ms. Swenson joined the Jay School Department as a teacher of Spanish in 1984. She taught in the Jay schools for 26 years. Many of her former students have fond memories of Mrs. Swenson as their foreign language teacher. Her dedication for nearly 3 decades to the students of Jay is much appreciated. We wish her a full and happy retirement; (HLS 1313)

Pamela Karr, of Lincolnville, 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 send our congratulations to Pamela on this accomplishment; (HLS 1314)

Amber Karr, of Lincolnville, 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 send our congratulations to Amber on this accomplishment; (HLS 1315)

Erin Rollins, of Lincolnville, 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 send our congratulations to Erin on this accomplishment; (HLS 1316)

Keyle Cronin, of Buxton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. Keyle is planning on attending the University of Maine Farmington to major in Elementary Education. She participated in indoor track, swimming and

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outdoor track. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Amnesty International. Keyle is a senior girl scout and a member of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She volunteers for the Center for Therapeutic Recreations and teaches swimming. We extend our congratulations to Keyle on this achievement; (HLS 1317)

Benjamin Hall, of Buxton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. Benjamin is planning on attending Hamilton College. He played tennis, was active on the math team and the robotics team and was a member of the National Honor Society. He has volunteered for the Hollis Lego robotics program and the Animal Refuge League. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this achievement; (HLS 1318)

Whitney Poulin, of Corinna, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. Whitney plans to pursue a major in music at the University of Southern Maine. We commend Whitney for her dedication to academics and extend our congratulations to her on this outstanding accomplishment; (HLS 1319)

Heidi Wyman, of Palmyra, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. Heidi plans to pursue a major in engineering management with a concentration in environmental engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. We commend Heidi for her dedication to academics and extend our congratulations to her on this outstanding accomplishment; (HLS 1320)

Emily Christensen, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations to Emily on this achievement; (HLS 1321)

Jacob Simonds, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named the co-Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement; (HLS 1322)

Katrina Carignan, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named the co-Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations to Katrina on this achievement; (HLS 1323)

the annual Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival, as it celebrates the popular American music form on July 8 and 9, 2010 in Harbor Park, Rockland, overlooking picturesque Rockland Harbor. We join the City of Rockland and blues fans from across the country in thanking Paul Benjamin and Jamie Isaacson for their dedicated efforts in bringing blues music to Rockland. Some of the top names in blues music are performing at this festival, one of the most prestigious on the East Coast. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Isaacson and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1324)

Andrew Taber, of Bangor, an expert watch repairman who ran a business in downtown Bangor for nearly 60 years. Mr. Taber was born in Bangor and spent most of his life in the Queen City. He graduated from Bangor High School and went on to study at the Waltham School of Watchmaking in Massachusetts. Mr. Taber taught at the Waltham School of Watchmaking until 1948 and then returned to Bangor to open Taber's Watch Repair. He was an outdoorsman who spent many days at his camp on Beech Hill Pond and enjoyed telling stories of the Bangor he grew up in. Mr. Taber will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1325)

Mary Staples, a lifetime resident of Stockton Springs. Mrs. Staples attended the one-room Prospect Elementary School and graduated from Stockton Springs High School in 1955. She attended Gorham State Teachers College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. She taught at each of the elementary schools in the former SAD 56, but spent most of her career at Frankfort Elementary School. In 1989 she was awarded the school district's Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award. Mrs. Staples and her husband Basil were among the founding members of the Stockton Springs Community Library, and Mrs. Staples served as its director and unofficial head librarian. Mrs. Staples enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, working in her many gardens, travelling and watching the Red Sox, Celtics and Black Bear hockey games. Mrs. Staples will be deeply missed by her loving family, her friends, her colleagues and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1326)

Carleton J. Mackin, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Mackin was a Korean War veteran and worked for the Millinocket Public Works Department. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1327)

James Davis, of Sabattus, an eighth-grade student at Sabattus Central School, who won the 2010 Maine Geography Bee. This year marked the third time James competed at the state level and the fifth time he won his school competition. He will go on to represent Maine at the 22nd Annual National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. We congratulate James on his remarkable victory and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1328)

Della Bellefleur, of Van Buren, on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service with Maine School Administrative District No. 24. Ms. Bellefleur spent 33 years as an elementary school teacher and 7 years as an education technician. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Bellefleur for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1329)

John F. Parent, of Van Buren, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years as an outstanding educator, coach and community leader in the St. John Valley. Mr. Parent started his career with Maine School Administrative District No. 24 as an education technician and later became a kindergarten teacher. He coached basketball, baseball and softball. Mr. Parent was the president and chief negotiator of the Van Buren Education Association and a teacher representative to the school board. He helped with Special Olympics Maine, the Van Buren Budget Committee, St. Bruno-St. Remi Parish Council and the Van Buren Recreation Department. We extend to Mr. Parent our appreciation for his commitment to the youth of the State and the St. John Valley region and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1330)

the following students who are the top ten students of the 2010 graduating class at Mt. Ararat High School: Danielle E. Smith, Morgan B. Kinney, Kristina S. Johnson, Emily A. Bowie, Daniel J. Van Note, Benjamin S. Grotton, Evelyn S. Dickinson, Rebekah M. Bryer, Audrey R. Petteruti and Linnea S. Tilberg. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1331)

Rita Aromaa, of Rumford, a special education teacher at Meroby Elementary School, on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years. Ms. Aromaa began her professional life as a pediatric nurse in Massachusetts. When she and her husband Karl moved to Maine in 1982, she began her teaching career as

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an educational technician at the former Hope School in Rumford. We congratulate Rita Aromaa on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1332)

Steve LaPointe, of Rumford, who has coached his 300th victory in his baseball coaching career. Mr. LaPointe, who was recently inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame, teaches at SAD #43 and has been the varsity baseball coach at Rumford High School and Mountain Valley High School since 1981. We congratulate him on his achieving this milestone win in his career and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1333)

Laura Toothaker, of Phillips, who was named the 2010 Unit Member of the Year by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Maine. The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world, with nearly 1 million members. Affiliated with the American Legion, the Auxiliary is a veterans' service organization with members in nearly 10,000 communities. The organization sponsors volunteer programs on the national and local levels, focusing on three major areas: veterans, young people and the community. Ms. Toothaker has been a member of the Auxiliary for 65 years and served as the Unit Chaplain, vice president and president of the Prescott/Fairbanks Unit in Phillips. We congratulate Laura Toothaker on her receiving this well-deserved designation and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1334)

Joel A. Potvin, of Biddeford. Mr. Potvin was born and raised in Biddeford and was an excellent student and athlete at Biddeford High School. He played football, baseball and basketball. He was a graduate of Colby College and worked for 8 years at Ventron in Danvers, Massachusetts. Mr. Potvin recently celebrated his 20th anniversary working at Evonik-Cyro, LLC in Sanford. He was active in the community and was heavily involved in youth sports. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife Marie, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1335)

the beloved memory of Beatrice Lucy Farmer Milewski, of Strong, the Instrumental Music Director for School Administrative District No. 58. Ms. Milewski attended a one-room schoolhouse in Temple and attended the Northern Conservatory of Music in Bangor. Her goal when she was hired as music director in 2001 was to establish a band program and to have her band play at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. With support from parents, students and administrators, in September 2006 her dream came true, and she and 27 Mt. Abram students played on stage at Universal Studios. The music program Ms. Milewski started is still growing due to her dedication, talents, knowledge and optimism. Ms. Milewski will be remembered for her efforts to share her love for music with her students and the world; (HLS 1336)

Mary Kroth-Brunet, of Gorham, who has been named the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange 2010 Business Person of the Year. Mrs. Kroth-Brunet and her husband Michel own and operate Back in Motion Physical Therapy. She has been an active member of the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange and served as its president and as secretary of its board of directors. Mrs. Kroth-Brunet was the initiator and chair of the Gorham Gala, an event that has raised thousands of dollars for Gorham organizations such as the Baxter Memorial Library, the Gorham Fire Department, Shaw Park, the Gorham Educational Foundation and the Gorham Food Pantry. She also volunteered in the Gorham schools, taught Sunday school classes and coached lacrosse. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Kroth-Brunet for her commitment to the community and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1337)

Jessica Abramson, of Falmouth, a student at Falmouth Middle School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jessica on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1338)

Ivy Mitman, of Strong, a student at Strong Elementary School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ivy on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1339)

the following students who are the top ten students of the 2010 graduating class at Telstar Regional High School: Kara Ann Zadakis, Valedictorian; Megan Jean Bonney, Salutatorian; Amy Jane Mahar; Amber Marie Davis; Mariah Jenell Susan Bundy; Roxanne Leigh Jewell; Felicia Katerie Dumont; Nicholas Kingsbury Possee; Tyler Robert Aldrich; and Samantha Grace Largess. We extend our congratulations to them and sent them our best wishes; (HLS 1340)

Arthur Ryan, of Phillips, a student at Strong Elementary School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Arthur on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1341)

Laura Duran, of Falmouth, 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 send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1342)

Sol Fast, of Phillips, a student at Phillips Elementary School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sol on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1343)

Leah Civiello, of Millinocket and a member of the Millinocket Middle School Jazz Band, who received a Division IV Outstanding Musicianship Award at the Maine Music Educators Association Middle School Instrumental Jazz Festival for her solo performance on the alto saxophone. We congratulate Leah on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1344)

William Landis, of Cumberland, who is stepping down as the Town of Cumberland's Director of Community Education and Recreation after approximately 20 years of service. Mr. Landis coached the youth running program, and is known as "Coach Bill" to the hundreds of young runners he coached over the years. He has organized 12 area running programs into regional meets each week, ending with a final championship meet. We acknowledge his strong commitment to the Town of Cumberland and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1345)

the Kora Shriners of Southern Maine, who are teaming up with the Portland Sea Dogs, the Double-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, to host National Shrine Awareness Day at Hadlock Field in Portland on June 6, 2010. The Portland Sea Dogs will donate a portion of each general admission ticket sold through the Shriners to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, a pediatric health care system that was founded by the Shriners fraternity

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and provides all care with no financial obligation to patients or their families. Kora Shriners include 2,800 members, from Kittery to greater Waterville and Winslow, and are distinguished by an enjoyment of life and a commitment to philanthropy. We send our appreciation to the Kora Shriners for their exemplary contributions to helping children everywhere, and we join with all the citizens of Maine in sending our best wishes to the Shriners and the Portland Sea Dogs as they celebrate National Shrine Awareness Day; (HLS 1346)

the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School K-6 Chess Team, on its winning the 2010 Maine State Scholastic Team Chess Championships. This is the team's 10th state championship in the past 12 years and the team's 12th championship overall. We send our congratulations to the K-6 Chess Team on its remarkable victory, and we send the members of the team our best wishes; (HLS 1347)

Barbara Fernald, of Eliot, who is the recipient of the 2010 Fabyan Drake Good Citizen Award for her many years of dedicated public service, presented by the Eliot American Legion Post No. 188. Mrs. Fernald has volunteered at the Eliot Elementary School, has served as a Girl Scout leader and as a board member of Baran Place and has been Executive Director of Footprints Food Pantry for more than 15 years. She has been active in helping organize Eliot Festival Days and was the recipient of the 2004 Grange Community Service Award presented by the John F. Hill Grange. Her selfless work in acquiring provisions from the Good Shepherd Food Bank helped make it possible for her to have served food to over 6,000 people in 2009. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Fernald for her commitment to the people of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1348)

the members of the Jay High School Envirothon Team, which won the 2010 Maine Envirothon Championship: students Isaac Couture, Jacob Roy, Sam Hutchinson, Kristy Macomber, Beth Moore and Lexi Deering. The competition was planned and coordinated by a team of partners from the State's soil and water conservation districts. Sixteen teams from 14 high schools from throughout Maine participated. Winning the state event qualifies the Jay High School team, whose adult advisor is Jay High School teacher Robert Taylor, to participate at the international Envirothon Competition in Fresno, California. We send our congratulations to the Jay High School Envirothon Team on its winning the State Championship and we send the members our best wishes; (HLS 1349)

Chris Nystrom, of Gorham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 73, 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. Chris is an adult Assistant Scoutmaster. For his Eagle Scout project, Chris directed, managed and provided oversight for the building of a utility shed for the Gorham Recreation Department to be used for storage of maintenance equipment for Shaw Park. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1350)

Jake Craig, 7, of Farmington, who has won the 7th Annual Massachusetts USA Wrestling Ironman Tournament. Jake represented New England as a member of the New England Mavericks all-star team and was the only Maine wrestler to place. A first grade student at W.G. Mallett School, Jake competed against second, third and fourth graders in the 50-pound children's division and was undefeated in the takedown, freestyle and folkstyle tournaments. Additionally, Jake recently secured his second State Championship and was named "Outstanding Wrestler" for his division. He also took fifth place at the Ohio

Tournament of Champions in Columbus, Ohio. We congratulate Jake on his accomplishments and commend him for his dedication to the sport of wrestling. We send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1351)

Nora H. Tryon, of Kennebunkport, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of assisting children and adults in expressing their creativity through art. Mrs. Tryon was a founding board member of Community Partners, Inc., developing an arts program for people with developmental disabilities. She was also an active board member of and master teacher for VSA arts of Maine. Mrs. Tryon taught art for 20 years to elementary and middle school children in the Biddeford School Department. She is a member of the Union of Maine Visual Artists, where she has organized and participated in numerous statewide exhibitions and continues her own career as a visual artist. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Tryon for her contribution to the creative culture of our citizens and to the State and wish her the best in her future endeavors; (HLS 1352)

Travis Adams, of Leeds, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Leavitt Area High School. Travis was a member of the cross-country Nordic ski team and cross-country track team. He was named to the KVAC 2009-2010 All-Academic team and the 2009-2010 All-Conference Nordic ski 2nd team. He has also been active in his community. Travis is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 150, and 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. He is a junior volunteer firefighter and was awarded the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club scholarship. He will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Durham to study civil engineering. We extend our congratulations to Travis on these achievements; (HLS 1353)

Chelsea Hartin, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of Central Aroostook High School's graduating class of 2010. Chelsea plans to attend Southern Adventist University to study premedical biology. While attending Central Aroostook High School, Chelsea played both varsity basketball and softball, was a member of the National Honor Society and earned an assortment of academic honors. We congratulate her on her achievements and send our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1354)

Brianna Hartin, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of Central Aroostook High School's graduating class of 2010. Brianna plans to attend Southern Adventist University to study premedical biology. While attending Central Aroostook High School, Brianna played both varsity basketball and softball, was a member of the National Honor Society and earned an assortment of academic honors. We congratulate her on her achievements and send our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1355)

Stanley Kuklinski, of Farmington, who has been chosen as the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year by fellow coaches in the conference. Mr. Kuklinski coaches the Mt. Blue High School Boys Tennis Team. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Kuklinski for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1356)

Howard and Monica Shepardson, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1357)

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William and Helen Barrett, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 1358)

Lionel and Marilyn Caron, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 1359)

Robert and Claudette Morency, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 1360)

George and Jeanne Huston, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 1361)

the following students, who are the Top Ten graduates of the 2010 graduating class of Gould Academy: Valedictorian Sikandar Ahmadi, Salutatorian Cassandra Yasko, Devon Brown, Tomi Chipman, Catherine Harnden, Annabelle Hicks, Troy Murphy, Matthew Perejda, Jordan Ramharter and Stephanie Savage. We extend our congratulations to the graduates on their achievements and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1362)

Hailey Frisbee, of Kittery Point, 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 send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1363)

Stephanie Brown, of Westbrook, 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 send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1364)

Marian Leso, of Chesterville, an Ed Tech at Mt. Blue High School, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of working in the school system. We send her our appreciation for her service and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1365)

Airman First Class Katelyn Nichols, of New Sharon, who is returning home after serving 5 months in Iraq with the 101st Security Forces Squadron, Maine Air National Guard. We commend Airman First Class Nichols for her exemplary performance. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming her home and in extending our appreciation to her for her commitment to the United States military; (HLS 1366)

Reginald and Lucille (Bernier) Bell, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bell were married on June 20, 1950 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Limestone with Father Theodore A. Bouthot officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bell as they celebrate this special anniversary; (HLS 1367)

Robert and Irmgard (Schierbeck) Swiecicki, of Lubec, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Swiecicki were married at Sacred Heart Church (Herz Jesu Kirche) in Lubeck, Germany with Reverend Hubert Kohstall officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Swiecicki as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1368)

the following students, who are the top ten graduates of the 2010 graduating class at Maranacook Community High School: Hannah Caswell, Margaret Ditre, Kristy Faulkingham, Ryan Fellows, Sarah Franzel, Emily Guild, Amanda LaPorte, Hayley Pierce, Samuel Poulin and Jessica Stratton. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1369)

Deborah G. Dunn, of Hallowell, who has worked for almost 26 years with Child Development Services, primarily as Site

Director, for her exemplary and dedicated service to children and families of Maine. The Child Development Services System is an intermediate educational unit that provides both early intervention and free, appropriate public education under the supervision of the Maine Department of Education. Ms. Dunn, who began her career as a special education teacher in Freeport, came to Child Development Services in 1984 and has served with distinction. She has worked tirelessly and has been instrumental in the success of many collaborative programs. Ms. Dunn is respected and admired by all who have known her, and we send her our appreciation for her commitment to the people of Maine. We send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1370)

Le Club Calumet, as it celebrates Franco-American heritage and history at Le Festival de la Bastille on July 9-11, 2010. We join with Le Club Calumet in celebrating this festival and honoring the rich Franco-American heritage in Maine and the Nation; (HLS 1371)

Ben Lord, of Gorham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 73, 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. Ben has held the positions of Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. For his Eagle Scout project, Ben constructed a community camping area at the Jim Eddy Estate in North Gorham under the direction of the Gorham Historical Society. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1372)

Victoria Rogers, of South Paris, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For her Gold Award project, Victoria organized a book drive to collect books for hospital waiting rooms. The books were sorted and delivered to hospitals, including Stephens Memorial Hospital. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1373)

Samuel Leavitt, of Caswell, on the celebration of his 99th birthday, August 31, 2010. Mr. Leavitt was a successful farmer for 43 years. He and his wife Melvina Corrow raised 4 sons. Mr. Leavitt enjoyed hunting, fishing and canoeing. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Leavitt on this very special occasion; (HLS 1374)

Winona Richard Davenport, of Phillips, former business owner and volunteer, who has had the 2010 Annual Town Report for the Town of Phillips dedicated to her for her many years of commitment and volunteer service to the town. We acknowledge her exemplary civic dedication and we congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1375)

Dorothy Nisbet Johnson, of Bangor, beloved mother and grandmother. Mrs. Johnson worked as a real estate broker for Brown Harris Stevens in Manhattan, New York. She chronicled her life in a book of memoirs entitled *Can You Believe It!?! She enjoyed Scrabble, bridge, singing, golf, dancing and traveling. She fulfilled her lifelong dream of going back to college at Fordham University and was part of a writer's group in New York City. Mrs. Johnson will be remembered for her unsurpassable warmth and zest for life; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1376)*

Deputy Chief Kendall Burdin, of Wilton, upon his retirement from the Wilton Fire Department after 47 years of firefighting service. He started his firefighting career in 1963 as a member of the Strong Fire Department. In 1964 he joined the Phillips Fire department and in 1972 he joined the Wilton Fire Department. We acknowledge Deputy Chief Burdin's exemplary career in firefighting and his commitment to his community and to the

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State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1377)

the USS Maine (SSBN-741) and its crew on the occasion of the crew's visit to the State Capitol in Augusta, Maine in July 2010. The USS Maine has been in active service since its launching in 1994. It is the 4th ship named after the Great State of Maine and is an Ohio-class Trident ballistic missile nuclear submarine. We welcome the members of the crew and send them our appreciation for their valiant service to our Nation; (HLS 1378)

Patrick Hapworth, of Pittsfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 428, 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, Patrick designed, raised funds for and helped build the Manson Park Fit Trail, which contains 5 exercise stations along a circular course approximately one mile in length. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1379)

Geraldine Agnes Toole, of Bangor, beloved wife and mother. Mrs. Toole graduated from Bangor High School and after graduation helped in the war efforts of World War II by working at Bath Iron Works. She and her husband of 63 years, Robert, raised 5 children. She was a communicant of St. John's Catholic Church, a member of St. John's Council of Catholic Women and was active in St. John's Catholic School. Mrs. Toole enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family. Mrs. Toole will sadly be missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1380)

Doctor Reginald R. Reed, of Caribou, on his retirement as the Business and Community Liaison and School-to-Work Coordinator at the Loring Job Corps Center. Dr. Reed graduated from Caribou High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Aroostook State Teachers College. He served in the United States Army and then went back to school to earn a Masters in Education Degree from the University of Maine and his Doctorate in Educational Administration and Leadership from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Reed has been a member of the Maine State Superintendents Association, Maine Teachers Association, Aroostook County Superintendents Association and Aroostook County Principals Association. He is also a member of Rotary International, Lions International and the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Caribou City Council and he contributes to the Caribou Chamber of Commerce and is active with Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Reed for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1381)

Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Ralph Bridges, of Bangor, on the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of active duty. Special Agent Bridges began his Maine law enforcement career in 1971 after returning from Southeast Asia, where he served honorably with the United States Air Force Security Police. He worked for the Presque Isle Police Department for a short time, then returned to his native Washington County, where he worked for the Calais Police Department, where he earned the rank of sergeant. He was one of the earliest agents hired by the State when the current Maine Drug Enforcement Agency statewide task force was formed in 1988. He has served there for most of the ensuing 22 years, working drug investigations throughout Maine. Special Agent Bridges specialized as a firearms instructor and as the site safety officer for the agency's laboratory enforcement team. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to law enforcement and

to the State of Maine and we send him our best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1382)

Bradley David Bell, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 83, 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, Bradley organized and executed the refurbishment of the North Scarborough Grange. He repaired the steps, painted the building and restored the windows. We extend our congratulations to Bradley on this achievement; (HLS 1383)

John T. Hackett, of East Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Hackett graduated from Milo High School and the University of Maine. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a dedicated history teacher and taught at Houlton High School and Schenck High School. Mr. Hackett was an avid sports fan, took pleasure in a good crossword puzzle and enjoyed spending time with his family. Mr. Hackett will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1384)

Adrienne Horne, of Appleton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Camden Hills Regional High School. We congratulate her on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1385)

Jane Giasson, of Rumford, on the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Town of Rumford. Ms. Giasson worked for 13 years as deputy town clerk, and for the last 7 years she has been the town clerk and treasurer. We acknowledge her commitment to her community and to the State, and we congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1386)

Maurice F. Scribner, Jr., of Clinton, on his induction into the Holland Club by the USS Maine Base—United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. The Holland Club honors those submarine veterans who are members of the USSVI in good standing and have been qualified in submarines for 50 or more years. The club is named after the first submarine commissioned by the United States Navy, the USS Holland, named after John Philip Holland, the engineer who developed it. Mr. Scribner first served aboard a submarine in 1955 on the USS Tusk and left the United States Navy as a Sonar Operator 2nd Class SO2. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this high honor; (HLS 1387)

Denyse Guerrette, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named Honor Essayist of the 2010 graduating class of Madawaska High School. We congratulate Denyse on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1388)

Kayla Guerrette, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Honor Essayist of the 2010 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We congratulate Kayla on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1389)

Chantal Morin, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We congratulate Chantal on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1390)

Deliya Michaud, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We congratulate Deliya on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1391)

Andrew Dechaine, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating

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class of Madawaska High School. We congratulate Andrew on his receiving this honor and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1392)

Audrey Bergeron, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Madawaska High School. We congratulate Audrey on her receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1393)

the Lewiston High School Boys Tennis Team, on its placing 2nd at the 2010 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1394)

the Lewiston High School Girls Tennis Team, on its winning the 2010 Class A State Championship. This is the Blue Devils' fifth consecutive Class A Girls state tennis championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the winning team on their remarkable achievement; (HLS 1395)

Jim Bouchard, of Brunswick, for his outstanding achievements in martial arts on his 25th anniversary as a martial artist and instructor. Mr. Bouchard became a full-time instructor and entrepreneur, opening his own center soon after earning his first black belt in 1991. He later founded Northern Chi Martial Arts Center, became a Master Instructor with Cane Masters International, created the Beifang Qi Taiji Cane system, was twice featured in *Inside Kung Fu* magazine and in 2004 was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Master Instructor of the Year. Mr. Bouchard reached the highest rank of 5th Dan within the Northern Chi system that same year. Currently, he tours nationally to teach his Black Belt Mindset philosophy for conference and corporate audiences, and he has just released his second book, "Think Like a Black Belt." He has been extensively involved in the community and has worked with both the Freeport and Bath school systems with anti-bullying programs. He has also worked with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and served as District Chair for the Pinetree Council of the Boy Scouts of America. We congratulate Mr. Bouchard on his many accomplishments and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1396)

Stuart C. Chaplin, of South Berwick, on the celebration of his 100th birthday, July 10, 2010. Mr. Chaplin was born in Cornish and is a former headmaster of Berwick Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Chaplin on this special occasion; (HLS 1397)

the memory of the late Ralston Gray, a lifelong resident of Orland, on the special occasion of the renaming of the Orland village bridge in his honor. Mr. Gray was a 1942 graduate of Bucksport High School and he worked at the South Portland Shipyard prior to entering the United States Army during World War II. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, various campaign ribbons and the Purple Heart. Upon returning home, he went on to work at St. Regis Paper Company. He served multiple terms as the president of the Local No. 88 Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Union. Every year, Mr. Gray would place a wreath on the waters of the Narramissic in memory of all the military and the seafarers. We join the good citizens of Orland as they celebrate the life of Ralston Gray with the renaming of the bridge in his memory; (HLS 1398)

Alden Murphy, of Saco, Chief of the Saco Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of serving the public in Maine. Chief Murphy began his career in emergency services as a volunteer for the Old Orchard Rescue Squad in 1972 and he joined the Saco Fire Department in 1974. He has been instrumental in improving training and services in the Saco Fire Department and he has worked tirelessly to enhance the capabilities of the Saco Fire Department. He was named the

York County Firefighters Association 2009 Firefighter of the Year for his public service. We extend our appreciation to Chief Murphy for his dedication to his profession, his community and to the State of Maine. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1399)

Winnie Durrah, of Gray, on her retirement after more than 18 years of dedicated service to the Town of Cumberland as administrative assistant for the Cumberland Community Education and Recreation Department. She was responsible for customer service, accounts payable and receivable, database management and brochure design. She saw many changes as the programs grew and evolved and was always willing to learn new things and take on any challenge. Ms. Durrah's knowledge and helpful personality will be greatly missed by residents and staff alike. We thank Ms. Durrah for her service to the Town of Cumberland and wish her health and much happiness in her retirement; (HLS 1400)

Specialist Ryan McCarthy, of Belgrade, who is returning home after serving 11 months in Iraq with the United States Army 10th Mountain Division, 7th Engineering Battalion. We commend Specialist McCarthy for his exemplary performance. We join citizens throughout the State in welcoming him home and in extending our appreciation to him for his commitment to the United States military; (HLS 1401)

Mark Schoppee, of Cherryfield, for his heroism in rescuing Gardiner Crabtree from a burning vehicle. Mr. Schoppee was one of 4 men to assist in the selfless act of saving Mr. Crabtree after his medical supply delivery truck struck a gas pump in Harrington. A dire situation, including several small explosions, the presence of liquid oxygen and Mr. Crabtree's entanglement within the vehicle, confronted Mr. Schoppee and the other men. Mr. Schoppee and the other brave men pulled Mr. Crabtree from his flaming vehicle. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Schoppee on his swift and noble actions; (HLS 1402)

Mathews Brothers, a 156-year old window manufacturer in Belfast, which has received the 2010 Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership Manufacturing Excellence Award. The award is presented each year to a Maine company that has demonstrated outstanding leadership, vision and manufacturing excellence. Assessed in 6 strategic areas, including customer-focused innovation, advanced talent management, systemic continuous improvement, extended enterprise management, sustainable product and process development and global engagement, Mathews Brothers scored well to earn this honor. We acknowledge Mathews Brothers' commitment to high-quality service and customer satisfaction. We commend its ongoing success in the face of challenging economic times; (HLS 1403)

Raelea Merchant, of Jonesport, for her heroism in assisting in the rescue of Gardiner Crabtree. Ms. Merchant, an employee at the Circle K in Harrington, rushed to Mr. Crabtree's burning vehicle with a fire extinguisher after his medical supply delivery truck struck a gas pump. Her help provided cover while 4 men worked to pull Mr. Crabtree from his flaming vehicle. We extend our gratitude to Ms. Merchant on her swift and noble actions; (HLS 1404)

Terry Grant, of Addison, for his heroism in rescuing Gardiner Crabtree from a burning vehicle. Mr. Grant, a volunteer member of the Addison Fire Department, was one of 4 men to assist in the selfless act of saving Mr. Crabtree after his medical supply delivery truck struck a gas pump in Harrington. A dire situation, including several small explosions, the presence of liquid oxygen and Mr. Crabtree's entanglement within the vehicle, confronted Mr. Grant and the other men. Mr. Grant and the other brave men

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pulled Mr. Crabtree from his flaming vehicle. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Grant on his swift and noble actions; (HLS 1405)

Branden Lovejoy, of Columbia, for his heroism in rescuing Gardiner Crabtree from a burning vehicle. Mr. Lovejoy, a volunteer member of the Columbia Fire Department, was one of 4 men to assist in the selfless act of saving Mr. Crabtree after his medical supply delivery truck struck a gas pump in Harrington. A dire situation, including several small explosions, the presence of liquid oxygen and Mr. Crabtree's entanglement within the vehicle, confronted Mr. Lovejoy and the other men. Mr. Lovejoy and the other brave men pulled Mr. Crabtree from his flaming vehicle. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Lovejoy on his swift and noble actions; (HLS 1406)

Bangor High School, on its being named to Newsweek Magazine's list of America's best high schools. Four Maine high schools made the list. The schools are chosen based on the school's work in challenging students with Advanced Placement, college-level courses and tests. Only about 1,600 schools made the list, representing about 6 percent of all the public schools in the United States. Bangor High School has an outstanding and dedicated faculty and staff committed to the educational success of every student, and it also has the support of the community. We acknowledge the excellence of Bangor High School, and we extend our congratulations to the school on its receiving this prestigious honor; (HLS 1407)

Irene and Bill Berry, of Farmington, who have received the Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Community Service Award for their commitment to the community. As the owners of Saddleback Maine ski resort, Mr. and Mrs. Berry have transformed the resort, which now holds a prominent place in the Rangeley area business community. We congratulate them on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1408)

the families of Dominic and Gilbert LaJoie, of LaJoie Growers LLC in Van Buren, who were named the 2010 Farm Family of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. Dominic and Gilbert represent 5 generations of farming and work in partnership with Jay LaJoie, the son of Gilbert. The operation is a diverse family affair, as the brothers run most of the field operations and Jay tends to office administration. The father of the brothers, Normand, remains involved by providing wise and experienced guidance, while their mother still expresses concern about day-to-day activities. LaJoie Growers, LLC harvests approximately 380 acres of potatoes, 450 acres of grain and 35 acres of beets and employs up to 15 full-time employees during harvest season. Dominic is a member of the Maine Potato Board and is an active participant on the National Potato Council, sitting on the Environmental Affairs Committee and the Trade Committee. We join the LaJoie family's friends and neighbors in extending our congratulations to them for earning this noteworthy honor, and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1409)

the Mt. Ararat High School Girls Lacrosse Team, which has won the 2010 Eastern Maine Class A Championship. We congratulate the team on this achievement and send the members our best wishes; (HLS 1410)

Bruce Stedman, of Westport Island, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, August 20, 2010. Mr. Stedman graduated from Harvard College in 1942 and immediately joined the United States Navy. He began working for the United Nations in 1946 and retired in 1977 with the rank of Assistant Secretary General. He moved to midcoast Maine with his wife, Susan, in 1994. Mr. Stedman is an active member of the board of the United Nations Association of Maine and the Lincoln County Democrats. He writes occasionally for the Times Record and tends 17 raised-bed vegetable gardens and 22 acres of woodlot and fields. We

extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Stedman on this special occasion; (HLS 1411)

Heidi Deery, the basketball coach of the Rangeley Lakes Regional High School girls' basketball team, the Rangeley Lakers, who was named the 2010 Western D Overall Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Coach Deery on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1412)

Clinton and Lena Knapp, of Kingfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp were married on June 18, 1960. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1413)

Nicholas Graham, of Columbia, for his heroism in rescuing Gardiner Crabtree from a burning vehicle. Mr. Graham, a volunteer member of the Columbia Fire Department, was one of 4 men to assist in the selfless act of saving Mr. Crabtree after his medical supply delivery truck struck a gas pump in Harrington. A dire situation, including several small explosions, the presence of liquid oxygen and Mr. Crabtree's entanglement within the vehicle, confronted Mr. Graham and the other men. Mr. Graham and the other brave men pulled Mr. Crabtree from his flaming vehicle. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Graham on his swift and noble actions; (HLS 1414)

the Richmond High School Girls Softball Team, the Bobcats, on its winning the 2010 Class D State Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this accomplishment and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1415)

the Richmond High School Boys Baseball Team, the Bobcats, on its winning the 2010 Class D State Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this accomplishment and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1416)

William "Bill" Pulsifer, of Belgrade, for more than 53 years of service to the Belgrade Fire Department. Mr. Pulsifer's career in firefighting began in 1950 when he was 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. In 1963, Mr. Pulsifer and his wife, Marie, moved to Waterville, where he 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 Mr. Pulsifer for his exemplary firefighting career and thank him for his dedicated service to firefighting and to his community. We extend our congratulations as he celebrates his long and distinguished career of helping others; (HLS 1417)

Peter A. Cummings, of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Cummings was born in Millinocket and attended St. Martins and Stearns high schools before enlisting. He served aboard the USS Bexar for 4 years and was part of the naval blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After he left the service, Mr. Cummings attended broadcasting school and worked for many years as a disc jockey and in sales at various radio and television stations in Maine. Mr. Cummings will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1418)

Marcia Chapman and Mary Cheyney Gould, both of Brooksville, who along with the late Fritz Jahoda, a world-renowned conductor and pianist, founded the Bagaduce Music Lending Library in 1983. The Bagaduce Music Lending Library, a nonprofit printed music library that loans music to musicians and performance groups here in Maine and around the world, has grown to one of the largest collections in North America, currently comprising 225,000 separate titles and over one million documents. There have been nearly 7,000 members in the institution's history, including many well-known choral and

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chamber ensembles and training institutions in America and Europe. In 1985, the library moved from Brooksville to its present location in Blue Hill. The library, besides building and circulating its collection, has also put on many area concerts and music education programs, such as this year's 14th annual statewide Young Composers' Competition. On July 3rd, 2010, the library holds its 20th Annual Blue Hill Pops Concert, a summer concert that is the foremost public event for the library each year that has become a Blue Hill tradition, often drawing well over 1,000 spectators to hear local musicians and celebrate Independence Day. We send our appreciation and congratulations to Marcia Chapman and Mary Cheyney Gould on this special occasion and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1419)

Robert and Betty Boothby, of Wayne, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Robert Coolidge Boothby and Betty Louise Johnson were married on July 1, 1950 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Boothby met in September of 1945 during a trip to the Farmington Fair, when he took her on an "airplane" thrill ride that scared her to death. They have been together ever since. We extend to them our congratulations on this tremendous milestone anniversary and send our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1420)

Marc Sturzl, 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, Marc helped the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post by extending the City of Caribou's flag display on Bennett Drive and Sweden Street in preparation for the city's sesquicentennial celebration. His work included repairing and replacing various flag holders, as well as hanging new flags on new poles. We extend our congratulations to Marc for his accomplishment; (HLS 1421)

Popham Beach Library, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. The library was built through the community efforts of both local and summer residents and has served as a community center and a library. A collection of books was assembled in 1907, and during the winter of 1908, the library's first activities were held in a local rooming house. The library building was completed in 1910. We congratulate the Popham Beach Library on its centennial celebration and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1422)

Ragnhild Baade, of Edgecomb, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years as an educator and German teacher. Ms. Baade has taught at Boothbay Region High School since 1977, and prior to that time, she taught in schools in New York, Wiscasset and Brunswick and at correctional facilities in Hallowell, Windham and South Portland. She is a founding member of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. We acknowledge her commitment to education and to the youth of Maine. We congratulate Ms. Baade on her well-deserved retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1423)

Robert Dingle, of Topsham, on his retirement from Boothbay Region High School as a science and chemistry teacher. Mr. Dingle has been teaching at Boothbay Region High School since 1992, and prior to that time, he worked in the private sector as a training instructor at Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. He taught science at a total of 9 different high schools, including Jonesport and Oak Hill, and also taught driver education. We acknowledge Mr. Dingle's commitment to education and to the youth of Maine and we congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1424)

Andy Whitney, a Bethel fire and rescue volunteer, who saved the life of Mildred Jackson of Bethel, whose car had plunged into Round Pond in Greenwood. Mr. Whitney stopped at the scene of the accident and radioed for assistance. He then waded into the pond to cut Ms. Jackson free from her seat belt and, with the assistance of another, pulled Ms. Jackson 40 feet to shore. We join the citizens of Greenwood in extending our appreciation to Mr. Whitney for his heroic actions in saving the life of Ms. Jackson; (HLS 1425)

Gerard and Isabel (McCrossin) Parent, of Hamlin, on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged marriage vows on June 26, 1945 at St. Bruno Catholic Church in Van Buren, with Father Armand LaTraverse officiating. We join the family of Mr. and Mrs. Parent in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on this anniversary and wish them continued happiness; (HLS 1426)

the Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor of Maine, for his strong and unequivocal support of Maine military personnel and Maine veterans of the United States Armed Forces during his 2 terms as Governor. Governor Baldacci, known by some as the Veterans' Governor, was committed to keeping veterans services funded during difficult budgets in his administration and he established the Maine Silver Star Honorable Service Medal in 2006 to honor local veterans who are former Prisoners of War and Purple Heart recipients. On the occasion of the opening of the Southern Maine Veterans' Cemetery in Springvale, we join all the citizens of the State in extending our appreciation to Governor John E. Baldacci on his support of Maine veterans and their families; (HLS 1427)

Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, in Farmington, upon the celebration of its 200th anniversary on July 26, 2010. The first Baptist service in the area was held in Fayette in 1792. By 1810 a Baptist church was located in Farmington as the first Particular Baptist Church of Christ in Farmington. In 1914 the church merged with the Freewill Baptists of Farmington and West Farmington and was known as the First Baptist Church. The present building was dedicated in 1941 and was renamed in 1946 in memory of the beloved pastor who led the church to rise again out of the ashes after it burned in 1938. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the 98 members of the church on this bicentennial celebration; (HLS 1428)

Georgie Woodford, of Freeman Township, on her retirement from School Administrative District No. 58 after 28 years of service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 1429)

Mary O'Donal, of Farmington, for her 50 years of dedicated employment at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Ms. O'Donal started working as a nurses' helper for Franklin Memorial Hospital after graduating from high school in 1960. She now works in the Health Information Management department. She enjoys knitting and selling her handiwork at craft fairs and also enjoys auctions. We extend our appreciation to Ms. O'Donal for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her achievement; (HLS 1430)

Denis Roland Pratt, of Kennebunk. Mr. Pratt attended St. Dominic High School and the Rhode Island School of Design. He served in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam War. He was employed for 18 years as an Architect and Access Design Specialist for Alpha One Company in South Portland. He was appointed to the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board by President George W. Bush. Mr. Pratt, in conjunction with the Occupational Therapy Department of Husson University and VSA arts of Maine, founded the ADA Coalition, as well as Accessible Maine, a program providing free

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consulting services to arts organizations around the State in order to help them become more accessible. Mr. Pratt was an active member and former President of the Maine State Jaycees. He was a Cub Scout Master, served with the Kennebunk Historical Society, was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed trips to Cape Cod with his wife. Mr. Pratt will be sadly missed by his loving family and by all who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1431)

Thomas Danforth, of Dallas Plantation, on his retirement from the Rangeley Lakes Regional School after 32 years of dedicated service as the physical education teacher. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Danforth for his service to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1432)

Georgie Woodford, of Freeman Township, a secretary at Kingfield School, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of working in the school system. We send her our appreciation for her service and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1433)

Richard Joseph, of Strong, an Educational Technician for Maine School Administrative District No. 58, on the occasion of his retirement after many years of working in the school system. We send him our appreciation for his service and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1434)

Lorrie Arruda, of Coplin Plantation, principal at Stratton Elementary School, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of service in the school system. We send her our appreciation for her dedication and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1435)

Mel Bouboulis, of Coplin Plantation, a bus driver and maintenance person for Maine School Administrative District No. 58, on the occasion of his retirement after many years of working in the school system. We send him our appreciation for his service and our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1436)

Ralph "Skip" B. Willis, of Gorham, on the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Directors of Gorham Savings Bank after 22 years of dedicated service. Mr. Willis has been a Corporator for 34 years, and has served on the Audit Committee, Administration Committee, Contributions Committee and Corporator Review Committee. Mr. Willis has been a vocal advocate for customers and the communities the bank serves and has been part of the bank's growth. He has been diligent in his attendance at meetings and other events, even participating by telephone when unable to attend in person. Mr. Willis has served the bank, his community and the State with distinction demonstrated by his good character, high integrity and utmost loyalty; (HLS 1437)

the members of the Hermon High School Softball Team, which won the 2010 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1438)

the members of the Telstar Regional High School Softball Team, of Bethel, who won the 2010 Class C State Championship: TJ Cowin, Lindsay James, Sam Largess, Sarah Averill, Victoria Forkus, Gail Lavorgna, Kayla Merrill, Hannah Morin, Katie Sumner, Nicena Walker, Kallie Brown, Tasha Farnum, Lyndsay Merrill, manager Grace Stover, assistant coach Mark Kenney and head coach Jim Lunney. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on their achievement; (HLS 1439)

Becky Sweeney, of New Vineyard, a teacher for Maine School Administrative District No. 58, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of working in the school system. We send her our appreciation for her service and our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1440)

Anna Willard Pierce, a middle-distance runner who was born and raised in Greenwood, Maine, and now lives in Mammoth Lakes, California, and who has won the women's 1,500-meter race at the United States Track and Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, her first outdoor championship. Ms. Pierce was a graduate of Telstar Regional High School in Bethel, where she began her career as a runner. In 2008, she was an Olympian in the steeplechase and was ranked the number 6 runner in the world in the 1,500-meter race in 2009. We commend her for her dedication and commitment to the sport of running and congratulate her on her accomplishments; (HLS 1441)

the Town of Medway, on the 135th Anniversary of its incorporation. This Penobscot County town formerly was called by the Native American name "Nicatow," meaning "the forks," for it is here that the Penobscot River divides into its east and west branches. It is midway between Bangor and the north line of Penobscot County. We congratulate the good citizens of Medway on this anniversary and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1442)

Jeff Pillsbury, of Strong, who has been named the *Morning Sentinel/Kennebec Journal* Softball Coach of the Year. The Mt. Abram Girls Softball team won 10 games including a Western C quarter final victory. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Pillsbury on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 1443)

Francena Goodine, of Peru, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years at the Treat Memorial Public Library in Livermore Falls. She was the Assistant Librarian for 28 years and was the Head Librarian for the past 5 years. Mrs. Goodine enjoyed spending time reading and doing crafts with the children who visited the library. She was successful in bringing a great collection of fiction and children's books and 2 different computer systems to the library. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Goodine for her service to the people of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1444)

Elmer J. Bell, Jr., of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Bell was born in Wrightville and served in the United States Army Infantry in the European Campaign as a first scout. He received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during battle and was a lifetime member of Francis Elliott Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Millinocket, and Bernard Coro Post No. 80, Disabled American Veterans, Medway. He loved his country and his God, and was proud to have served both. Mr. Bell was employed for 35 years by Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1987. He was a communicant of St. Martin's Catholic Church and was known as a family man. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1445)

James F. Popowski, of Medway, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. A graduate of Schenck High School, Mr. Popowski enlisted in the Marine Corps while still in high school and made that his career. He attended Norwich University in Vermont, from which he graduated cum laude with a Master of Business Administration degree. His last active duty assignment was as a counterintelligence officer for the National Security Agency, working at Fort Meade, Maryland, and also at the Pentagon. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of lieutenant after he was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia. Mr. Popowski will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1446)

the Town of Cranberry Isles, on the occasion of the 180th Anniversary of its incorporation. Originally included with Mount Desert as a town, Cranberry Isles, named for a cranberry marsh on the largest island, incorporated separately in 1830. On this

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special anniversary, postmasters Eileen Richards and Joy Sprague of the Great Cranberry Post Office and the Isleford Post Office are having a design competition for a town-inspired pictorial postmark. The winning design will be sent to the statewide office for approval and manufacture and will be made available for a limited time. We congratulate the good citizens of the Town of Cranberry Isles on this anniversary, and we commend Ms. Sprague and Ms. Richards for their efforts in helping to celebrate this special occasion; (HLS 1447)

Charles and Phyllis (Kim) Nale, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Nale exchanged marriage vows on August 15, 1950 at the Salem Methodist Church in Pleasantville, New Jersey, with Pastor Roy O. Bodtorf officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nale in extending our congratulations to them on this anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for many more years of happiness; (HLS 1448)

Sylvio and Katrina Lee (Therault) Parent, of Caswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Parent were married on July 9, 1960 at the Holy Rosary Church in Caribou, with Father Charles E. Rivard officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Parent in extending our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for many more years of happiness; (HLS 1449)

Vinal and Irene Roy, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Roy were married on August 29, 1950 at St. Bruno's Catholic Church in Van Buren, with Father Dolor Ginchereau officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roy in extending our congratulations to them and send our best wishes for many more years of happiness; (HLS 1450)

George H. Andrews, of Norway, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Mr. Andrews was born in Augusta on July 24, 1910 and is a graduate of Cony High School and the University of Maine. He operated Andrews Fuel Oil in Norway, a multigenerational family business, for more than 35 years. Mr. Andrews has been very active in the Norway community, including serving as a trustee of the Norway Water District, and he continues to stay active with his hobbies of swimming, golf and traveling. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Andrews on the centennial celebration of his birth; (HLS 1451)

Patricia Lucille Mascetta, of Millinocket, who served in the United States Army during World War II. Mrs. Mascetta was born and raised in Millinocket, and was a graduate of Stearns High School, Class of 1939, and from Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1943. She joined the United States Army, serving in the 34th Evacuation Hospital on the European front, following General George Patton, and she also served in the United States. She married Amerigo "Mickey" Mascetta on her birthday in 1948 and returned to Millinocket. Mrs. Mascetta worked for more than 30 years at Millinocket Regional Hospital as a registered nurse. She also worked as a volunteer for more than 20 years for "Reach to Recovery," having been a breast cancer survivor. Mrs. Mascetta will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1452)

John Farmer, of Lubec and Millinocket. Mr. Farmer was born and raised in Lubec and graduated from Lubec High School. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1954 and after he was discharged he worked for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, where he'd worked before joining the service. He was transferred to Millinocket, where he met and married Dodo

Boutaugh. Mr. Farmer was a manager for the company until 1980, when he, with a partner, opened and operated Farmer's Red and White until he retired in 1991. He was a member of Washington Masonic Lodge No. 37, Lubec and the Lubec Lions Club and served as a deacon and president of Christian Temple Church in Lubec. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1453)

Bernard E. Gerry, Jr., of Millinocket, a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He was a 1939 graduate of Stearns High School. He attained the rank of sergeant before being discharged in 1946. Mr. Gerry returned to Millinocket after the war and continued his work for Great Northern Paper Company, where he had started working in 1939. He retired as paper mill superintendent in 1986 with 47 years of service. Mr. Gerry was honored as 1985 Superintendent of the Year by the Paper Industry Management Association. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (HLS 1454)

Judy Brossmer, of Brooks, who was named Realtor of the Year by the Midcoast Council of Realtors. Mrs. Brossmer is involved in her community, working on the road commission and planning board, as well as with Brooks Congregational Church and the Marsh River Theater. She is organizing and developing the annual variety show of the Marsh River Theater for the Midcoast Council of Realtors fund-raiser this year. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1455)

the Reverend Scott Planting, of Farmington, upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years as the pastor of the Fairbanks Union Presbyterian Church in Farmington, as well as churches in New Portland and North New Portland. Mr. Planting began his service in Farmington in 1974 when he was an intern to the parish, and he became the pastor in 1975. He has also served as Executive Coordinator of the Mission at the Eastward in Farmington, which provides a Christian witness to rural communities in West Central Maine, organizes congregations in underserved communities and provides social outreach. Mr. Planting also is stepping down after more than 20 years as Chair of the Board of Directors of the 82 High Street Housing Project. We send our appreciation to the Reverend Scott Planting for his dedication and service to the community and send him our best wishes as he takes up his new position as Director of Maine Sea Coast Mission in Bar Harbor; (HLS 1456)

Benjamin Dickey, of Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 678, 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 service project, Benjamin built 2 kayak and canoe racks for a girls camp in New Hampshire. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1457)

Frank L. Mitchell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3335, of Jay, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, June 14, 2010. The Post has been and continues to be an important part of the Jay community, providing services and support to veterans and their families and others who reside in the area communities. Through the dedication and diligence of its commanders, officers and members, the Post is the 20th oldest continuously active VFW post in the State. It currently has a membership of 454 war veterans. We extend our congratulations to the members of Frank L. Mitchell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3335 in Jay as they celebrate this anniversary; (HLS 1458)

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Matthew Rausch, of Ellsworth, who won First Place in the Division M4 Golf - Level 4 Stroke Play 9 Hole at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games. Matthew was one of 4 golfers from Maine and one of 179 golfers from 39 states who competed during the national games. Nearly 3,000 Special Olympic athletes from across the United States competed in 13 competitive sports in Lincoln, Nebraska during the week of July 18-23, 2010. We congratulate Matthew on his winning First Place and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1459)

Robert and Mabel Cox, of Chesterville, who were named the Outstanding Community Citizens by the Farmington Emblem Club #460. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are always active in their community, helping with church suppers, visiting shut-ins and helping in youth activities. We acknowledge their commitment to helping others and the greater Farmington area, and we send them our congratulations on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1460)

Colin G. Hubbard, of Parsonsfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 375, 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 service project, Colin raised funds to provide for a new signboard for the West Baldwin Church and was the general contractor for its installation, landscaping and maintenance. We extend our congratulations to Colin on this achievement; (HLS 1461)

Beatrice Fitts, of Quincy, Massachusetts and Waterford, Maine, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Born on November 17, 1910, Ms. Fitts and her family would travel to Waterford, Maine each year, as her mother was a member of the long-established Rice family. They eventually purchased the home on Valley Road that Ms. Fitts still uses every summer. This year will mark the 100th year she has summered in Waterford. Ms. Fitts established a remarkable career as a music teacher. She is considered to be a storehouse of historical information regarding the Town of Waterford and has volumes of scrapbooks, diaries and pictures. We welcome Ms. Fitts to Maine, and we extend our best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1462)

the Town of Lubec, which was named the 3rd Best Little Beach Town in the United States by *Travel and Leisure* magazine. The list of 23 towns is part of the magazine's 15th annual World's Best Awards, which are compiled through readers' nominations. The magazine article notes the Down East location of Lubec, near the border with New Brunswick, Canada, and describes an elegant Victorian and Greek Revival-style downtown, 97 miles of shoreline, 2 lighthouses and easy access to the former Roosevelt summer home on Campobello Island, which is now an international park. We acknowledge the quaintness and charm of our nation's easternmost town, and we join Lubec's municipal leaders and residents in celebrating this mark of distinction; (HLS 1463)

Bonnie Holding, of Carrabassett Valley, who has been honored by L.L. Bean as one of its 2010 L.L. Bean Outdoor Heroes for her ongoing work with the Casting for Recovery program, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and supporting women who have or have had breast cancer. Ms. Holding, a Master Maine Guide, has volunteered her time as a program coordinator and retreat leader for the organization for the last 11 years. She is one of only 6 people in the nation to be honored as an Outdoor Hero this year. L.L. Bean gives the award to those who have dedicated their time to preserving the outdoors and who help to change the world around us for the better. Ms. Holding has been a Registered Maine Guide for 20

years and, in 2005, was recognized by *Outdoor Life* magazine as one of the top guides in all of North America. We congratulate Ms. Holding on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1464)

Christine Simpson, of Windham, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday. Christine B. Colucci was born in Portland on August 13, 1930. On October 14, 1950, she married Calvin Warren Simpson, whom she met while working at a Montgomery Ward department store. In addition to serving as a switchboard operator and elevator operator at the store, Mrs. Simpson also worked at the Salvation Army for 10 years as a manager and she has worked at Marden's Surplus and Salvage for over 15 years. We congratulate her on this special birthday and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1465)

Norman L. Smith and the late Donald W. Smith, of North Yarmouth, upon being selected as the 2010 North Yarmouth Citizens of the Year. Mr. Norman Smith has dedicated approximately 65 years to the Town of North Yarmouth and has served in a number of capacities, including as a member of the School Fund Trustees, the Fire Department, the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen, as well as serving as the Tax Collector, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer and on the Water District. Mr. Donald Smith also served his community in many ways, including as a member of the Board of Selectmen, the School Board, the Appeals Board, the Future Land Committee, the Fire Department and the Recreation Committee. He also served as the Town Moderator in addition to starting Little League in North Yarmouth. We extend our appreciation to these brothers for the outstanding contributions they have made to the Town of North Yarmouth; (HLS 1466)

Guy A. Boulay, of Wells and a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 356, 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, Guy constructed a stone base for flowers around the "Welcome to Wells" sign on Route 109 and also restored 5 existing river road signs. We extend our congratulations to Guy for achieving this exemplary mark of distinction; (HLS 1467)

Richard A. Hebert, of Lewiston, a prominent member of his community. Mr. Hebert was a graduate of St. Dominic High School, Class of 1954. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at Holy Cross Church and served in the United States Army Reserve's Medical Unit. Mr. Hebert started out in business with his father in 1955 and later became president of Hebert Construction Company, retiring in 2001. He has left a legacy in the community that will endure and grow for many years to come. He served as chairman of Sister of Charities Health Care System, a board member of Mid Maine Bank and a board member of the Lewiston Economic Growth Council. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1468)

Philip Henry Shea, of Ellsworth, a longtime active member of his community. Mr. Shea was a 1947 graduate of Ellsworth High School, and he worked for Bar Harbor Motor Company, Central Maine Transport Co., H. D. Carter Lumber Company and E. L. Shea, Inc. He retired in 1996. Mr. Shea belonged to numerous fraternal and charitable organizations, such as the Ellsworth Jaycees, Lygonia Masonic Lodge #40, Acadia Chapter, Anah Shrine and Hancock County Shrine Club. He was very active in the community, serving on many boards and committees, including the Ellsworth Planning Board, the Ellsworth City Council, the Ellsworth High School Alumni Association and the Ellsworth Housing Authority. Mr. Shea was Chairman of the

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Hancock County Republican Committee and represented the county on the State Committee. He served as President of the Penobscot Chapter of AARP, and he was a member of Downeast Triad, the Ellsworth Historical Society, the YMCA and the Maine Heritage Policy Center. We acknowledge his exemplary community service through the years. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 57 years, Grace, his family and his many neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1469)

Mark and Heidi Gifford, of Bradley, for their exemplary service to the community in the organization and fund-raising for the Bradley Fun Day celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford created the idea for Bradley Fun Day, a celebration of their town that has become an annual event with a parade, a dog show, a kids play area, a pie contest, music and many other activities that bring the citizens of the area together. Bradley Fun Day receives minimal municipal funding and relies on donations and fund-raising events. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford energetically and enthusiastically help create one of the greatest small-town social events in New England, and we send them our appreciation for their hard work. We join the good people of Bradley in congratulating Mark and Heidi Gifford on their commitment to their community; (HLS 1470)

the Phillips High School Graduating Class of 1960, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary: Sandra Campbell Carson, James Carlisle, the late Lorraine Dunham Gordon, Gerald Ellis, John Flagg, the late Elsie Huntington Laplante, Terry Kenniston, Ronald Leavitt, Dona McMinnam Whittemore, Evangeline Oliver Prescott, Madeline Sargent Warren, Frank Savage, Steven Smith, the late Susan Thurlow Gagne, Arthur Witham, Sheila Voter Campbell, the late Michael White, Carolyn Whorff Rinaldo and the late Leeland Toothaker. We congratulate the Class of 1960 on this anniversary; (HLS 1471)

Beverly Wight Smith, of Mount Vernon, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Mrs. Smith was born and raised in Vienna and traces her ancestry back to some of the earliest settlers of the area. She is a descendant of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. She is the mother of 4 children, whom she raised in Mount Vernon and she worked for the State of Maine for 26 years at the Workers' Compensation Board. Over the years, Mrs. Smith has researched, documented and published the history of Mount Vernon and Vienna. In 1983, she published a book, "Turning Back," the history of these towns, and started writing historical plays about the area. She has written one play every year since then. These plays are performed locally with local talent and benefit the entire community, raising money for the historical society and bringing the history of the towns to life. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Smith for her many thoughtful contributions to the towns of Mount Vernon and Vienna, and we join the citizens of these towns in congratulating her on her birthday; (HLS 1472)

Rosalynne Walli, of Avon, who was named the 2010 Honored Person at the Phillips Old Home Days celebration by the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Walli has lived in Avon all her life and has been a great asset to the Avon and Phillips communities, volunteering throughout the years and always willing to lend a hand and be a good neighbor. We join the towns of Avon and Phillips in congratulating Rosalynne Walli on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1473)

George and Noreen Cummings, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were married on February 14, 1960 at the First Baptist Church in Livermore Falls, with the Reverend Bernard Alderman officiating. Today they enjoy a family that includes 7 children and 24 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings on their Golden Anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1474)

David A. Peterson, of New Sweden, upon his retirement after 23 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Aroostook Medical Center. In 1968, Mr. Peterson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Maine at Orono. He served as an officer in the United States Army Medical Service Corps for 3 years and then returned to his alma mater to earn a Master of Business Administration degree in 1973. Mr. Peterson has served on numerous boards and organizations, including the Maine Hospital Association, the Health Policy Council, the Governing Council of the American Hospital Association's Section for Small or Rural Hospitals, the Board of Directors of Maine Network for Health, the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and the Northern Maine Community College General Advisory Council. We acknowledge Mr. Peterson's committed involvement with and various contributions to his community and to the State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1475)

Daniel J. Kaler, of Boothbay, known as Dan the Lobsterman. Born in Bath, he was a graduate of Morse High School. He served 2 tours of duty during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps with the Third Marine Division, earning qualifications as a Navy-Marine Parachuter, Scuba Diver and Field Radio Operator. When he left the Marine Corps, Mr. Kaler became a self-employed lobsterman. He fished from boats of various styles, including a unique, Bristol Bay style aluminum fishing boat of his own design that was one of the first aluminum fishing boats in the area. He also served for many years with his brother as a caretaker for Damariscove Island. In 1989, with his wife Mary, he started Daniel Kaler and Sons Wholesale Seafood. In 1998 he built and developed Kaler's Crab and Lobster House restaurant. Mr. Kaler will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1476)

Richard Eugene Caton III, of Strong, police chief for the Town of Farmington. He was born in Farmington and attended the Phillips school and graduated from Mt. Abram High School, class of 1975, in which he served as class president. Mr. Caton graduated from the University of Maine at Augusta, earning an associate degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration. He graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1980 and he went on to be a police officer for the Farmington Police Department after working 5 years in the Franklin County Sheriff's Department as a deputy. He was promoted in 1989 to detective sergeant and to lieutenant in 1995 and became the police chief in 1998. He volunteered with many organizations, including Boy Scout Troop No. 592, BPO Elks Lodge 2430, the Lions Club and Blue Mountain Masonic Lodge 67. He was a member of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Maine Judicial Branch Domestic Violence Advisory Committee and was on the Board of Directors of Evergreen Behavioral Services. We acknowledge Mr. Caton's dedicated commitment to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1477)

Rose K. Wade, of Mount Vernon, who was known for her generosity and kindness. Mrs. Wade was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, and attended schools in the Lynn area. She moved to Palermo in the 1940s and to Mount Vernon in 1974. A homemaker for most of her life, Mrs. Wade raised 5 children. She was a longtime active member of the Grange and Pomona

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and was a lifetime member of the Arbutus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Liberty. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and spent many hours and years knitting mittens, socks, hats, sweaters and scarves for disadvantaged children and cancer patients. Mrs. Wade knitted over 500 hats for patients with cancer through the Maranacook Yarn project. She donated knitted items to organizations such as the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, the Mount Vernon Rescue Christmas Santa program and the Maine State Employees Head Start Christmas program. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to the community and to those in need. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1478)

Charles "Charlie" Labonte, Deputy Chief of Police of the Saco Police Department, on his retirement after serving the City of Saco for more than 38 years. Mr. Labonte began his law enforcement career with the Saco Police Department as a patrolman in 1972. His abilities were quickly recognized and he was promoted to detective in 1973, to sergeant in 1976, to captain in 1977, and, in 1987, to Deputy Chief. Mr. Labonte is known for his integrity and commitment to the highest ideals of law enforcement, and his leadership has been particularly valued by the Traffic Safety Committee and Saco Spirit. He is one of the longest-serving public safety officers in the city's history. We send our appreciation to Charles Labonte for his many years of service to his community and to the State; (HLS 1479)

Nadeen Daniels, of Auburn, as she leaves the positions of Town Clerk and Human Resources Director of the Town of Cumberland. Ms. Daniels served 8 years with distinction in Cumberland after first serving as city clerk in South Portland starting in 1977 and then assistant city manager in Portland. She is a former president of the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association and of the Cumberland County Municipal Clerks Association. Ms. Daniels received the 2009 Lorraine M. Fleury Award from the Secretary of State for making a significant contribution to the election process and exemplifying the qualities of fairness, experience, knowledge and service. Ms. Daniels initiated the first mobile voting unit for the Town of Cumberland, which helped increase voter turnout to 83 percent in the November 2008 election. We send our appreciation to Nadine Daniels for her many years of dedicated commitment to her community and to the State. We send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1480)

Run for the Fallen Maine, on the occasion of the organization's 3rd annual run to honor Maine's heroes. Run for the Fallen Maine is dedicated to keeping alive the memory of our military heroes who gave their lives to protect our freedom since September 11, 2001. The run will be held on August 22, 2010 and follows a 65-kilometer course from Ogunquit to Portland, with each kilometer being dedicated to the memory of one of 65 heroes who lived in Maine, had family from Maine or had some ties to Maine. We join all the citizens of Maine in sending our appreciation to Run for the Fallen Maine for honoring the people who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their State and Nation; (HLS 1481)

Christopher Mosca, of Augusta, for his outstanding contributions to improving academic achievement and the aspirations of Maine students. Mr. Mosca has served as principal of Greely High School in Cumberland during the past 8 years. Under his leadership and due to his advocacy, the school adopted the International Baccalaureate program to make students more aware of the world beyond the United States. The school also successfully received its reaccreditation and the school campus underwent extensive construction and renovation

during his tenure. He was named Maine High School Principal of the Year in 2006. Mr. Mosca previously served as principal of Cory High School in Augusta in addition to other schools in New England. He has been active in the Maine Principals' Association as a member of the National Honor Society Committee, and he has presented on various aspects of high school reform at New England region and state conferences. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Mosca and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1482)

Leonard M. Nelson, of Falmouth, for his dedicated service to the State. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Museum of Art. He was President of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and a trustee of the Waynflete School. He was chair of the Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities, a member and chair of the Falmouth town council, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts Music Policy Panel and a trustee of the Portland Public Library. Mr. Nelson has been a lawyer with the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson for 50 years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Nelson for his commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1483)

Richard W. McLain, Jr., of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Mr. McLain was born August 12, 1981, in Millinocket, the son of Richard W. and Rebecca A. (Hamel) McLain, and was a 1999 graduate of Stearns High School. He served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for 4 years, from June 2005 to June 2009, and served 2 tours in Iraq. Mr. McLain was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and his grateful State and Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1484)

Kenneth E. Mattall, of Millinocket. Mr. Mattall served in the United States Navy during World War II on the USS Midway. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 41 years. He was an avid hunter and angler. Mr. Mattall will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1485)

Glenna M. Armour, of Howland, former longtime town manager. Mrs. Armour was born in Howland, the daughter of George P. and Erma (Mason) Grover, and was a graduate of Howland High School. She married Thomas D. Armour on September 24, 1960, and they had over 40 years together before he passed away on July 29, 2001. Mrs. Armour was a lifelong member of Howland Baptist Church, serving as treasurer for more than 30 years. She went to work for the Town of Howland in July 1972 and became town manager in 1981, serving in that capacity until her retirement in July 2009. We acknowledge her commitment to her community and to the State. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1486)

the Honorable Theodore H. Heidrich, of Oxford, who represented District 64 for 6 years as a member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 119th-121st Legislatures. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He began working at Copeland's Dry Cleaners when he was 13 years of age, returned to the business after his military service and eventually became the owner, retiring at age 55. He devoted his life to serving his community. Mr. Heidrich was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Norway, First Congregational Church of South Paris, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 18, South Paris and American Legion Post No. 112, Oxford and Marine Corps League Western Maine Detachment. He loved to work in his garden, tend his Christmas tree farm, read and spend time with his family and fellow Marines. Mr. Heidrich will be greatly missed by his family and friends and the many

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communities that loved and respected him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1487)

the Phillips Community Church as it celebrates 175 years of worship in the Union Meeting House. A group of 9 people began meeting in private homes on October 9, 1822. By 1830 there were more than 30 members, and in 1835 they began meeting in the Union Meeting House. The Union Meeting House has served as a place of worship for several other churches until January 2010, when it became the home of the Phillips Community Church, Congregational, United Church of Christ. The Phillips Community Church serves families in Phillips, Avon and Madrid through Bible Study; Vacation Bible School; home, nursing home and hospital visits; home communion; lunches for senior citizens; a holiday fair; and a special gift shopping day for children. The church also reaches out beyond the community through the work of the Franklin Association Honduras Partnership, the Neighbors in Need fund and school and hygiene kits for Church World Service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the Phillips Community Church and their pastor, Susan Kaplan-Burgess, on this special occasion; (HLS 1488)

Robert and Sharon Eldridge, of Jackson, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge were married on July 31, 1960 in Brooks. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge on this very special occasion; (HLS 1489)

Cora L. Tompkins Brown of Portland, businesswoman, patriot and proud public servant, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, August 21, 2010. Born in Blaine, Ms. Brown graduated from Presque Isle Normal School and taught 4th grade in Aroostook County. Her career as a teacher, dietician, restaurateur and businesswoman spanned over 60 years. She has served the Portland Widow's Wood Society for 75 years, providing heat and help to hundreds in need. Since 1935, she has served the Portland Diet Mission, providing food and assistance to suffering families. In 1997 the Mission was renamed the Cora L. Brown Foundation in her honor. She has served as president of the Church Women United of Maine and was honored with the Church Women's International Award for Valiant Women in 1993. She has served as president of the Greater Portland Business and Professional Women's Club, as parliamentarian for the T.B. Reed National Association of Parliamentarians and as an officer and long-time member of the Deering Grange, the Victoria Mansion Society, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She has served at the local, county and state levels of her beloved Republican party and has met nearly all of the presidential nominees of her party across the last 60 years. For 70 years she has worked at Portland's polling stations. We honor her achievement of the century mark and her ever-youthful decades of diligence and devotion to the needs of her fellow citizens of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1490)

Dr. Jerrold Cohen, of Rumford, on the occasion of his retirement from his 40-year dentistry practice in the River Valley area of Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield. Dr. Cohen has treated over 5,000 people in the area since he began his practice. Dr. Cohen has also served as clinical supervisor at the University of Maine at Augusta, Bangor campus, dental hygiene school and is a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners. We congratulate Dr. Cohen on his successful years of serving his community and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1491)

Joshua Conley, of Standish, on his recent hard work for the DKMS donor drive in his community on August 14, 2010. DKMS, a New York-based organization, is the world's largest

bone marrow donor center. Its mission is to save lives by recruiting bone marrow donors for leukemia patients. In 2007, Joshua received a bone marrow transplant from Aaron Vilhauer, of Nevada, and, because of his own successful experience, Joshua is committed to helping others. We join the Standish community in sending our appreciation and best wishes to Joshua for his exemplary efforts in raising awareness of this issue; (HLS 1492)

Senior Master Sergeant Patrick Crowley and Julie Crowley, of Brunswick, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine Air National Guard as the Recruiting and Retention Superintendent. Sergeant Crowley is completing 27 years of combined federal service in the Active Duty Air Force and Air National Guard, the last 13 years as a recruiter. A native of Brunswick, Sergeant Crowley joined the Air Force in 1982 and served in Arkansas and Vermont before returning to Maine to join the Maine Air National Guard in South Portland in 1991. At the South Portland unit, Mrs. Crowley became actively involved in the Family Support Program, creating a solid program for all airmen and their families. In 2004, Sergeant Crowley transferred to the top recruiter position in Maine at the state headquarters in Augusta. We acknowledge Sergeant and Mrs. Crowley's service to the State and Nation and we send them our appreciation; (HLS 1493)

LEAP, Inc., of Farmington, on the 30th Anniversary of its helping people with developmental disabilities in Farmington, Wilton, Chesterville, Dixfield, Hartford, Strong, Jay, Livermore Falls, Madison, Rumford, Turner and Minot. LEAP, Inc., which stands for Life Enrichment Advancing People, formerly the Western Maine ARC, is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities to be actively involved in their communities. We extend our congratulations to this organization, and we send our appreciation for the valuable work it does for the people of the State of Maine; (HLS 1494)

Freda Webber, of Cape Neddick, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, August 18, 2010. Mrs. Webber graduated from the University of Maine Farmington and taught grades 1 to 4 in Cape Neddick. She and her husband Clifton operated Webber's Market in York Beach. Mrs. Webber had 3 careers in her adult life, teaching, running Webber's Market and selling real estate. After her husband died, she and a friend travelled around the world. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Webber on her centennial birthday; (HLS 1495)

Joseph K. Loughlin, Assistant Chief of Police, upon his retirement after 28 years with the Portland Police Department. Assistant Chief Loughlin is the only person in the history of the department to serve in every rank from patrolman to chief. A native of New York, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in science from St. Joseph's College, where he later served as Assistant Dean of Students, and a master's degree from the University of Southern Maine. Assistant Chief Loughlin began his police career in Riverhead, New York, and in 1981 joined the force in Portland, during an era of rapid social challenge and change in Maine's largest city. As commander of the detective division, he frequently handled department communications with local media and was an advocate of street-level community policing. He proudly served as Acting Chief from 2008 to 2009 and as transition liaison for the new Portland Police Department Chief in 2010. An accomplished fiction and nonfiction author, he has written work that has appeared in local and national publications. The nonfiction account that he cowrote of a tragic Maine murder and police investigation that featured then Lieutenant Loughlin, "Finding Amy," was published by the University Press of New England and was named nationally as a

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notable book of 2006. We congratulate him on his retirement, and we salute him for his many contributions to Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1496)

James E. Clark, of Brunswick, formerly of Augusta, an accomplished photographer. Mr. Clark joined the United States Navy and served in the Pacific theater during World War II. After graduating from the New York School of Photography he served his country in the Korean War as a photographer in the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife, Marjorie, opened James Clark Studio in Augusta and operated it for 52 years. Mr. Clark was very active in the Maine and New England Professional Photographers associations, served on the Board of Directors of the National Photographers Association and was a judge for national portrait competitions. He was active around the Augusta community, serving on the School Board and coaching youth basketball. He was named to the YMCA Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International for his community service. Mr. Clark will be sadly missed by his loving family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1497)

Donald and Winifred Anderson, of Mars Hill, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were married on June 30, 1950 at the Methodist parsonage in Easton. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson on this very special occasion; (HLS 1498)

Justin Douglas Cummings, of Oxford, 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, Justin planned and managed the restoration of the Timothy Willard Memorial Field. The renovation included the installation of a permanent stone monument and plaque to honor Officer Timothy Willard. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this achievement; (HLS 1499)

Nellie Anderson, of Jay, on the celebration of her 101st birthday, August 7, 2010. Mrs. Anderson is a lifelong resident of Maine. She has worked as a store clerk and waitress and has volunteered at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington. Mrs. Anderson is the oldest citizen of the Town of Jay and holds the Boston Post Cane. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Anderson on this very special occasion; (HLS 1500)

Veterans for Peace, on the celebration of the 25th anniversary of its founding, and on the occasion of the Veterans For Peace National Convention in Portland, Maine. Founded in Maine in 1985, Veterans For Peace was chartered to oppose nuclear proliferation, to support public education about the costs of war and to end the arms race by fostering the peaceful contact of peoples across the world without regard to borders or partisanship. It has led humanitarian missions around the world to deliver medical and school supplies to the world's war zones and has organized airlifts of injured children to hospitals across America. From its 38 original Maine founders, it has grown to a national organization of over 6,500 members drawn from veterans of both peacetime and wartime service across many eras and from all branches of the United States Armed Forces. We send them our appreciation for their sharing their hard-won wisdom and for their diligence and dedication to the cause of peacemaking by personal example. We congratulate Veterans for Peace for the past 25 years and send the organization our best wishes for the future. In the words of President John F. Kennedy, "With a good conscience our only sure reward, with

history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love..."; (HLS 1501)

Carroll and Viola (Levesque) Zetterman, of Connor Township, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Zetterman were married on August 5, 1960 in Perth Andover, New Brunswick, Canada. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1502)

Rosine Durgin, teacher and resident of Paris Hill, upon her 100th birthday, October 3, 2010. Rosine Mangillo Stowell Durgin was born in Canton, Maine in 1910. She grew up to become a school teacher, teaching English and Prize Speaking at the Abbott Elementary School in Mexico where her husband, Forrest Stowell, was the Principal. Rosine and Forrest both went on to teach at Mexico High School from 1945 until 1961. She also taught at South Paris/Oxford Hills for 5 years. After Forrest's death, Rosine married Willard Durgin; they moved to Florida but eventually returned to their home on Paris Hill. Rosine touched many young lives throughout her career as an educator. Her dedication to youth and their education is appreciated throughout the State. We send our appreciation and congratulations to Rosine on the 100th anniversary of her birth; (HLS 1503)

Orella Poirier, of Mexico, for her years of exemplary work in helping those in need. Ms. Poirier has collected food, clothes for children, cleaning supplies and children's school supplies for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Haiti. She also received both products from local businesses and assistance from people around the nation. She has done this for the past 9 years, packing the 1,820 boxes of supplies herself. Ms. Poirier is still able to help by collecting monetary contributions, and from April 2009 to March 2010 she was able to send \$1,870. We send her our appreciation for her generous living of her faith and the good she has done over the years. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1504)

Cassidy Girard, of Fort Fairfield, who was crowned Tiny Miss Northern Maine Fair 2010. Miss Girard is the first to hold this title and we send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1505)

Stephanie Hammond, of Easton, who was crowned Junior Miss Northern Maine Fair 2010. Miss Hammond is the first to hold this title and we send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1506)

Bob and Bess Cutliffe, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 27, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Cutliffe have 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cutliffe on this very special occasion; (HLS 1507)

Peter Parsons, of Carmel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 18, 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 service project, Peter designed and placed a new double-sided sign with lights at the Carmel Congregational Church. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1508)

the Maine Forest Products Council, headquartered in Augusta, on its 50th Anniversary. Established in 1960, the council represents the diverse needs of one of Maine's most important industries, the forest products industry, on a range of issues, such as energy costs, transportation, forest management practices, conservation, land use, wildlife management and recreational access. The Maine Forest Products Council represents loggers, truckers, landowners, paper mills, sawmills, and other forest-related entities. We send the council our

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congratulations on this anniversary and our best wishes for continued support and success; (HLS 1509)

Peter Geiger, of Lewiston, who is the recipient of a 2010 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families.

Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. Geiger, Executive Vice President of Geiger Brothers and the editor of the Farmer's Almanac, is a tireless activist and volunteer for children and was the chair of the Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education for 6 years. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1510)

Howard P. Wright, Sr., of Southport, who is the recipient of a 2010 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. Wright, after a long career teaching and counseling at the University of Maine, has worked on many levels and in many ways to promote the education and welfare of Maine children. He has been very active with the Child Development Services System. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1511)

Michael Casey, of Auburn, who is the recipient of a 2010 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. Casey has demonstrated exemplary leadership in child advocacy by representing the interests of children and youth through his outstanding participation in the Antipsychotic Use in Foster Youth Workgroup. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1512)

Richard R. Bishop, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Bishop attended school in Bangor and served in the United States Navy for 4 years. He operated a barber shop in Millinocket and later worked as a custodian for the Millinocket School Department. Mr. Bishop enjoyed fishing, hiking and just being out in the woods. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1513)

Stuart B. "Stu" Gannett, Sr., of Hollis, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Gannett was Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hollis. He also served on the Budget Committee for many years and was instrumental in the preservation of the Indian Cellar property. Mr. Gannett was a successful entrepreneur and owned and operated several businesses. He was a member of the Cumberland Club, Portland Yacht Club, Hollis Lions Club and Maine Metal Products Association and an active member and Past Master of Buxton Masonic Lodge #115 AF & AM. He loved fishing, snowmobiling, hunting and playing cribbage but most of all enjoyed spending time with his family. Mr. Gannett will be remembered as a fair and compassionate man and will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends and the members of the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1514)

Teresa Cecelia Libbey, of Mattawamkeag. Ms. Libbey was born in Carroll on February 5, 1914 to Asa and Annie Stanley. She graduated from Mattawamkeag High School, where she participated in basketball, field hockey and archery. Over the years she was also active in 4-H, Cub Scouts and Little League.

Ms. Libbey was a charter member and past president of Hamm-McGinley Post No. 7409 Ladies Auxiliary; past president of P.A.P. Club; a life member of Pine Grove Chapter No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star; a past grand representative and member of Past Matrons Club; a member of the United Methodist Church choir for 35 years; and a member of Mattawamkeag Senior Citizens. Ms. Libbey welcomed everyone into her home and treated them as family. She will be missed by her 4 children, 13 grandchildren, extended family and numerous friends;; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1515)

Clyde Wallace Billing, of Washington, a longtime businessman in the Augusta area. Mr. Billing was born in Anson and was a United States Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9437 and a 50-year member of the Mt. Olivet Masonic Lodge in Washington. Mr. Billing married Harriett Wellman in 1943, and they were married for 65 years until her death in 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Billing started Washington Garage in 1955, and by 1967 Clyde Billing Inc.'s dealership on Riverside Drive in Augusta was the third-largest Saab dealership in the United States. They added the Subaru franchise at that site, and as the business grew it was relocated to State Street in 1980. In 1989 Mr. and Mrs. Billing shared the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Billing will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1516)

James H. Rich, of West Tremont, an esteemed elder of the boatbuilding community in Maine. Mr. Rich was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. He owned and operated the James H. Rich Boat Yard for 52 years in West Tremont, building, restoring and storing boats. He was one of the last members of a previous generation of wooden boatbuilders. He was a former member of the Knights of Pythias and a former member of the Tremont Harbor Committee. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1517)

Northern Aroostook Alternatives, Inc., in Van Buren, for the services and support it provides to adults with developmental disabilities and autism. Consumers' needs are met by a well-trained, competent staff that focuses on the independence, individuality and uniqueness of each individual served. In 1983, Jeffrey L. Cake and his wife Laura were hired to develop a philosophy of assistance and therapies for the organization's clients. Since that time the facility has grown to aid a population of up to 50 people, while offering steady employment for 30 community members. Mr. and Mrs. Cake have provided the clients of Northern Aroostook Alternatives, Inc. with loving homes and productive, meaningful community-based day program services. We acknowledge Northern Aroostook Alternatives, Inc. for its successful and lasting contributions to numerous northern Maine citizens and their families; (HLS 1518)

Leota Denico Seaward, of Turner, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, October 6, 2010. Mrs. Seaward was born in Vassalboro and moved to Turner with her husband Elmer Wilson Seaward in 1929. They ran a large farm and raised 4 children. She also worked in a shoe shop in Auburn, the Priscilla Turner rug shop, the DeCoster hatchery and the Turner Village Post Office. Mrs. Seaward loves knitting, crocheting and watching basketball. She participated in the Fourth of July parade this year with her family; she was driven by her granddaughter in a red convertible. We congratulate Mrs. Seaward on the centennial celebration of her life and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1519)

Snell Family Farm, in Buxton, for its contributions to the community. Each week this summer, Snell Family Farm has

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donated large amounts of fresh fruit and vegetables to the Buxton Food Co-op, which is open 3 times a week and helps feed numerous people in the area. We acknowledge Snell Family Farm for its dedication and commitment to the community and we send our appreciation for its steadfast support of the cooperative; (HLS 1520)

Melvin Burke, of Old Town, Professor Emeritus at the University of Maine at Orono, Department of Economics. Mr. Burke had a passion for teaching. He was a friend, teacher, author, scholar and fighter for justice. He enjoyed international travel, fishing, nature, music and dance. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1521)

Carolyn Fiske Todd, a longtime resident of Georgetown and a tireless contributor to her community and a champion of its causes. Raised in Stoneham, Massachusetts, she graduated from Boston University in 1931 at the age of 17, the youngest member of her graduating class. She also studied voice at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, pursuing a musical career spanning 5 decades with Boston area churches and choral groups. She married Warren S. Todd in 1942. After Mr. Todd's retirement, they moved to Georgetown, where Mrs. Todd participated in, directed, organized and promoted numerous town activities and causes. They both volunteered for the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department, and Mrs. Todd also taught French and Spanish at Country Mile School in Robinhood, worked as secretary to the Selectmen of Georgetown and was a Justice of the Peace. She had a special love for Georgetown history and was known for her comprehensive knowledge of town genealogy and history. For many years she was editor of the Georgetown Historical Society's newsletter, the Georgetown Tide. In 1988, Mrs. Todd was the first recipient of the Citizen of the Year award for the Town of Georgetown and in 1995 she received a citizenship award from the Bath-Brunswick Region Chamber of Commerce and a Distinguished Alumni award from Boston University. An avid conservationist throughout her life, Mrs. Todd donated her Higgins Mountain property in Georgetown to the Lower Kennebec Regional Land Trust, now the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her many neighbors and friends and the communities that she served so faithfully; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1522)

Dahlov Ipcar, of Georgetown, widely known and respected Maine artist, illustrator and author, who is the recipient of the 2010 President's Award from the New England Independent Booksellers Association for her outstanding contribution to arts and letters. Mrs. Ipcar's career has spanned more than 60 years, and she has written more than 30 children's books and young adult books in addition to her many illustrations and paintings. Her unique and distinctive style has helped change the role of artwork in children's literature and is considered to reflect New England sensibilities. We extend our congratulations to Dahlov Ipcar on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1523)

Carl Cuthbert, of Dexter, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. Born on September 19, 1910 in Keene, New Hampshire, Mr. Cuthbert attended the University of New Hampshire, worked in retail stores and woolen mills, and was a home farmer and gardener. He is a United States Navy veteran of World War II. He was deployed to the war zone in the Fiji Islands, New Guinea and Guam and was in Tokyo Bay when the World War II surrender was signed. Mr. Cuthbert considers his greatest accomplishment to be his music and is a piano player

and percussionist, playing in bands for many years. His greatest pride is his performances for the past 35 years with the Anah Temple Shrine Band. We congratulate Mr. Cuthbert on the centennial celebration of his life and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1524)

Marjorie A. Queen, of Old Orchard Beach, who has been named the 2010 Educator of the Year by the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Ms. Queen graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and received her Masters of Education in Kinesiology and Physical Education from the University of Maine. She has taught physical education for more than 25 years. She received the 2004 Teacher of the Year Award and the 2009 Distinguished Leader Award from the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, of which she is a member and past president. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Queen on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1525)

Shelly Moody, of Oakland, who has been named the 2011 Maine Teacher of the Year by the Department of Education. Ms. Moody teaches third and fourth grades at Williams Elementary School in Oakland. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Farmington and her master's degree from the University of Maine. Ms. Moody has been an educator for 10 years. She is truly the epitome of what every teacher should be, and her enthusiasm, commitment to children and professionalism are contagious. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Moody for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1526)

Pauline Howes, of Patten, on the celebration of her 90 birthday, October 14, 2010. Mrs. Howes has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She has been a lifetime member of Stetson Memorial Church. She loves gardening and is known for having some of the best flower gardens in town. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Howes on this very special occasion; (HLS 1527)

Ethel McMullen, of Berwick, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. We send her our congratulations on the centennial celebration of her life and our best wishes; (HLS 1528)

the Berwick United Methodist Church, on the celebration of its 200th anniversary, September 19, 2010. Methodists began holding meetings in the Cranberry Meadow area of Berwick in 1810. The original building was destroyed in a fire in 1837 and a new building constructed in 1838. The building was later moved to its present location at 37 School Street in 1876. The church has undergone many transformations over the years but still features its original bell and pews. The Berwick United Methodist Church serves families in Berwick and surrounding towns through the Table of Plenty and the Nurturing, Outreach and Witness group. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the Berwick United Methodist Church and their pastor, Susan Walker, on this special occasion; (HLS 1529)

Diane Gaudreau, of Woodstock, who saved the life of Mildred Jackson of Bethel, whose car had plunged into Round Pond in Greenwood. Ms. Gaudreau saw Ms. Jackson waving and crying for help in the pond and called 911. With the help of another person, Ms. Gaudreau helped pull Ms. Jackson 40 feet to shore. We join the citizens of Greenwood in extending our appreciation to Ms. Gaudreau for her heroic actions in saving the life of Ms. Jackson; (HLS 1530)

Cadet Marc Beaudoin, of Chelsea, who has been appointed First Captain of the United States Military Academy's Corps of Cadets for the 2010-2011 academic year. This is the highest position in the cadet chain of command. First Captain Beaudoin

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is the first cadet from Maine to be appointed to this position since 1939. We extend our congratulations to First Captain Beaudoin on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 1531)

Master Sergeant Michael B. Nadeau, of Millinocket, on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years with the United States Air Force. We acknowledge Master Sergeant Nadeau's dedication to the United States Air Force and to his Nation, and we commend him for his service. We extend our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1532)

Kennebunkport Consolidated School, which has been recognized as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School by United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and the United States Department of Education. Kennebunkport Consolidated School is one of 304 schools in the nation and one of 2 in Maine to be selected for this honor. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. We extend our congratulations to the administration and teachers of Kennebunkport Consolidated School on their receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 1533)

Theodora "Teddy" Weston, of Winterport, who has been named the official town historian. Ms. Weston has been the archivist for the Winterport Historical Society for more than 25 years and has been instrumental in the researching and documenting of Winterport's rich heritage. This year she was named the Grand Marshal for Winterport's parade celebrating its 150th anniversary. She conducted a wonderful walking tour of the town, sharing her knowledge with residents. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Weston on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1534)

the Reverend Charles "Scott" Planting, of Farmington, who is the recipient of the Inaugural Annual Farmington Gem 2010 Award, given by the Farmington Downtown Association. This award is presented to a person in Farmington who has given self, time, service, compassion, empathy and love to the people of the community. Mainestone Jewelry presented the special "Gem" award to Mr. Planting for his exemplary community service, such as his work with numerous health, charitable, neighborhood and community organizations. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1535)

Michael Bryant, of St. Albans, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 63, 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, Michael repainted the Newport Community Food Bank. He also moved and cleaned the pallets on which the food is stored. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this achievement; (HLS 1536)

Lindsey Merritt, of Damariscotta. Lindsey was born in China and was adopted by Del and Jackie Merritt. She has 3 brothers, Matthew, Nathaniel and Zachariah. Lindsey has inspired her community with her laughter, smile and perseverance. She is an example of strength, courage and bravery to all those around her. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine is hosting a "Celebration of Life Party" on September 26th to fulfill Lindsey's wish. We join Lindsey's family and friends in celebrating Lindsey's great spirit by honoring her on September 26th; (HLS 1537)

Carver Memorial Library, in Searsport, on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary. In 1908, the Town of Searsport voted to accept the generous offer of the heirs of Captain George A. Carver, formerly a citizen of Searsport, to erect and donate a public library building to the town. Built in 1909 with stones taken from the Carver family farm, the library was dedicated on October

13, 1910. Since that time, the library has been an important and vital part of the Town of Searsport, with generations of citizens enjoying its use. We join the good citizens of Searsport in celebrating the centennial of the original dedication of Carver Memorial Library; (HLS 1538)

Opportunity Farm, in New Gloucester, on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1910 by Lewiston resident F. Forrest Pease, Opportunity Farm has provided a safe, nurturing home for numerous boys and girls who have nowhere else to turn and it has helped these young people find the path to stable and productive lives. We send our appreciation to Opportunity Farm for helping children face challenges with inspiration and hope. We extend our congratulations to all who are part of Opportunity Farms on its centennial celebration and our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1539)

Sherry Walrath, of Strong, who is the recipient of the 2010 Promoting American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and Deaf People Award, which is given to a person who has worked to improve Maine's deaf community by promoting American Sign Language, deaf culture or deaf people. Ms. Walrath was presented with this award in the Hall of Flags in the State Capitol during the Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened Annual Tea in celebration of Deaf Culture Week. Ms. Walrath has worked tirelessly for many years to promote American Sign Language, both as an interpreter and a teacher. We congratulate her for receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1540)

Doctor John F. Mahon, of Hampden, for his dedication to the University of Maine and the Maine Business School. Dr. Mahon is the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy and a Professor of Management at the Maine Business School. He was the founding director of the School of Policy and International Affairs at the university and also served as Provost *ad interim* and as Dean of the College of Business Public Policy and Health. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Mahon for his dedication to the University of Maine and his support of its students and faculty and we wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1541)

Henry and Mary Alice Cook, of Wayne, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were married on October 1, 1960 at the Wayne Community Church, with the Reverend Everett Wiswell officiating. They raised their family in Wayne and are blessed with 2 children and 2 grandchildren. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cook on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1542)

Darryl Flagg, of Jefferson, a 25-year member of Freemasonry, who was honored with his 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the highest order. Mr. Flagg is the only member of the Riverside Lodge, the Jefferson Masonic lodge, to receive the honor. He was elevated at a ceremony during the annual meeting of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Philadelphia, attended by several thousand 33rd Degree Masons. The Masons are known for their charitable work and community service. Mr. Flagg has been a member of the Scottish Rite Freemasons for 10 years. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1543)

Gary Parlin, of Farmington, on his 100th victory as the Head Coach of the Mt. Blue High School football team. Coach Parlin is in his 18th season as the Cougars head coach and has been with the program for a total of 33 years. He is the longest-serving coach in the Pine Tree Conference Class A division. He has produced many top players, including the winner of the 1996 Fitzpatrick Trophy, which is given to the state's top football

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player. Coach Parlin led the Mt. Blue Cougars to victory in the 2005 Pine Tree Conference Class A Championship. In addition to his football achievements, Coach Parlin has had 114 baseball victories, and his name has been added to the "Century Club" plaque for both Football and Baseball. Coach Parlin is known for his attention to detail, focus, organization and love of coaching. Coach Parlin has been a great leader and inspiration to the hundreds of students he has worked with over the years. We thank him for his extraordinary dedication and wish him all the best for many more successful seasons; (HLS 1544)

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, of Hallowell, on the celebration of the 150th anniversary of its consecration by Retired Reverend George Burgess, Bishop of Maine on December 12, 1860. Saint Matthew's is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has the distinction of containing the smallest tracker organ designed for a public building by Lane Organ Company. Since 1860, the church has been living out the values expressed in its mission, which is to take God's Good News to those who do not know Christ and to build up and strengthen believers. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the members of Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church on this special occasion; (HLS 1545)

Donald Haines, of Mexico, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane in recognition of his being the oldest resident of the town. Mr. Haines was born June 17, 1911. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Haines on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 1546)

Sigurd "Sig" Knudsen, of Brunswick. Mr. Knudsen began his career as a social worker after earning a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bowdoin College and a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He worked with the Coastal Economic Development Corporation to help the agency comply with federal and state funding regulations. Mr. Knudsen then spent 10 years working in Alaska for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He earned the respect of the Nunakauyak Tribe members in Toksook Bay, and was honored with the indigenous name "Mingtuli," meaning "the wake of a boat." After returning to Maine, he worked 12 years as director of People Plus. Mr. Knudsen received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber in 2009 for his work with People Plus and other community organizations. Mr. Knudsen will be remembered for having a passion for helping others. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1547)

Ronald J. Ashworth, of Peru. Mr. Ashworth served as Executive Director at the Greater Rumford Community Center. He applied for a grant and received funds to organize a Senior Citizens Center at the community center. He coached gymnastics at the community center and organized a team that competed throughout the State. In 1977 he left Maine and became a director of the YMCA in Salem County, New Hampshire. He returned to Maine in 1981 and served as Pastor at the Mexico Congregational Church. He has been active in the Greater Rumford Area Ministers and Priests Association. Mr. Ashworth was a member of the Rumford Rotary Club, the Greater Rumford Area Mental Illness Board and the Rumford Hospital Board, served as chair of the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice House and was chair of the Cemetery Board for the Farrington-Morton Cemetery. He also taught girls gymnastics at Rumford High School. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Ashworth for his commitment to the community and the people of the State; (HLS 1548)

Susan Mooney, of South Portland, City Clerk for the City of South Portland, who was named the 2010 Maine Clerk of the

Year at the Maine Town and City Clerks Association's annual meeting. Ms. Mooney, who has been City Clerk since 2001, began her career in South Portland 34 years ago as clerk cashier in the Finance Department, while she was still in high school. She worked as computer operator, data manager and deputy tax collector/supervisor of the treasury. Ms. Mooney is also active in the community, serving as a member of the DayBreak Rotary Club, the Institute of Civic Leadership, the South Portland Historical Society and Holy Cross Church and volunteering for the soup kitchen in Portland. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to her community and congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1549)

Axiom Technologies, LLC, of Machias, recipient of a \$1.4 million grant to expand broadband Internet access and spur economic growth in Washington County. The award was one of 35 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act investments announced by United States Commerce Secretary Gary Locke on September 13, 2010. Broadband access will be improved in Maine as funds will be used to provide broadband training, access, equipment and support to community-serving institutions and economically vulnerable populations in the State. A pilot project will also be launched to help local industries and small businesses utilize broadband technologies. Axiom Technologies Chief Executive Officer Susan Corbett was chosen as one of the "MaineBiz 2010 Women to Watch." We extend our appreciation to Axiom Technologies for its efforts in helping to expand broadband access in rural Maine and congratulate it on its receiving this grant; (HLS 1550)

Marie Mercier Snow, of Boothbay Harbor, on the occasion of her retirement as the receptionist and switchboard operator at St. Andrews Hospital and Healthcare Center after 41 years of dedicated service. Ms. Snow, known as the "Voice of St. Andrews," began working part-time at the hospital in 1969. In 1972, she went full-time and has filled many roles, such as information person, greeter, observer, receptionist and telephone operator. In 1986, Ms. Snow was named Employee of the Year at the hospital. We acknowledge her commitment and hard work through the years and send her our congratulations and best wishes on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1551)

Aaron Keating, of Union, 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 Aaron on this achievement; (HLS 1552)

Nathaniel Wilson, of East Boothbay, who is the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award presented by the National Maritime Historical Society. The society's awards are bestowed in recognition of innovative programs and leaders in the maritime heritage field. Mr. Wilson was recognized for his 35 years as a traditional sailmaker and rigger and for his sail training and maritime educational programs. He helped to keep many of the historic and replica ships sailing, including the USS Constitution and the USCGC Eagle. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Wilson on his receiving this award; (HLS 1553)

William David Barry, of Portland, author and historian, upon the occasion of the publication of his new book, *Deering: A Social and Architectural History*, the first book to study the natural and man-made heritage of the mainland part of Portland from the colonial era to the present day. Mr. Barry has written 6 previous books and has reviewed the state literary scene for the past decade for the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. For over 30 years as a reviewer, commentator and author, he has written thoughtful observations and historical insights promoting a better understanding of the ongoing story and complex character of the

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State of Maine. We welcome this new volume of a part of the series of works published by Greater Portland Landmarks to enhance the study and appreciation of the buildings, neighborhoods and landforms of Portland and its surrounding communities. We commend the author for his ongoing literary works exploring the legacy, history and heritage of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1554)

Francis Assisi McGillicuddy, of Portland, beloved husband, teacher and community activist. Born in New Brunswick, Canada, he was a 1945 graduate of Woodstock High School in New Brunswick, and did undergraduate studies at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts and was ordained a priest by Richard Cardinal Cushing in Boston. He served as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's in Portland and St. Mary's in Westbrook and as Chaplain at the Maine Medical Center. After his departure from the priesthood, Mr. McGillicuddy served for almost 25 years as a social worker supervisor for elder and at-risk tenants of Franklin Towers and other sites of the Portland Housing Authority. A founding member of Pax Christi Maine in 1980, he was active in church reformation movements such as Voice of The Faithful and Call To Action. He was a founding member of the Greater Portland Martin Luther King Day commemoration committee. He always displayed the courage of his convictions, for many years standing vigils for peace and nuclear disarmament and advocating for social and economic justice. For almost 20 years he taught yoga to challenged populations in venues from the Cumberland County Jail to Mexico, Jamaica and France. Mr. McGillicuddy proudly lived a life of purpose, matching his private principles to his public deeds. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 38 years, an extended circle of family and friends and the Portland community to which he gave his heart, believing as the scripture says, "Life is changed...not taken away"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1555)

Anne Elizabeth McNaughton Farley, of Portland, beloved wife, mother and friend, who selflessly gave her own life to save another in the summer of 2010. A proud native of Portland, she was the daughter of Donald and Evangeline McNaughton and a 1971 graduate of Deering High School. She graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in Kindergarten-Primary Education and in 2004 received her Master of Library Science degree from the University of South Carolina. For many years she served as Library Assistant at the Gannett Library at the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram and from 1997 to 2004 was Assistant Librarian at Scarborough High School. Since 2004 she served as Chief Librarian at Bonny Eagle Middle School. She was a caseworker in the Portland field office of former United States Senator William Hathaway. For over 20 years she sang in the Cathedral Folk Group of Portland and the Portland Community Chorus. Proud of her profession, she was a member of the Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Librarians, among other professional associations. She will be sadly missed by her family and wide circle of friends, who treasured her ready smile, kind spirit and contributions to the community life of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1556)

William Leslie MacVane, Jr., M.D., of Portland, a pioneer in the Maine medical profession. Born in Portland in 1915, the son of Dr. William L. MacVane, Sr., and Bertha May Achorn, he graduated from Hebron Academy, Williams College and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. During World War II he served as an officer in the 61st Portable Surgical Unit in the Asian Theatre and was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1946 he

was the first Surgical Resident at Maine General Hospital and attending surgeon at Togus Veterans Hospital, and in 1959 at Maine Medical Center he assisted at the first open heart surgery ever performed in the State. From 1965 to 1978 he served as Director of Medical Education at Mercy Hospital. From 1967 to 1976 he served on the Portland City Council, and he served as Mayor of Portland in 1971. He served in many civic posts, including Chair of the Reiche Elementary School building committee and Chair of the Portland U.S. Bicentennial Committee. For a decade he traveled to Asia, Europe and the Middle East as physician surveyor with the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals. As an officer and member of many professional associations, he was proudest of his local contributions as Trustee of the Portland Public Library, the Portland Red Cross, Mercy Hospital and the Portland YMCA. He cherished a lifelong love of Sebago Lake and the Maine outdoors. He will be sadly missed for his generous memory, wise counsel, sense of humor and spirit of commitment to Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1557)

Philip J. Raymond, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Raymond served in the National Guard for 18 years and worked for 46 years at Great Northern Paper Company. He was a faithful communicant and Eucharistic minister of Christ the Divine Parish at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. He was an avid reader and loved to work with wood. Mr. Raymond will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1558)

Louis B. Butterfield, of Portland, beloved father, friend and community activist. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, he was a 1985 graduate of Dickinson College and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1988, he graduated second in his class at the University of Maine School of Law, where he served as an editor of the Law Review. In professional practice, he served with the Portland firm of Bernstein Shur and in 1995 formed his own firm, Olafsen and Butterfield. At the University of Maine School of Law, Professor Butterfield taught Employment Discrimination Law and for many years was an agent for the University of Maine School of Law Alumni Association. As a warden at Trinity Episcopal Church, he was an active member of numerous church committees. A former president of the Parkside Neighborhood Association, he was proud of his work in one of Portland's most challenged and changing neighborhoods. In professional practice and in private life, Professor Butterfield took great pride in fostering group solutions to complex community problems and in promoting the inherent worth of each individual. Professor Butterfield will be sadly missed by his large and loving family, his extended circle of friends in school, church and neighborhood life, and the many people whose lives he touched in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1559)

Ben Hayes, of Lewiston, who was named the 2010 Best Dad on Wheels by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. This award honors those "who are living with paralysis and are demonstrating such important attributes as dedication, love, encouragement and goodwill on a regular basis." Mr. Hayes, the father of 3-year-old Isabel, was paralyzed in 2007 and is very active in her life. Within 16 months of his injury, he was back to working as a real estate specialist full time. He exemplifies the virtues the award recognizes. We send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1560)

Christopher A. Spaulding, of Plymouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 428, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy

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Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Christopher created databases for 2 local cemeteries. He gathered information from each gravestone, photographed the gravestone, catalogued everything in a grid and presented maps to the Town of Newport. Christopher also installed a fence around one of the cemeteries. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 1561)

Tonie Ramsey, of Auburn, for her extraordinary fund-raising efforts for YWCA of Central Maine. Ms. Ramsey has been a tremendous asset to the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. Most recently she has raised \$135,000 for YWCA of Central Maine, which prevented its closure. In addition to being a member of the Board of Directors of Central Maine YWCA, Ms. Ramsey has been involved with many area organizations, including the Central Maine Medical Center, the Woman's Hospital Association, the Woman's Literary Union, the Sarah Frye Home, the Auburn Public Library and United Way. We acknowledge Ms. Ramsey's dedication and numerous contributions to the community and we send her our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 1562)

Sally Reagan, of Portland, who is the recipient of a Teacher of the Year award from the Kids in Need Foundation. Ms. Reagan is one of 3 educators chosen nationally and being honored in Minneapolis on September 29th. Ms. Reagan is a social studies teacher and literacy specialist at Portland High School. She won the award for her project, which brought Portland High School students to the Roots and Fruits preschool in Portland to read to the children. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Reagan for her dedication to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1563)

the Maine Jewish Museum, of Portland, on the occasion of its grand opening, in the historic Etz Chaim Synagogue. The 2 institutions shall preserve, protect and present the rich and varied story of the Jewish faith in the State. Built as a tenement in 1882, Etz Chaim was converted to a synagogue in 1921 to serve Portland's growing working-class Jewish population, including many refugees from Central and Eastern Europe, who wished to worship in English, the language of their new land. Today it remains the last and oldest immigrant-era temple in Maine built in the style of the ancient European synagogues. The Maine Jewish Museum offers rotating exhibits about the history, heritage and contributions of Maine's early Jewish refugees and immigrants and their descendants. We congratulate the Maine Jewish Museum and Etz Chaim Synagogue on their mission to preserve the past and provide educational outreach to all the new immigrant populations of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1564)

Patricia McGraw Anderson, of Portland, author, editor, teacher and historic preservationist, whose pioneering work helped define the landmarks movement in Portland. Born in Ohio, she graduated from the Laurel School in Shaker Heights and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Vassar College in 1952. She earned her Master's degree in Art History from Yale University and worked at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. As Director of Education at the Portland Museum of Art, she was an early advocate of historic preservation as a valuable tool for economic and community development in Maine. She was an active member of the boards of Greater Portland Landmarks and Maine Preservation and served several terms as president of both organizations. The groundbreaking 1972 Greater Portland Landmarks book *Portland*, that she coauthored, was the first Maine study to unite social and architectural history with lavish illustrations and lively

text attractive to the general-interest reader. It has been republished in three popular printings in 30 years, and is still the standard for such historic studies of the Down East scene. For over 20 years she taught art and history at Waynfleet School in Portland and the University of Southern Maine. Her last coauthored book, *Deering: A Social and Architectural History*, will be published in 2010. The historic preservation movement in Maine has been enriched by her patient research, fine writing and ardent advocacy. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband of over 30 years, her extended circle of friends and co-workers and all those whose lives she touched in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1565)

Frank Galos Chevrolet-Cadillac, of Saco, a used and new car dealership in Saco, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of doing business in Southern Maine. Frank and Joan Galos founded this full-service family-owned dealership in 1960 and it has been a prominent member of the York County business community since then. We congratulate the Galos family and the employees of Frank Galos Chevrolet-Cadillac on this 50th anniversary and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1566)

Tanner Sutkowski, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 39, 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, Tanner constructed a 300-foot bridge through the Scarborough Salt Marsh in conjunction with the Maine Audubon Society. We extend our congratulations to Tanner on this achievement; (HLS 1567)

Avern and Sally Danforth, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 11, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Danforth were married at the First Congregational Church in Lincoln. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Danforth on this special occasion; (HLS 1568)

Andrew Vietze, Maine author, editor and historian, upon the publication of his award-winning book, *Becoming Teddy Roosevelt: How a Maine Guide Inspired America's 26th President*, published by Down East Books. The first book-length biography of William Wingate Sewall, of Island Falls, it relates how a Maine woodsman became a mentor and lifelong friend to young Theodore Roosevelt, a famous friendship that changed a young man who soon changed a nation. Among the top 10 books on the *Maine Sunday Telegram* best-seller list, it was awarded the Silver Medal at the Independent Publisher Book Awards in New York City in May 2010. The author of 5 books, Mr. Vietze is a former managing editor of Down East magazine and his works have appeared in many publications. He has twice been awarded recognition for "Best Feature Article" by the International Regional Magazine Association. A proud resident of the north woods, he serves as a ranger in Baxter State Park and on the Appleton Volunteer Fire Department. We congratulate him upon his award-winning book so symbolic of the spirit and unique character of Maine, and wish him well for future contributions to the literary world of the Pine Tree State; (HLS 1569)

the Honorable Donald Gean, of Old Orchard Beach, former 2-term member of the Maine House of Representatives, on his 25 years of service at York County Shelter Programs, Inc. As Executive Director, Mr. Gean has been a leader for 25 years in providing services to the homeless in Maine, as well as playing a national role in the effort to end homelessness. In addition to helping the homeless, Mr. Gean is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Maine State Housing Authority. We send

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him our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to the people of the State of Maine and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1570)

the following members of the Gorham High School Golf Team, who have won the 2010 Class A State Championship: Michael Arsenault, Sullivan Conley, Nathan Roop, Michael Caron, Spencer LaPierre, Brian Rex and Coach Rick Altham. We extend our congratulations to the Gorham Rams on this tremendous achievement and wish them continued success; (HLS 1571)

Rolf Winters and his son, Kurt Winters, of South Thomaston, who, on September 26, 2010, saved the lives of Frank Rankin and Ruth Duff, whose vehicle crashed through a granite barrier and into the waters of the Wessaweskeag River. Kurt dove into the river and helped the driver, Mr. Rankin, out his window and up to the skiff, and Rolf, who had called 9-1-1, rowed him to shore. Kurt swam back down to the sunken vehicle and extricated Ms. Duff from the passenger seat. He brought her to the surface and swam ashore with her, as the skiff had slipped away in the rushing tide. Both victims were raised from the rocks to the landing by South Thomaston's fire and ambulance services, with assistance from Rockland and Thomaston emergency personnel. We acknowledge Rolf and Kurt Winters' heroic actions and send them our appreciation for saving those 2 lives; (HLS 1572)

Independence Association, Inc., based in Brunswick, for serving the community for over 40 years. Founded in 1967 by area families to provide educational programming for children with mental retardation prior to mandated public education for all children, this nonprofit organization now comprises 25 programs, including 15 residences, day habilitation and in-home supports, case management, employment supports and class offerings, as well as the Spindlenworks arts program and gallery. The association currently serves the communities within a 30-mile radius of Brunswick, including Harpswell, Freeport, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond. The agency also assists individuals with other disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy and mental illness. We send our appreciation to Independence Association, Inc. for its service to the community; (HLS 1573)

the 100th anniversary of the occasion of the Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) becoming custodians of the historical Burnham Tavern in Machias. Originally built in 1770 by Job Burnham and his wife Mary (O'Brien) Burnham, a sister of the 6 O'Brien brothers who took part in the first naval battle of the American Revolution, the tavern served as the family home where the couple's 11 children were raised. During the 70-year period after the ownership left the Burnham family in 1830, the tavern changed hands many times, often being used as rental property. In the early 1900s, Edward B. Curtis and Alfred K. Ames acquired the Burnham Tavern and then unsuccessfully called for the Town of Machias to take over its guardianship. On September 28, 1910, the newly formed Hannah Weston Chapter of the DAR assumed responsibility of the tavern. The Burnham Tavern has been restored and carefully maintained by the DAR, with funds coming from the DAR chapter, from admission fees and donations from many individuals and, recently, from the Town of Machias. We send our appreciation and congratulations to the Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for its efforts in preserving this historical landmark these past 100 years; (HLS 1574)

Kenneth Kunin, of Portland, upon his retirement as Principal of Deering High School, one of the largest and most diverse public high schools in the State. Mr. Kunin received his bachelor's degree from Brown University in Providence, Rhode

Island in 1978 and his master's in Special Education from Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1983. From 1982 to 1998 he served as Principal, interim Executive Director and Senior Associate at the Walker Home and School in Needham, Massachusetts, a special education residential and day school dedicated to the education and growth of challenged and at-risk students. From 1998 to 2004 he served as Principal of Reiche Elementary School, where over 40 languages and dialects were spoken by children of refugee and immigrant populations from 6 continents. From 2005 to 2010 he served as Principal of Deering High School, one of the fastest growing high schools in Maine, where the more than 1,200 students speak over 30 native languages. Mr. Kunin has served as President and board member of the Center for Cultural Exchange, on the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Maine Principals' Association and on the Advisory Committee for the Graduate School of Education at the University of Southern Maine. In private life he has found joy and expression as an independent artist, children's performer and member of the International Jugglers' Association, spreading enthusiasm and wonder to youth through the acrobatic arts. We wish him well in his future endeavors and salute his professional achievements in the challenging and ever-changing city of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1575)

Marysue Morrison, of Portland, Principal of Nathan Clifford Elementary School, upon the occasion of her retirement after 37 years as an educator in the Portland Public Schools system. Ms. Morrison earned her bachelor of arts degree in Education from the University of Maine in 1972. She started teaching at Baxter Elementary School in 1972 and became Assistant Principal in 1978. She served as Joint Principal of Baxter Elementary School and Nathan Clifford Elementary School from the 1981 to 1991. In 1991 she became Principal of Nathan Clifford Elementary, one of the most rapidly changing racially and religiously diverse elementary schools in the Portland system. Under her leadership, Nathan Clifford Elementary School was recognized for academic achievement and progress by the United States Department of Education in 2004. For 29 years, some of this time as the only female principal in the city elementary system, Ms. Morrison responded ably to society's increased demands on education and the increased diversity of the school age population. She has proudly served one of the longest single tenures as Principal of any elementary school in the city system. We wish her well in her future endeavors and salute her diligence and devotion to the challenging and ever-changing cause of education in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1576)

Martin Steingesser, of Portland, upon the occasion of his being named the first official Poet Laureate of the City of Portland. For over 30 years as a practicing poet, Mr. Steingesser has authored chapbooks, odes, offprints, classic verse and free verse and has performed poetry to music and at drum circles, street festivals, elder housing and public schools. His celebration of the dance of ideas and lyrics of language found in all walks of everyday life has helped make the appreciation and practice of poetry accessible to Maine's general public. We congratulate Mr. Steingesser for his enthusiasm for the well-written word and for his long commitment and contribution to the vibrant arts scene in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1577)

the Bible Society of Maine, upon the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of its founding. Now one of the State's oldest continuously operating charitable institutions, the Society was founded in the pre-statehood District of Maine in 1809 to provide

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Bibles to seamen, prisoners and the needy, in an era of our young nation's rapid growth and expanding literacy. Today the nondenominational organization serves 22 ministries statewide, over half in jails and prisons, including the Maine State Prison. As a symbol of its mission the Society maintains the "Big Handwritten Bible," the largest handwritten Bible in the United States. Created in 1923-1924 by over 1,600 diverse individuals who hand copied one page of scripture apiece, its participants included Governor Percival Baxter, prison inmates, members of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths and students from Europe, Asia, India and Latin America. The newly restored, 88-pound volume, illustrated by volunteer artists, is exhibited as a symbol of the timeless and significant role faith plays in the lives of the people of Maine. Today the Society still provides Bibles to the needy in 56 variations and languages, including Icelandic, Navaho and Cherokee. We salute the Bible Society of Maine upon its bicentennial, and send the members our best wishes as it enters its 3rd century committed to its mission of spreading wisdom, cheer and inspiration to the people of the Pine Tree State; (HLS 1578)

Kevin Guimond, of South Portland, who is the recipient of the Fire Chief of the Year Award given by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief Guimond has been employed by the City of South Portland since 1987, serving as paramedic/firefighter and rising through the ranks to assume the position of chief in 2003. He manages fire suppression efforts, emergency medical services and hazardous materials response and the office of Emergency Management. Chief Guimond and the South Portland Fire Department are widely known for their hazmat training and are routinely called upon for mutual aid and expertise. Chief Guimond is a member of a number of local, regional and international fire organizations. He serves on the State Emergency Response Commission and the Tyco Industries User Advisor Committee in Charlotte, North Carolina, is the chair of the State's hazmat response committee and has worked with the Maine Emergency Management Agency to develop the concept of the operations interoperable communication system. He taught EMT and paramedic classes and Introduction to Hazardous Materials at Southern Maine Community College. We extend our congratulations to Chief Guimond on his receiving this award; (HLS 1579)

Charles "Tex" Haeuser, of South Portland, who is the recipient of the Planner of the Year Award presented by the Maine Association of Planners. Mr. Haeuser is the AICP City Planning Director for the City of South Portland. He was recognized for initiating the successful effort to change the existing tax increment financing law. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Haeuser on his receiving this award; (HLS 1580)

Edwina Fletcher, of Winterport, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, October 27, 2010. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Fletcher on this very special occasion; (HLS 1581)

Bill and Sharon Hallett, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 15, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Hallett were married at St. Martin of Tours Church in Millinocket. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hallett on this special occasion; (HLS 1582)

Patrick Feury, of South Portland, who was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Feury, who has been a teacher at Portland High School for more than 30 years, specializing in cooperative education, was honored for his distinguished five-decade career in baseball. From Little League

2 in Portland, through Pony League and Babe Ruth baseball, to playing with the Andrews Post Legion team and for Cheverus High School, Mr. Feury played on 15 championship teams by the time he graduated from Cheverus. At the University of Maine Portland, he compiled a .300 career batting average and was the school's first four-year player. He was inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame in 2008. His two-decade stint in the Twilight League included playing on or coaching 25 championship teams, after which he took up umpiring. He was a member of the Western Maine Board for 15 years. Mr. Feury has had a stellar career in baseball, playing with and against some of the greatest players of his era. We send our congratulations on his well-earned induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame; (HLS 1583)

Charles "Chuck" and Jo Bessey, of Kingfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 1, 2010. Mr. and Mrs. Bessey were married in Willimantic. They have 4 children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bessey on this special occasion; (HLS 1584)

Senior Captain Gordon Phillips, of Rumford, on the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of dedicated service with the Rumford Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Captain Phillips for his commitment to the people of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1585)

Safety Officer Louis Giroux, of Rumford, on the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service with the Rumford Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Officer Giroux for his commitment to the people of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1586)

Safety Officer Jack Burke, of Mexico, on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of dedicated service with the Mexico Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Officer Burke for his commitment to the people of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1587)

Michael Arsenault, of Gorham, who won the 2010 Class A State Individual Golf Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on this achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 1588)

Robert Bouchard, Superintendent of AOS 93, who has been named Maine's 2011 Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association. Mr. Bouchard previously served as Assistant Principal and then Principal in Medway, Superintendent of Union 113, Superintendent of Union 72 and Superintendent of Great Salt Bay CSD. Mr. Bouchard is praised for his integrity and dedication to youth and the communities he serves. His clear vision about what effective schools look like, his belief in the worth and capacity of all children and his personal humility are part of his leadership skills. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bouchard for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1589)

Vernon L. Bolster, of New Gloucester, on the celebration of his 100th birthday, November 8, 2010. Mr. Bolster graduated from Caribou High School in 1928 and Colby College in 1933. Mr. Bolster married his wife, Edith Hoskin, in 1943 and they had 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Mr. Bolster was an educator for more than 30 years, serving as Headmaster at East Corinth Academy, Headmaster at Foxcroft Academy and Principal at Buxton High School. He also taught at the high school on Chebeague Island. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Bolster on this very special occasion; (HLS 1590)

Beverly Rand, of Island Falls, retired farmer-historian, upon the publication of his 3rd book at the age of 95, *My Story: The Life of a Maine Potato and Dairy Farmer*. His first 2 books were: *Aroostook County Retired Farmer Writes, Volume 1* and *Short*

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Stories, Volume 2. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Rand on this accomplishment; (HLS 1591)

Donald Damon, of East Millinocket and Madison, who was a United States Navy and United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Damon first worked at a mill in Madison before moving to East Millinocket, where he worked for Great Northern Paper Company as a papermaker for 35 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 56 years, Audrey, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1592)

Sharon Foster, of Dexter, who was named the 2010-2011 School Nurse of the Year by the Maine Association of School Nurses. Ms. Foster has been a nurse for 17 years and is the District Nurse for School Administrative District 4. She serves on the District Safety Team, represents the district on the Piscataquis Public Health Council, leads the district's Wellness Team and helps with Healthy Maine Partnerships activities. Ms. Foster's efforts during last year's H1N1 pandemic and her coordination with multiple organizations to deliver immunizations in the most efficient and effective manner were remarkable. We congratulate Ms. Foster on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1593)

Cheyenne Nadeau, of Berwick, who has received 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 send our congratulations to Cheyenne on this accomplishment; (HLS 1594)

Jackie McAdam, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2010 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service for her dedicated and exemplary work with the Katahdin Area Support Group. This award is AARP's most prestigious and visible volunteer award for community service and symbolizes an individual's power and ability to make a difference in the lives of others. We congratulate Ms. McAdam on her receiving this well-deserved honor and we send her our appreciation for her commitment to her community and to the State; (HLS 1595)

Lindsay Dionne, of Berwick, who has received 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 send our congratulations to Lindsay on this accomplishment; (HLS 1596)

Kelly Bridge, of Berwick, who has received 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 send our congratulations to Kelly on this accomplishment; (HLS 1597)

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jack W. Gaudet, of Dumfries, Virginia and formerly of Rumford, Maine, on the special occasion of his retirement on February 28, 2011 from the United States Army National Guard after more than 35 years of dedicated service. Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet is returning to live in Mexico, Maine on his retirement. We acknowledge his commitment to his State and Nation, and we congratulate him on his well-earned retirement; (HLS 1598)

Robert "Hutch" K. Hutchings, Jr., of Glenburn, on his retirement from the Bangor Police Department after 30 years of law enforcement. Officer Hutchings, who also served with the Hampden Police Department and the Brewer Police Department, has been a patrol officer, Domestic Violence Investigator, Drug Agent and Canine Officer, and most recently was assigned to the Bangor International Airport security detail. We send Officer Hutchings our appreciation for his commitment to his community

and we send our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1599)

Forrest H. Johnson, of Berwick, who is celebrating his 65th Anniversary of continuous membership in the American Legion at the Charles S. Hatch Post 79. Mr. Johnson is a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, having served with the 3rd Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. We acknowledge his dedication to the American Legion, to the United States Armed Forces and to his State and Nation. We congratulate him and send him our best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 1600)

the Cumberland Fire Department, for its commitment to encouraging enhanced fire and emergency services executive education through the United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program, a rigorous 4-year program designed to provide senior officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire and emergency services administration. Fewer than 20 fire officials in Maine have earned EFO certification and about 3,000 public safety providers have done so nationally. The Cumberland Fire Department has had 2 people complete this program, Chief Daniel Small in 2005 and Deputy Chief Nathan Schools in 2010. We send our congratulations to the Cumberland Fire Department and to Chief Small and Deputy Chief Schools on their commitment to excellence in firefighting and their dedication to their community; (HLS 1601)

Robert Long Witham, of Medway. Mr. Witham attended George Stevens Academy until he left school at 16 to support his family. At 17, he joined East Blue Hill Grange and became master at age 18, making him the youngest master ever in that Grange chapter. He remained a member of the Grange for the rest of his life, a total of 73 years. He worked at the South Portland shipyard prior to his entry into the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was stationed in India during World War II war as a supply sergeant, handling materials and supplies for much of the China-Burma-India Theater. After the war he returned to Maine and entered the Maine Warden Service, moving to Millinocket in 1946. He left the warden service in 1954 and went to work for Great Northern Paper Co., East Millinocket, as a watchman, and later held positions as a storekeeper at East Millinocket and Millinocket mills until his retirement in 1985. Mr. Witham was very active in the Masons and was an avid outdoorsman. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Susan, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1602)

the Honorable Emily Cain, of Orono, member of the House of Representatives and House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, who has been named a winner in the Day One Annual Celebration for her leadership role in coordinating the legislative process to ensure that substance abuse services continue to be available for youth and others in need of treatment. Day One is Maine's leading agency dealing with teen drug and alcohol abuse and provides assistance and treatment for individuals, families, schools and communities throughout Maine. We congratulate Representative Cain on her being named a winner and send her our appreciation for her efforts in helping the community; (HLS 1603)

the Honorable Patrick Flood, member of the House of Representatives and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, who has been named a winner in the Day One Annual Celebration for his leadership in identifying resources and working in collaboration with members of both political parties to ensure that residential substance abuse treatment continues to make a difference in the lives of our youth. Day One is Maine's leading agency dealing with teen drug and

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alcohol abuse and provides assistance and treatment for individuals, families, schools and communities throughout Maine. We congratulate Representative Flood on his being named a winner and send him our appreciation for his efforts in helping the community; (HLS 1604)

Roy McKinney, of Windham, Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, who has been named a winner in the Day One Annual Celebration for his advocacy for the need for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs to complement interdiction as part of Maine's efforts to address substance abuse. Day One is Maine's leading agency dealing with teen drug and alcohol abuse and provides assistance and treatment for individuals, families, schools and communities throughout Maine. We congratulate Mr. McKinney on his being named a winner and send him our appreciation for his efforts in helping the community; (HLS 1605)

Eileen Skinner, of Falmouth, president and chief executive officer of Mercy Hospital, who has been named a winner in the Day One Annual Celebration for her leadership in initiating community efforts to deal with alcohol and drug problems in Portland. Day One is Maine's leading agency dealing with teen drug and alcohol abuse and provides assistance and treatment for individuals, families, schools and communities throughout Maine. We congratulate Ms. Skinner on her being named a winner and send her our appreciation for her efforts in helping the community; (HLS 1606)

Pat Kimball, of Hermon, Executive Director of Wellspring, who has been named a winner in the Day One Annual Celebration for her advocacy within the professional field to retain substance abuse services for children, youth and other special populations. Day One is Maine's leading agency dealing with teen drug and alcohol abuse and provides assistance and treatment for individuals, families, schools and communities throughout Maine. We congratulate Ms. Kimball on her being named a winner and send her our appreciation for her efforts in helping the community; (HLS 1607)

Beatrice Lord, of Lebanon, who is the recipient the Boston Post Cane for being the eldest citizen in her community, as she celebrates her 96th birthday on November 16, 2010. Ms. Lord has climbed numerous peaks in the White Mountain range in New Hampshire and has enjoyed travelling to China, England and Alaska. We congratulate her on her receiving the Boston Post Cane and send her our best wishes on her birthday; (HLS 1608)

the members of the Caribou High School Boys Cross-Country Team, who have won the 2010 Class B State Championship: D.J. Flynn, Jacob Michaud, Christian Sleeper, Caleb Chapman, Kjetil Rossignol, Jesse Sandstrom and Ryan Washington. This is the Vikings' first cross-country title since 1938 and also the first for an eastern Maine team in Class B since 1998. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1609)

Michael and Marilyn Wilson, of Gray, upon the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married November 19, 1960 at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke's in Portland. They moved to Gray in 1961 and took on the oldest continuous herd of registered Holsteins in the United States. The farm became known as Wilsondale Farms and later became a part of Pineland Farms. They are the parents of 3 daughters and have 5 grandchildren. We congratulate them on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for future happiness; (HLS 1610)

Patience Cloutier, of Berwick, who has received the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This is the third highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development,

leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (HLS 1611)

Kristie Clark, of Readfield, a second-grade teacher at Montello Elementary School in Lewiston, who was selected to receive the 2010 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Ms. Clark is a 1991 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington. The Milken Educator Award provides recognition to exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers and principals and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in our nation's schools. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Clark on her receiving this honor and thank her for her hard work and dedication to the students at Montello Elementary School; (HLS 1612)

Kelly Patrick Farrin, Sous Chef at Azure Cafe in Freeport, who was named the 2010 Maine Lobster Chef of the Year at a competition sponsored by the Maine Lobster Promotion Council. Mr. Farrin is a graduate of the New England Culinary Institute and was awarded \$1,000 for his winning dish. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Farrin on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1613)

Henry and Gloria Stover, of Belfast, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Stover were married on September 28, 1940 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, with the Reverend John Henry Sargent officiating. We join their family in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion, and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1614)

Thomas Bragg, Sr., of Sumner, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, November 27, 2010. Mr. Bragg grew up in Buckfield and married Ira Travis in 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg made their home on the Bonney Road in Sumner. They were married for 69 years and had fourteen children. Mr. Bragg has worked as an electrician's assistant, carpenter and woodsman and in the lumber yard. He still makes his own maple syrup for his family and for sale. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Bragg on this special occasion; (HLS 1615)

the John Bapst Memorial High School Girls Cross-Country Team, which has won the 2010 Class B State Championship. This is the first state championship for the team since 2004. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1616)

the Bangor High School Boys Soccer Team, which has won the 2010 Class A State Championship. This is the second state championship in school history and the first since 2006. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1617)

Franklin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, of Farmington, which is the recipient of the 2010 Nonprofit Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Award for overseeing and managing the gift shop at the hospital and organizing several fundraisers throughout the year for scholarships. We extend our congratulations to the Franklin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1618)

Stan Howard, of Salem Township, who was named the 2010 Ben Franklin Volunteer of the Year by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for his many hours of commitment and service to the region. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1619)

Wilson Lake Inn, of Wilton, which is the recipient of the 2010 Small Business Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Award for its support of various organizations and events in the region and tireless efforts to ensure a vibrant region for all businesses. We extend our congratulations to the owners and staff of Wilson Lake Inn on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1620)

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Poland Spring Bottling Plant, of Kingfield, which is the recipient of the 2010 Large Business Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Award for its support of different projects around the county and for providing many opportunities to the citizens of Franklin County. We congratulate Poland Spring Bottling Plant on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1621)

Gerald Leon Martin, of Millinocket. Mr. Martin joined the National Guard on July 10, 1940, was assigned to Company 1, 103rd Division as an infantryman, served in the Pacific Theatre and was discharged in 1945. He remained in the National Guard for 28 years as a company commander and attained the rank of major. Mr. Martin worked for Great Northern Paper Company. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1622)

Anne Marie Conley, of Portland, beloved sister and friend. She was one of ten children in a large and loving Irish family. She graduated from Gray Business College, Portland, and for almost 30 years worked at the Maine Department of Human Services. A proud adopted Portlander, she was a communicant of St. Dominic and Sacred Heart Parish. She enjoyed traveling the United States and treasured her trip to Ireland to see the homeland and relatives of her parents. An avid volunteer, she took part in many political campaigns and treasured a photo of herself singing Irish ballads with United States Senator Edward Kennedy. She shared her quick wit, warm smile and generous sense of humor with all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by her family, her many neighbors and the wide circle of friends she so enjoyed in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1623)

Honey Irene Lynch Honey, of Portland and Long Island, beloved wife, mother, friend and free spirit. Born in Boston, she graduated from Georgetown University and received her Master's in Education Administration from Syracuse University. In her professional counseling career she served at George Washington University, the University of Colorado and the University of Southern Maine, where she served as Dean of Students in the College of Education. Proud of her Irish heritage, she also adopted Africa as her spiritual home, passionately studying its art and its peoples. She visited Africa a number of times and adopted a primary school in Soweto, South Africa as her personal cause, across the years endowing it with a library, computers, playgrounds and supplies. An accomplished artist, she created works of art including depictions of the snows of Kilimanjaro and the sunsets of Casco Bay, as seen from Long Island, Maine, her beloved home of many years. She was immensely proud of the progress of Portland, where her husband Stephen "Tim" Honey had served as City Manager. Generous with her gifts and her volunteer spirit, she will be sadly missed by her large and loving family, her husband of over 30 years, her extended circle of friends on 2 continents, and all whose lives she touched in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1624)

the members of the Stearns High School Football Team, of Millinocket, who have won the 2010 Eastern Maine Class C Championship, the team's first regional title since 1998. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1625)

Richard J. Maiman, of Portland, upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of teaching political science at the University of Southern Maine. A graduate of Wake Forest College in 1967, he earned his Ph.D. from Brown University in 1972. Dr. Maiman joined the faculty of the former University of Maine at Portland-Gorham in 1971 and was part of the growth of the institution into the modern University of Southern Maine. The

author of 4 books and numerous scholarly articles, he served as Assistant Provost of the university for a decade. He taught at the University of Maine School of Law and helped found the Muskie School of Public Service in 1990. During the last 3 decades, he has generously shared with each of his former students his wisdom, wit, warm encouragement and faith in the fulfillment of American democracy. We send him our best wishes on his future travel and teaching, and we extend our appreciation for his commitment to his students in Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1626)

Officer Richard D. Gagne, of Biddeford, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of dedicated service with the Biddeford Police Department. We extend our appreciation to Officer Gagne for his commitment to the community and the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1627)

Stephen and Patricia Thibodeau, of Georgetown, on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Reid State Park with family and friends. We extend our congratulations to them on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1628)

Don Cowing, of Georgetown, for his more than 20 years of devoted service to the Georgetown Central School. As a parent, Mr. Cowing was actively involved in his sons' education. As an innovative member of the staff, he set up and ran the school lunch program, bringing his vast knowledge of healthy foods to preparing wholesome lunches. Mr. Cowing has also served more than 17 years on the Georgetown School Committee, helping to guide the school through the tenures of 5 superintendents and 3 principals and many changes in the teaching staff. He often reminded the citizens of Georgetown that continuity on the school board lead to the stability and success of the Georgetown Central School, and his service is a testament to his strong commitment. We send Mr. Cowing our appreciation for his dedication to the children of the Georgetown community and for his commitment to the Georgetown Central School; (HLS 1629)

Myrtle McKenna, of the Rumford Historical Society, who was named as the 2010 Rumford Citizen of the Year by the Rumford Board of Selectmen, for her commitment in helping to keep the history of Rumford alive for the community. We congratulate Ms. McKenna on her receiving this well-deserved honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1630)

the 250th Anniversary of Cumberland County. Chartered in 1760, one of the first 3 counties in the District of Maine, it was named for King George II's son and commanding general, the Duke of Cumberland. Stretching from the White Mountains to the sea, its history and heritage reflect the spirit of every stage in the story of Maine, from ancient times to modern days. The site of many of Maine's earliest English settlements, today it is home to Maine's greatest diversity of languages, faiths and lands of national origins. From Colonial days to the 20th Century, the county's seafaring heritage is reflected in the site of Maine's busiest most port on the Stroudwater River, and it was home to Maine's largest industrial complex, the shipyards in South Portland built during World War II on Casco Bay. Cumberland County is the site of Maine's first capital city of the new State and is home to the largest city in Maine. It is blessed by the great waters of Sebago Lake and Long Lake and the Presumpscot, Androscoggin and Saco Rivers that run from the heights of Pleasant Mountain to the shores of Casco Bay, enriching Maine with lumber, lobster and the harvests of the sea and shore. From the sandy beaches of Scarborough to the rocky ledges of Harpswell, from the wooded hills of Pownal to the city streets of Portland, Cumberland County's 27 communities are home to one-fifth of the population of Maine. We acknowledge the 250th

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Anniversary of Cumberland County and send our best wishes to its good citizens who symbolize the Maine spirit to dream, build, endure and achieve; (HLS 1631)

Phillip A. Cole, of Cape Elizabeth, upon the occasion of his retirement after 53 years of teaching in the History Department at the University of Southern Maine. A graduate of Fryeburg Academy, he attended Bowdoin College and earned his bachelor's degree from Boston College in 1954, his master's degree in 1955 and his Ph.D. in 1963. Dr. Cole joined the faculty of the former University of Maine at Portland in 1957 and was part of the growth of the institution into the modern University of Southern Maine. During that time, Dr. Cole served on numerous committees and served many times as the Chair of the History Department. The students he taught over more than half a century serve in many professions. He has generously shared with them his wisdom, dry wit, encouragement and love of the lessons and challenges in the study of history. We congratulate Dr. Cole on serving one of the longest tenures of any faculty member at the University of Southern Maine, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors and his enjoyment of the great outdoors of Maine, our beloved "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1632)

Joshua Dill, of Oxford, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 196, 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, Joshua remodeled and restocked a food pantry nearby in Poland. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1633)

Clarence Newton, of Oxford, on his retirement as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop #196 after over 25 years of service. Mr. Newton has devoted his time to innumerable service projects and he saw 6 of his Scouts receive the highest Scouting rank of Eagle Scout. As Scoutmaster and as a friend, Mr. Newton has touched the lives of countless young men in the Oxford area. We send our appreciation to Clarence Newton for his many years of public service and his commitment to the youth of his community and State; (HLS 1634)

Fire Chief Steve French, of Minot, for his 26 years of dedicated service as Fire Chief with the Minot Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Chief French for his commitment to the community and the State; (HLS 1635)

Andrew Smith, of Crystal, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 202, 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. Andrew's Eagle Scout service project involved the installation of flags for the cemetery in Crystal. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1636)

Robert and Jeanette Sherman, of Island Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman were married on November 12, 1960 at the Oakfield Baptist Church. Throughout the years, Mr. Sherman has owned and operated the Sherman Chevrolet dealership in Island Falls and Mrs. Sherman has served as the Director of Public Health Nurses of Aroostook County. They are the proud parents of 2 daughters and often served as parents to many more children. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman continue to keep their doors open to any individual or family in need. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1637)

Hayden Pearson, of Eliot, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 340, 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 service project, Hayden improved the park at Legion Pond in Kittery. His efforts included clean-up, bench placement and beautification of the town-owned land for area citizens to enjoy. We extend our congratulations to Hayden on this achievement; (HLS 1638)

Skowhegan Savings, in Skowhegan, on its being named one of the 2010 Best Places to Work in Maine by the Society for Human Resource Management. This is the second year the bank has received this award, which was created in 2006 to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Maine. We congratulate Skowhegan Savings on its receiving this high honor and send our best wishes for continued excellence; (HLS 1639)

Shepard Lee, of Cape Elizabeth, businessman, philanthropist and public-spirited citizen of Maine. Mr. Lee was born in Lewiston, the youngest child of Joseph and Ethel Lifshitz. He graduated from Lewiston High School and served in the United States Navy during World War II. A 1947 Cum Laude graduate of Bowdoin, he began his business career at his family's car dealership in Auburn. Under his guidance, Lee Auto Malls grew in 60 years across 3 generations from one to 13 sites across the State, making it the largest family automobile dealership in the history of Maine. Mr. Lee was a groundbreaking businessman and he was the first auto dealer to run advertisements on Maine's fledgling television stations. An advocate of social responsibility, he served on the Finance Authority of Maine and the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union and on the boards of the Maine NAACP, the University of Maine Business School and the Muskie School of Public Service. As an advocate of equal rights, Mr. Lee received the 2004 Muskie Access To Justice Award. A strong believer in access to higher education for all Maine youth, Mr. Lee was a generous benefactor to Bates College, Bowdoin College and the Mitchell Scholars Program. Never holding public office himself, he was an advisor and friend to Maine governors, senators and public officials on both the state and national levels and across 2 generations. He enjoyed world travel, wide reading, good company, good conversation and good humor, seeking opportunity to share all these often with his worldwide circle of friends. All during his career, he staunchly remained a proud State of Mainer, sharing the independence, self-reliance and generosity that are the spirit of the "Pine Tree State." He will be deeply missed by his large and loving family, his many friends and all whose lives he touched across his beloved Maine, believing, as Aristotle wrote, that one life, well lived, may make all the difference; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1640)

John Kierstead, of South Portland, historian and community activist, for his successful volunteer effort to raise a memorial to the victims of the greatest aviation disaster in Maine history. On July 11, 1944, for causes still unknown, a World War II A-26 Invader bomber tragically crashed during a dense fog into the Long Creek, South Portland trailer park built to house shipyard workers, killing all aboard and 19 others. Over 20 civilians were gravely injured or perished in the resulting inferno. Mr. Kierstead devoted years to researching the heroes and heroines of that day, located over 100 witnesses and survivors, personally raised over \$11,000, and directed the effort to memorialize the lives lost in this sadly forgotten tragedy. On July 11, 2010, the Long Creek Air Tragedy Memorial, a 7-foot obelisk of Maine granite bearing the names of the fallen, was dedicated on the site. Many survivors and affected families attended. We congratulate Mr. Kierstead for his diligence and dedication in commemorating the lives lost in this tragedy and for bringing honor to its memory.

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May it stand as a symbol of the sacrifice made during World War II by the proud citizens of Maine, the "Pine Tree State"; (HLS 1641)

Mad Horse Theatre, in Portland, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. One of Portland's oldest continuously running resident, professional ensembles, Mad Horse Theatre has presented over 120 Main Stage and Dark Night productions since 1986, ranging from Shakespearean classics to modern experimental works. For a quarter of a century it has produced plays which compassionately portray the enduring aspects of the human experience and focus on challenging issues, personal transformations and the building of lasting literary and social communities of thought. We congratulate Mad Horse Theatre on its past achievements and wish the company many future evenings of bright lights and opening nights in its new home, Lucid Stage, to inspire, enchant and entertain the playgoers of Portland, Longfellow's beloved city "that is seated by the sea"; (HLS 1642)

Irvin C. "Buzz" Caverly, Jr., of Corinth, upon the occasion of his 50th anniversary of service to Baxter State Park, one of the longest continuous records of service to the park since its creation in 1931. A native of Cornville, Mr. Caverly was first appointed a Baxter State Park ranger in April 1960. Rising through the ranks, he served from 1968 to 1981 in the posts of Acting Supervisor and Supervisor. In October 1981 he became Acting Director and in August 1982 was appointed Director of Baxter State Park, serving 23 years in that post until his retirement in June 2005. He received the Olaus and Margaret Murie Conservation Award in 1991 and the Natural Resources Council of Maine Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005, and statewide "Buzz Caverly Day" was proclaimed in his honor on October 30, 2005. During his tenure at the park, over 7,000 acres were added to the "forever wild" park preserve. The last Director to personally know Governor Percival P. Baxter, he spearheaded in 2006 the drive to acquire Katahdin Lake and complete Governor Baxter's original vision of the park. Under his guidance, Baxter State Park weathered forest fires, storms natural and political and the demands of society's changing concepts of wilderness. Today he continues his service as Commissioner of the Baxter Wilderness Trust Fund. We congratulate him for his diligence, his dedication and his 50 years of continuous service to the forest preserve its benefactor, Governor Baxter, called the "park of the people of the State of Maine"; (HLS 1643)

Verner Z. Reed III, of Falmouth, artist, craftsman and chronicler of the New England scene. Born in Denver, Mr. Reed was a graduate of Milton Academy in 1941 and attended Harvard. During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps in the China, Burma and India Theatres. Beginning his career as a furniture maker, he later became an accomplished silversmith and jewelry maker and taught himself the art of photography. His career as a photojournalist began in the 1950s and spanned 3 decades and over 125 freelance assignments across New England for LIFE magazine. His work also appeared regularly in Time, Fortune, and Paris Match magazines. His subjects included country life, civil rights marches, President Eisenhower and President Kennedy and the young Governor Muskie of Maine. His black-and-white studies of rural New England after World War II captured the changing landscape and peoples of the region in transition between traditional values and expanding urban challenges. Shot always in natural light, his works preserved the landscape and life of the New England he loved and have been collected in his final book, "A Changing World: New England in

the Photographs of Verner Reed, 1950-1972," published in 2004. Today his archival prints are included in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Portland Museum of Art and the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts. Mr. Reed will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1644)