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the Sacopee Valley High School Girls Soccer Team, of Hiram, which has won the 2014 Class C State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1)

Marshall L. Rice, Sr., of Deer Isle. Mr. Rice was born in Brockton, Massachusetts. He was working at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Oahu, Hawaii, and witnessed the 1941 bombing. Subsequently, he worked at the Long Beach, California Navy Yard, and in 1944 was inducted into the Army, serving in the 10th Mountain Division (Ski Troops) 1300th Eng. Headquarters, Combat Battalion, Camp Swift, Texas. He operated a heating, air conditioning and electrical business in Massachusetts until he and his family moved to Deer Isle in 1947, where he operated a similar business until 1952. From 1952 to 1958, he served as a Sea and Shore Fisheries Warden, and was later hired by the Department of Economic Development as the Public Relations Representative for the State of Maine. He was the representative for the State at the 1964/1965 New York World's Fair and at the World's Fair in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1967. From 1968 through 1989, Mr. Rice worked in other occupations including lobster fishing, boat building and construction. He was very active in his community, serving as Selectman, Assistant Scout Master, Planning Board Chairman, member of the Hancock County Soil Conservation Commission as well as the Hancock County Planning Commission, Island Country Club President, Evergreen Garden Club President, Director of St. Croix District Garden Club Federation of Maine, 32nd Degree Mason, Past Master of Marine Lodge, member of Harbor View Chapter Order of Eastern Star and member of the Deer Isle/Sunset Congregational Church, and Past President of the Deer Isle Historical Society. Mr. Rice will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 2)

Stephen True, of Kennebunk, who was named the 2014 Maine Chef of the Year by the Maine Restaurant Association. This award is bestowed on a chef who has proven to be a cut above the rest in skill and creativity and in crafting some of the most delicious food in Maine. Chef True has been chef for 11 seasons at Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport and has been cooking for almost 35 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chef True on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 3)

Ruth L. Lockhart, of Bangor, who will be retiring in May 2015 as Executive Director of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. The center provides women in northern and eastern Maine access to important reproductive health care. Ms. Lockhart, who co-founded the center, has served there for 30 years. Under her leadership, the center has grown to be a comprehensive women's health center and a leading advocate for women's health issues in the State and region. We extend to Ms. Lockhart our congratulations and our best wishes; (HLS 4)

Sarah A. Sugden, of Vassalboro, Director of the Waterville Public Library, who has been named an I Love My Librarian Award Winner. The award, a collaborative program of Carnegie Corporation of New York, *The New York Times* and the American Library Association, recognizes the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college and university librarians. We extend to Ms. Sugden our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 5)

Billie Jane Barnes Slaton, of Sanford, a prominent local citizen and friend of veterans. Ms. Slaton founded and operated Veterans Military Surplus, a military surplus distribution effort that gives clothing and hygiene products to homeless veterans and veterans who have homes but are in need. Ms. Slaton was a

psychologist who worked for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs before her retirement. She also was the first administrator at the Sanford Vet Center. Ms. Slaton will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family and friends and the veterans in the State; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 6)

the Town of Corinna, as it receives \$1,000,000 from Next Generation Foundation of Maine and \$15,000 in grants from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to help preserve and renovate the historic 1898 Stewart Library Building and its clock tower and steeple. The Stewart Library Building was built by Levi M. Stewart, a noted philanthropist and childhood resident of Corinna. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is home to the town's public library and town office and the Stewart Private Library and includes a second floor auditorium and stage. We congratulate the Town of Corinna on its receiving these grants to help preserve an important part of its history; (HLS 7)

Gertrude Fraser, of Verona Island, for her service to the Nation. Mrs. Fraser served in the United States Army Nurse Corps during World War II. During her 3 years in the Army, she took care of wounded soldiers in Houlton, in Syracuse, New York and in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This past summer, she and other veterans of World War II living in Waldo County and the surrounding area were recognized at a ceremony held by the American Legion. We take this opportunity to extend to Mrs. Fraser our gratitude for her service; (HLS 8)

the members of the Stockton Springs Community Church Steeple Committee, who are the recipients of a 2014 Spirit of America Award: Mary Jane Costigan, Marion Fisher, Peggy Mace, Pearl Seekins, Janice Shute and June Wentworth. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the members of the Stockton Springs Community Church Steeple Committee on their receiving this award; (HLS 9)

Connor DiAngelo, of Greenville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 120, 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 Connor on this achievement; (HLS 10)

Ellen Morrison Jackson, of Oxford, who is retiring as the Town Clerk of the Town of Oxford. Mrs. Jackson moved to Oxford in the 1980s, took a job at the Town Office and soon became Town Clerk. She has served as Town Clerk for 17 years. She oversaw the introduction of the town's computer system and initiated the creation of the town's website, served as election clerk and oversaw the dispersing of General Assistance funds. After her retirement, Mrs. Jackson plans to travel with her husband, Roger, spend time with her grandchildren and work with her husband at the farm and in his maple syrup business. Her cheerful demeanor and expansive knowledge of the town and how it runs will be missed by all. We extend to Mrs. Jackson our congratulations on her retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 11)

Peter Joseph, of Waterville, a United States Army veteran and prominent local citizen. Mr. Joseph grew up in the family business, Joseph's Market, on Front Street, which he eventually operated with his brother, Roy. During World War II, he served under General George Patton. He was a deacon at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church and embraced the people in the community, especially in his visits to the hospital, both as a deacon and as a hospital chaplain. For 46 years, he worked on the Waterville Safety Council, including as chairman, helping to

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ensure sidewalks, intersections and roads were safe for motorists and pedestrians. He was a founder and chairman of the board of the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter and a member and past president of the board of directors of Associated Grocers of Maine and the Waterville Boys Club Alumni Association. He served 18 years on the board of directors of the Waterville Boys Club and was past president of the Waterville Lions Club. He received a Spirit of America Award and many other awards and recognitions through the years, including from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and the National Child Safety Council. Mr. Joseph will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and all those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 12)

Scott Franzose, of Madison, who has been named the *Morning Sentinel* Football Coach of the Year. Mr. Franzose was recognized for his work in coaching the Madison Area Memorial High School football team, the Bulldogs, to its best season in a generation. We extend to Mr. Franzose our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 13)

Stephen Foshay, of Madison, who has portrayed Santa Claus at the Madison and Anson information booth during Christmastime for more than 30 years. We send him our best wishes as he continues this annual tradition; (HLS 14)

Frank Glazer, of Topsham, who will be 100 years of age on February 19, 2015. Mr. Glazer, a pianist, is Artist in Residence at Bates College and a cofounder, with his late wife, Ruth, of the Saco River Festival, a summer music series. He has performed solo recitals throughout the world and played with leading orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He performs annually at the Portland Conservatory of Music's Noonday Concert Series and at the International Piano Festival and will give performances this winter at Bates, at the Boston Athenaeum and in his native Milwaukee. We extend to Mr. Glazer our congratulations and our best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 15)

Zachary Shelley, 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 Eagle Scout service project, Zachary cleaned and cleared out the natural spring at the end of the Spring Trail at Ecotat Gardens and Arboretum. We extend our congratulations to Zachary on this achievement; (HLS 16)

Rylee Cushman, 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 Eagle Scout service project, Rylee built 2 cold frames for starting plants in the winter at Ecotat Gardens and Arboretum. We extend our congratulations to Rylee on this achievement; (HLS 17)

Alexander Shelley, 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 Eagle Scout service project, Alexander scraped and painted the exterior trim on the Brown Building and Cabin No. 7 at Ecotat Gardens and Arboretum. We extend our congratulations to Alexander on this achievement; (HLS 18)

Alvion Kimball, of Orland, owner of the Orland House B&B, who was named the 2014 Innkeeper of the Year by the Maine Innkeepers Association. The annual award is presented to an active innkeeper who has significantly contributed to the

development of the Maine Innkeepers Association. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Kimball on his receiving this award; (HLS 19)

Sarah Shelton, of Ellsworth, a senior at Ellsworth High School, who has been named High School Player of the Year by the Maine Volleyball Coaches Association. Sarah has also been named to both the All-State First Team and the All-State First Academic Team, which requires a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. She has been named the Gatorade State Volleyball Player of the Year for Maine. We extend to Sarah our congratulations on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 20)

Joseph Timothy DeGrinney IV, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 21)

Shannon Bard, of Portland, chef at Zapoteca Restaurante Y Tequileria, who won all 4 rounds of Kitchen Inferno, a cooking competition on the Food Network. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chef Bard on her achievements; (HLS 22)

Marcello DeLuca, of Hanover, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565, 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 23)

Brendon Stearns, of Greenwood, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565, 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 24)

Healthy Kids! A Family Resource Network, of Lincoln County, on its 30th Anniversary. Healthy Kids began in 1984 as an informal network of concerned citizens and agency representatives concerned with child abuse prevention. Today, Healthy Kids is a community-based family and professional network offering support and educational outreach to families throughout Lincoln County. We extend to the directors and staff of Healthy Kids our congratulations and best wishes on this anniversary; (HLS 25)

Sharon Wise, of Winthrop, who prevented the abduction of a 2-year-old girl from the Maine State Museum. Ms. Wise, a museum receptionist, intervened when a man who appeared to be a stranger seized the girl and attempted to take her out of the building when the girl's grandmother had turned away to hang up their coats. Ms. Wise stopped the man, who left the scene. We extend to Ms. Wise our thanks and appreciation for her decisive action in protecting the child; (HLS 26)

Imelda Perley, of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, a Maliseet Tribal Elder and the Maliseet Tribal Linguist, for her lifetime achievement in teaching and preserving the Maliseet language for the Maliseet People and for teaching the language to the people of Maine through her renowned professorship at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and at the University College in Houlton. We extend to Ms. Perley our appreciation and our best wishes; (HLS 27)

Nancy Wyman, of Lebanon, who is the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Auxilian/Volunteer Award from the New Hampshire Association of Hospital Auxiliaries and Volunteers. A volunteer at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New Hampshire since 2004, as well as a longtime civil servant in her community, Ms.

Wyman is a board member of the Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which raises funds for important hospital initiatives, including patient care services. Ms. Wyman served as the first female selectman of the Town of Lebanon and has also contributed her time as a member of the town's Planning Board and Budget Committee. In addition, Ms. Wyman held the position of president of the local historical society and is a current member of the Dorcas Society of Lebanon, Maine, the Community Ladies Circle and the Southern Maine Garden Club. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Wyman and recognize her selfless actions to assist her community; (HLS 28)

Jim Wood, of Acton, who has been given the A. Burleigh Oton Award for Excellence by the Educational Plant Maintenance Association of Maine. The award recognizes a custodial or maintenance employee who exhibits exemplary job performance, is passionate about maintaining and operating school buildings to ensure clean, safe and healthy learning and working environments and serves as a role model for students. We extend to Mr. Wood our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 29)

Nathan P. Frederick, 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. For his Eagle Scout service project, Nathan worked on a picnic pavilion in Sewall Park in Old Town. He organized a bottle drive and yard sale and wrote funding applications to raise over \$1,250 for materials. Nathan designed the pavilion, obtained approval for it from the Old Town code enforcement officer and led a team of Scouts, friends and family members who contributed over 200 hours to its construction. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 30)

Abe and Heather Furth, of Orono, owners of Verve, Woodman's Bar and Grill and the Orono Brewing Company, who have received an Entrepreneurial Award from *Bangor Metro* magazine. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Furth our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 31)

Laura Audibert, of Fort Kent, who has been named the 2014 Greater Fort Kent Area Citizen of the Year for her commitment and service to her community. Ms. Audibert freely gives her time to many humanitarian efforts, including volunteering at the food pantry and St. John Vianney Parish, managing the Thrift Shop and working on the church and American Red Cross blood drives. She is active with forestry issues and is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the University of Maine at Fort Kent Forestry program accreditation team. Ms. Audibert has developed a vast network of snowshoeing trails and constructed biking trails and currently serves on the University of Maine at Fort Kent Board of Visitors. We join with her community in sending our appreciation for her service to the area and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 32)

Thomas L. Welch, of Hancock, on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the Maine Public Utilities Commission after many years of dedicated service to the people of Maine. Mr. Welch was appointed as Chair of the Maine Public Utilities Commission by Governor McKernan in 1993, and he was reappointed by Governor King in 1999. He served until 2005 and then was reappointed in 2011 by Governor LePage. Between his commission appointments, he worked as an attorney for a private law firm and served as an adjunct professor at the University of Maine School of Law. He is widely respected for his experience and expertise in utility and energy matters and is known for his intellect, his integrity, his judicial temperament and his willingness

to assist policy makers with complicated utility regulation issues. He served as Assistant Professor at Villanova School of Law from 1978 to 1979 and from 1982 to 1991 served the Bell Atlantic Company, rising to the post of General Attorney in Washington, D.C. From 1991 to 1993, he served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as Chief Deputy Attorney General for Antitrust. Mr. Welch has served during a time of the greatest changes in the history of Maine's traditional utilities, including the transition from monopoly to competition, enduring recessions and rising costs and encompassing the deregulation and restructuring of Maine's electrical industry, competition in telecommunications, the creation of Maine's pioneering Schools and Libraries Fund to extend Internet access to all our communities, Maine's becoming one of the first states in the nation to deploy a statewide Next Generation 911 system designed to keep pace with the way people communicate today and regional efforts to increase the flow of natural gas into New England in an effort to lower energy costs for electricity and natural gas customers. We send our appreciation to Mr. Welch for his many years of commitment and dedicated public service to the citizens of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 33)

Elijah Fish, of West Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 672, 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 34)

Michael Glazier, of West Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 672, 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 35)

the Oak Hill High School Football Team, of Wales, which has won the 2014 Class D State Championship. This is the team's 2nd consecutive state championship victory and 3rd overall. Members of the team include players Adam Merrill, Colby Webster, Jonas Ryerson, Matt Martin, Danny Buteau, Dalton Therrien, Jonah Martin, Matthew Strout, Darryn Bailey, Steve Gilbert, Ben Bossie, Levi Buteau, Alex Mace, Connor Nilsson, Brian Thorpe, Colby Spencer, Cruz Poirier, Drew Gamage, Chad Merrill, Kyle Flaherty, Kyle Tervo, Mike Pease, Jake Greenwood, Logan Childs, Brendon Tervo, Connor Elwell, Colby Russell-Leo, Bryce Harlow, Austin Noble, DJ Pushard, Nic Dennis, Lee Mower, Dominic Greenleaf, Adam Mooney, Kody Voisine, Michael Harper, Kyle Leonard, Brent Mulherin, Matt Clifford, Garrett Gile, Austin Goucher, Gavin Chasse, Peter Flaherty, Gabe Smith, Austin Pierce, Samson Lacroix and Bailey Drouin and Head Coach Stacen Doucette. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 36)

Joshua Libby, of Limington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 329, 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 37)

Northern Maine Community College, in Presque Isle, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplace. We congratulate

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Northern Maine Community College on its receiving this certification; (HLS 38)

Region 5 of the Maine Department of Transportation, in Presque Isle, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplace. We congratulate Region 5 of the Maine Department of Transportation on its receiving this certification; (HLS 39)

the Winthrop Fire Department, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplace. We congratulate the Winthrop Fire Department on its receiving this certification; (HLS 40)

Frank Welch, of Lincoln, who has coached in the community for 50 years. Mr. Welch began his coaching career at 15 years of age. He always ensured his athletes had the necessary equipment, even when they couldn't afford it. Mr. Welch's coworkers at the Lincoln paper mill tell stories of his taking double shifts and swapping shifts so that he could meet his coaching obligations. Mr. Welch is now coaching the grandchildren of his first athletes. He is known throughout the State as a coach of integrity. We extend to Mr. Welch our appreciation for his years of service as a coach and also our best wishes; (HLS 41)

Persis Carr Smith, of Pittsfield, who died at 99 and a half years of age. Mrs. Smith was born in Orford, New Hampshire and graduated from Goshen High School in Goshen, New York. She attended college in Tennessee and in Vermont, studying piano. She married Roderic Smith in 1939 and in 1945 they moved to Pittsfield, where they raised their 3 daughters. Mrs. Smith worked as a teacher assistant at the Detroit Elementary School and was the assistant librarian at Maine Central Institute for many years. She was active in numerous Pittsfield organizations, such as the local Girl Scouts, the Arts Club, the Nurses Club, Sebasticook Valley Hospital Auxiliary, the Athenaeum Club and the Pittsfield Garden Club. Mrs. Smith also served as a trustee of the Pittsfield Public Library and was recently presented with the Boston Post Cane in July of 2013 as the town's oldest citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were founding members of the First Congregational Church, in Pittsfield and Mrs. Smith served her church in many ways as a longtime member of the choir, assistant organist, deaconess, member of the Women's Fellowship and in later years as the church organist, retiring at the age of 90. She also served as the summer organist at the First Baptist Church for 24 years and was a local piano instructor. Mrs. Smith will be greatly missed by her family and friends and the community she served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 42)

Victor Hodgkins, of Paris, station manager at radio station WOXO, who was selected as a 2014 Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year. Mr. Hodgkins has worked at WOXO for over 30 years and is very active in his community. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 43)

Ronald Grondin, of Sanford, who recently retired as Captain of the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on May 24, 1970. We extend to Mr. Grondin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 44)

Robert April, of Sanford, who recently retired as a firefighter with the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on June 27, 1988. We extend to Mr. April our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 45)

Harold Smith, of Sanford, who retired late last summer as Captain of the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on January 6, 1985. We extend to Mr. Smith our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 46)

Richard Bond, of Sanford, who has recently retired as Lieutenant of the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on October 20, 1974. We extend to Mr. Bond our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 47)

Albert Noble, of Sanford, who retired last summer as a firefighter with the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on July 13, 1980. We extend to Mr. Noble our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 48)

Acton Elementary School's *FIRST LEGO League* Robotics Team, the Nature Knights, in Acton, which placed 2nd in Programming at the Maine FLL Championship. The *FIRST LEGO League* introduces young students to real-world engineering challenges by having them build LEGO-based robots. Despite facing unforeseen obstacles and a tough start, the Nature Knights stayed positive, thought quickly and impressed the judges with their enthusiasm and fortitude. We extend to the Nature Knights our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 49)

Elinor Grover, of Moody, for her service to the community through her work at the St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry. Mrs. Grover has been running the pantry for more than 15 years and was named Maine's senior volunteer of the year by the Home Instead Senior Care Network in 2014. Mrs. Grover and her team of volunteers, including Kelly Duggan, Paul Goyette, Jim Heenan, Roger Lambert, Bill Sawyer and Don Kamman, serve 100 to 120 families monthly, and half of those served are seniors. We extend to Mrs. Grover and her team our appreciation for their service; (HLS 50)

Peter Gwilym, of Freeport, who has been named to the Big 10 All-Academic football team. The 2010 Fitzpatrick Trophy winner from Cheverus High School is a member of the 2015 college football national champions, the Ohio State Buckeyes. He made the Buckeyes squad as a walk-on during his sophomore year. He is one of the 80 players who dressed for the title game against the University of Oregon. Although he has another year of eligibility to play for the Buckeyes, he will graduate this spring with a degree in finance, having achieved a grade point average of 3.5. We extend to Mr. Gwilym our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 51)

Sue Hall Dreher, of Brunswick, on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine after almost 2 decades of commitment to the community. Ms. Dreher has worked with the courts and law enforcement to create groundbreaking statewide guidelines for working with victims of sexual assault and is a state and national expert on supporting survivors of sexual assault. She has also served as a consultant to the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence against Women. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the community and to the State and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 52)

Dick Gleason, of Norway, president and founder of Norway-based radio station WOXO, who is the recipient of the 2014 Business of the Year Award given by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Gleason on his receiving this award and our appreciation for his contributions to his community; (HLS 53)

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Jim Cameron, of Waterford, General Manager of Papoose Pond Family Campground and Cabins, who has been selected as the 2014 Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year. We extend to Mr. Cameron our appreciation for his contributions to the tourism industry and our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 54)

Granite Ridge Estate and Barn, in Norway, which has received the 2014 Rising Star Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Owners and founders Anthony and Jill Fratiante use the rural lodge and barn to host weddings and other functions. We extend to Anthony and Jill Fratiante and Granite Ridge Estate and Barn our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 55)

Donald O'Halloran, of Old Town, on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Old Town Police Department after 26 years of service. Chief O'Halloran began his 46-year law enforcement career as a patrolman for the Bangor Police Department. He had earned the rank of lieutenant and was chief of the detective's division in Bangor when he left to serve as chief in Old Town. We extend to Chief O'Halloran our congratulations and our best wishes; (HLS 56)

the Honorable Richard Pickett, of Dixfield, who is retiring after 38 years in law enforcement. Mr. Pickett is currently representing District 116, including the towns of Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Mexico and Peru, in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. He served over 22 years as a Maine State Trooper and homicide detective and has served the past 16 years as the Chief of Police of the Town of Dixfield. We extend to Representative Pickett our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 57)

Olive Frizzle, of Bowdoinham, who turned 100 years old on January 25, 2015. We offer Mrs. Frizzle our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 58)

David E. Grant, of Brewer, who was a well-known barber in town for 53 years. Mr. Grant was born in Cherryfield. He was a graduate of Cherryfield Academy, a 1960 graduate of Hanson's Barber School and a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Grant was a member of the Essex Street Baptist Church, a member and past Master of Rising Virtue Lodge #10, a member of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, a past Commander of St. John's Commandery #3 and a member of the Anah Shriners, all of Bangor. Mr. Grant always closed his North Main Street barbershop on Mondays, which was the day he cut the hair of elderly residents of the Ellen M. Leach Memorial Home in Brewer. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and the community he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 59)

Aaron Wilcox, of Hudson, Soccer Coach at Bangor Christian School, who has recently been selected as Region 1 Northeast Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association. His team had a 16-2 record this past season and won its 6th consecutive Eastern Maine Class D Championship. Prior to this year, the team had won the Class D State Championship 5 times in a row, a feat that has been achieved only once before. Mr. Wilcox is also a former National Soccer Coaches Association of America New England Private School Coach of the Year as well as a 6-time honoree for the organization's regional award. We extend to Mr. Wilcox our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 60)

Blue Point Primary School, in Scarborough, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The original 12,620-square-foot school included 7 classrooms and opened in 1965 with 173 students. We extend our congratulations to the school on this anniversary and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 61)

the Scarborough High School Golf Team, of Scarborough, on its winning the 2014 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team, coached by Michael Murphy, on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 62)

the Scarborough High School Boys Cross Country Team, of Scarborough, on its winning the 2014 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team, coached by Jim Harmon, on this achievement and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 63)

Robert Convery, of Kennebunkport, who was the winner of the *Kennebunk Post's* annual Great Person award. Readers of the paper were asked to choose from a list of 21 nominees the person most deserving of recognition for making the Kennebunks region such a wonderful place to live and work. Mr. Convery was named for his volunteering with his church and the Kennebunkport Fire Department, cooking meals at assisted living facilities, helping out in the community and decorating his neighborhood at his own expense for Independence Day and Flag Day. We send our appreciation to Mr. Convery for his commitment to his community and congratulate him on his being given this award; (HLS 64)

Justin C. Willis, of Castine, 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. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this achievement; (HLS 65)

Bearfoot Realty, in Oxford, which has received the 2014 Rising Star Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Owner Monica Laverdiere started Bearfoot Realty in 2010 during the Great Recession, and the agency has become one of the most thriving enterprises in the Oxford Hills region. We extend to Monica Laverdiere and Bearfoot Realty our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 66)

Mary Gill Herrick, of Skowhegan, a 4-year member of the Saint Joseph's College women's soccer program, who has been inducted into the Saint Joseph's College Athletics Hall of Fame. She is the only player in team history to earn 4 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-Northeast and 4 All-Conference honors. We congratulate her on her induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame; (HLS 67)

Frances Emma Rowell Calder, of Skowhegan. Mrs. Calder attended Jackman High School and was valedictorian of the Class of 1939. She attended nursing school from 1941 to 1944 at Maine General Hospital in Portland and received her R.N. degree. She taught health and science courses in Portland, attended Boston University in the summer sessions of 1945 and 1946 and worked at the University of Pennsylvania. From 1958 to 1979, she worked as a registered nurse at Fairview Hospital. Mrs. Calder raised 7 children with her husband, Edwin. She was known for her compassion, being quick to laugh and having an irrepressible sense of humor. Mrs. Calder will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 68)

Betty Joan Kinney Howard, of Belgrade Lakes. Ms. Howard graduated from Bates College in 1959. She worked for the YWCA, in Pennsylvania and also in Lewiston, Maine, for a total of 20 years. She also taught and coached at Deering High School, in Portland, and took her teams to championships. Ms. Howard was the first marketer for the Department of Tourism under Governor Joseph Brennan and worked for the Campground Association and the Maine Publicity Bureau. She was very active in the Town of Belgrade on the Board of Recreation and at the

Center for All Seasons. Ms. Howard was proud of her association with the Union Church of Belgrade Lakes, was active in church missions and outreach and worked with the children and youth in the Christian education programs. Ms. Howard will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 69)

Joan L. Galouch, of Belgrade. Mrs. Galouch grew up in Augusta and was educated in the Augusta school system. She was a dedicated caregiver who provided services to families in Belgrade and Mount Vernon. She loved the children and elderly people in her care, and she maintained a close relationship with their families throughout her life. Mrs. Galouch was an avid reader and a talented seamstress. She was an animal lover and farmed cattle as a hobby for many years with her late husband, Norman. Mrs. Galouch will be long remembered and sadly missed by her friends and family and all those who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 70)

Larry "Joe" Guest, of Brunswick, a longtime area school counselor. Mr. Guest was born and raised in Canton, Ohio and served in the United States Air Force. He earned his bachelor's degree and graduate degree in school counseling at Kent State University. He and his wife, Nancy, moved to Maine in 1982 because of his love for the sea. Mr. Guest worked at Georges Valley High School before moving to Brunswick in 1987, where he was a high school counselor until his retirement in 2007. He received the 2006 Maine State Counselor of the Year Award. After his retirement, he worked part time at Southern Maine Community College on the Bath Campus. Mr. Guest will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 71)

Juanita Rideout, of Mars Hill, who turned 100 years old on January 14, 2015. Mrs. Rideout was born in Blaine and grew up in central Aroostook County and married Clair Rideout in 1932. They had 3 children, Richard, Dwayne and Debbie. She has 8 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild. Mrs. Rideout remains a regular church attendee and is known for her cooking. We extend to Mrs. Rideout our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 72)

Harold Swan, of Brewer, on the celebration of his 90th birthday. Mr. Swan was born on November 27, 1924. While he was in the service from 1943 to 1946, his father took care of a beehive that Mr. Swan had ordered at the age of 19. When he returned home, he got more involved in beekeeping and built up a successful business that became known as Swan's Honey. Though retired, Mr. Swan still keeps some hives. We send him our congratulations on his 90th birthday and our best wishes; (HLS 73)

Dylan J. Bunker, of Bucksport, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 74)

Daniel P. Bunker, of Bucksport, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 75)

Bucksport High School, in Bucksport, which has been named a National BARR School of Academic Excellence. The school is one of only 3 high schools in the country to be so honored. BARR, which stands for Building Assets, Reducing Risks, is a

United States Department of Education program helping 9th grade students make the demanding transition from middle school to high school. In the 4 years since the program has been implemented, the school's graduation rate has increased from 73% to 91% and the failure rate among students has decreased by 31%, which has pushed up their passing rate to 95%. Bucksport High School's BARR program, implemented in 2011, was made possible after the school received a 4-year, \$100,000-per-year federal education grant. The school is extending its BARR participation with the help of \$12,000,000 in federal funding being administered through Portland-based Spurwink Services, which will also be used to help expand BARR to other schools both in and outside the State. We extend our congratulations to Bucksport High School for its achievement; (HLS 76)

the Honorable Edmund E. Benedikt, of Brunswick, who served in the 117th Legislature and who was a prominent member of his community. Mr. Benedikt was born in Vienna, Austria in 1930 and was rescued from the Holocaust in 1938 when he and his sister were evacuated to England. They reunited with their parents and made their way to the United States. Mr. Benedikt received his undergraduate degree in engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia and his master's degree in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. As an architect for the United States Navy, he worked on ships in both the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the Philadelphia Navy Yard before his retirement from military service. He and his wife Ruth moved to Maine after her retirement from teaching and Mr. Benedikt went to work for a civilian contract firm at Bath Iron Works and later the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. He was very active in the community, serving with the Brunswick Area Citizens for a Clean Environment and the Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, and he founded the New Meadows Lake Association. Mr. Benedikt was president and treasurer of Beth Israel Congregation in Bath and he was active in the leadership of the Brunswick Area Interfaith Council. Mr. Benedikt will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 77)

Cody Eaton, of Deer Isle, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 144, 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, Cody designed and built benches for the Island Heritage Trust trails in Deer Isle and Stonington. We extend our congratulations to Cody on this achievement; (HLS 78)

Michael Lynch, of Pittsfield, who has received the Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lynch owns Northeast Planning Associates, Inc., in Pittsfield and is very involved in the community. We extend to Mr. Lynch our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 79)

James and Linda Miller, of Miller Signs and Graphic, in Newport, who are the recipients of the Delmar L. Doody Award from the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding dedication to and support for the economic development in our area communities. We extend our appreciation to James and Linda Miller for their commitment to their community and congratulate them on their receiving this award; (HLS 80)

Hirundo Wildlife Refuge, in Alton, which is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding. Hirundo Wildlife Refuge is a 2,460-acre nature preserve providing habitat for rare and vital

migratory species and protecting a 9,000-year-old archaeological site. The refuge had its beginnings in 1965 as a 3-acre camp belonging to Oliver Larouche's parents and expanded to its present size thanks to a generous endowment from Parker Reed. In 1983 Mr. Larouche and his wife, June Larouche, deeded the Hirundo land to the University of Maine and created a long-term collaboration. The refuge works closely with the university and local schools to provide educational and research opportunities; it also provides recreational opportunities at no cost. We extend to everyone involved with Hirundo Wildlife Refuge our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 81)

Abby Sargent, Jessica Sargent, Torrie Openshaw and Jaclyn Cyr, of Brewer, who were recognized by the Brewer City Council for raising more than \$20,000 for cancer research. These 4 schoolgirls have spent every weekend in December since 2008 giving out hot chocolate and asking for donations in front of their decorated home. Their neighborhood is known for its elaborate holiday displays and is visited by approximately 800 to 1,000 people each weekend. We send our appreciation to Abby, Jessica, Torrie and Jaclyn on their exemplary public service and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 82)

Kevin Duplissie, of Brewer, director and head teacher of the Child Study Center at the University of Maine, who has been named the 2015 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year. Each year, Maine Agriculture in the Classroom recognizes an outstanding elementary or secondary school teacher who uses agricultural education materials or activities in the classroom. Mr. Duplissie has been working for the university for 27 years and at the Child Study Center for 12 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 83)

Jim and John Whitney, of Lincoln, who have received the Volunteers of the Year Award from the Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. The Whitneys are co-owners and founders of the Golden Key Senior Center in Lincoln. They have been in business for over 3 years, and their main purpose is to help people 50 years of age and older with their physical, emotional, spiritual, educational and community needs. We extend to Jim and John Whitney our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 84)

Hervey Clay, of Lincoln, who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Clay has been an active volunteer in the area for decades. He has been a member of Lincoln's fire department for over 40 years and has volunteered at Penobscot Valley Hospital and for various town committees. We extend to Mr. Clay our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 85)

Blaine "Skip" Wood, of Lebanon, upon his retirement as Chief of the Lebanon Fire Department after 50 years of service. Chief Wood joined the department in 1964, becoming deputy chief in 1966 and chief in 2001. In addition to his work with the department, Chief Wood has served on Lebanon's budget committee and comprehensive planning committee. He has maintained and supported the "Toys for Lebanon Kids" program and has helped the town's Little League baseball and softball teams by letting them use his field for their games. We extend to Chief Wood our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 86)

the Town of Easton on its sesquicentennial. It was around 1854 that Easton, originally a Massachusetts township, was purchased by the State of Maine. From 1855 to 1856, the town was divided by Noah Barker into 160-acre lots and subsequently opened by the State for settlement. The earliest settler

accounted for was Henry Wilson. The town's name is derived from its location on both the eastern line of Aroostook County and of the State, but originally it was called Fremont Plantation in honor of explorer Major General John Charles Fremont. In 1856, the year the plantation took his name, Major General Fremont was the standard bearer of the nation's young Republican Party. By 1865, Easton's population had grown to roughly 400, and the town was incorporated by proclamation of the Legislature on February 24th of that year. Today, agriculture and wood products form the basis of Easton's economy, with 70% of the tax base being made up of McCain Foods, Inc. and Huber Engineered Woods, LLC, along with other agricultural and resource-based industries. We extend to the citizens of Easton our congratulations and join with them in celebrating the town's 150th anniversary; (HLS 87)

Roy J. Trombley, a native of Presque Isle, who in 1949 invented and patented the Trombley Electric Hoist, which hoists barrels of potatoes. It has a foldable crane arm and a grapple and uses an electric starter as a motor. Before the hoist was invented, barrels of potatoes would be loaded by a man on the back of a truck using grapples to pull the barrel up while another man would push from below. The hoist Mr. Trombley invented saved a lot of time and hard work and was very popular among potato farmers. Mr. Trombley also owned and operated a successful construction and ready-mix concrete business and was known for his kindness and generosity. We acknowledge Mr. Trombley's innovative contribution to agriculture in the State. He will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 88)

Clyde Le Clair, of Augusta, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Le Clair was educated in Old Town schools and completed high school while in the Army as a paratrooper. After his discharge he attended Husson College under the G.I. Bill. He also attended the University of Maine at Portland and Boston College. He joined the Old Town Police Department and rose to become Deputy Chief of Police. Later he was named Chief of Police of Falmouth, a role in which he served until November 1984. Governor Joseph Brennan appointed Mr. Le Clair Executive Director of the Maine Animal Welfare Board in 1984. In 1991 he volunteered to become legislative liaison for the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, and in 1997 he began to serve the Legislature under the Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Le Clair ran for public office twice and served on many professional, local and state boards and commissions. He was known for being personable, having a good sense of humor and caring deeply for animals. Mr. Le Clair will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 89)

David J. Kimball, of Orland, veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Kimball served in the Air Force as a Radar Repairman, and he retired after 24 years of working at the paper mill in Bucksport as an Instrument Technician. He enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, sports, camping with his wife of 50 years, Rachel, and being active with his grandchildren. Mr. Kimball will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 90)

Carolyn Blodgett, of Penobscot, a longtime active member of her community and a retired teacher. Mrs. Blodgett was born in Penobscot and was a 1945 graduate of Clark High School. She attended Gorham State Teachers College but left to marry her husband Donald in 1947. They lived with their 5 children in an apartment over Blodgett's General Store, a business they owned and operated for many years. Mrs. Blodgett returned to school as her children grew older and earned her degree from the University of Maine in 1969 and then her graduate degree in

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reading and special education. Mrs. Blodgett taught for many years at Brooksville Elementary School, retiring in 1987. After her retirement, she remained very active with numerous local civic organizations, as well as her church, and volunteered at the Penobscot Elementary School and the Penobscot Nursing Home. Mrs. Blodgett will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 91)

Philip A. Garland, of Dedham, who was a well-known financial advisor in the Greater Bangor area and an active member of his community. Mr. Garland was born in Bangor and attended Bangor schools. He was a graduate of Deerfield Academy and Bowdoin College. He served in the United States Army and was a recipient of the National Defense Medal. Mr. Garland enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and skiing and was a member of numerous fraternal organizations. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife, Pauline, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 92)

Paul Thornton, Bill Thornton and Rob Thornton, of Lincoln, who have received the Business of the Year Award from the Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. The Thorntons have been in automotive sales for 43 years. Paul Thornton started Thornton Brothers in 1972, working 7 days a week to get the business going, and Paul's sons Bill and Rob are the 2nd of 3 generations to work for the business. We extend to the Thorntons our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 93)

the Honorable Roger Reed, of Carmel, who is being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Representative Reed compiled a 571-201 record coaching at Bangor Christian School and Bangor High School, and he coached the Bangor High School Rams to 8 Class A state championships over 27 years. Representative Reed currently represents Carmel, Hermon and part of Etna in the Maine House of Representatives. We extend to Representative Reed our congratulations on his well-deserved induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame; (HLS 94)

the Central Aroostook High School Varsity Cheerleading Team, of Mars Hill, on its winning the 2015 Class D State Championship. This is the team's 7th championship in Class D, which is a record, and its 12th overall, tying the all-classes mark. The team also won the East/West Maine Class D regional cheering title. The team includes Whitney Bradbury, Jordan Canney, Courtney Milliard, Shannon Scully, Noelle Bailey, Victoria Brewer, Dayna Collins, Elizabeth Gillen, Sheratin Kelly, Emilee Durost, Sarah Gerritsen, Halee Rusby, Lillie Mahan, Keara McCrum, Hunter Nicholson, Holly O'Leary, Michaela Pelletier, Sarah Sargent, Taia Tilley and Chloe Wheeler; assistant coach Janice Mosher; and head coach Sami Allen. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 95)

Charles "Chuck" Plummer, of Eddington, as he steps down after 36 years of honorable public service with the Town of Eddington. Mr. Plummer is a past selectman, assessor and Overseer of the Poor and has previously served on the town's planning board. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Plummer for his more than three decades of civic involvement and commitment to the community; (HLS 96)

Rodney Buswell, Sr., of Eddington, as he steps down after 24 years of honorable public service with the Town of Eddington. Mr. Buswell is a former chair of the town's Recreation Committee and currently serves on the Economic Development Committee. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Buswell for his more than two decades of civic involvement and his commitment to the community; (HLS 97)

Donn C. Goodwin, of Eddington, as he steps down after 16 years of honorable public service as an Eddington town selectman. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Goodwin for his civic involvement and his commitment to the community; (HLS 98)

Elaine Lowell, of Prospect Harbor, who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 1, 2015. Mrs. Lowell, a native of Steuben, was married to George Lowell, who passed away in 1997. Together they raised 3 children, who gave them 11 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Lowell on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 99)

Julian Beale III, of Belgrade, whose Capitol City Junior Rifle Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Mr. Beale established the club and is its Junior Director and Coach. He has trained over 1,000 young marksmen, and many have gone on to win awards, including over 563 medals in Junior Olympic and National Sectional events. Under Mr. Beale's leadership, the club received the 2013 Outstanding Youth Club Award from the National Rifle Association, the 4th time the club has received this national recognition. Mr. Beale is a United States Navy veteran and former rifle instructor at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and has also been the Range Director for the NRA National Small-bore Matches in Indiana for the past 25 years. We extend to Mr. Beale our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 100)

Floyd Damren, of Belgrade, on his 80th Birthday, March 17, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Damren on this special occasion; (HLS 101)

the 2015 inductees into the Lakers Hall of Fame of Lake Region High School, in Naples, for their notable contributions to sports: Kim Gerrish Greenberg, 1990-1993; John Mayo, 1985-1988; Rachel Sama, 1982-1985; Paula Webster Tocco, 1978-1981; and community contributor Bill Shane. We extend our congratulations to the newest members of the Lakers Hall of Fame and send them our best wishes; (HLS 102)

the Riverside Grange #475, in Lebanon, for its 100 years of promoting family, agriculture and community service. Voted Grange of the Year for 2012 and 2013 by the past officers of the Maine State Grange, the Riverside Grange donates to the Animal Welfare Society and the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, as well as to the Dover and Berwick holiday parades. Its members participate in the United Way Day of Caring, dictionary projects at Lebanon Elementary School and raffles. The grange placed first in the Maine State Grange Community Service Contest in 2012 and 2013. We extend to the members of the Riverside Grange our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 103)

Andrew Wilcox, of Livermore Falls, a senior at Spruce Mountain High School in Jay, who won First Place in the Voice of Democracy competition sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Maine for writing and recording an audio essay on the patriotic theme "Why Veterans Are Important to Our Nation's History and Future." Andrew will go on to compete at the national level in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 104)

Gage Feeney, of Cutler, a senior at Washington Academy, who has scored his 1,000th career point playing basketball. Gage has played varsity for all 4 years of high school. We extend to Gage our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 105)

Kris Doody, of Caribou, Chief Executive Officer at Cary Medical Center, who has been named one of "50 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know" by *Becker's Hospital Review*. This monthly national publication offers business and legal news, along with analysis relating to hospitals and health systems. Its list

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acknowledges leaders across the nation dedicated to advancing health care in small towns and rural communities. Ms. Doody has been with Cary Medical Center since 1999. She has taken on many leadership roles, including as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System, chair of the Board of Directors of the Maine Hospital Association and chair of the Aroostook Partnership for Progress. She has received many recognitions, including the Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, the highest civilian award presented to an individual by the Vietnam Veterans of America. A strong veterans' advocate, Ms. Doody has testified before the United States Congress in support of Project ARCH, Access Received Closer to Home. In part due to her efforts, this initiative has been extended 2 years, and Cary Medical Center is one of 5 locations in the nation where Project ARCH has been available to veterans. We extend to Ms. Doody our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 106)

Ashley Storey, of Cumberland, a senior at Greely High School, on her earning her 1,000th career point in basketball. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on her achievement and send her our best wishes as she continues her education and basketball career; (HLS 107)

Midshipman Second Class Rolando A. Amador, of Harpswell, who died while at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Midshipman Second Class Amador was born in Brunswick, and he and his family moved to Harpswell not long afterward. He was a 2011 graduate of Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham and was accepted into the United States Naval Academy. He spent countless hours as a volunteer with the local community and led his battalion as Sports Boss. Midshipman Second Class Amador studied mechanical engineering and made the Commandant's and Superintendent's List every semester. He was a natural-born leader, and he was a confidant to all and a good friend to many. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 108)

the Camden Garden Club, in Camden, which is 100 years old on March 4, 2015. The oldest garden club in the State, dedicated to civic improvement, the Camden Garden Club has implemented many projects and programs that have beautified Camden and the Midcoast area, including helping care for the Union Street Arch, made famous in the movie *Peyton Place*, since 1934, hanging the famous red geranium baskets upon the lampposts of the town, leading the fight against Dutch elm disease in the 1950s and planting 1,600 streetside trees, which have earned Camden the Tree City USA designation. We extend to the Camden Garden Club our appreciation for the beauty it has brought to the State and our best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 109)

Alexander Foye, of Kittery, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 307, 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, Alexander worked with the Kittery Conservation Committee in the Kittery Town Forest to replace 2 foot bridges and reroute trails. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 110)

Jacob W. Wilson, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 111)

Laurence "Larry" E. Torno, Sr., of Lebanon, a longtime active member of his community. Among his many civic contributions, he was elected the Lebanon Road Commissioner, a position he held for 5 years. Mr. Torno was also a longtime assistant fire chief for the Lebanon Fire Department. In addition to his civic involvements, Mr. Torno was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and snowmobiling, and he was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. Mr. Torno will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 42 years, Pamela, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 112)

Franklin D. Bothwick, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Mr. Bothwick was born in Bangor. He joined the United States Naval Reserves for 2 years and then served his country in the United States Air Force for the next 22 years. He was involved in the 1962 H-bomb tests at Christmas Island and the recovery of H-bombs from crashed B-52 bombers at Palomares, Spain in 1966 and in Greenland in 1968. Mr. Bothwick served a tour in Korea and 3 tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Airman's Medal for heroic action. After retiring from the military, he worked for Bell Helicopter in Iran until the Iranian Revolution, and later for Augusta Helicopter Company in Saudi Arabia, training the Saudi Army. Mr. Bothwick was a life member of Elks Lodge #244 and VFW Post 3381. He will be greatly missed by his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 113)

Ian Ferguson, of Windsor, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 609, 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 114)

the Presque Isle High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, of Presque Isle, which has won the 2014-15 Eastern Maine Class B Championship. This is the 3rd championship title in 4 years for the team, which ended this season with a 19-3 record. Members of the team include Erin Ackerson, Hannah Graham, Krystal Kingsbury, Emma Kinney, Jordi Legassie, Megan Seward, Morgan Wilcox, Olivia Hudson, Regan Nelson, Taylor Williams, Emily Lagerstrom, Skylar Vogel and Emily Wheaton; managers Jordan Buckley, Jessica Cameron and Michaela Dumais; assistant coach Ralph Michaud; and head coach Jeff Hudson. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 115)

the Greely High School Girls Basketball Team, of Cumberland, on its winning the 2014-15 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 116)

Thomas Everett Carpenter, of Verona Island, a prominent local citizen. Mr. Carpenter grew up in Orland, attended Orland Consolidated School and graduated from Bucksport High School. He received degrees in mechanical engineering technology and business from the University of Maine. He was a longtime member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Maine Baseball. He took an active role in his community. He was a member of the School Board from 1984 to 2004 and was a Selectman for nearly 25 years, from 1990 to 2015. He worked as a certified public accountant in Bucksport for 35 years, most recently with the firm of Tate-Fitch. He enjoyed the outdoors, including camping and fishing on the Allagash River, ice fishing and camping at Mopang Lake and moose hunting and camping in Deblois. Rescuing Rottweilers was also an important part of his life. Mr. Carpenter will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 117)

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David Lee Bouchard, of Orland, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Bouchard was born in Castine and graduated from Searsport High School in 1973. He joined the United States Navy and served on the *U.S.S. Schofield* during the Vietnam War. He worked at the Bucksport mill for nearly 37 years until its recent closing and was also a professional woodcarver. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and bow hunting and was an International Bowhunter Education Instructor and a member of the Maine Bowhunters Association, the Professional Bowhunters Society, the Pope & Young Club and the National Bowhunter Safety Instructors and a life member of Buckmasters. Mr. Bouchard will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 118)

Dennis G. Towle, of Augusta, a longtime educator and active member of his community. Mr. Towle was born in Augusta and was a 1956 graduate of Cony High School. He attended Colby College in Waterville on an academic and athletic scholarship and graduated from Farmington State Teachers College in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. Mr. Towle taught school for 35 years, 12 years at Hodgkins Junior High School and 23 years as an English teacher at Cony High School. Mr. Towle was a former president and chief negotiator for the Augusta Teachers Association, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Maine Education Association and trustee of the Maine Education Association Benefits Trust and a former chair of Special Services for the Maine Education Association. Mr. Towle was active in the community as former president of Augusta East Little League, former president and 30-year member of the Capitol Area Recreation Association, former chair of the Maine State Basketball Association and former member of the Executive Committee for Central Maine for the Maine Sports Legends. He served one term as trustee for Old Fort Western and was a trustee at the Augusta Elks Lodge 964 for 10 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 119)

the members of the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development's "Top Gun" Class of 2015, Bangor Region. The Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development is a private nonprofit organization that assists entrepreneurs building Maine businesses. We send our best wishes to the following entrepreneurs and their businesses: Katie Quinn, Ass Over Teakettle; Danielle Demers, Equestrian Culture Magazine; Matt James, CourseStorm; Elizabeth Chabe, High Touch Courses; Andrew Katon and Vincent Lewis, L&K Manufacturing; Lisa Liberatore, Lisa's Legit Burritos; Nicole Klam, Maine Shellware; Chuck Donnelly, Rockstep Solutions; Kathy and Bruce Chamberlain, Stone Fox Farm Creamery; Spencer Wood, Tip Whippin LLC; James Gallagher, Whoopie Pie Cafe; and Emma Wilson, Zeomatrix; (HLS 120)

the members of the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development's "Top Gun" Class of 2015, Midcoast Region. The Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development is a private nonprofit organization that assists entrepreneurs building Maine businesses. We send our best wishes to the following entrepreneurs and their businesses: Sara Rademaker, American Unagi; John LeMole, Gemini Canvas; Rosie Curtis, Gimme Shelter; Cyndi Prince, Loo Hoo LLC; Reuben Brown, Love Your Artist; Peter Fischer, Maine Fresh Sea Farms; Brendan Riordan and Alexander Abess, Rockport Imaging LLC; and Robin Tara, the Maine Shoe Project; (HLS 121)

the members of the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development's "Top Gun" Class of 2015, Portland Region. The Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development is a private

nonprofit organization that assists entrepreneurs building innovative Maine businesses. We send our best wishes to the following entrepreneurs and their businesses: Abi Barnes, A Barnes LLC; Greg Thayer, Bev-y; Kai Smith and Sean Sullivan, Buoy Local; Paul DesJardins, Green Pod LLC; Tobin Slaven and Ross Lassley, Magic Number Labs; Togue Brawn, Maine Dayboat Scallops; Chris Tweedie, MyFreightHub.com; Will Mitchell, NBT Solutions; Don Parent, Parent Technology Group; John Rooks, Rapport; Dominic Tracey, Rugby.net; Jeff Holden, SeaEx; Kym Dakin, Shift POV; John Turner, Traps Eyewear; and Paul Gurney and Jodi Gilano, Trove; (HLS 122)

Adam J. Poulin, of North Anson, a student at Carrabec High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Adam on his receiving this award; (HLS 123)

the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District Girls Basketball Teams for their service in forming and sustaining the "Shootin' for a Cure" nonprofit. The players focused their efforts on an issue many of them had in common: family members suffering from breast cancer. Their nonprofit began by raising money to donate to York Hospital's Breast Care Center in order to bring an advanced 3-D breast imaging MRI system to the hospital. Players from 5th to 12th grade initially gathered pledges and shot free throws at their inaugural event, but Shootin' for a Cure has become a year-round campaign with several related events. Over 6 years, Shootin' for a Cure has raised over \$175,000 for the Breast Care Center. We extend to Coach Donald Abbott and all the players of the teams our appreciation for their service; (HLS 124)

J. Howard Seavey, Jr., of Newport, a former chief of police who was well known for his remarkable basketball skills. He attended Higgins Classical Institute before enlisting in the United States Army. Mr. Seavey was stationed in Germany for 3 years, where he represented the Army on a traveling basketball league. After his discharge, Mr. Seavey joined the National Guard and worked for HP Hood. He also served as the Chief of Police for the Town of Newport for several years, where he started the Police Athletic League. Mr. Seavey coached basketball at Seabasticook Valley Community Center and was an NCAA basketball official for high school and college games as well as a Little League coach. He was a member and trustee of Calvary Baptist Church in Newport. Mr. Seavey will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 125)

Marvin and Elaine Lister, of Corinna, who have had the Town Report dedicated to them. A lifelong citizen of Corinna, Mr. Lister has served the town in many capacities. He has been elected to many terms on the board of selectmen, serving as chair for many years. He has represented the town on the district school board and has served on many town committees. He also has coached a number of youth sports teams for the recreation department. Mrs. Lister also has coached for the department, and she helped organize the town's 175th anniversary celebration. She also helps organize, plan and prepare the yearly Corinna Fall Festival. She works as a ballot clerk every election, serves on the town water district and serves on the board of the Seabasticook Valley Federal Credit Union. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Lister our appreciation for their service and our congratulations for their having been recognized; (HLS 126)

Pauline S. Paine, 103, who was the oldest citizen of Newport. Mrs. Paine was born in Woodland and grew up in Millinocket, graduating from Stearns High School. She graduated from Aroostook State Normal School and taught in a one-room

schoolhouse in Chester. She married Lyndall Paine, and together they ran IGA stores in Lincoln and Mattawamkeag before moving to Newport in 1946 and operating a car dealership and later a realty company. She was an active member of the People's United Methodist Church and was the Grand Marshal of Newport's bicentennial celebration parade. Mrs. Paine will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 127)

the memory of William "Roger" Erskine, of Dixmont, a lifelong resident of Dixmont who is sorely missed and fondly remembered and who has been honored in this year's town report. Mr. Erskine received an Outstanding Citizen Award for his service to the Town of Dixmont as constable, bus driver, fire chief and businessman. He retired in 1990 after operating Dixmont Garage General Repairing for 39 years. We join the town in honoring his memory; (HLS 128)

Joe Cyr, of Old Town, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Cyr is President and Chief Executive Officer of John T. Cyr & Sons, a bus company based in Old Town. He took the business his grandfather started and expanded it, adding many school districts to the bus service and creating Cyr Northstar Tours, a charter bus service. Mr. Cyr is also committed to the community. He has served as a director of the Maine Community Foundation and has been a board member of the Old Town/Orono YMCA, serving for 5 years as president of the board. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 129)

Roland Alfred Ouellette, of Chisholm, part of what is now the Town of Jay, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Ouellette grew up in Jay and graduated from Jay High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the First Army in the European Theater during World War II. He was wounded in battle and lost the use of his legs. That loss did not stop him from participating in the sports he loved. He began coaching with American Legion baseball. He led programs in the Farmington and the Livermore Falls-Jay areas. Mr. Ouellette was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. In the 1970s, he began the Area Youth Sports program with a group of friends, which continues to offer many sports opportunities to the children of Jay, Livermore Falls and Livermore, and participated in the Summer Recreation Program in Jay for many years. In addition to his sports activities, he was active in local veterans organizations and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Barbara received the Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year Award and the New England Family of the Year Award. They were married in 1951 and were the proud parents of 7 children. Mr. Ouellette was also a recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Award for public service. We acknowledge Mr. Ouellette's service to his community and to the State, and we send to his family our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 130)

Maurice Pelletier, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Pelletier is a veteran of the United States Air Force and worked for 28 years at the Veterans Administration Center at Togus, where he became a Lead Health Benefit Advisor and received numerous awards. After his retirement, he continued to serve veterans, working part-time as a volunteer Driver Coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans until December 2005. Currently, he volunteers at MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta. He is a 48-year member of Le Club Calumet and has served as the club's

president. He is also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Michael Catholic Parish and a founder of the Friends for a Heritage Center at Mill Park, a group that contributes to the preservation and advancement of the State's history and culture. We acknowledge Mr. Pelletier's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 131)

Joseph Donald Cyr, of Lille, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. A historian by education and work experience, Mr. Cyr has been at the forefront of efforts to preserve and promote Acadian culture. He has taught many college-level courses on Acadian history and folklore and French Canadian folklore. He was cataloguer and restoration specialist at the Acadian Village in Van Buren and restoration specialist of the Albert House at the Tante Blanche Museum in Madawaska. He worked with the National Park Service in implementing the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act. Active in several major projects, he has raised more than \$3,100,000 in grants for the restoration of the former Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel church and rectory in Lille. A collector of Acadian artifacts, he has amassed more than 300 pieces of handmade Acadian furniture and smaller artifacts, the largest such collection in the country. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 132)

George A. "Pete" Lamontagne, Jr., of Biddeford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Lamontagne served in the United States Army and was stationed with the Adjutant General's staff in France. He worked for over 3 decades at the Westpoint textile mill, until the mill's closure in 2009. He was a leader in the UNITE HERE Local 305T, at one time serving as union president. He helped found the Biddeford Mills Museum and personally restored a missing plaque commemorating 200 mill employees who fought in World War II. Mr. Lamontagne served 5 terms on the Biddeford City Council, including one term as Council President. We acknowledge Mr. Lamontagne's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 133)

Doris Belisle-Bonneau, of Auburn, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Belisle-Bonneau serves on the Board of Directors for the Franco American Collection at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston/Auburn College, represents Franco American interests on the L/A Advisory Committee and co-chairs the Academic Affairs Committee. Since 2003 she has volunteered at D'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston with a focus on serving the French-speaking residents. She co-created and developed the Maine French Heritage Language Program under the auspices of the Franco Center and the University of Maine at Augusta. The program provides an after-school culture and language program for students from kindergarten to grade 6 and is currently active in Augusta and Lewiston. We acknowledge Ms. Belisle-Bonneau's service to her community and to the State, and we send her our congratulations on the occasion of her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 134)

Colin Mickiewicz Jones, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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, Colin built 2 storage hutches and several benches for the Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center. We

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extend our congratulations to Colin on this achievement; (HLS 135)

Adam PuttKammer, 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 Adam on this achievement; (HLS 136)

Matthew Gross, 11, of Brewer, who is doing his 3rd Ride for the Wet Nose benefit for the animals of the Bangor Humane Society. In the previous 2 years, Matthew has raised more than \$2,300 and hopes to raise at least \$1,000 this year. The Ride for the Wet Nose is a 25-mile bicycle ride on a community loop through Bangor, Holden and Orrington. We congratulate Matthew on his commitment to helping the animals at the Bangor Humane Society and commend him for his exemplary fundraising actions; (HLS 137)

the Hermon High School Girls Cheerleading Team, of Hermon, which has won the Eastern Maine Class B Championship. Members of the team include Danielle Dennison, Sarah Perley, Tiffany Tanner, Dezerai Peabody, Katrina Smith, Olivia Guiggey, Marissa Cox, Baylie Dalton, Lexey MacManus, Emily Perley, Carissa Hatch, Emily Woodilla, Alyssa Cyr, Cammie Pierce, Laura Zenk, Nicole Petersen, Emily Austin and McKenna Baker; assistant coach Christina Paradis; and coach Kristie Reed. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 138)

Bill Potter, of Woolwich, who received a 2014 Spirit of America award for his exemplary service to his community. In addition to coaching student soccer and volunteering at his church, Mr. Potter volunteered at the Maine Maritime Museum. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Potter on his receiving this award; (HLS 139)

Wallace H. Desjardins, of Wallagrass. Mr. Desjardins moved to New Jersey after finishing high school and worked at various machine shops. He married his high school sweetheart, Sandy, and they settled in Lindenwold, New Jersey. In 1973, he opened his own machine shop. He developed innovative medical equipment and was granted 3 patents for hospital equipment, which won him an award from Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Desjardins was very involved with the Rotary Club and was a past District Governor of Southern New Jersey. In his retirement years, he enjoyed his membership and remained active in the Rotary Club of Fort Kent. Mr. Desjardins also served as a volunteer firefighter, first responder and member of the National Guard. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 140)

Logan Wood, of Machias, a senior at Machias Memorial High School, who scored his 1,000th career point in basketball at a game on February 16, 2015. Logan was named *Darling's/Bangor Daily News* Player of the Game at that game on the same night. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Logan on this achievement; (HLS 141)

Tate Dolley, of Machias, a junior at Machias Memorial High School, who has earned her 1,000th point playing basketball for the Bulldogs. Tate earned that point playing a game against Bangor Christian School, in which she scored a total of 32 points. We extend to Tate our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 142)

the following members of the Washburn District High School girls varsity basketball team, who have won the 2014-2015 Class D State Championship: players Mikayla Churchill, Joan Overman, Mackenzie Worcester, Jessica Aube, Grace Braley, Emilia Churchill, Brittany Corey, Natalie Doody, Laina Mette, Mariah Davis, Kristen Sarmiento, Makenzie Vaughn and Katie Easler; head coach Diana Trams; assistant coaches Andrew Churchill and Scott Olson; equipment manager Owen James; and managers Kaitlyn Maynard and Macey Barker. This is the team's 5th straight title and 7th title overall. No other girls basketball team has had 5 championship victories in a row. During their consecutive titles, the team has a cumulative record of 106 wins and only 5 losses. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 143)

the University of Maine at Machias, on its hosting the 40th consecutive Special Olympics Spring Games of the Washington County Special Olympics Committee on May 8, 2015. Sponsored by the recreation department of the University of Maine at Machias as well as the Special Olympics Committee and the American Legion Auxiliary, these games provide opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to compete amongst their peers. This competition benefits the athletes mentally, socially, physically and spiritually. We extend our appreciation to the sponsors for providing these athletes with the opportunity to compete for another year, and we send our best wishes; (HLS 144)

Ethan Reno, of Bath, whose actions led to the apprehension of a suspected burglar. Ethan, an 11-year-old, walked into his mother's house and discovered a stranger hiding in the shower. The suspect fled the house after an altercation with Ethan's mother, who told Ethan to call 9-1-1. He did so and provided the dispatcher with useful information, and the person, a suspect in multiple burglaries in the area, was later apprehended by police. Ethan and his mother, Shannon Moon, later identified the man in custody as the intruder in their home. We commend Ethan for his exemplary actions; (HLS 145)

Nancy Plourde, of West Gardiner, on the occasion of her retirement from the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services after more than 36 years of service to the State. Ms. Plourde began her state service in 1978, when she was hired by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Her long service to Maine's veterans began when she joined the Bureau of Veterans' Services in 1981. During her 34 years with the bureau, Ms. Plourde has held many positions in the bureau's central office. From her early days in the bureau as a Clerk Steno II to her current position as an Office Specialist II Supervisor, she has provided caring, compassionate and timely service to the thousands upon thousands of veterans and their families who have sought assistance from the bureau. Her positive attitude, exemplary work ethic and willingness to accept new challenges made her an invaluable employee. During her time with the bureau, Ms. Plourde has accumulated a vast, in-depth knowledge of veterans' benefits. She served as a resource for veterans' advocates at both the state and federal level, who have come to recognize her as a trusted source of accurate information. We wish Ms. Plourde our best wishes in her retirement and offer her our heartfelt appreciation for her many years of loyal service to our veterans and to the great State of Maine; (HLS 146)

the following members of the Fort Fairfield High School boys varsity basketball team, who have won the 2014-2015 Eastern Maine Class D Championship: players Hunter Beaulieu, Vincent Campbell, Caleb Daigle, Griffin Robles, Johnny Theriault, Robbie Watson, Brandon York, Dalton Cassidy, Joshua Ricker, Chris Giberson, Greg Jellison, Joongi Yu and Isaac Cyr; head coach

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Logan McLaughlin; assistant coach Andrew Forsman; and managers Melissa Hotham and Gianna Potter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 147)

the Hermon High School Girls Cheerleading Team, which has won the 2015 Class B State Championship, the team's fifth straight title. Members of the team include Danielle Dennison, Sarah Perley, Tiffany Tanner, Dezerai Peabody, Katrina Smith, Olivia Guiggey, Marissa Cox, Baylie Dalton, Lexey MacManus, Emily Perley, Carissa Hatch, Emily Woodilla, Alyssa Cyr, Cammie Pierce, Laura Zenk, Nicole Petersen, Emily Austin and McKenna Baker; assistant coach Christina Paradis; and coach Kristie Reed. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (HLS 148)

Mackenzie Worcester, of Washburn, a senior at Washburn District High School, who has earned her 2,000th career point in basketball. A leading member of the Class D State Championship team, Mackenzie's scoring earned her the *Darling's/Bangor Daily News* Player of the Game honor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mackenzie on her achievements; (HLS 149)

ChildLight Montessori School, of Berwick, as the school celebrates the 20th anniversary of its founding. We extend our congratulations to ChildLight Montessori School on this special occasion and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 150)

the Falmouth High School Boys Indoor Track Team, of Falmouth, which has won the 2014-15 Class A Maine State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 151)

the Falmouth High School Girls Alpine Ski Team, of Falmouth, which has won the 2014-15 Class A Maine State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 152)

the Falmouth High School Girls/Boys Nordic Ski Team, of Falmouth, which has won the 2014-15 Class A Maine State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 153)

the following members of the Houlton High School girls varsity basketball team, who have won the 2014-2015 Class C State Basketball Championship: players Katie Condon, Natalie Hill, Chelsea Gentle, Kolleen Bouchard, Rylee Warman, Kristen Graham, Aspen Flewelling, Makala Watson, Emma Peterson, Kristen Brewer and Megan Collett; managers Abby Schools and Piper Flewelling; coach Shawn Graham; and assistant coach Ben Drew. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 154)

Sam and Lois Gianni, of Prospect, who have been recognized by the Maine Old Cemetery Association for their renovation of the DeSilver Cemetery. The DeSilver Cemetery, located in the woods on the couple's property, had long been neglected. Mr. and Mrs. Gianni cleared off brush, old trees, rocks and debris, and they found unmarked graves and erected markers on them. They also researched the family whose ancestors are buried in the cemetery and invited many of its members to a rededication ceremony. Twenty members of the family from Boston, Florida, North Carolina and Maine came and visited their ancestors' resting place. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Gianni our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 155)

Karen Phair, of Dixfield, who teaches at Dirigo High School, who was chosen as the 2015 Maine Family and Consumer Science Education Teacher of the Year. Ms. Phair teaches all of the high school seniors to plan careers, eat healthy, reduce

stress and balance their lives. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 156)

the following members of the Marshwood High School Golf Team, of South Berwick, who have won the Maine Principals' Association 2014 Class A Western Maine Good Sportsmanship Award: Abby Corriveau, Tucker Etro, Chad Gregor, Andrew Holsclaw, Brett Janes, Noah Jule, Ben Kahler, Baili Lontine-Kearson, Tanner MacDonnell, Mark Richardson and Jackson Roberts; (HLS 157)

Rose Horowitz, of Harpswell, a student at Mt. Ararat High School, on her winning the 2015 Poetry Out Loud competition. Poetry Out Loud was established in 2006 and is sponsored by the Maine Arts Commission. Rose was one of 10 state finalists of thousands of competitors in Maine schools. As the Maine State Champion, Rose will compete at the National Poetry Out Loud Finals in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations to Rose on her receiving this honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 158)

Brett Gerry, of South Berwick, a student at Marshwood High School, who has been awarded the James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy. The Fitzpatrick Trophy is given to the top senior high school football player in the State based on voting by the State's coaches and the media. We congratulate Brett on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 159)

the following members of the Marshwood High School Football Team, of South Berwick: Brett Gerry, who has received the Campbell Conference Class B Player of the Year Award and was selected as an All Star; Luc Blanchette, Nick Dalecki, Tyler Fife, Brian MacDonald, Jackson Howarth, Zach Doyon, Zach Mitchell and Curtis McLean, who have been selected as All Stars; and Coach Alex Rotsko, who has received the Campbell Conference Class B Coach of the Year Award. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 160)

the following members of the Marshwood High School Football Team, of South Berwick, who have won the 2014 Class B State Championship: Luc Blanchette, Ryan O'Neil, Jack Spear, Jayke Longarini, Kyle Glidden, Seth Hanson, Chris Sarzynski, Nick Tice, Matt Caverly, Jacob Tice, Ian Parmley, Joe Taran, Kyle Parmley, Cam Flanagan, Cole McDaniel, Jackson Howarth, Jonathan Stacy, Nik Adair, Austin Boyle, Colby Wyatt, Sam Cartmill, Temesgen Petrie, Zach Doyon, Jared Davis, Matt Cooper, Brett Gerry, Max Horton, Matt Goodwin, Justin Stacy, Austin Locke, Corbin Herrick, Ryan Gilliam, Andrew Carter, Nick Dalecki, Tyler Fife, Jack White, Alex Nduaguibe, Nick Richardson, Zach Eastman, Zach Mitchell, Curtis McLean, Trevor Messier, Aidan Leavitt, Ben Arenberg, Ethan Clementi, Josh Hollick, Tommy Davis, Dylan Gagner, Sean Montgomery, Hunter Cilley, Chika Nduaguibe, Seth Aumann, Joe McPherson, Andrew MacDonald, Jimmy Roach, Loukas Coussoule, Harlon McCarthy, Brian MacDonald, Jacob Bossi, Alex Fudge, Jake Lebel, Holden Jackman, Travis Davis, manager Devin St. Pierre, manager Logan McLaughlin, head coach Alex Rotsko and assistant coaches Tim Briggs, Doug Cropper, Dave Cultrera, Tom Howarth, Mike Joy, Larry Kinch and Alan Robertshaw; (HLS 161)

the Maine Head Start Directors Association, in Augusta, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Head Start in Maine. We extend to the Maine Head Start Directors Association our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 162)

Black Dinah Chocolatiers, in Isle au Haut, which has won a Good Food Award for its chocolate truffle *Cassis de Resistance*. Organized by Seedlings Projects, the Good Food Awards drew 1,462 entries in 11 categories in a blind tasting with 182 judges. Kate and Steve Shaffer, owners and operators of Black Dinah Chocolatiers, impressed the judges and food luminaries in San

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Francisco, California with their entry, which was made with piquant blackcurrant berries grown on Isle au Haut and Venezuelan bittersweet chocolate. We extend to Kate and Steve Shaffer our congratulations and best wishes. (HLS 163)

Tyler Eaton, of Deer Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named 1st Honor Essayist of the 2015 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tyler on his receiving this honor; (HLS 164)

Morgan Shepard, of Deer Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Morgan on her receiving this honor; (HLS 165)

Leah Holli Boyce, of Stonington, who has earned the distinction of being named 2nd Honor Essayist of the 2015 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Leah on her receiving this honor; (HLS 166)

Allison Cormier, of Deer Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Allison on her receiving this honor; (HLS 167)

Game Warden Aaron Cross, of Morrill, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Cross for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 168)

Game Warden Bob Johansen, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Johansen for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 169)

Maine Warden Service Corporal Andrew Glidden, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Corporal Glidden for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 170)

Game Warden Jim Davis, of East Millinocket, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Davis for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 171)

retired Game Warden Lloyd Perkins, of Augusta, who is the recipient of the 2014 Legendary Game Warden Award presented by the Maine Warden Service Association. The award is given to a retired member of the Maine Warden Service who consistently displayed exceptional expertise in the area of conservation law enforcement and, since retiring, has continued to inspire passion for meeting the goals and mission of the Maine Warden Service. Mr. Perkins served as a game warden from 1971 to 2001. We congratulate Mr. Perkins on this great achievement and wish him continued success; (HLS 172)

Tim Nelson, of Lincoln, a member of the Cianbro team, who won a Bronze Medal in pipe welding at the 2015 National Craft Championships. We extend to Mr. Nelson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 173)

Nia Irving, of Fairfield, the Lawrence High School junior who led the school's girls basketball team to this year's Class A State Championship, who has been named the 2014-15 Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. This award is given

for athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court and distinguishes Nia as the State's best high school girls basketball player. We extend to Nia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 174)

Alex Michael Shaffer, of Sebec, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 175)

John Regan, of Old Orchard Beach, who is retiring after being involved with Old Orchard Beach schools for 25 years as a teacher and coach. He is the longest-serving varsity basketball coach in the school's history, having coached for 21 years. His team won the State Championship in 1988 and his teams have had 15 winning seasons. He was named *Journal Tribune* Coach of the Year 3 times. Mr. Regan has been a friend to hundreds of young men and women over the span of his career. As a highly respected teacher and coach, he has given his best to Old Orchard Beach High School for a quarter of a century. We send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 176)

Central Aroostook Association, of Presque Isle, operator of County Box and Pallet, a wood container and pallet manufacturing company, on its receiving the SHARP Award from the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The award recognizes small business employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems and is an achievement of status as a model of work site safety and health management. We extend our congratulations to the Central Aroostook Association on its receiving this award; (HLS 177)

Noah Danis, of Saco, a member of the Thornton Academy Jazz Band, who won the Division 1 Outstanding Musicianship Award at the Maine State Instrumental Jazz Festival, an annual event organized by the Maine Music Educators Association. Seventy-four jazz groups from 39 high schools competed in the event. We extend to Noah our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 178)

Christina McAllister, of Paris, a deputy in the Oxford County Sheriff's Department since 2008, who was named the 2014 Deputy of the Year by the Maine Sheriffs' Association for her work as an educational advocate. She has worked in the schools for 3 years and is the first woman and Oxford County deputy to receive this honor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Deputy McAllister on her being named Deputy of the Year; (HLS 179)

Jacob L. Wilson, of Wells, a senior at Wells High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on his receiving this award; (HLS 180)

Ashley Storey, of Cumberland, a student at Greely High School, who was named Miss Maine Basketball for 2015 by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on her receiving this honor; (HLS 181)

Mayo Regional Hospital, in Dover-Foxcroft, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplaces. We congratulate Mayo Regional Hospital on its receiving this certification; (HLS 182)

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Richard and Mary Jo Harmon, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 13, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harmon on this very special occasion; (HLS 183)

Joseph and Patricia Bechard, of Sabattus, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 1, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bechard on this very special occasion; (HLS 184)

James and Paulette Carville, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 23, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Carville on this very special occasion; (HLS 185)

Peter and Bonnie Hunter, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 10, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter on this very special occasion; (HLS 186)

Robert and Lorraine Houle, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 1, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Houle on this very special occasion; (HLS 187)

Reginald and Mary Turcotte, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 25, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Turcotte on this very special occasion; (HLS 188)

George and Jeanne Huston, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 16, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Huston on this very special occasion; (HLS 189)

Chester "Bing" Dean, of Bowdoinham, who is celebrating his 95th Birthday on April 30, 2015. Mr. Dean served his country in World War II in the Pacific Theater, participating in the invasion of the Philippines as a United States Army paratrooper. We thank Mr. Dean for his service to his country and wish him well on his birthday; (HLS 190)

Sarra Bridges, of Bucksport, a senior at Bucksport High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Sarra on her receiving this award; (HLS 191)

Matthew C. Norris, of Orrington, a senior at John Baptist Memorial High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on his receiving this award; (HLS 192)

Phil Emery, of Brewer, on the occasion of his retirement as the Bangor High School swimming coach, after 46 years of coaching. Mr. Emery taught earth science at Bangor High School for 38 years and retired from teaching but continued on as a champion swimming coach with 26 Class A State

Championships. He is a member of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and an alumnus of Bangor High School, where he was a swimmer and a member of the school's first state championship team in 1964. Mr. Emery has been Zone 1 state director for the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Organization since 1985 and will continue to stay involved in that capacity. We send our appreciation to Mr. Emery for his longtime commitment to teaching and coaching the youth of Bangor, and we extend to him our congratulations on his retirement; (HLS 193)

Benjamin Poitras, of Van Buren, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 184 in Caribou, 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, Ben coordinated a crew of volunteers to paint the Van Buren Boat House. We extend our congratulations to Ben on this achievement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 194)

Elizabeth Roy, of Waterville, a student at Kennebec Valley Community College, who has been named to the 2015 All-Maine Academic Team. Ms. Roy will represent the State as one of the nominees to the All-USA Community College Academic Team. We extend to Ms. Roy our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 195)

George and Louise Ruby, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 15, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ruby on this very special occasion; (HLS 196)

Lionel and Marilyn Caron, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, October 22, 2015. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 14, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Caron on this very special occasion; (HLS 197)

John "Pete" and Marilyn Young Holyoke, of Dedham, on the celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Holyoke on this occasion; (HLS 198)

Samuel Brenner, of Livermore, a student at Spruce Mountain High School in Jay, who won the Class B State Meet in race walking 2 years in a row, in 2013 and 2014. Sam attended the National Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 15, 2015 in New York City and placed 5th. We extend our congratulations to Sam on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 199)

Abigail Sanborn, of Gorham, who is retiring after 34 years of public service with the United States Social Security Administration. Ms. Sanborn served as a claims representative, with duties that not only required a command of Social Security regulations and policies, but also compassion and understanding for the often vulnerable members of the public who rely on Social Security services. Her work entailed connecting countless individuals to the benefits they earned, including people with disabilities, individuals preparing for retirement and their families, as well as their survivors. Ms. Sanborn patiently assisted these individuals as they navigated the sometimes complicated claims processes. She was also a valuable resource to her peers, to other state, federal and local government agencies and to private sector professionals, all of whom serve the needs of these same populations. Ms. Sanborn was as professional as she was compassionate to the public she served. We send her our appreciation for her long and dedicated commitment to the

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people of Maine and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 200)

Naomi Nicolas, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her retirement after 46 years of dedicated service to the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Ms. Nicolas has been part of the university for nearly 5 decades, starting as a clerk typist right out of high school and later as the administrative assistant in the president's office. We send our appreciation to Ms. Nicolas for her commitment to the University of Maine at Fort Kent and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 201)

Elaina Gilman, of Enfield, a senior at Penobscot Valley High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Elaina on her receiving this award; (HLS 202)

Caroline M. Ireland, of Windham, a senior at Windham High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Caroline on her receiving this award; (HLS 203)

Paul Temple, of Pittsfield, a member of the Cianbro team, who won a Silver Medal in millwrighting at the 2015 National Craft Championships. We extend to Mr. Temple our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 204)

Chad Bemis, of Newport, a member of the Cianbro team, who won a Gold Medal in millwrighting at the 2015 National Craft Championships. Mr. Bemis also won the Craft Safety Award, the first safety award won by a Cianbro member. We extend to Mr. Bemis our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 205)

Jesse Athorp, of Swanville, a member of the Cianbro team, who participated in the 2015 National Craft Championships. We extend to Mr. Athorp our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 206)

Katherine Greason, of Hallowell, who is retiring from the Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Greason has served the State under 5 Governors and 7 Attorneys General. She has represented the Department of Health and Human Services and its predecessor agencies in a wide range of legal matters with great competence, skill and grace. She is well known as the Assistant Attorney General who represents the department in the so-called AMHI Consent Decree, a legally and factually complex court proceeding. She is recognized by her clients, the bench and the bar as a trusted resource on a variety of complex legal issues, including those involving public benefit programs, mental health, confidentiality, guardianship, state forensic services and contracts. She has represented the department in the State's Probate Courts, District Courts and Superior Courts, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, the United States District Court and the First Circuit Court of Appeals, where her legal work is highly regarded. We extend to Ms. Greason our appreciation for her years of service and our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 207)

the 25th Anniversary of Smart EyeCare Center, of Augusta. Established by Dr. Richard Smart, of Readfield, in 1990 after 8 years of military and private practice in Alaska, Smart EyeCare Center has offices in Augusta, Farmingdale and Bangor and employs 50 people, including 6 full-time doctors. Dr. Smart is a past recipient of the President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce for his commitment to the community. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Smart and the employees of Smart EyeCare Center on this anniversary and send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 208)

Kirsten Thomas, of Buxton, a senior at Bonny Eagle High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kirsten on her receiving this award; (HLS 209)

Megan E. Brown, of Standish, a senior at Bonny Eagle High School, who received a 2015 Teen Trendsetters Excellence Award from Governor Paul LePage and the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. This award is given to mentors who provide outstanding leadership and service, particularly with helping their mentees read on grade level. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Megan on her receiving this honor; (HLS 210)

Maeve Carlson, of Wiscasset, a senior at Wiscasset High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Maeve on her receiving this award; (HLS 211)

Calvin Downey, of Buckfield, a senior at Buckfield Junior/Senior High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Calvin on his receiving this award; (HLS 212)

Meagan McKeon, of Searsport, a junior at Searsport District High School, who received a 2015 Teen Trendsetters Excellence Award from Governor Paul LePage and the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. This award is given to mentors who provide outstanding leadership and service, particularly with helping their mentees read on grade level. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Meagan on her receiving this honor; (HLS 213)

Alivia R. Cross, of Searsport, a senior at Searsport High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Alivia on her receiving this award; (HLS 214)

Andrew S. Carpenter, of Fairfield, a senior at Lawrence High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on his receiving this award; (HLS 215)

Marissa Heffernan, of Biddeford, a senior at Biddeford High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Marissa on her receiving this award; (HLS 216)

Jaclin A. Murphy, of Kennebunk, a senior at Kennebunk High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Jaclin on her receiving this award; (HLS 217)

Briaunna S. D. Meyer, of Kennebunk, a junior at Kennebunk High School, who received a 2015 Teen Trendsetters Excellence Award from Governor Paul LePage and the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. This award is given to mentors who provide outstanding leadership and service, particularly with helping their mentees read on grade level. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Briaunna on her receiving this honor; (HLS 218)

Charlotte Southard, of Baileyville, who has been named to the All-Maine Academic Team for 2-year colleges. Ms. Southard has a 3.7 GPA and is majoring in business management at Washington County Community College. We extend our

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congratulations to her on this outstanding achievement; (HLS 219)

Victoria Webber, of Brooks, who has been named to the All-Maine Academic Team for 2-year colleges. Ms. Webber has a 3.5 GPA and is majoring in business management at Washington County Community College. We extend our congratulations to her for this outstanding achievement; (HLS 220)

the 20th anniversary of advanced practice registered nursing in this State. For nearly 50 years, nurse practitioners have provided primary, acute and specialty health care, and they play an increasingly important role as primary caregivers for millions of Americans. Advanced practice registered nurses hold advanced degrees and combine clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an added emphasis on disease prevention and health management to assess patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses and initiate and manage treatment plans, including prescribing medications. Twenty years ago, the State recognized advanced practice registered nurses as independent health care professionals. We join the Maine Nurse Practitioners Association in celebrating this anniversary and send Maine's nurse practitioners our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 221)

Harrison Knowlton, of Turner, a senior at Leavitt Area High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Harrison on his receiving this award; (HLS 222)

Camille Fontaine, of Belgrade, a senior at Messalonskee High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Camille on her receiving this award; (HLS 223)

Game Warden Eric Rudolph, of Ellsworth, who is the recipient of a 2014 Special Recognition presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Rudolph for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 224)

Game Warden Christopher Sargent, of Ellsworth, who is the recipient of a 2014 Meritorious Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Sargent for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 225)

Wayne E. Hakala, of Greenwood. Mr. Hakala was born in Norway, Maine in 1944. He joined the United States Air Force in 1965 and retired as a master sergeant in the Civil Engineering Division in 1985 after a 20-year career, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. Mr. Hakala was a 39-year member of the American Legion and served as Post Commander for 8 years and Fifth District Commander of Oxford County. He served as a fire chief for the Town of Greenwood and past selectman and planning board member. Mr. Hakala will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 226)

the Herrick Family, of Skowhegan, who have been named the 2014 Volunteers of the Year by the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. We extend to Angie, Jason, Bella and Cole Herrick our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 227)

Mike Miller, of Skowhegan, a junior at Skowhegan Area High School, who was named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Boys Alpine Skier of the Year for the second year in a row. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mike on his accomplishment; (HLS 228)

the Honorable Rob Washburn, of Skowhegan, who was named the Maine Citizen Volunteer of the Year by the Maine Recreation and Parks Association for his 29 years of coaching youth football. Mr. Washburn is also the recipient of the Spirit of America Foundation Award, which was established to encourage and promote volunteerism and is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Washburn on his receiving these well-deserved honors; (HLS 229)

Tyler Craig and Cody Craig, of Skowhegan, both students at Skowhegan Area High School, who were named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Wrestlers of the Year. Tyler Craig, a senior, won his 200th career match at Maine's New England Qualifier tournament and his brother Cody, a sophomore, won his 100th career match. We congratulate Tyler and Cody on their achievements and for their receiving this honor; (HLS 230)

Mexico Explorers, located in Mexico, for being selected to receive the 2015 River Valley Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Community Service Leadership Award. We congratulate the Mexico Explorers on its receiving this honor for its contributions to the community; (HLS 231)

Ming Feng Schnorr, of Dixfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Dirigo High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ming on his receiving this honor; (HLS 232)

Summer Keim, of Dixfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Dirigo High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Summer on her receiving this honor; (HLS 233)

Oxford Federal Credit Union, of Mexico, on its being selected as the 2015 River Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Oxford Federal Credit Union on its receiving this honor; (HLS 234)

Kyle Bouchard, of Houlton, a senior at Houlton High School, who has been named Mr. Basketball 2015 by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kyle on his accomplishment; (HLS 235)

Noah Holmes, of Houlton, a senior at Houlton High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Noah on his receiving this award; (HLS 236)

Ethan D. Fink, of New Limerick, a senior at Hodgdon High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on his receiving this award; (HLS 237)

Allana L. Walker, of Somerville, New Brunswick, Canada, a senior at Greater Houlton Christian Academy, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Allana on her receiving this award; (HLS 238)

Mary Allen Lindemann, of Portland, who has received the 2015 Merle Nelson Women Making a Difference Award for her public service. The award was given by the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community. Ms. Lindemann has been a passionate spokesperson for Maine communities and businesses and has made countless donations to nonprofits throughout the State as well as to young entrepreneurs starting businesses. We extend to Ms. Lindemann our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 239)

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Catherine S. Woodilla, of Hermon, a senior at Hermon High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Catherine on her receiving this award; (HLS 240)

Madeleine Seeley, of Machias and Eastport, a senior at Washington Academy, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Madeleine also was named the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of 2015. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving these honors; (HLS 241)

the New Vineyard Public Library, which was selected as the honoree in the Outstanding Nonprofit Volunteer Program category of the 2015 Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism. Since 1987, the Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism has celebrated and recognized the exemplary volunteer work of Maine's most dedicated citizens and sought to inspire others. It is given on behalf of the Office of the Governor by the Maine Commission for Community Service. The New Vineyard Public Library is the foundation of a small rural town in Franklin County and is a source of pride for the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the library on its receiving this award; (HLS 242)

Noah Tibbetts, of Brewer, who was recently named the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals State of Maine Champion Child, for his and Brewer Community School's fund-raising campaign, Nickels with Noah. The campaign encouraged Noah's classmates to donate their coins in the month of October. The campaign raised \$2,353.40, which was matched by Bangor Federal Credit Union for a total of \$4,706.80, to donate to Children's Miracle Network. We extend to Noah our appreciation for his efforts and our best wishes; (HLS 243)

Rodney Rush, of Pittston, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Rush was born in Houlton and graduated from Houlton High School in 1976. He attended St. Francis College and enlisted in the Air Force. After retiring in 1999, he began service with the State of Maine. He was an active member of Elks Lodge 1293 and of American Legion Post 4 and was very involved in community and charity events, especially those involving veterans and children's cancer. Mr. Rush will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 244)

Steven G. Schafer, of Dedham, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Schafer served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War as an airplane mechanic. Mr. Schafer will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 245)

Michael Anthony Bryant, of Verona Island. Born in Farmington, Mr. Bryant was a mechanic, construction worker and welder. His welding work included jewelry and sculpture. He was also an avid fan of automobile racing. Mr. Bryant will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 246)

Russell D. Lanpher, Sr., of Orland, who will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 62 years, Janice, his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 247)

the 75th Anniversary of The Smiling Cow, of Camden, a family-owned gift shop, a Camden tradition since 1940. Founded by Mrs. Margaret Hawkey, it is still family-owned and is operated by the 3rd generation since its founding. We extend our congratulations to The Smiling Cow on its celebration of 75 years

of doing business in Camden and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 248)

the New England Patriots, who have won Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Arizona. The Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks, 28-24. An incandescent 4th-quarter performance by quarterback Tom Brady, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player, put the Patriots ahead of the Seahawks; however, the determined Seahawks had the ball on the New England 1-yard line in the game's final moments. It was then that Patriots rookie cornerback Malcolm Butler saved the game by intercepting a Seahawks pass. This is the 4th Super Bowl title for the Patriots. We extend to owner Robert Kraft, coach Bill Belichick and the team our congratulations on this well-earned victory; (HLS 249)

Katie Wheeler, of Biddeford, whose proper and truthful civic response protected the private information of over 300 people. Ms. Wheeler received over 300 confidential credit reports by mistake in the mail. She reported the error to the media, who connected her with the Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection. We acknowledge Ms. Wheeler's role in helping to protect the private information of so many people and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 250)

Ryan Poulin, of Sidney, who has been named Businessperson of the Year by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Poulin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 251)

Kyle J. Flaherty, of Litchfield, a senior at Oak Hill High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on his receiving this award; (HLS 252)

Angus J. Koller, of Monmouth, a senior at Monmouth Academy, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Angus on his receiving this award; (HLS 253)

Lucille Zelenkewich, of Winslow, who has received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Zelenkewich our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 254)

Giguere Management Group, of Waterville, which has been named Business of the Year by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Giguere Management Group our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 255)

Tammy Rabideau, of Waterville, who has been named Outstanding Professional of the Year by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Rabideau our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 256)

Gary Poulin, of Clinton, who has received from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce the Elias A. Joseph Award, which is given for service to the chamber. We extend to Mr. Poulin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 257)

the Colby College Museum of Art, in Waterville, which has received the Community Service Project of the Year Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to the staff and Board of Governors of the Colby College Museum of Art our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 258)

Holly Towle, of Winslow, who has received the Rising Star Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Towle our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 259)

June L'Heureux, of Waterville, who has received the Customer Service Stardom Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. L'Heureux our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 260)

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Mimi Lyon-Edmondson, of North Yarmouth, 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 Mimi on this accomplishment; (HLS 261)

Kelsey Rohman, of Augusta, a senior at Cony High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Kelsey is also working to restore 3 plaques, which honor the Cony High School veterans of World War I and World War II who died for their country, that were installed in the former Cony High School building and have yet to find a home on the new school grounds. We extend our congratulations to Kelsey on her receiving this award and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 262)

Sean Brock, of Mars Hill, a senior at Central Aroostook Junior/Senior High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Sean on his receiving this award; (HLS 263)

Mackenzie A. Worcester, of Washburn, a senior at Washburn District High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Mackenzie on her receiving this award; (HLS 264)

the Town of Chapman, as the citizens celebrate the centennial anniversary of its incorporation. It was on March 11, 1915 that Township Number 11, Range 3, WELS, also known as Chapman Plantation, became incorporated as the Town of Chapman in Aroostook County. We join the citizens of Chapman as they celebrate the town's 100th Anniversary and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 265)

Ethan Kyle Dapice, 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. For his Eagle Scout project, Ethan built a new set of steps at St. Joseph Hospital. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on this achievement; (HLS 266)

Thomas Adams, of York, owner of Maine Coast Shellfish, who has been named 2015 Small Business Exporter of the Year for Maine by the United States Small Business Administration. We extend to Mr. Adams our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 267)

Robert and Marilyn Tapley, of Penobscot, on their 65th wedding anniversary. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Tapley our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 268)

Paula and Stephen Farrar, of Charlotte, owners of Done Roving Yarns, who have been named Home-Based Business Champions for Maine and New England by the United States Small Business Administration. They have been recognized for their staying power, innovativeness and ability to respond to adversity. We extend to the Farrars our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 269)

Dr. Brian Beal, of Machiasport, who has received the Bourne-Chew Award from the National Shellfisheries Association. The award is given to individuals who make outstanding contributions to aquaculture or shellfisheries and pass on knowledge to the fisheries community and to students. We extend to Dr. Beal our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 270)

Michael James Morong, of Buxton, on the occasion of his retirement from teaching after 39 years of dedicated service to

the Bonny Eagle school community in Maine School Administrative District No. 6. Mr. Morong has served as soccer coach, baseball coach and basketball coach at Bonny Eagle Middle School, and has acted as either the Bonny Eagle Middle School Activities Director or Co-Activities Director for over 20 years. Mr. Morong has led summer trips for 20 years, providing 4,000 students with opportunities to visit Toronto, Washington, D.C., New York City and Baltimore. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Morong for his commitment to the youth of Maine and our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 271)

Betty McKay, of Blue Hill and Penobscot. Mrs. McKay was born in Blue Hill and attended and graduated from George Stevens Academy in 1945. Mrs. McKay and her husband, Ralph, raised 5 children. She taught Sunday school at Blue Hill Baptist Church for 20 years and was assistant teacher at the Blue Hill Nursery School. Mrs. McKay will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 272)

Elias Thomas, of Acton, whose fundraising team secured \$50,000 in funding through a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to construct a reservoir wall that will aid in supplying potable water to the village of Ram Nagar in India. For 15 years, Mr. Thomas has been engaged in international efforts to rid the world of polio. A Sanford-Springvale Rotarian, he has traveled to India each winter since 2001 to take part in village projects and to join Rotary International's work to administer the polio vaccine to Indian children. Since 2004, he has engaged in additional service projects, the reservoir wall project being one of the latest. We extend to Mr. Thomas our appreciation for his humanitarian efforts and our best wishes; (HLS 273)

Leo Moody, of Kingman, and Wade Shorey, of Greenbush, who are being honored by the American Red Cross of Greater Bangor with a Red Cross Real Heroes Award for their heroic actions in saving the life of an infant. Mr. Moody and Mr. Shorey rescued the 3-month-old baby, who was trapped in an overturned car in nearly 3 feet of water following a car crash in November 2014. Mr. Moody saw the vehicle slide down an embankment, called 911 and ran to the vehicle, where he found the baby submerged in water. Using his knife and working in finger-numbing cold, he cut the straps that held the unresponsive child. Mr. Shorey, a bystander, joined the rescue effort and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation to revive the baby. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Moody and to Mr. Shorey on their exemplary lifesaving efforts and we congratulate them on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 274)

Peter Morrissette, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, 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 worked at the Falmouth Elementary School garden, constructing a wheelchair-accessible garden bed and building 2 miniature greenhouses for the existing garden bed to allow for an earlier growing season. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 275)

Adam Meyer, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, 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, Adam built a canoe launch on the Presumpscot River in Falmouth. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 276)

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the Field-Allen American Legion Post 148, in Windham, as the post honors the memory of Civil War hero Daniel S. Milliken, formerly of Raymond. Daniel S. Milliken was awarded the Nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, in 1870 for his heroic deeds on the USS *New Ironsides* during the First Battle for Fort Fisher on December 25, 1864 and the Second Battle for Fort Fisher from January 13 through January 15, 1865. The Field-Allen American Legion Post 148 is recognizing Daniel S. Milliken by placing a suitable marker commemorating his service and heroism on his grave at Riverside Cemetery. We extend our best wishes to the Field-Allen American Legion Post 148 as it honors this Civil War hero; (HLS 277)

Samuel Brenner, of Livermore, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sam on his receiving this honor; (HLS 278)

the Honorable Anne Haskell, of Portland, who is retiring as a Director of Gorham Savings Bank. Senator Haskell was first elected as a corporator of the bank in 1987 and was elected as a director in 1990. When she was first elected as a corporator, the bank had just under \$124,000,000 in assets and 2 branches. Today, the bank has just under \$1,000,000,000 in assets and 11 branches. We extend to Senator Haskell our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 279)

Rick Chamberlain, of St. Agatha, who has retired as St. Agatha's fire warden after 24 years of service. Mr. Chamberlain worked for the town's public works department for more than 20 years and has served in the fire department for nearly 38 years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Chamberlain for his many years of dedicated public service to his community and to the State; (HLS 280)

Felix T. Thibodeau, of Newport, a senior at Nokomis Regional High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Felix on his receiving this award; (HLS 281)

Kenneth Dow, of Corinna, who is the recipient of a 2015 Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism. Mr. Dow has been recognized as an Outstanding Public Service Volunteer. Since 1987, the Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism have celebrated and recognized the exemplary volunteer work of Maine's most dedicated citizens and sought to inspire others. It is given on behalf of the Office of the Governor by the Maine Commission for Community Service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dow on his receiving this award; (HLS 282)

Christopher D. Collmuss, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, 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, Christopher built much-needed shelving and storage space in the theater barn to support the Theatre Company at Falmouth High School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 283)

Merrill "Tinker" Bunker, of Sullivan, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Bunker was born in Bar Harbor and graduated from Bar Harbor High School in 1949. He enlisted in the Air Force and served in the Korean War. He was employed by the Jackson Laboratory as a Professional Research Assistant in the Department of Cytogenetics for 20 years. Mr. Bunker owned and operated the Spruce Valley Campground for many years with his family. Later he became a Registered Nurse and practiced for more than 20 years at Mount Desert Island Hospital.

After he retired, he drove the Island Explorer bus on the Southwest Harbor Route for 5 years. Mr. Bunker will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 284)

Felicia N. Page, of Lebanon, a senior at Noble High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Felicia on her receiving this award; (HLS 285)

Fred Weld, of Dixfield, the recipient of the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Weld on this occasion; (HLS 286)

Daniel Barnett, of Mexico, upon his induction into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Mr. Barnett began learning karate at the age of 5 and is a second-degree black belt student. He now trains in Shaolin Kempo karate, Kung-Fu and Ju jitsu. We congratulate Mr. Barnett and send him our best wishes on his achievements; (HLS 287)

Jesse Warren, of Buckfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Buckfield Junior/Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jesse on his receiving this honor; (HLS 288)

Calvin Downey, of Buckfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Buckfield Junior/Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Calvin on his receiving this honor; (HLS 289)

Alana-Marie Pulkkinen, of Monmouth, who has been selected as Washington County Community College's Student of the Year. In addition to her numerous volunteer activities in the Calais area, Ms. Pulkkinen is very active in the campus community. She is successfully pursuing a double major in Adventure Recreation and Tourism and Criminal Justice. We extend to Ms. Pulkkinen our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 290)

Curtis L. Mills, of Shapleigh, who has had the 2015 Town Report dedicated in his honor for his contributions to the community. A 1993 graduate of Scarborough High School, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1997 and moved to Shapleigh in 1998. Mr. Mills served with the Army's 94th Military Police Company and was deployed to Bosnia and to Iraq, where a roadside bomb ended his military and professional careers in 2003. Mr. Mills is an active contributor to his community; he is a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6859, a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and the American Legion Post 55 and a trustee of the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery Association. We extend to Mr. Mills our appreciation for his service to this nation and for his service to his community on his receiving this honor by the Town of Shapleigh; (HLS 291)

Arianna L. Kahler, of Lisbon, a senior at Lisbon High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Arianna on her receiving this award; (HLS 292)

Christopher Lee Carder, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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, Christopher built benches for the softball field area and constructed an outdoor stairway for Camp

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Laughing Loon in East Waterboro. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 293)

Natao Thomas Deschene, of Lewiston, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 116, 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 Natao on this achievement; (HLS 294)

Provost's Memorials, in Biddeford, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a family business. Now in its 4th generation of doing business, Provost's Memorials has been designing and selling monuments for 100 years, putting careful craftsmanship into each memorial stone and cemetery monument. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Wilfrid and Dawne Provost, the current owners, on this anniversary; (HLS 295)

Anna K. Maxsimic, of Holden, a senior at Brewer High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Anna on her receiving this award; (HLS 296)

Cynthia Jennings, of Old Town, who is retiring from her position as Director of the Old Town Public Library. Ms. Jennings has served the City of Old Town for more than 30 years, including 8 years of service as director of the library. She has been an active member of the community, especially through her involvement with downtown revitalization efforts. We extend to Ms. Jennings our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 297)

Maine Warden Service Investigator Josh Bubier, of Cornville, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Investigator Bubier for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 298)

Arthur Provost, of Skowhegan, who is 100 years of age. Mr. Provost was born in 1914. We extend to Mr. Provost our best wishes; (HLS 299)

Michael Robert Maybury, 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. For his Eagle Scout project, Michael built 2 picnic tables and park benches by the Penobscot River for education classes for the Maine Riverkeepers Association. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this achievement; (HLS 300)

Timothy M. Tweedie, of Houlton, who has received a Hero Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross of Maine. Each year, the American Red Cross of Maine honors people from our communities for their acts of heroism, outstanding community service and courage, kindness and unselfish character in service to others. Mr. Tweedie, a teacher at Houlton High School, intervened in an altercation that began when a student threatened another with a knife. Mr. Tweedie disarmed the knife-wielding student, who had also attacked him during the incident. We extend to Mr. Tweedie our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 301)

Randy Eldridge, of East Orland, who has received a Volunteer Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross of Maine. Each year, the American Red Cross of Maine honors people from our communities for their good works. These Real Heroes demonstrate acts of heroism, provide outstanding community service and show courage, kindness and unselfish character in service to others. Mr. Eldridge volunteers

in many capacities, from helping victims of fires to teaching health and safety classes. He brings passion and dedication to his volunteer role. In the past 2 years he's responded to more than 20 fires, and he has been deployed to help in national disaster responses in Mississippi and Washington State. We extend to Mr. Eldridge our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 302)

Doris C. Pollard, of Otis. Mrs. Pollard was born in Bristol, Connecticut and went to school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After training as a nurse, she met her husband Joe, whom she married in 1956. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving husband, family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 303)

Cynthia Douglas, of Dedham, a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Douglas was born in Bangor and was married to Clyde Douglas. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 304)

Margaret Smith Pierce, of Mercer. Mrs. Pierce grew up in Topsham and graduated from Brunswick High School in 1967 and the University of Maine in 1971. She taught kindergarten for School Administrative District 54 for many years and was passionate about early childhood education and cared deeply for the children she taught. Mrs. Pierce will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 305)

Peter Hegarty, of Sanford, a junior at Sanford High School, who won the gold medal in the pole vault at the Maine State Class A Indoor Track Championships. We extend to Peter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 306)

Megan S. Jellison, of Fort Fairfield, a senior at Fort Fairfield Middle/High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Megan on her receiving this award; (HLS 307)

Alexandra A. Allen, of Easton, a senior at Easton Junior/Senior High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Alexandra on her receiving this award; (HLS 308)

Kelsey Gilson, of Presque Isle, a senior at Presque Isle High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kelsey on her receiving this award;

(HLS 309)

Stephanie Parady, of Fort Fairfield, who has received a 2015 Young Hero Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Stephanie, along with Greg Jellison, also of Fort Fairfield, has extended her kindness and generosity to a classmate who has experienced severe seizures in school. Through swift action and in assisting staff until medical help arrives, Stephanie has consistently demonstrated compassion to her classmate. We extend to Stephanie our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 310)

Greg Jellison, of Fort Fairfield, who has received a 2015 Young Hero Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Greg, along with Stephanie Parady, also of Fort Fairfield, has extended his kindness and generosity to a classmate who has experienced severe seizures in school. Through swift action and in assisting staff until medical help arrives, Greg has consistently demonstrated compassion to his

classmate. We extend to Greg our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 311)

Dixie Shaw, of Presque Isle, who has received the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. For many years, Ms. Shaw has served the people of Aroostook County through Catholic Charities of Maine and by helping those who are hungry. She works tirelessly to ensure money is raised to fund the organization's food banks across the county. She has been a persistent advocate for the hungry, even traveling to Washington, D.C., to champion their cause. When misfortune occurs, she provides active assistance, determining whom to contact and offering the support of Catholic Charities and its volunteers. We extend to Ms. Shaw our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 312)

Francis "Frank" Lafave, of Limestone, who has received a 2015 Real Hero Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. On September 27, 2014, Mr. Lafave, a local mail carrier, checked in on an elderly woman when he noticed that her mail had not been picked up for several days. As there was no response to his knocking on her door, Mr. Lafave made contact with local authorities, who eventually found that the woman had fallen 3 days prior and was unable to reach anyone for help. Without Mr. Lafave's help, the woman may have died. We extend to Mr. Lafave our appreciation and our congratulations; (HLS 313)

Paul Hyslop, of Fort Fairfield, who has received a 2015 Extra Mile Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Hyslop delivers hot meals to seniors and shut-ins in Aroostook County via the Meals on Wheels program. He kindly helps his customers when he finds them in a crisis or difficult situation, such as tending to a man who had fallen or helping a woman having a heart attack and staying with her until emergency responders arrived. We extend to Mr. Hyslop our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 314)

Deputy Chad Foley, of Presque Isle, who has received the Life Saving Award from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. Deputy Foley, a former patrolman with the Caribou Police Department from March 2013 through early February 2015 and now a deputy with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department, was recognized for assisting a man who attempted to harm himself. We commend Deputy Foley for his quick response, which allowed for the man to get the help he needed. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 315)

Kareena J. Woodworth, of Limestone, a senior at Limestone Community School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kareena on her receiving this award; (HLS 316)

Courtney J. Parent, of Hamlin, a senior at Van Buren District Secondary School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Courtney on her receiving this award; (HLS 317)

Kyle Herrick, of Mechanic Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 7, 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 designed and supervised the building of swings at Camp Tall Pines in Poland. We extend our congratulations to Kyle on this achievement; (HLS 318)

Shiloh Munsen, of Pownal, 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 her on this accomplishment; (HLS 319)

Amelia Searfoss, of Pownal, 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 her on this accomplishment; (HLS 320)

Dorothy Peters, of Dixfield, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 years of teaching at Mountain Valley High School. Mrs. Peters has led the Mountain Valley High School National Honor Society for almost 20 years and has been active in the Maine National Honor Society state conventions for the last 10 years. We send her our appreciation for her many years of commitment to the youth of Maine and we congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 321)

Maine Warden Service Chaplain Kate Braestrup, of Lincolnville, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Chaplain Braestrup for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 322)

Lisa Berg, of Machiasport, who was named the 2015 Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Berg has volunteered for school and athletic activities, community fund-raisers and most recently for the American Legion Post No. 9 Ladies Auxiliary. We congratulate Ms. Berg upon her receiving this honor; (HLS 323)

Rebecca Sinford, of Machias, who was named the 2015 Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year for her high-quality, compassionate care to residents at Marshall Health Care. We congratulate Ms. Sinford on her receiving this honor; (HLS 324)

the Turmelle family, of Waterville, which has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the members of the Turmelle family on their receiving this award; (HLS 325)

Abigail Glidden, of Lee, a senior at Lee Academy, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Abigail on her receiving this award; (HLS 326)

Nicholas Esty, of Livermore, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicholas on his receiving this honor; (HLS 327)

Evelyn A. Keene, of Boothbay Harbor, a longtime teacher. Mrs. Keene was born in Boothbay Harbor. In 1928, she graduated from Sargent College in Boston with a teacher's degree in physical education. Later, she earned a master's degree in physical education from the University of Maine. She taught in Gardiner schools and coached the Gardiner girls basketball team, coaching the team to the Maine State Championship in 1930. She also taught in Camden, Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay Center, East Boothbay and Southport from 1941 to 1972, except for 3 years during World War II when she worked at Bath Iron Works as a welder and in the personnel

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department. She was instrumental in establishing the public kindergarten in Boothbay Harbor in 1942. As the oldest area resident, she held the Boston Post Cane for several years and lived to the age of 107. Mrs. Keene will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 328)

Arnold Leavitt, of Auburn, a decorated veteran of World War II. Mr. Leavitt was born in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from Bates College in 1943. He served his country in combat during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. He was held as a prisoner of war but was able to escape and make his way back to Allied Forces. After the war, he owned and operated a lumber yard and later worked for the Department of Transportation. He was an active member of numerous fraternal and veterans organizations, was involved in local and state politics and was president of the Beth Abraham Synagogue. He was presented with an Outstanding Veteran of the Year award in 2014 by Governor Paul LePage. Mr. Leavitt will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 329)

Kathleen E. McAfee, of York, who is retiring after 29 years of dedicated service with the York Police Department. Ms. McAfee was hired as a part-time dispatcher in 1986 and became a full-time dispatcher in April 1987. She achieved and maintained all of the certifications required of a communications specialist, including those for serving as a notary public, certified terminal operation, emergency medical dispatcher and 9-1-1 call taker. She served as an advisor with the York Police Explorer Program and was involved for many years with the Christmas for the Elderly program. We extend to Ms. McAfee our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 330)

the Boys Hockey Team of Messalonskee High School, in Oakland, which has won the 2014-15 Class B State Championship. This is the team's 2nd straight state championship victory after previously finishing as runners-up during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons. Members of the team include Jake Dexter, Elijah Tuell, Sam Bell, Dylan Burton, Jared Cunningham, Jeff Frasca, Shea McCann, Devin Pickett, Will Weeks, Dustin Brown, Dylan Brown, Dana Michaud, Jack Moore, Brandon Nale, Connor Smith, Jacob Bernatchez and Cole Smith; assistant coaches Kevin Castner and John DelGiudice; and head coach Joseph Hague. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 331)

Michelle Delulio and Dara Turgeon, of Greenwood, owners of the Local Hub, who have received the 2015 Business of the Year Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Delulio and Ms. Turgeon our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 332)

the late Wayne E. Hakala, of Greenwood, who has received a Special Recognition from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Anita Hakala, Mr. Hakala's wife, our condolences and our acknowledgment of Mr. Hakala's accomplishments; (HLS 333)

Aaron Speakman, of Bethel, who has received a 2015 Student Citizenship Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Speakman our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 334)

Anna Tyrina, of Greenwood, who has received a 2015 Student Citizenship Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Tyrina our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 335)

Lisa DeHerrera, of Mexico, who has received a 2015 Employee of the Year Award in hospitality from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. DeHerrera our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 336)

Jim Grover, of Bethel, who has received a 2015 Employee of the Year Award in service and retail from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Grover our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 337)

Bill Brown, of Newry, who has received the 2015 Ski Industry Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Brown our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 338)

Jeannine Wing, of Bryant Pond, who has received a 2015 Employee of the Year Award in education from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Wing our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 339)

Craig Angevine, of Bethel, who has received the 2015 Rising Star Entrepreneur Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Angevine our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 340)

Lloyd W. Sweetser, of Bethel, who has received the 2015 Bethel Area Non-profit Leadership Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Sweetser our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 341)

Clarke Lamson Reiner, of Bethel, who has received the 2015 Public Service Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for his volunteer service to the Bethel Ambulance Service and his service to the State of Maine as a legislative aide. We extend to Mr. Reiner our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 342)

Bob Blake, of Bethel, who has received the 2015 Forest Products Industry Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Blake our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 343)

Dennis Wilson, of Bethel, who has received the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Wilson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 344)

Jeff Watts, of Hanover, who has received the 2015 Rocky Freda Memorial Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Watts our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 345)

Michele Varuolo Cole, of Bethel, who has received the 2015 Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Cole our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 346)

Harold John Butler, of Penobscot, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Butler was born on Staten Island in New York. He entered the Navy at a young age and retired in 1967 after 20 years of service. He moved to Penobscot and worked at Maine Maritime Academy from 1978 until his retirement in 1992. He cherished his time with his family and always took the time to teach, love and advise. Mr. Butler will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 347)

Gary Allen French, of Canaan. Mr. French grew up in Poland and attended local schools, graduating from Edward Little High School in 1972. He moved to Canaan in 1986 to begin his career with the Sappi mill, from which he recently retired. He and his wife, Elizabeth, also owned the Canaan Motel. Mr. French will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 348)

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Lance Lee Perkins, formerly of Skowhegan. Mr. Perkins, who had moved to Boston, Massachusetts, grew up in the Skowhegan area and was educated in Skowhegan schools. He was the president of the skateboarding park when its plaque was placed at the Skowhegan Recreation Department. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 349)

Wayne Hollingworth, of Freeport, a veteran of the United States Army and prominent citizen. Mr. Hollingworth was born in Providence, Rhode Island. He attended the University of Rhode Island and was stationed in Germany during his service in the Army. Mr. Hollingworth was a member of the Maine State Employees Association. He served as a union steward and rose to become president of the union. Tasked with representing workers in tough negotiations, he worked on a first-name basis with many Maine legislators and governors. He was a strong advocate in all levels of democracy, and served as chair of the Freeport Democratic Committee and on the Maine State Democratic Committee. He was engaged in Freeport town politics and often spoke at public meetings. He also proudly supported the environmental work of the Maine Clammers Association, served as a counselor in the Aspire Program in Lewiston and fought for the protection of battered women and children. Mr. Hollingworth was a member of the Durham Quaker Meeting House. A lover of folk music, he performed at the Freeport Community Center and sang as a local hospital volunteer. Mr. Hollingworth will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, his friends and the members of his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 350)

Game Warden Steve Allarie, of Winthrop, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Allarie for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 351)

Susan Hassmiller, of Princeton, New Jersey, the keynote speaker at the University of Maine at Fort Kent's 133rd Commencement, on the occasion of her being awarded an honorary doctorate degree. Dr. Hassmiller is a noted educator of nurses, a national health leader and a recipient of the Florence Nightingale Award. She serves as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Senior Adviser for Nursing. In this role she shapes and leads the foundation's nursing strategies in order to create a higher quality of care for people, families and communities. We acknowledge Dr. Hassmiller's dedication to improving health care and extend to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 352)

Kelsey Barrett, of Gardiner, who has received a Commissioner's Play Healthy Award from the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids and Major League Baseball Charities. Kelsey was selected for her dedication to fair, drug-free play and an overall healthy lifestyle. She was chosen on the basis of her leadership, sportsmanship and encouragement of others on and off the playing field. Kelsey has helped to implement a variety of service projects to keep youth healthy and active at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gardiner and found a way to continue competing in indoor track after her school's indoor track team was cut. She encouraged her teammates to participate, and they made it to the state championship track and field meet. We extend to Kelsey our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 353)

Helen's Restaurant, of Machias, on its being named the 2015 Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. On July 11, 2014, the iconic restaurant burned to the ground and the loyal patrons responded with great support and raised \$55,000 in donations to help rebuild. We extend our

congratulations to Helen's Restaurant on its receiving this honor; (HLS 354)

William "Bill" Thomas, of Woodland, who is the recipient of the 2015 Caribou Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for his exemplary commitment to the community. Mr. Thomas has contributed his time and talent to many organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Caribou Community Emergency Response Team, the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church, the Caribou Kiwanis Club and Halfway Home Pet Rescue. He is also very active in civic matters in his hometown of Woodland. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Thomas on his receiving this honor; (HLS 355)

Perlie Reginald Durgin, of Dixfield, on his 90th Birthday. Mr. Durgin served the country during World War II in the United States Army. He fought in 5 battles and received a number of military awards, including the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal. We extend to Mr. Durgin our thanks for his service and our congratulations on his birthday; (HLS 356)

the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Odyssey of the Mind Division III team, which won the 2015 Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament. This is the team's 3rd state tournament victory in the last 4 years. The team will now go on to represent the State in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University. Members of the team include Carolyn Bell, Spencer Bowden, Jaydn LaDeau, Ennis Marshall, Oskar Mattes, Philomena Mattes and Cameron Wendell, and the team is coached by Max Mattes and assistant coach Scott LaDeau. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 357)

Nathanael Batson, of Fairfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 460, 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, Nathanael, who is legally blind, will complete a 10-mile hike, a physical fitness challenge and a musical tribute organized for the Maine Veterans' Home in Augusta performed by professional and amateur musicians from the area. We extend our congratulations to Nathanael on this achievement; (HLS 358)

the Lebanon elementary schools, Hanson Elementary School and Lebanon Elementary School, for winning the 2015 Maine Environmental Education Association School of the Year Award. This honor is given to these schools for their efforts to improve the sustainability of their schools, to create critical thinkers through hands-on, nature-based learning and to increase their capacity. The schools are in a collaborative public-private partnership with The Ecology School, located in Saco, where expeditionary learning is a core element of teaching and learning. In valuing environmental literacy, in which an understanding of systems, cycles and our environmental impact is considered as important as proficiency in math, reading, writing and other traditional subjects, the Lebanon schools, through staff, student and community dedication, have accomplished much toward becoming model "Green Schools." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Hanson Elementary School and Lebanon Elementary School on their receiving this honor; (HLS 359)

Betsey Ann Lenberg, of Norway. Mrs. Lenberg was a native of Woburn, Massachusetts. She married her high school sweetheart, Francis "Butch" Lenberg, in 1961. Together, they owned and operated Betsey's Country Store, a prominent locale where people were not just customers, but friends, in Oxford's village of Welchville for 31 years. They sold the store in 2001

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and retired to Norway. Mrs. Lenberg's pride and joy were her 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Lenberg will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 360)

Dana Connors, of Gray, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, on his receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Maine at the university's 213th Commencement. Mr. Connors is the leader of the State's largest and most diverse business association and oversees a broad range of activities, including advocacy efforts, economic development initiatives, workforce development initiatives and a wide variety of member services for the business community. A Maine native, he received a bachelor's degree in public management from the university in 1965. He began his career as the city manager of Presque Isle and later served as Commissioner of Transportation under 2 governors and as leader of Governor Angus King's transition team before becoming president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce in 1994. He has received numerous awards for his service and leadership. We extend to Mr. Connors our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 361)

Maxwell Clarrage, of Lewiston, a student at Lewiston High School, who was named 2nd Runner-up in the Congressional Art Competition for Maine's Second District. The Congressional Art Competition started in 1982 to provide an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their artistic abilities and exceptional talent. We extend to Maxwell our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 362)

Edward Miller, of Hallowell, who is retiring as Senior Vice President for Public Policy for the American Lung Association of the Northeast, having led since July 2012 the public policy initiatives of the organization in the 7-state region covering New England and New York. Mr. Miller was Senior Vice President for Health Promotion and Public Policy for the American Lung Association of New England from 2007 to July 2012. From 1986 to 2007, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the American Lung Association of Maine, during which time the organization's assets grew from less than half a million dollars to over two million dollars and the organization was recognized as a leader in both mission-focused work and in fund-raising. Its 28-year-old Trek Across Maine remains the most successful American Lung Association fund-raiser in the nation and raises nearly two million dollars a year. From 1973 to 1986, he was the first Director of the Division of Health Promotion and Education in the State's Bureau of Health. We extend to Mr. Miller our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 363)

Ben Brigham, of Eastport, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Washington County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Mr. Brigham teaches at Shead High School in Eastport. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Brigham on his receiving this honor; (HLS 364)

Kai Eilers, of Phippsburg, who has been selected as a 2015 United States Presidential Scholar. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by President Barack Obama, annually selects students across the country based on academic achievement, artistic excellence, essays, leadership skills and community service involvement. While more than 4,300 candidates qualified through outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT examinations, only 141 students were selected to receive this honor. We extend to Kai our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 365)

the Marshwood girls youth travel basketball team on its winning the fifth-and-sixth-grade championship game at the 2015 Seacoast Basketball Tournament in Portsmouth. The Marshwood girls finished their season with wins in the Somersworth Frosty Tournament, the Marshwood Tournament, the Kittery Tournament, the Seabrook Tournament and the Seacoast Basketball Tournament and second place finishes in the Farmington, New Hampshire Tournament and the Westbrook Tournament. Team members include Rori Coomey, Natalie Singer, Ariana Scharff, Alyssa Dube, Maddie Lindgren, Carmela Kriz, Corrin Hasty, Kendall Lawrence, Ashley Bedard, Olivia Forrester, Jocelyn Stackpole, Lexi McGee, Margaret Spear, assistant coach John Watson and head coach Bob Fontaine. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Marshwood girls youth travel basketball team on their accomplishments; (HLS 366)

David Guerrette, of Washburn, who has been named the 2014 Forest Landowner of the Year by the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District. We extend to Mr. Guerrette our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 367)

George Jenkins, of Brunswick, principal at Bowdoin Central School, on the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service. We send Mr. Jenkins our appreciation for his commitment to the youth of the Bowdoin community and to the State and send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 368)

Laurie Catanese, of Bryant Pond, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Oxford County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Catanese teaches at Oxford Hills Middle School in South Paris. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Catanese on her receiving this honor; (HLS 369)

Brenda LaVerdiere, of Wilton, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Franklin County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. LaVerdiere teaches at Academy Hill School in Wilton. We extend our congratulations to Ms. LaVerdiere on her receiving this honor; (HLS 370)

Debra Miller, of Auburn, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Androscoggin County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Miller teaches at Raymond A. Geiger Elementary School in Lewiston. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Miller on her receiving this honor; (HLS 371)

Catherine Gordon, of Plymouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Bangor Christian Schools. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Catherine on her receiving this honor; (HLS 372)

Judy Kahrl, of Arrowsic, who is the recipient of the Sarah Orne Jewett Award by the Maine Women's Fund. This award is given to a Maine woman who exhibits the attributes of the women in Ms. Jewett's works of fiction: true grit, independence, courage, humor and discipline. The Maine Women's Fund is a public foundation that transforms the lives of Maine women and girls through strategic grants, community engagement and support to nonprofit organizations dedicated to social change. We extend

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our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Kahrl on her receiving this honor; (HLS 373)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Lewiston High School: Abdilahi J. Bade, Aaron R. Bissonnette, Jeremy D. Cairns, Nicole J. Footer, Kyleigh S. Letourneau, Jami L. Morissette, Renee J. Roundy, Alyssa M. Rousseau, Julian D. Smedley and Erika S. Thibault. We send our congratulations and best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 374)

the Girls Cross-country Team of Greely High School, of Cumberland, which won the 2015 Class B Girls State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 375)

the Girls Swim Team of Greely High School, of Cumberland, which won the 2015 Class B Girls State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 376)

Jeff Martin, of Buxton, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jeff on his receiving this honor; (HLS 377)

Austin Flanigan, of Limington, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Austin on his receiving this honor; (HLS 378)

Mickie Flores, of Deer Isle, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Hancock County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Flores teaches at Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Flores on her receiving this honor; (HLS 379)

Elaine Ruth Paradis Luthin, of Orono, a beloved teacher who was blessed with many caring friends and a compassionate community who surrounded her with love and support. Ms. Luthin will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving husband Chris, her family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 380)

Ruth Feldman Schwartz Wadlin, of Stockton Springs. Mrs. Wadlin was a member of the Maine Historical Society, the Sandy Point Congregational Church of Stockton Springs and the 1st Congregational Church of Searsport. She was involved with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters and was an active student at the Senior College at Belfast. Mrs. Wadlin will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 381)

Nicholas Cronin, of Saco, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 371, 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 Nicholas on this achievement; (HLS 382)

the Loring Job Corps Center Honor Guard, of Limestone, which has received a 2015 Extra Mile Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Loring Job Corps Center Honor Guard serve as ambassadors of the entire Job Corps program. Over the past 6 years, this group of volunteer students has provided thousands of hours of community service to meet the needs of organizations including the American Red Cross, Veterans Affairs and Wreaths Across America. They remain the primary color guard for the Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery and can be found throughout the local area helping with events, such as multiple sclerosis and cancer walks, sorting food for the hungry and participating in the Red Cross Holiday

Mail for Heroes program. We extend to the members of the Loring Job Corps Center Honor Guard our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 383)

Charlene Wagner, of East Winthrop, who is retiring from her position as Children's Librarian at the Gardiner Public Library after 35 years of service. Ms. Wagner's work has improved the lives of children in the Gardiner area, and she has been an invaluable member of the library, traveling to community schools to advocate for literacy, helping young people develop a love of reading and assisting with monthly library book discussions. She has been involved with the Maine Library Association, the American Library Association and the Maine State Library's purchasing cooperative, SCOOP. She is also a charter member of the Maine State Library's Reading Round-up. We extend to Ms. Wagner our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 384)

Charles "Chip" Morrison, of Auburn, on his retirement as President of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Morrison has led the chamber since 1995. Prior to joining the chamber, he served as City Manager of Auburn, Commissioner of Labor and Commissioner of Administration. Over the course of his career, Mr. Morrison has received several honors, including the Maine Development Foundation's Ken Curtis Leadership Award and being named the State of Maine Public Administrator of the Year, the Auburn Citizen of the Year, the Maine Chamber Executive of the Year and the 2008 MaineBiz Nonprofit CEO of the Year. We extend to Mr. Morrison our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 385)

the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, on the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of its founding. In 1940, the chamber was founded in Skowhegan and now serves 9 other central Maine communities. We send our appreciation and congratulations to the members of the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce on their commitment to their community and we send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 386)

Darla Pickett, of Skowhegan, who has received the 2015 Alton W. Whittemore Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding service. We extend to Ms. Pickett our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 387)

Lisa Thorpe, of Skowhegan, who has been named the 2015 Chamber Volunteer of the Year by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Thorpe our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 388)

Lynch Landscaping, of Skowhegan, which has been named the 2015 Small Business of the Year by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Lynch Landscaping our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 389)

Bangor Savings Bank, in Skowhegan, which has been named the 2015 Large Business of the Year by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Bangor Savings Bank in Skowhegan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 390)

Cathe Jencks-Ayers, of Cornville, who has received a 2015 Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Jencks-Ayers our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 391)

Main Street Skowhegan, which has received a 2015 Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Main Street Skowhegan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 392)

Dionne & Son Builders, of Skowhegan, which has received a 2015 Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Dionne & Son Builders our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 393)

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Nick Wilson, of Saco, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for York County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Mr. Wilson teaches at Biddeford High School. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wilson on his receiving this honor; (HLS 394)

Michael Kucsma, of Buxton, in the line of duty while serving as Deputy Chief for the Gorham Fire Department. Deputy Chief Kucsma joined the Gorham Fire Department in 1991 and was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2002. He also served with the Portland Fire Department as Captain of Engine 6 Company at the Bramhall Station. His passion in his firefighting career was for training and safety, and he was well known as an instructor throughout Maine and New England and contributed many articles on training to fire service publications. Deputy Chief Kucsma will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, friends and colleagues in the fire service; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 395)

William Richard Bourbon, of North Berwick, a prominent member of the community. Mr. Bourbon was born in Dover-Foxcroft and grew up in Orono. He graduated from John Bapst High School and briefly worked at the Eastern Corporation paper mill in South Brewer before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. After his military service, Mr. Bourbon obtained his bachelor of science in education at the University of Maine and became a teacher at North Berwick High School, where he also served as a coach and athletic director. Mr. Bourbon also worked at Noble High School in Berwick, earned his master's degree in educational administration as well as a certificate of advanced study and became the principal of Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln and later of Noble High School. He retired as the Superintendent of School Administrative District 60 in Berwick. In addition to his professional endeavors, he served the local community in various capacities and participated in sports, fraternal, church and professional organizations. Mr. Bourbon will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 396)

the following members of the 2015 graduating class of Lisbon High School in Lisbon Falls, who have earned the distinction of graduating Cum Laude: Abigail Margery Curtis of Lisbon Falls, Patrick Michael Dexler of Lisbon, Elizabeth Alice Hinkley of Durham, Reilly Krysta Johnson of Lisbon Falls, Taylor Elaine Martin of Lisbon, Charles Arthur Sult of Lisbon Falls, Victoria Lynn Swan of Lisbon, Darren Patrick Ward of Lisbon Falls, Jeffrey Michael Dean Willey of Lisbon Falls and Johnny James Yim, Jr. of Lisbon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 397)

the following members of the 2015 graduating class of Lisbon High School in Lisbon Falls, who have earned the distinction of graduating Magna Cum Laude: Monica Emily Austin of Lisbon Falls, Mia Andrena Durgin of Lisbon Falls, Amanda Mae Hazelton of Lisbon, Arianna LaSalle Kahler of Lisbon Falls, Joseph Vaughn Philbrick of Lisbon Falls, Taylor Erin Plourde of Lisbon Falls, Richard Darren Sargent, Jr. of Lisbon Falls and Hannah Marie Stritch of Lisbon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 398)

Cosette Rose Holmes, of Lisbon Falls, a member of the 2015 graduating class of Lisbon High School in Lisbon Falls, who has earned the distinction of graduating Summa Cum Laude. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Cosette on her achieving this honor; (HLS 399)

the Honorable John L. Tuttle, Jr., of Sanford, former 14-term member of the Maine State Legislature, on the occasion of his retirement as an emergency medical technician with North East Mobile Health Services after 40 years of serving his community. Mr. Tuttle, who served 11 terms in the House of Representatives and 3 terms in the Senate and began his legislative career in 1979, has earned the affection and respect of all those who know him. We send him our appreciation for his lifelong commitment to the people of Maine and we congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 400)

Timothy P. Wilson, of Portland, who is the recipient of the Gerda Haas Award for Excellence in Human Rights Education and Leadership from the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. This award is named after Gerda Haas, founder of the center and Holocaust survivor. Mr. Wilson has more than 50 years of experience in education, public service and athletic coaching and has earned various honors, including a Distinguished Leadership Award from Seeds of Peace, a Medal of Honor from the late King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Franklin H. Williams Award, which honors outstanding returned Peace Corps volunteers of color who have put their overseas experiences to work in their communities and in their professions to promote a better understanding of other people and their cultures. Mr. Wilson currently serves as Special Advisor to Seeds of Peace, an organization he has served since its founding in 1993, and Director of its Maine Seeds Program. Until 2006, he was the director of both the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Maine and the Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence in Jerusalem. We extend to Mr. Wilson our congratulations for his receiving this prestigious award and our appreciation for his service; (HLS 401)

Elizabeth Fern Morrison, of Dover-Foxcroft, a senior at Foxcroft Academy, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Elizabeth on her receiving this award; (HLS 402)

Dylan M. Lalime, of Brownville, a senior at Penquis Valley High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Dylan on his receiving this award; (HLS 403)

Ted Sharp, of Cumberland Foreside, on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Gorham School District after 50 years as an educator. Mr. Sharp, who has served the district with distinction for 11 years, plans to continue on in education and dedicate more time to the international master's degree program at Framingham State University, where he has worked as a professor for the past 15 years and will continue to teach. We send our appreciation to Mr. Sharp for his commitment to the youth of Gorham and to the State and send him our best wishes; (HLS 404)

Game Warden Peter Herring, of Gorham, who is the recipient of a 2014 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Maine Warden Service. We extend our appreciation to Warden Herring for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 405)

Charles "Chuck" Bailey and Barbara Bailey, of Falmouth, on the occasion of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Bailey is a retired police officer from Westbrook who served in the United States Army Reserve, and Mrs. Bailey is a busy homemaker who raised 4 children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their anniversary; (HLS 406)

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Catherine M. Gordon, of Plymouth, a senior at Bangor Christian School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Catherine on her receiving this award; (HLS 407)

Neil St. John, of Bangor, a sixth-grade student at Bangor Christian School, who won the 2015 Penobscot County Spelling Bee and who now qualifies for the Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Neil on his achievement; (HLS 408)

the following Top 10 students of the Winslow High School graduating class of 2015: Robert Chenard of Winslow, Evan Clark of Vassalboro, Harrison Clark of Winslow, Kelsey Houston of Vassalboro, Cody Lambert of Winslow, Meg Nadeau of Winslow, Ross Poulin of Winslow, Christina Taylor of Winslow, Mackenzie Winslow of Winslow and Alyssa Wood of Winslow. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the top 10 graduating students on their achievement; (HLS 409)

Jacob Oransky, of Kennebunkport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Kennebunk High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jacob on his receiving this honor; (HLS 410)

Jaclin Murphy, of Kennebunk, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Kennebunk High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jaclin on her receiving this honor; (HLS 411)

Elizabeth Wakeman, of Addison, who has earned the distinction of being named First Honor Essayist of the 2015 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Elizabeth on her receiving this honor; (HLS 412)

Madeleine Seeley, of Machias, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Madeleine on her receiving this honor; (HLS 413)

Gage Feeney, of Cutler, who has earned the distinction of being named Second Honor Essayist of the 2015 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gage on his receiving this honor; (HLS 414)

William Hopkins, of Eastport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to William on his receiving this honor; (HLS 415)

Emily Gagne, of Windham, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the Windham High School Class of 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her achievement; (HLS 416)

Joseph Paluso, of Windham, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the Windham High School Class of 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (HLS 417)

Richard Lewsen, of Windham, Chief of the Windham Police Department. Chief Lewsen has served as a member of the department since its founding in 1976. He started at the rank of sergeant, was promoted to lieutenant in 1982 and was promoted to chief in 1989. We extend to Chief Lewsen our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 418)

Felicia N. Page, of Lebanon, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Noble High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Felicia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 419)

the Eddington Fire Department, which has been designated a Maine HeartSafe Community at the gold level by the Maine Cardiovascular Health Council and Maine Emergency Medical Services. HeartSafe Communities is a program recognizing excellent work being done by emergency medical services programs throughout the State and providing opportunities to enhance community partnerships, resources and services in order to improve cardiovascular health and decrease deaths and disability due to cardiovascular-related events such as sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack and stroke. We extend to the Eddington Fire Department our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 420)

the 135th anniversary of the Maine Warden Service of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The first wardens were appointed to enforce laws giving Maine's moose and deer their first legal protection. The service's initial enforcement action took place on March 12, 1880 after 2 men were apprehended for killing a doe in the closed season. Having grown and evolved into a modern, professional and highly effective law enforcement agency, the Maine Warden Service now has more than 120 uniformed members and is the largest of the 3 bureaus within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Through education, community involvement, professional law enforcement and search and rescue practices, these respected custodians of Maine's great outdoors continue to honor the past, cherish the present and plan for the future. We extend our appreciation to the wardens for their commitment in helping to maintain the State's natural beauty, wilderness and animal habitat for everyone; (HLS 421)

Joyce Sutherland, of Enfield, who retired after 32 years of service at Cummings Health Care. Ms. Sutherland was the first nurse manager of the assisted living wing, which opened in 1999. We extend to Ms. Sutherland our congratulations on her retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 422)

Jordan Duffy, of South China, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Lawrence High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jordan; (HLS 423)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Winthrop High School: Kevin Thomas Chamberland, Valedictorian; Lilly Marie Beauregard, Salutatorian; Dakota Jack Carter; Mitchell Dale DeBlois; Hope Lindsay Dunn; Teresa Ellen Easterbrooks; Joseph Evan Fay; Logan Lattin; Taylor James Morang; and Matthew Philip Sekerak. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 424)

Milton Fogg, of Berwick, who was named Police Officer of the Year for the Town of Berwick. Officer Fogg, who has been with the department since 2004, has been teaching D.A.R.E. to the 5th graders at the Eric L. Knowlton School for 7 years and works with students from kindergarten through 7th grade as a school resource officer. We extend to Officer Fogg our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 425)

Torielle Connor, of Berwick, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Noble High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Torielle on her receiving this honor; (HLS 426)

Kali Alley, of Jonesport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the Jonesport-Beals High School Class of 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kali on this achievement; (HLS 427)

Kasden Beal, of Beals Island, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the Jonesport-Beals High School Class of 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kasden on his achievement; (HLS 428)

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Joseph Chomyn, of Brunswick, a resident of Thornton Hall Assisted Living at the Mid Coast Senior Health Center, who is the recipient of a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association's Remember ME project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Mr. Chomyn was born in Rochester, New York in 1925 and attended Drake University, where he majored in drama and speech. He also attended Yale Drama School. Shortly after graduating in 1950, he was hired as a television director at CBS. He worked on the set of Captain Kangaroo and on the sets of various news specials and soap operas. Mr. Chomyn met his wife Anita, who was a singer and dancer, while directing a musical in Indianapolis, Indiana. They married in August of 1956 and lived in New York City. The highlight of his career was working on the John F. Kennedy presidential campaign of 1960. He traveled around the country with the future president, directing and setting up television coverage for various interviews and appearances. We congratulate Mr. Chomyn on his being recognized by the Remember ME project and send him our best wishes; (HLS 429)

Sandra Marie Weygandt, of West Bridgton, a business owner, a tireless volunteer and a leader in the Bridgton community. Mrs. Weygandt graduated in 1962 from Bridgton High School and married Daniel Brooks Weygandt. They left Maine but later retired to West Bridgton. She was for many years an active member of the Bridgton Hospital Guild and served as the guild's president, overseeing the guild's extremely successful fund-raising efforts and improving the facilities and operation of its thrift shop. She was a "Volunteer Angel" at the hospital and provided respite care to families of hospice patients. She also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to the First Congregational Church's Ladies' Guild, for which she served terms as secretary, treasurer and president, and was involved in numerous committee functions. Always productive, she established the First Impressions cleaning company, which she owned and managed for 15 years. Mrs. Weygandt will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 430)

Wayne S. Newbegin, of Standish, a longtime active member of his community. Mr. Newbegin was born in Portland and was a 1957 graduate of Deering High School. He served his country for over 39 years in the military, primarily with the Maine Army National Guard, 133rd Engineer Battalion, but also with the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard. He served as a Master Sergeant and as an Operations Sergeant at Joint Force Headquarters. Mr. Newbegin was also very involved in the Standish community, staying active in Standish politics and serving as a member of the town council, on the town's ordinance committee and on the town's beach committee. He was a member and former Commander of the American Legion Westbrook Post No. 197, Adjutant for the American Legion Standish Memorial Post No. 128 and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Standish. He also owned a construction business until 1982 and was married to the love of his life, Linda Campbell Newbegin, for 32 years. Mr. Newbegin will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 431)

Ellyn J. Chase, of Hampden, on the occasion of her retirement as Special Assistant to the President of the Maine Community College System. For over 3 decades, Ms. Chase dedicated herself to furthering the mission of Maine's community colleges, first at Kennebec Valley Community College and then, for nearly 24 years, as Special Assistant to Maine Community College System President Dr. John Fitzsimmons. She will be

greatly missed by all who have had the good fortune to call her a colleague and friend. We extend to Ms. Chase our appreciation for her service and our congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 432)

Monica Harthorne, of Paris, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Monica on her receiving this honor; (HLS 433)

the Calais High School Boys Basketball Team, the Blue Devils, of Calais, which has won the 2014-15 Class C Maine State Championship. Members of the team include Jaques Skriletz, Branden Gillespie, Tyler Niles, Andre Paul, Matt Perkins, Kyle Johnson, Addison Coty, Nathan Newell, John LaPointe, Zach Lola, Earon Griage and Travon Rhodes; managers Tarryn Newell and Cassidy Sockabasin; assistant coach Sean Cavanaugh; and head coach Chris Woodside. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 434)

Madison McVicar, of Calais, a senior at Calais High School, who was selected to the *Bangor Daily News* All-Maine Schoolgirl Basketball Team. We congratulate Madison on her achievement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 435)

Nick Hallowell, of Calais, who won the 2015 Class C State Wrestling Championship in the 132-pound weight class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (HLS 436)

Jackson Greenlaw, of Calais, who received a Gold Medal in Social Sciences at the United States Academic Decathlon. We extend to Jackson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 437)

Daniel Fransiscus, of Calais, who won the Gold Medal in the Carpentry Knowledge Test at the SkillsUSA Maine Championships in Bangor. We extend to Daniel our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 438)

Tyler Niles, of Calais, a student at Calais High School, who was named the 2014-15 William C. Warner Most Valuable Player in the Class C State Basketball Tournament. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on his receiving this honor; (HLS 439)

Kathryn Davie, of Norway, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kathryn on her receiving this honor; (HLS 440)

the Gray Fire Rescue Department, which has been designated a Maine HeartSafe Community at the gold level by the Maine Cardiovascular Health Council and Maine Emergency Medical Services. HeartSafe Communities is a program recognizing excellent work being done by emergency medical services programs throughout the State and providing opportunities to enhance community partnerships, resources and services in order to improve cardiovascular health and decrease deaths and disability due to cardiovascular-related events such as sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack and stroke. We extend to the Gray Fire Rescue Department our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 441)

Lydia R. MacKay, of Veazie, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lydia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 442)

the following members of the 2015 graduating class of Searsport District Middle School and High School, in Searsport, who have earned the distinction of graduating *magna cum laude*:

Alivia P. Cross, Connor M. Fraser and Chazari J. Santos. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 443)

the following members of the 2015 graduating class of Searsport District Middle School and High School, in Searsport, who have earned the distinction of graduating *cum laude*: Cory K. Tyler, Rica Warren, Brianna R. Boyle, Brittany A. Ward, Alexis E. Allenwood, Logan M. Staples, Hannah L. McKinney, Alexander B. Woodward, Kevin R. Keniston and Alexandria M. Northup. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 444)

the following members of the 2015 graduating class of Searsport District Middle School and High School, in Searsport, who have earned the distinction of graduating *summa cum laude*: Alyssa R. Burkard and Jay V. Burkard. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 445)

Jessy Quint, of Minot, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jessy; (HLS 446)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Waterville Senior High School: Louisa Nyhus, Lydia Roy, Anna Ramgren, Nicole Pinnette, Julia Sagaser, Chelsea Cayer, Julia Schnee, Margaret Reisert, Kellie Bolduc and Adelia Scheck. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 447)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of North Yarmouth Academy: Muriel Adams, Ellis Burgoon-Miskell, Charlotte Eisenberg, Abigail Hinchman, Virginia Hinchman, Hannah Hungerford, Diana McLeod, Eleanor Sato, Marina Stam and Olivia Stam. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 448)

the Gray-New Gloucester High School Cheerleading Team, of Gray, which received the Sportsmanship Award at the State Cheerleading Championship. The Maine Principals' Association instated its annual Sportsmanship Awards Program in 2007 in order to foster sportsmanship in interscholastic activities by publicizing the examples of sportsmanship displayed by Maine's high school competitors. We extend to the Gray-New Gloucester High School Cheerleading Team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 449)

Kaelyn Woods, of New Gloucester, a junior at Gray-New Gloucester High School, who has won the Class B state freestyle and classic nordic championship. This is the 2nd straight year Kaelyn has won the championship. She has also been named the *Maine Sunday Telegram* 2015 Girls' Skier of the Year. We extend to Kaelyn our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 450)

Maria Valente, of New Gloucester, a senior at Gray-New Gloucester High School, who scored her 1,000th career point in basketball. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Maria on this achievement; (HLS 451)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Skowhegan Area High School: Valedictorian Eben J. Lenfest, Salutatorian Justin G. Ramos, Rebecca L. Bell, Jaycee J. Cushman, Lyric C. Deagle, Maria L. Dodge, Jaclyn Frazier, Emily J. Greaney, Megan L. Hooper and Victoria M. Mullin. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 452)

Joseph Newell, of Pleasant Point, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Shead High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joseph on his receiving this honor; (HLS 453)

Robert Coles, 91, of Machias, for his extraordinary valor and service to the United States of America during the Second World War. Mr. Coles, a 30-year veteran of the United States Navy, is

one of a dwindling number of American servicemen who, in the early morning hours of Sunday, December 7, 1941, responded to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii with unflinching bravery and undeniable heroism. Two weeks shy of his 18th birthday at the time, the Navy radioman leapt into action, firing some of the first rounds at Japanese dive bombers on that pivotal day in American history, and went on to participate in numerous battles and engagements in the Pacific Theater over the next 4 years. We extend our deepest regards to Mr. Coles for his heroic role at Pearl Harbor, and his continued commitment to service throughout the war. We send Mr. Coles our appreciation for his service and sacrifice to the Nation; (HLS 454)

Ilesha Mitchell, of Pembroke, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Shead High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ilesha on her receiving this honor; (HLS 455)

Kelcie Brown, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kelcie on her receiving this honor; (HLS 456)

Ashley Moreau, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her receiving this honor; (HLS 457)

Francis Fenton, of Mercer, known as the "Apple Man," who was a perennial resource for farmers young and old. Mr. Fenton was the 3rd generation of his family who lived at and operated Sandy River Apple Orchard since 1770 and was known for his knowledge and his experience with old apple varieties. Mr. Fenton will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 458)

Kiandra Barnes, of Steuben, a senior at Sumner Memorial High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kiandra on her receiving this award; (HLS 459)

Meghan Charest, of Falmouth, who is the recipient of a 2015 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. Meghan is a 16-year-old junior at Falmouth High School who provides fresh, organic produce through her community garden for the local food pantry. Working with the Falmouth Food Pantry, where she volunteered, Meghan secured a grant to buy gardening equipment and recruited volunteers by speaking at schools, Girl Scout meetings and civic clubs. Today, Meghan's garden is the primary source of fresh produce for the food pantry, which serves about 900 people in the community. We congratulate Meghan on her receiving this award and thank her for her dedication to her community and State; (HLS 460)

Isabel Anna Wolfe, of Falmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Falmouth High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Isabel on her receiving this honor; (HLS 461)

Aidan Cole McGrory, of Falmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Falmouth High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Aidan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 462)

the Town of Machias and the greater Machias area, as the citizens celebrate the annual Margaretta Days Festival on the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Machias, the first sea engagement of the Revolutionary War, which ended with the

capture of a British armed schooner, the *Margaretta*. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of the Machias community as they commemorate this notable event and send them our best wishes; (HLS 463)

Shannon Rielly, of Westbrook, who has been chosen as one of the 2015 WCSH Channel 6 Teens Who Care for her positive contributions to her community. After overcoming personal obstacles, Shannon wanted to reach out to others and began volunteering at Oxford-Cumberland Canal School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Shannon for her receiving this honor and for her volunteerism and wanting to make a difference; (HLS 464)

Tom Eldridge, of Westbrook, on his retirement as Westbrook Public Services Director after 43 years of service. He started with the city in the wastewater division and became a supervisor in 1981, a deputy director in 1994 and the director in 2004. One of the department's duties is keeping the roads clear in the winter, and Mr. Eldridge has set the bar high in terms of knowledge and strategy in fighting winter storms and has produced excellent results. He has successfully addressed a number of challenges through the years, including hurricanes, the flood of 1996 and the ice storm of 1998. He shared the Employee of the Year award in 1999. We extend to Mr. Eldridge our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 465)

Eleanor Louise Everson, of Dresden, for her civic contributions to the community. Ms. Everson, whose roots in Dresden are deep, is considered to be the town's historian. She served as the Dresden Town Clerk from 1958 to 1962 and has served on the planning board, the budget review committee and the appeals board. She is a founding member of the Dresden Historical Society and has hosted the society's Harvest Dinners. She has served as a historian, bus tour guide and organizer for Dresden Founders Day events and has been an adult education lecturer on the subjects of the ice harvesting industry and floods on the Kennebec River for the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. She co-wrote *Tidewater Ice of the Kennebec* with her mother, Jennie Everson, and they republished *History of Dresden, Maine*. She also wrote the history of Pine Grove Cemetery, which is located on Blinn Hill in Dresden. For all of her efforts to preserve the past of Dresden and the surrounding communities while participating fully in the events of the present, we extend to Ms. Everson our appreciation and our best wishes; (HLS 466)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Mt. Blue High School, of Farmington: Katherine Gunther, Brendan Hickey, Michaela Hutchinson, Daniel Lesko, Olivia Martin, Samuel McIntosh, Rachel Mitchell, Kelsey Parlin, Cheyanne Savage and Christopher Titus. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 467)

Tracy Williams, of Farmington, Principal of W.G. Mallett School, who has been named a National Distinguished Principal for 2015 by the Maine Principals' Association. She has been recognized for her role in developing a positive culture at the school, building student-centered programs and being instrumental in creating high-quality professional development for the staff of the school and the district. We extend to Ms. Williams our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 468)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Hampden Academy: Tristan Gardner, Valedictorian; Rachel Kocik, Salutatorian; Tyler Moore, Honor Essayist; Julia Fasse; Olivia Gower; Thomas Lillieholm; Anneliese Malachi; Jacob Michaud; Meredith Prescott; and Maximillian Trostel. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 469)

Claire Petersen, of Hermon, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Hermon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Claire on her receiving this honor; (HLS 470)

Keely Gonyea, of Hermon, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Hermon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Keely on her receiving this honor; (HLS 471)

Elizabeth Markowsky, a resident of The Meadows in Old Town, who is the recipient of a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association's Remember ME project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Ms. Markowsky was born in 1929 in the former Soviet Union. She and her family moved to Germany when she was 12. They witnessed the oppression of both Stalin's and Hitler's regimes. She immigrated to the United States when she was 20 and soon became a citizen. In 1984, she moved to Maine, where she put her fluency in Russian, German and English to use working for Manufacturers Hanover Corporation. She also taught Russian at the University of Maine. We congratulate Ms. Markowsky on her being recognized by the Remember ME project; (HLS 472)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Mount View High School, in Thorndike: John Piotti, Valedictorian; Brooke Tripp, Salutatorian; Kersey Boulay; Nicholas Troutman; Asher Sizeler-Fletcher; Audrey Williams; Lindsay Morong; Darian Wren; Caleb Larrabee; and Robert Curtis II. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 473)

Caryl Ann Young, of Milbridge, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Narraguagus High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caryl on her receiving this honor; (HLS 474)

Jonella Esposito, of Milbridge, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Narraguagus High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jonella on her receiving this honor; (HLS 475)

Evan Merchant, of Beals Island, a student at Jonesport-Beals High School, for his commitment to the community and for his volunteerism through the years. Evan has raised \$5,630 in the time between his kindergarten and 8th grade years for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He has also been saving money since he was 4 years old to buy flowers for the local nursing home residents for the first day of spring. Each Memorial Day, Evan runs in the Memorial Day race in memory of family members who have passed away. Evan volunteers at the Special Olympics and is a past fund-raiser for the Ark Animal Shelter. We send Evan our appreciation for his contributions to his community and to the State and we congratulate him on his exemplary volunteerism; (HLS 476)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Erskine Academy, of South China: Madison Michaud, Valedictorian; Kaitlyn Sutter, Salutatorian; Justin Davis; Max Byron; Sarah Jordan; Avery Bond; Emma Robertson; Morgan Fowle; Marissa Chamberlain; and Kiley Drummond. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 477)

Michael K. Tormey, of Orrington, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on his receiving this honor; (HLS 478)

Matthew C. Norris, of Orrington, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our

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congratulations and best wishes to Matthew on his receiving this honor; (HLS 479)

Robert Ridgewell, of Phippsburg. Mr. Ridgewell was born in Portland and started lobstering at 10 years of age. He went on to fish and captain numerous fishing boats throughout his life. In his early years, he worked for Jed Bartlett Lobstering and Trawling and later went to work for Sonny Gilliam and Clint Richardson and became captain of the fishing vessel *Molly and Jayne*. He later bought and captained the *April Gayle* for offshore dragging and swordfishing on Georges Bank. He also captained a number of fishing boats out of Portland, including the *American Eagle*, the *Edward L. Moore* and the *Robert & Michael*. In the late 1980s, he bought a lobster boat and 1,200 traps, naming the boat *My Son* in honor of his late son, Robert "Bobby" Ridgewell, Jr., who died in 1987. Mr. Ridgewell lobstered until 3 days before he died. He was a member of the Elks for 42 years. He was known for his love of community, his generosity and his compassion toward others and for taking care of the crews who worked on his boats. Mr. Ridgewell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 50 years, Laura Ridgewell, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 480)

the Honorable Stanley Sproul, of Augusta, veteran of the United States Navy, former State Legislator and former Mayor of Augusta. Mr. Sproul was born in Windsor and graduated from Cony High School in Augusta in 1938. He attended Northeastern University in Boston before enlisting in the Navy during World War II and serving as a naval aviator. After the war, he completed his law degree. He reenlisted in the Naval Reserves and was assigned to service with the United States Coast Guard. Following his naval service, he worked briefly with a brother building homes and running a building supply business on Cape Cod before Governor Burton Cross handpicked him to serve as director of enforcement of the Maine Liquor Commission. He later developed the Mayfair Corporation and developed the Mayfair neighborhood in Augusta's southeast corner, was instrumental in bringing Little League baseball to Augusta and led the development of the baseball fields in what is now the CARA Complex. Mr. Sproul became involved in politics through his service on the Augusta Zoning Board. He was twice elected Mayor of Augusta and was chairman of the Augusta Civic Center Building Committee and Chairman of the Capital Area Vocational School Building Committee. He served in the 106th Maine House of Representatives and was a candidate for Governor in 1974. He later owned and operated his own insurance agency and a private law practice. Mr. Sproul will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and all those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 481)

Harold Greeley, of Freedom, a veteran of the United States Army who served in Germany. Mr. Greeley attended Freedom schools and graduated in 1951. He was a hardworking man, working at Banton Brothers out of high school and then working for a short time for Monmouth Canning Company before starting work at Marriner's Dairy delivering milk. He continued working for Grant's Dairy when that company bought out Marriner's Dairy, and he retired in 1995. Mr. Greeley will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 61 years, Viola, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 482)

Harold E. West, of Milbridge, a veteran of the United States Army and prominent citizen. Mr. West was born in Milbridge. He was an automotive mechanic and worked for Sawyers Motors for 24 years and the Department of Transportation for 18 years, retiring in 1976. He served in the European Theater during World War II under General Patton and was severely wounded. He also served in the Maine State Guard, was one of the founding

members of Milbridge Veterans Club and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served as a Milbridge selectman for 18 years and served as charter vice president of the Milbridge Medical Center Board of Directors and as board trustee for 24 years. Mr. West was a driving force behind the dredging of the Narraguagus Bay and the construction and repair of Jordan Pier and Milbridge Recreational Pier and helped to get the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge replaced and to obtain the designation of the Schoodic Scenic Byway. He was chairman of Washington County Democratic Committee for 8 years and a key member of the Maine State Employees Association for 16 years, with 12 years on the board of directors. His decades of service earned him the nickname "Mr. Milbridge," and the State renamed the former Great South Bridge over the Narraguagus River the Harold West Bridge. Mr. West will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 483)

Adrea Camille Howard, of Princeton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Woodland Junior-Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Camille on her receiving this honor; (HLS 484)

Jenna Lakeman, of Medway, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jenna on her receiving this honor; (HLS 485)

Tanner McLaughlin, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tanner on his receiving this honor; (HLS 486)

Nicole Knowlton, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicole on her receiving this honor; (HLS 487)

Travis G. Cramp, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Travis on his receiving this honor; (HLS 488)

Jennifer Calnan, of Acton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Sanford High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jennifer on her receiving this honor; (HLS 489)

Madison Martha Mary McVicar, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Calais High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Madison on her receiving this honor; (HLS 490)

Alec Duncan McGraw, of Baileyville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Woodland Junior-Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alec on his receiving this honor; (HLS 491)

Carly Elise Davis, of Alexander, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Calais High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Carly on her receiving this honor; (HLS 492)

Jacob L. Wilson, of Wells, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Wells High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jacob on his receiving this honor; (HLS 493)

Shayna Davis, of Lyman, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Shayna on her receiving this honor; (HLS 494)

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Susan Beaulier, of Ashland, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Aroostook County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Beaulier teaches at Ashland District School. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Beaulier on her receiving this honor; (HLS 495)

Stephen J. Podgajny, of Brunswick, on his retirement as Executive Director of the Portland Public Library. Mr. Podgajny has been a visionary leader for Maine's libraries for 33 years, serving as director of the Dyer Library and Saco Museum and the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick and over the past 9 years at the Portland Public Library. Maine's library community is stronger for his stewardship on the Maine Library Commission, the Maine InfoNet Board of Directors and the Southern Maine Library District board. He spearheaded large-scale library collaborations across academic and public institutions, including the groundbreaking Maine Shared Collections Strategy. These efforts have brought national attention to the State's culture of progressive and productive library cooperation. He has been a leading advocate for education, the arts and the humanities as key components in the fabric of healthy communities. He was a founding member of the Portland ConnectEd initiative, served as chair of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, cofounded Cornerstones of Science, serves as a board member for Good Will - Hinckley and is a past member of the board of the Maine Humanities Council. We extend to Mr. Podgajny our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 496)

George Pednault, a resident of Gorham House in Gorham, who is the recipient of a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association's Remember ME project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Mr. Pednault is a native of Westbrook but spent most of the first 10 years of his life in a Massachusetts orphanage. He attended high school in Quebec, where he was captain of the varsity hockey team. He worked at the Pentagon as a civilian teletype operator before serving in the military during World War II as a secretary, stenographer and French interpreter. He also took shorthand for the Justice Department during court-martials. When he returned to Westbrook, he began a 20-year career in the Reserves. In 1953, he married his wife, Florence, and they raised 3 sons. He studied accounting in college and, while working for the Portland Water District, he began an investment club. Ten members contributed \$20 a month. Nearly 28 years later, the club had a valuation of \$578,000. Mr. Pednault served as Assistant State Director of the AARP and was in charge of 13 chapters. He taught free programs on investing and retirement planning, served as treasurer for the Maine Senior Games and as a judge for hearings regarding the Lemon Law and became involved in the development of Springbrook Nursing Facility. We congratulate Mr. Pednault on his being recognized by the Remember ME project; (HLS 497)

Alyssa Wardwell, of Limerick, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alyssa on her receiving this honor; (HLS 498)

Jordyn Mann, of Monmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Monmouth Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jordyn on her receiving this honor; (HLS 499)

Sherman Spears, of Monmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating

class of Monmouth Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sherman on his receiving this honor; (HLS 500)

Emma Weissenfels, of Litchfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Oak Hill High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emma on her receiving this honor; (HLS 501)

Kayla Veilleux, of Sabattus, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Oak Hill High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kayla on her receiving this honor; (HLS 502)

Kareena J. Woodworth, of Limestone, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Limestone Community School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kareena on her receiving this honor; (HLS 503)

Robert Watson, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Fort Fairfield Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Robert on his receiving this honor; (HLS 504)

Sirrea Deschenes, of Limestone, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Limestone Community School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sirrea on her receiving this honor; (HLS 505)

Ashley Hersey, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Easton Junior-Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her receiving this honor; (HLS 506)

Kendra Ireland, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Fort Fairfield Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kendra on her receiving this honor; (HLS 507)

Alexandra A. Allen, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Easton Junior-Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alexandra on her receiving this honor; (HLS 508)

Isabel Parent, of Hamlin, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Van Buren District Secondary School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Isabel on her receiving this honor; (HLS 509)

Courtney J. Parent, of Hamlin, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Van Buren District Secondary School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Courtney on her receiving this honor; (HLS 510)

Nancy Rowe, of Camden, a music teacher at Camden Hills Regional High School, who was named the 2015 Music Educator of the Year by the Maine Music Educators Association. Ms. Rowe is the band director and visual and performing arts chair and has been teaching in Maine for 33 years, 31 of which have been at Camden Hills Regional High School. She is well known throughout the region for her work with band students and brings her students to march in many Memorial Day and other parades in the community. She also is currently completing her 35th season as principal percussionist/timpanist with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Rowe on her receiving this prestigious honor; (HLS 511)

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Kyle Crans, of Camden, a student at Camden Hills Regional High School, who won the 100-yard freestyle event at the Class B State Swimming Championships. We extend to Kyle our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 512)

Kaylo Littlejohn, of Camden, a student at Camden Hills Regional High School, who won the Class B State Wrestling Championship. We extend to Kaylo our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 513)

Mark McCluskey, of Lincolnville, a student at Camden Hills Regional High School, who won the 50-yard freestyle event at the Class B State Swimming Championships. We extend to Mark our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 514)

Julian Abaldo, Brandon Benson, Kyle Crans and Mark McCluskey, members of the Camden Hills Regional High School Boys Swim Team, who together won the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay events at the Class B State Swimming Championships. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 515)

the members of the Camden Hills Regional High School Golf Team, who won the 2014 State Class B Golf Championship for a second year in a row. The team also won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 516)

the Camden Hills Regional High School Mountain Bike Team on its winning the 2014 State Championship. For 15 years in a row, the team has won the state competition. We extend to the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 517)

Theresa Cloutier, of Augusta, who has been selected by the Maine State Association of American Mothers as the 2015 Maine Mother of the Year. Mrs. Cloutier is the mother of 10 children and a native of Augusta. She has been active in church and community service while raising her family and working for the State for 30 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Cloutier on being the 2015 Maine Mother of the Year; (HLS 518)

Emily Mooers, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 519)

Noah Holmes, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Noah on his receiving this honor; (HLS 520)

Johnna Stanton, of Bath, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Sagadahoc County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Stanton teaches at Morse High School in Bath. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Stanton on her receiving this honor; (HLS 521)

Lauren Bartholomew, of Dayton, 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 Lauren on this accomplishment; (HLS 522)

Jon Cahill, of Scarborough, who is retiring from directing Gym Dandies Children's Circus. Mr. Cahill founded the circus 34 years ago. Located at the Wentworth School, the circus boosts children's self-confidence and teaches them teamwork skills and a variety of circus arts, including unicycle riding, juggling, globe walking and more. The Gym Dandies have performed in a

presidential inaugural parade, the national Fourth of July Parade and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Gym Dandies Children's Circus is a great success and is vital to the community. We extend to Mr. Cahill our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 523)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Belfast Area High School: Kirsten J. Caswell, Ariel Gardiner, Kylene Hall, William Hyland, Autumn C. Jackson, Hannah Lynam, Catherine A. McGinn, Simone G. Pelletier, Anna Z. Struba and Emma C. Sturdevant. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 524)

Robert L. Pecunies, of Kittery, who, after dropping out of school at the age of 16, is completing his GED requirements at the age of 83. Mr. Pecunies, who will be 84 on July 15, 2015, was born in Kittery in 1931. He left school after repeating the 9th grade and later enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during the Korean War. After the war, he married his childhood sweetheart. They raised a family, and he earned his living. After his wife died, Mr. Pecunies worked part-time and was alone for the first time in his life. He received a booklet in the mail one day describing the GED program, and the next day he signed up. We send our congratulations to Mr. Pecunies for his exemplary perseverance in continuing his education later in life and earning his Certificate of High School Equivalency; (HLS 525)

Baylee Wilson, of Dixmont, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Baylee on her receiving this honor; (HLS 526)

Christine Clark, of Plymouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christine on her receiving this honor; (HLS 527)

Emily Gibson, of Mechanic Falls, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 528)

Emily Pickance, of Blaine, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 529)

Mackenzie Worcester, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mackenzie on her receiving this honor; (HLS 530)

Savannah Labbe, of Belgrade, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Messalonskee High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 531)

Camille Fontaine, of Belgrade, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Messalonskee High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 532)

the centennial of Goodall Park in the City of Sanford. Built in 1915 by the Goodall family and Goodall Industries, Goodall Park is a treasured landmark for Sanford and the surrounding area. Much of the park was rebuilt in 1997 following a fire that destroyed its wooden grandstand. The new Goodall Park was carefully designed to retain the architectural features of the original. Many of baseball's legendary players have played at Goodall Park, including George Sisler, Freddy Parent and Harland Rowe. Famous barnstorming teams, such as the House

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of David, Negro League affiliates and squads composed of Major League players earning extra money, made their way to the park. On October 1, 1919, the Sanford Professionals played a barnstorming team composed primarily of Red Sox players, including the Bambino, Babe Ruth. The game was likely coordinated by hometown hero Freddy Parent, who had coached and played with Ruth in 1914 on the Baltimore Orioles of the International League. Ruth's barnstorming team won, 4-3, in what was one of his last games in a Red Sox jersey. We extend to the City of Sanford our congratulations on the centennial of Goodall Park; (HLS 533)

the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Newborn Screening Program, which was begun 50 years ago with the purpose of identifying asymptomatic infants born with serious genetic disorders, allowing for early diagnosis and treatment. The Newborn Screening Program Joint Advisory Committee is now looking to include additional screening tests that identify infants at risk for other serious developmental, genetic and metabolic disorders that would not otherwise be detected, including Lysosomal Storage Disorders and Krabbe disease. Jamie and Kyle Davis are the parents of one child with Krabbe disease, Addilyn, of New Sharon, and have been fierce advocates in their efforts to expand the screening program to include Krabbe disease so that future parents can be spared what their family has endured. With Addilyn's Journey of Hope, a Facebook page with over 100,000 likes, and Team Addilyn, a local advocacy support group, combined with tireless and sustained effort, Jamie Davis and her family have given and continue to give a great gift to others: the gift of increased awareness of these disorders, a gift not only for the Joint Advisory Committee, but also for medical professionals and the public at large throughout Maine, the Nation and the world. We encourage the Joint Advisory Committee to develop educational programs for health care professionals and the public on the expanding role of newborn screening for the early diagnosis and treatment of these diseases and disorders and we send our best wishes to Jamie, Kyle, Rilyn and Addilyn Davis on their journey; (HLS 534)

Louise M. Connelly, of Newport, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Ms. Connelly was born in Nobleboro and was educated in Nobleboro public schools, graduating with the Lincoln Academy class of 1948. She went on to graduate from Hackensack Hospital School of Nursing in New Jersey as a Registered Nurse and to join the United States Air Force Nurse Corps. She was employed by Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and Castle Memorial Hospital in Kailua, Hawaii and Kapiolani Maternity Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. While living in Brewer, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Jaycee Wives Club. She later lived in Freedom and was a member of Dirigo Grange No. 98, and she was a Past Matron and member of Josiah H. Drummond No. 91 Order of the Eastern Star in Unity and Primrose Chapter No. 152 Order of the Eastern Star in Belfast. She and her husband of over 60 years, Paul, purchased the former D & J Greenhouse in Thorndike, which they operated as Connelly Greenhouses for 17 years before retiring and moving to Newport. There they joined the High Street Congregational Church and the Barrows Skidgel American Legion Post 105. She was also a member of the Newport Red Hat Society. Mrs. Connelly will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband, Paul, her family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 535)

Albert E. Foster, Jr., of Montville. Mr. Foster was born in Providence, Rhode Island. He worked for 22 years as a truck driver for Keebler and was a member of the Teamster Union in

Framingham, Massachusetts. He also served in the Army Reserves. He and his wife, Raymonde, retired to Montville 28 years ago. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church, where he was a friend and guide to children in the congregation. Mr. Foster will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 536)

Michael Methvin, of Wales, on his retirement from Spruce Mountain Middle School after 33 years in education, 30 of those years in the Jay school system. Mr. Methvin graduated from the University of Maine at Orono and taught physical education. We extend to Mr. Methvin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 537)

Carol Hardy, of Farmington, on her retirement from Spruce Mountain Middle School after 37 years in education, all of those years with the Jay school system. Ms. Hardy graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington and taught grades 5 and 6. During the last 10 years, she specialized in Title One reading. We extend to Ms. Hardy our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 538)

Rachael Weaver, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Rachael on her receiving this honor; (HLS 539)

Seve Deery-DeRaps, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Seve on her receiving this honor; (HLS 540)

Ruth Stearns, of Hampden, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Stearns was born in Monticello on August 9, 1915 and attended Monticello schools, Ricker Classical Institute, Husson College and the University of Maine. She married Louis C. Stearns III and was a teacher of business practice and a guidance counselor at Hampden Academy for many years. She has always been active in her community, volunteering with the Girl Scouts, Bangor Junior League and the Republican Party. We extend to Mrs. Stearns our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 541)

James Grant, of Industry, who is a recipient of a 2015 Real Heroes Award from the American Red Cross of Central and Mid-Coast Maine, for rescuing 3 people whose canoe flipped and plunged them into the icy waters of Clearwater Pond in Industry in 2014. We congratulate Mr. Grant on his receiving this award; (HLS 542)

Leon and Charlotte Morgridge, of South Berwick, who celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary. They started L.W. Morgridge & Son, Inc. in Eliot and worked side by side while raising their son, William, who now owns and operates the business with his wife, Raymah. For many years Leon could be seen on the Piscataqua River in the Red Lobster boat while Charlotte worked around the docks and shore waiting for him to return safely. They lived in Eliot for 80 years before moving to South Berwick to be closer to their son. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Morgridge our congratulations on their anniversary; (HLS 543)

the Marshwood High School We the People Team, on its winning the 2015 State Championship. This championship victory was the team's 8th in the past 9 years. The team went on to compete in the national finals of We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution in Washington, D.C. Team members representing Maine at the national finals were Nicholas Barrett, Drew Bartlett, Andrew Blunt, Madelyn Budroe, Georgia

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Caramagno, Mia Donatello, Hailey Gagne, Cassandra Gagnon, Julian Gale, Elliott Greene, Jeffrey Howe, Neylon Kaepfel, Lane Klossner, Jennifer Marcus, Cole McIntire, Annie Moloney, Eli Nixon, Grace Pouliot, Will Ramsay, Gianna Riccardi, Jackson Roberts, Olivia Rowell, Griffin Simms, Cassidy Smith, Grace Smith, Anne Spezia, Lydia St. Pierre, Taylor Studevant, Sophie Syrene, Tanya Thomas, Abigail Waters and Liam Williams. The team was successfully coached by Matt Sanzone. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to members of the team on their accomplishments; (HLS 544)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Marshwood High School in South Berwick: Valedictorian Andrew Blunt of South Berwick, Salutatorian Jackson Roberts of Eliot, William Ramsay of South Berwick, Gianna Riccardi of Eliot, Grace Pouliot of South Berwick, Anne Spezia of Eliot, Linden Grace Colby of South Berwick and Kittery, Nicholas Barrett of South Berwick, Cassandra Gagnon of South Berwick and Jacob Scremin of Eliot. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 545)

Brittany Hernandez, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brittany on her receiving this honor; (HLS 546)

Sean Brock, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sean on his receiving this honor; (HLS 547)

Stephen D. Knight, of Winthrop, on the occasion of his retirement from teaching. A graduate of Duke University, Mr. Knight began his teaching career in 1980 at Maranacook Community School in Readfield, where he taught for 12 years. He also taught for a year at Good Will-Hinckley in Fairfield and for 2 years at American School in Switzerland. Over the course of his career, Mr. Knight taught chemistry, physics, biology, geometry and algebra. He finishes his career with 22 years at Winthrop High School. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to education and to the youth of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 548)

Sydney Robinson, of Wells, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Wells High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sydney on her receiving this honor; (HLS 549)

Catherine Ledue, of Sanford, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Sanford High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Catherine on her receiving this honor; (HLS 550)

Reilly Romanoski, of Strong, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Mt. Abram High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Reilly on her receiving this honor; (HLS 551)

Jacey Davenport, of Kingfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Mt. Abram High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jacey on her receiving this honor; (HLS 552)

Lyn M. Caufield DiSotto, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after over 30 years of dedicated service in the Jay school system. Ms. DiSotto started working at Jay Elementary School as a special education teacher in 1977 for kindergarten and first grade. She taught until 1981, when she took a break to raise her children, Tony and Deanna. She returned to teaching in 1987 as a special education resource room teacher for grades 2 to 5. In 1990, Ms. DiSotto became a

first grade teacher, a position she has held for 25 years. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to teaching and the youth of Maine and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 553)

Emilly LaFleur, of Jay, a senior at Spruce Mountain High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Emilly on her receiving this award; (HLS 554)

Jennifer Easter, of Jay, on her retirement from Spruce Mountain Middle School after 37 years in education. Ms. Easter graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington. She taught English language arts and science for 4 years in SAD 9 and 33 years in the Jay school system. We extend to Ms. Easter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 555)

Randy Easter, of Jay, on his retirement from Spruce Mountain Middle School after 38 years in education. Mr. Easter graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington. He worked for 31 years in the Jay school system, 17 of those years in technology. We extend to Mr. Easter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 556)

Lyneta Lewia, of Wilton, on her retirement from Spruce Mountain Middle School after 38 years in education and in the Jay school system. Ms. Lewia graduated from the University of Maine at Fort Kent and taught social studies. We extend to Ms. Lewia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 557)

John DiSotto, of Jay, on his retirement from Spruce Mountain Middle School after 32 years in the school system in Jay. Mr. DiSotto was a graduate of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham and taught upper elementary and middle school math and social studies. We extend to Mr. DiSotto our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 558)

Sylvia Desjardins, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after 29 years of dedicated service. In 1985, Ms. Desjardins graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington, where she majored in elementary education. She worked as a 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Dirigo Elementary School in Dixfield for 15 years after initially being hired for a one-year position. In 2001, Ms. Desjardins took a one-year position at Jay Elementary School teaching 4th grade, then became a Title 1 reading teacher at Jay Middle School, before moving to Jay Elementary School, where she taught 3rd grade for 12 years. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Desjardins for her commitment to teaching and to the youth of Maine. We congratulate her and send her our best wishes; (HLS 559)

Deborah L. Packard, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after 25 years of dedicated service. Ms. Packard was a 1973 graduate of Jay High School and worked for G.H. Bass Company for 10 years. She graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington and was hired at Jay Elementary School in special education in 1990, later transferring to teaching kindergarten. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Packard for her commitment to education and to the youth of Maine. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 560)

Grace Roberts, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, June 5, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 561)

Molly Foley, of Greenville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Greenville High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Molly on her receiving this honor; (HLS 562)

Richard Shaw, of Gorham, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Shaw was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Lindenhurst High School in 1957 and went on to graduate

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from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He later earned his master's degree in electrical management from Northeastern University. He served 2 years in the Navy, spending most of his time aboard the USS *The Sullivans*, stationed out of Newport, Rhode Island. He took a position with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and later worked for Texas Instruments in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He raised his family in North Attleborough, where he was a Representative Town Meeting member for over 20 years and served on the Finance Committee and Board of Public Works and on the Board of Electric Commissioners for over 20 years. He retired from Texas Instruments in 1999 after a 33-year career and moved to Gorham in 2008. Mr. Shaw will be long remembered and sadly missed by his friends and by his family, including his wife of 51 years, Nancy; his mother, Virginia Shaw; and his children: Jeffrey, of Ballston Lake, New York; Kristen, of North Attleborough, Massachusetts; and the Honorable Michael Shaw and daughter-in-law, Pascale, of Standish; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 563)

David Bourget, of West Bath. Mr. Bourget was born in Bath and attended Bath schools, graduating in 1974 from Morse High School. For over 40 years, he was a member of the Phippsburg Fire and Rescue Department, where he was an EMT and had served as Assistant Fire Chief. He served on the West Bath Finance Committee from 1996 until 2003 and as a West Bath Selectman from 2003 until his passing. He was also involved with the Bath Alumni Association as well as with the Maine Lobstermen's Association. Mr. Bourget will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 564)

Courtney Mann, of Greenville, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Greenville High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Courtney on her receiving this honor; (HLS 565)

Kyleigh L. Roberts, of Norway, a senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kyleigh on her receiving this award;

(HLS 566)

Timothy Doak, of Fort Kent, Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative District No. 27, who was selected to receive the 2015 Outstanding Leadership Award from the Maine School Superintendents Association. This award is given for outstanding educational leadership, professional service to the association, leadership in exemplary educational programs and service to the profession of education. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Doak for his service to his community and to education and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 567)

David Graichen, of South Berwick, the Band Director of Marshwood High School, who received a \$3,000 grant from the Marshwood Education Foundation for his "Core Composition" project. This project will bring composer Thomas Bourgault to the school to work with band students. They will create an original score of music to be premiered at a concert in May 2016. The students will learn how to compose music that reflects their styles and interests. We extend to Mr. Graichen our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 568)

Andrew Rowe, of Lyman, a 7th grade history teacher at Marshwood Middle School, who has received a grant from the Marshwood Education Foundation. He was awarded a \$9,000 grant to start a "We the People" program at the school. The

program will offer students 6 units and 29 lessons with critical-thinking exercises, cooperative-learning practices and a culminating authentic performance assessment to teach them the history and principles of constitutional democracy. We extend to Mr. Rowe our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 569)

Steve Pelletier, of Topsham, who has received the 2015 Award of Professional Achievement from the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Mr. Pelletier is a wildlife biologist and principal at Stantec in Topsham. We extend to Mr. Pelletier our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 570)

Stephen W. Hanington, of Wytopitlock, who has received the 2014 Outstanding Logging Operator of the Year Award from the Northeastern Loggers Association. Mr. Hanington has been an active member of the logging association for many years and is also the recipient of the 2005 Logging Business of the Year, the 2002 Commitment to Safety Award, the 2001 Outstanding Leadership in Industry Award and the 2000 National H.H. Jefferson Memorial Safety Award. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hanington on his receiving this honor; (HLS 571)

Christopher Lenardis, of Auburn, a Boy Scout 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. Christopher rebuilt walking trails and a bridge in back of Pettingill Park in Auburn. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 572)

Stephen and Muriel Foley, of Kittery, on their 65th Wedding Anniversary, June 4, 2015. Mr. and Mrs. Foley are lifelong residents of Kittery who met in high school. Mr. Foley was employed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for more than 40 years, and Mrs. Foley was a stay-at-home mother who later worked in retail and in banking. They raised 2 sons and a daughter. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Foley our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 573)

Tony Bartley, of Greenville, on his retirement after over 40 years of service on the Moosehead Marine Museum Board of Directors. We extend to Mr. Bartley our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 574)

Dan Legere, of Greenville, who has received the Wiggie Robinson Legendary Guide Award from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Mr. Legere owns and operates the Maine Guide Fly Shop and Guide Service in the heart of the Moosehead Lake Region. His long career as a Registered Master Maine Guide and his gifts as a teacher and mentor have earned him the respect of his peers. We extend to Mr. Legere our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 575)

Raymond Soucy, of Madison, who was honored by the American Legion Department of Maine for his 70th Anniversary of being a member of the American Legion with Tardiff-Belanger Post No. 39. We send our appreciation to Mr. Soucy for his commitment to the American Legion and to his State and Nation; (HLS 576)

Elaina Gilman, of Enfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Elaina on her receiving this honor; (HLS 577)

Courtney McIntyre, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Courtney on her receiving this honor; (HLS 578)

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Emily Robinson, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 579)

the Top Ten Percent of the 2015 graduating class of Falmouth High School: Isabel Wolfe, Valedictorian; Aidan McGrory, Salutatorian; Cayman Bickerstaff; Sarah Caldwell; Ethan Cantlin; Margaret Coster; Alexandra Ertman; Matthew Estabrook; Grace Fan; Julia Gilman; Scott Lambert; Megan Nowak; Margaret Pierce; Samuel Reed; Olivia Ring; Charu Tiwari; Annie Tucker; and Abigail Woodruff. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (HLS 580)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Old Town High School: Lauren Martin, Valedictorian; Conor Millard, Salutatorian; Clara Trefts; Sean Cashman; Christine Pollard; Charles Moody; Karah Hussey; Nicolas Boutin; Andrew Moreira; and Rachel Martin. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 581)

Old Town Fire and Rescue, on its receiving the Lifeline EMS Bronze Award from the American Heart Association for its commitment to and success in quality of care for patients. Most of the members of Old Town Fire and Rescue are paramedics and they take pride in providing the best possible care while getting their patients to the hospital. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Old Town Fire and Rescue for its receiving this honor; (HLS 582)

Andrew Babbitt, of Hampden, who has won a J. William Fulbright grant to conduct a public health study in China. Mr. Babbitt recently graduated from Boston College with a degree in mathematics. He will travel to Guangzhou, China's third-largest city, to study how homosexual men use HIV/AIDS services in order to determine whether any delivery models result in higher usage rates and to work to expand those models. We extend to Mr. Babbitt our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 583)

Arthur A. Provost, of Skowhegan, a longtime member of the community, who passed away shortly before his 101st birthday. Mr. Provost was born in Skowhegan and attended local schools. He married Lorena Steward in 1937 and went to work for the American Woolen Company. In the early 1950s, he set up machinery in mills in Old Town and Veazie and, in 1953, Mr. Provost became superintendent of cemeteries in Skowhegan, a position he held until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the Federated Church for more than 70 years, was a past member of the local Masonic lodge and was a Boy Scout leader. Mr. Provost was also a charter member of the Somerset Humane Society. He was a dedicated family man known for being a down-to-earth person. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of almost 78 years, Lorena, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 584)

Kasha Sereyko, of Lowell, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kasha on her receiving this honor; (HLS 585)

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., of Hallowell, on his retirement from the position of Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. A native of Portland, Mr. Shettleworth graduated from Deering High School in 1966. He studied art history at Colby College and earned a master's degree in architectural history from Boston University. His interest in history began when Portland's Union Station was demolished in 1961. He began his career with the commission in September 1973. Two years later he was named acting director, and he was appointed director in January 1976. During Mr. Shettleworth's more than 4

decades in State Government, the commission has been responsible for the nomination of 1,592 Maine properties to the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Shettleworth has served as chair of the State House and Capitol Park Commission, the Blaine House Commission and the Capitol Planning Commission and as a board member of the Friends of the Blaine House. In December 2012, Governor Paul LePage reappointed him to a 3rd 4-year term as Maine State Historian. He will continue to carry out the duties of this office, which include researching, lecturing on and publishing information about Maine history and heritage. We extend to Mr. Shettleworth our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 586)

Samuel Mallett, of Lee, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Samuel on his receiving this honor; (HLS 587)

Abigail Glidden, of Lee, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Abigail on her receiving this honor; (HLS 588)

John M. "Moe" Mulholland, of Manchester, a veteran of the United States Air Force and local businessman. Mr. Mulholland was born in Hartford, Connecticut and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He moved to Maine with his first wife, Gladys, and they opened the Augusta House of Pancakes restaurant, operating it for over 20 years. He retired from the business and then met his second wife, Carol. They owned and operated a small hot dog stand, Woody's. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Mr. Mulholland will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 589)

Patricia Percy, of Phippsburg. Mrs. Percy was born in Boston, Massachusetts and grew up in Marblehead, Massachusetts and Popham Beach. She attended Kents Hill School and Rollins College in Florida. She took great pride in the Popham Beach community. She especially loved the fishing community and served as the President of the Maine Fishermen's Wives Association. She was an extremely active member of the Maine Republican Party throughout her life. She served as chairwoman of the Sagadahoc County Republicans. Mrs. Percy will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 590)

the following members of the 2015 graduating class of Berwick Academy, of South Berwick, who have earned the distinction of graduating *cum laude*: Nathan Anderson, Emily L. Borkowski, Emma Brin, Madison Cassidy, Emily DuChene, Maggie DuChene, William E. Duffy, Jake Greenspan, Clayton Jacques, Brooks Jalbert, Kristen Jones, Isabel Reis, Brennan Santaniello, Benjamin Thut and Sarah Yanofsky. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 591)

the Marshwood High School Wrestling Team, of South Berwick, which has won the Maine State Class A Championship. This is the team's 4th consecutive state title. We extend to the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 592)

Morgan E. Outing, of Caribou, a senior at Caribou High School, who is a recipient of a 2015 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Morgan on her receiving this award; (HLS 593)

Peter Miesburger, of Caribou, who has received a 2015 Real Hero Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Miesburger has given countless hours of his time traveling from Maine to Washington, D.C., to serve as an

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advocate for veterans. Over the past 2 decades, he has been a vital member of the veterans' legislative board for the Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has also been instrumental in the development of the Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Caribou, which affords area veterans a final resting place of honor that is closer to their families and friends. Mr. Miesburger is also a founding member of the working group that played a pivotal role in building a Veterans Affairs clinic in Caribou. We extend to Mr. Miesburger our appreciation for his service and our congratulations on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 594)

Kristi Herron, of Caribou, who has received a 2015 Extra Mile Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. For the past 17 years, Ms. Herron has served as the Caribou Blood Drive Coordinator with American Red Cross Blood Services. She works long hours recruiting donors from Caribou and the surrounding areas. We extend to Ms. Herron our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 595)

the Caribou Inn & Convention Center, of Caribou, which has received a 2015 Spirit Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. We extend to everyone at the Caribou Inn & Convention Center our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 596)

Channel X Radio, of Caribou, which has received a 2015 Spirit Award from the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. We extend to Channel X Radio our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 597)

Goughan's Farm, in Caribou, which has been named the 2014 Conservation Farm of the Year by the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District. Owned and operated by Mark and Gloria Goughan, this family-oriented business is renowned for its year-round activities, including children's rides, a petting zoo, a corn maze and hayrides, and for its farm products, including lumber, Christmas trees, pumpkins and fresh produce. The farm was also recently named the 2015 Business of the Year by the Caribou Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mark and Gloria Goughan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 598)

Southern York County Toys for Tots, of Sanford and Springvale, for its successful 2014 campaign and Christmas toy distribution for children and teens of the Sanford area held on December 19 and 20, 2014 at St. Ignatius Church in Sanford and also on December 17, 2014 at St. Christopher Church in York. Carol Lombard and Pam Belisle, coordinators, and their team worked all year collecting and sorting toys for the 2014 campaign and provided a joyful experience for parents to shop for gifts for their children. The United States Marine Corps Reserve League No. 1341, of Sanford, along with over 200 individuals, including Sanford Police Cadets and Jobs for Maine's Graduates students, participated in support of this wonderful effort. Toys for Tots is a program of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. We send our appreciation to the many people involved in this successful and worthwhile event; (HLS 599)

the Washington County Council of Governments, in Calais, which has received the 2015 Plan of the Year award from the Maine Association of Planners for the Bold Coast Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. We extend to the Washington County Council of Governments Executive Director Judy East and Planner Crystal Hitchings our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 600)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Freeport High School: Caleb Abbott of Freeport, Ryder Bennell of Freeport, Josef Biberstein of Freeport, Lauren Carter of Pownal, Lauren Cormier of Durham, Joseph Minieri of Pownal, Devin Robinson of Freeport, Margo Ruby of Durham, Meredith

Saunders of Freeport and Ashley Taylor of Freeport. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 601)

Helen Ruth Vetter, of Eliot. Mrs. Vetter was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Mohave County Union High School in Kingman, Arizona. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma, School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1949. She married Edward Vetter, and they lived in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for 5 years before moving to Eliot, where they would raise their family and become very active in the community. Mrs. Vetter became the school nurse for the Kittery School System, taught well-baby clinics and worked as an American Red Cross nurse. She also taught school as a substitute teacher in Eliot schools and volunteered for the Eliot Police DARE Program and the Eliot PTA. The Town of Eliot awarded her the Fabian Drake Citizen of the Year Award. She was a member of and a Deacon Emeritus of the First Congregational Church UCC. Mrs. Vetter will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 602)

the Top Ten students of the 2015 graduating class of Gardiner Area High School: William Bucci, Valedictorian; Tuesday Shea, Salutatorian; Andrew Moran; Joshua Caldwell; Abbey Coughlan; Adrian Heath; Maggie Coffin; Kylie Peacock; Nicole Heald; and Rachel Quirion. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 603)

Fred Myers, of Kennebunkport, on his retirement after 44 years of teaching. Mr. Myers began his career in 1971 teaching at Munson Academy in Massachusetts and in 1981 joined the Consolidated School Staff in Kennebunkport, where he taught 7th and 8th grade English and Social Studies. He served as an assistant principal and was team leader at the middle school in Kennebunk for 30 years while also teaching Social Studies. The Maine Association for Middle Level Education named Mr. Myers "Teacher of the Year" and he was the first teacher in Regional School Unit 21 to be named "Career Level" educator, the highest designation of Master Teacher in the school district. Mr. Myers is a certified International Baccalaureate trainer. His passion for International Baccalaureate programming is well known and helped Regional School Unit 21 earn the designation of International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Mr. Myers has displayed unwavering dedication to the young people in his community, and generations of families in the Kennebunks will miss him on his retirement. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Myers for his commitment to education and the youth of Maine, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 604)

Travis E. Wheeler, of Bethel, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Telstar Regional Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Travis on his receiving this honor; (HLS 605)

Liam C. Gallagher, of Bryant Pond, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Telstar Regional Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Liam on his receiving this honor; (HLS 606)

the Honorable John T. Jenkins, of Auburn, on his induction into the USA International Black Belt Hall of Fame. Mr. Jenkins served as the mayor of Lewiston from 1994 to 1998 and the mayor of Auburn from 2007 to 2009 and was a member of the Maine State Senate from 1997 to 1998. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Jenkins on his induction into the USA International Black Belt Hall of Fame and send him our best wishes; (HLS 607)

Barbara Mullins Bilodeau, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement from education after 30 years of dedication to the youth of Maine. Mrs. B, as she is known, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Maine. She taught at St. Rose Nursery School for 8 years, Child's World Daycare for 6 years and Androscoggin Head Start for 13 years. Mrs. Bilodeau has been an Education Technician III at Livermore Elementary School for the past 3 years. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to education and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 608)

Jen Jones, of Sanford, a junior at Sanford High School, who has been named the 2014-15 Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year. This award from the Gatorade Company is given for outstanding athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field and distinguishes Jen as Maine's best high school softball player. We extend our congratulations to Jen on her receiving this well-deserved award, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 609)

Gretchen Nickerson, of West Gardiner, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Kennebec County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Nickerson teaches at Helen Thompson School in West Gardiner. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Nickerson on her receiving this honor; (HLS 610)

Laura Rose Day, of Hallowell, who is a recipient of a River Network's 2015 River Heroes Award for her work with the Penobscot River Restoration Trust. The River Network, based in Portland, Oregon, created the River Heroes Award in 2002 to celebrate rivers and those who protect them. We send our appreciation to Ms. Day for her efforts and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 611)

Pleasant River Take Out, of Columbia, on its receiving the President's Award from the Addison Rotary Club for its contributions to the quality of life enjoyed in Washington County. We congratulate Jeff and Lindsay Alley, Robert and Angel Alley, their families and the 7 members of the staff of Pleasant River Take Out on their receiving this award, and we send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 612)

Dominick Henry Cerabona, of Eliot, who is the recipient of the 2015 Fabyan Drake Good Citizen Award, presented by the Eliot-Kittery Memorial Post 188 of the American Legion. Also known as the American Legion Good Citizen Award, it is given for dedicated contributions to the community. Mr. Cerabona moved to Eliot in 1945, when he was a 5th grade student. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he served in the United States Army and then earned his master's degree in education and history. He returned to Eliot and taught school there from 1962 to 1993, 4 years at Eliot High School and 27 years at Marshwood High School, where for 26 years he was Head of the History Department. Mr. Cerabona was a popular teacher and was chosen as the Project Graduation Advisor and School Advisor for 11 years and had 2 yearbooks of the school dedicated to him. He was an Eliot Little League Coach and a Boy Scout Leader and helped youths understand the fundamentals of sportsmanship, the importance of acting responsibly, how to be a leader and how to be self-sufficient. Mr. Cerabona is now retired but continues to dedicate his time to the community. He is active with his local Catholic church, the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Eliot Auxiliary Police Department. Mr. Cerabona has provided a fine example of how

to give back to the community, and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor from the American Legion; (HLS 613)

Officer Michael Tremblay, of Biddeford, on his more than 41 years of service to the City of Saco in the Saco Police Department. Officer Tremblay started as a dispatcher in 1973 and by 1974 had become a patrol officer. He has worked tirelessly in serving the public. Officer Tremblay has been an active presence in the local schools and also serves as a call firefighter. He has received numerous awards for his work and countless letters of thanks from citizens he has helped and was honored by the Rotary Club of Saco Bay with a Paul Harris Fellowship. We send to Officer Tremblay our appreciation for his many years of commitment to the community and our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 614)

Christopher Cyr, of Hiram, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Saco Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher on his receiving this honor; (HLS 615)

Jamie Gaughan, of Hiram, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Saco Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jamie on her receiving this honor; (HLS 616)

Kathy Frost, of East Baldwin, who is retiring after 37 years of service at Baldwin Consolidated School. We extend to Ms. Frost our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 617)

Jeanne Jones, of Winslow on the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of teaching, 33 of those years at Clinton Elementary School. Ms. Jones worked an additional 4 years as a social worker. We send our appreciation to her for her dedicated service to the people of her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 618)

Pamela Brezak, of North Berwick, who is retiring after nearly 3 decades of service in School Administrative District 60. Ms. Brezak graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a degree in Special Education and Elementary Education and became a Head Start educator before joining the district. During her tenure with the district, she taught transitional first grade, first grade, multi-age K-1 and full-day kindergarten. She also has been an active union representative for a number of years. We extend to Ms. Brezak our congratulations on her retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 619)

Matty Chase, of Wells, a Wells Junior High School 8th grader, who won the 2015 Maine State Geography Bee. He is the first Wells student ever to win this accolade. Matty also qualified for the same state competition in 6th grade, finishing 13th out of 100, and made it to the finals of the schoolwide elimination phase of the bee each of his 4 years in junior high school. He won the school bee in 2013 and 2015. Matty will compete against 53 other young geography scholars in Washington, D.C., at the 27th annual National Geographic Bee in May. We extend to Matty our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 620)

the Woodside One Wheelers, of Topsham, who performed at the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C., on April 11th. The Woodside One Wheelers, or WOW, are a unicycling circus arts group based out of Woodside Elementary School in Topsham and directed by Eric Pulsifer. WOW includes over 90 students ranging from grade 3 to grade 12 and has more than 80 performances to its credit, both at the local and national levels. WOW consistently presents a positive message regarding goal setting, hard work and self-confidence. We extend to the Woodside One Wheelers our appreciation for representing Maine

at the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade and our best wishes for their future success; (HLS 621)

Debra Tanner, of Skowhegan, who was named the 2015 County Teacher of the Year for Somerset County. The Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Department of Education administered by Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased education attainment. Ms. Tanner teaches at Skowhegan Area Middle School in Skowhegan. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Tanner on her receiving this honor; (HLS 622)

Unity College, in Unity, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on September 7, 2015. Unity College is noted for its environmental and natural resources programs. It is the first institution of higher education to divest itself of fossil fuels, kicking off a growing global movement, and the first college to adopt sustainability science as a framework for teaching and learning. It also has the first college residence in the nation built to the Passive House standard, one of the strictest building energy performance standards in the world. We extend to Unity College our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 623)

Lakewood Theater, in Madison, on its 115th season. The theater's first stage play was "The Private Secretary," which opened on June 15, 1901. The theater has been a repertory theater and part of the Straw Hat Circuit, with many well-known actors and performers performing there. Susan and Jeff Quinn have been managing and directing at the theater for 30 years. In 1990, the Quinns, along with Bruce Hertz and Marti Stevens, formed Curtain Up Enterprises, which runs the theater as a community theater. The theater is open from May through the end of September but running the theater involves the year-round effort of 100 volunteers and about 2 dozen employees. We extend to Susan and Jeff Quinn and all the employees and volunteers at Lakewood Theater our congratulations on the theater's 115th season and our best wishes for continuing success; (HLS 624)

Scott Edwards, of Harrison, an employee of Poland Spring Water, who saw a house fire in New Gloucester in November 2014 while on his delivery route. He stopped to help and, before any fire equipment reached the scene, Mr. Edwards emptied roughly 8,500 gallons of water from his truck into a portable impoundment that was later used by the fire departments arriving on the scene. Mr. Edwards's actions significantly helped contain the fire. We extend our appreciation to him on his quick thinking and send him our best wishes; (HLS 625)

Andrew Charles Taylor, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, 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 worked on trails and built 2 wooden boardwalks in Rines Forest. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 626)

Troy Cochran, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, 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, Troy built an information kiosk and removed paint from rocks at the Cumberland Town Landing. We extend our congratulations to Troy on this achievement; (HLS 627)

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Chief Clair Allison Sabattis, of Littleton, for his significant life achievements as Tribal Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, President of the Aroostook Association of Indians and United States Army veteran. Chief Sabattis was born on the Woodstock First Nation reserve in New Brunswick, Canada and grew up in Houlton. He joined the military in 1965 and retired from the Maine Army National Guard with a SAG E6 rank. He was President of the Aroostook Association of Indians from 1977 to 1982, and part of his work involved researching the Maliseet history that helped establish the foundation to validate original tribal members. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians gained federal recognition in 1980, and he was elected Tribal Chief in 1984. During his 13 years in office, he helped the tribe establish its own land base, acquire housing and establish administrative offices, a health department, a language program and more. Chief Sabattis has a long history working with both state and federal governments on issues regarding the tribes in Maine. During his service as tribal chief, Chief Sabattis held a seat on the Maine Human Rights Commission. We send him our appreciation for his many years of service and commitment to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and to the State of Maine and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 629)

James Madore, of Madawaska, who retired as Aroostook County Sheriff after over 13 years of service in the position. Mr. Madore served over 40 years in law enforcement, beginning with the Fort Kent Police Department in 1974. He also served with the Maine State Police, retiring as a detective in 1997, and as Limestone's police chief. Appointed Aroostook County Sheriff by Governor Angus King, he successfully ran for re-election 3 times. His accomplishments include completing the National Sheriff's Academy in Longmont, Colorado, graduating from the FBI National Academy and being named Detective of the Year in 1994. Mr. Madore served on the Maine Criminal Justice Academy board of trustees and is a past president of the Maine Sheriffs' Association. We extend to James Madore our appreciation for his long service and our best wishes; (HLS 630)

Morgan E. Outing, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Morgan on her receiving this honor; (HLS 631)

Albany McCabe, of New Sweden, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Albany on her receiving this honor; (HLS 632)

Major Teresa J. Drag, of Paris, on her retirement after 20 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. Major Drag was born in Indiana and grew up in Maine. She graduated from American University with a bachelor's degree in political science and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1994. In August 1996, she graduated from Officer Candidate School. In June 2007, she was promoted to major and earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval

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Command and Staff - Fleet Seminar Program. She has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. She is also authorized to wear the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Navy Unit Commendation. We extend to Major Drag our congratulations on her retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 633)

Staff Sergeant Alyson Pelletier, of Sidney, a member of the Maine Army National Guard and the House of Representatives chamber staff, who placed 2nd in the Maine Best Warrior Competition and 5th in the Region I Best Warrior Competition in Massachusetts. We extend to Staff Sergeant Pelletier our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 634)

the Marshwood High School Girls Lacrosse Team, of South Berwick, which has won the 2015 State Class A Lacrosse Championship. The team became the first girls team in any sport to capture a Class A title for the school since the school switched from Class B. Members of the team include Lucy Albers, Gabrielle Bazemore, Korinne Bohunsky, Hannah Costin, Mia Donatello, Kathryn Fagan, Claudia Folger, Zoe Janetos, Emily Kahler, Jenna Kashmer, Reagan Nichols, Annalise Poirier, Lindsey Poirier, Abigail Rowe, Chloe Shields, Paige Singer, Marin Smith, Isabelle Ury, Nina Ross and Skylare Amsden; assistant coaches Samantha Brogli and Natalie Marvin; and head coach Bernie Marvin. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 635)

Eric Waddell, of South Berwick, principal of Robert William Traip Academy, in Kittery, who received on behalf of the academy an Apple Award from the Choose To Be Healthy Coalition. The award celebrates citizens who have gone above and beyond in helping improve the health of their communities. In the past year, the academy has implemented many substance abuse prevention measures, including a task force to improve substance abuse policies at the school, a youth treatment group and presentations to the parents and staff with information on the harms of drug and alcohol abuse. We extend to Mr. Waddell our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 636)

Mike Moloney, of South Berwick, who has been named the Citizen of the Year 2015 by the South Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club. Mr. Moloney is well-known and beloved among the citizens of South Berwick and Eliot and beyond. He immigrated to America from Ireland and has been part of the community for the past 23 years. During the times of strife in Northern Ireland, he was instrumental in bringing kids from different backgrounds together through the "Friends Forever" program, which he introduced in South Berwick. He also introduced Geography Quiz Nights, which have been successful in raising funds for Rotary projects in Bangladesh, Haiti and Colombia. The Moloney family has been very involved in the community, serving water at town races, delivering food at the lobsterfest, helping at blood drives, feeding senior citizens at Thanksgiving and manning the food pantry. We extend to Mr. Moloney our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 637)

Patty Scully, of Waterville, a speech language pathologist at Winslow Elementary School, who is the recipient of a 2016 California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence. The award recognizes, rewards and promotes excellence in teaching and advocacy for the profession and is presented jointly by the NEA Foundation and the National Education Association. Ms. Scully

is one of 42 public school educators who will be honored at an awards gala in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Scully on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 638)

Jenny Zdrojowy, of Bucksport, who is a 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. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jenny on her receiving this honor; (HLS 639)

Ben True, of North Yarmouth, who placed 2nd in both the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter races at the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Oregon. These finishes earned him a spot on the United States team set to compete in this summer's World Championships in Beijing, China. We extend to Mr. True our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 640)

the Boys Lacrosse Team of Brunswick High School, which won the 2015 State Class A Boys Lacrosse Championship. Members of the team include: Mitchell Smith, Logan Ouellette, Brad Leaman, Alex Marc-Aurele, Alec McPherson, Ezra Rogers, Kenan VanVranken, Keenan Andrews, Andrew Cilea, Jack Hladky, Jon Snell, Cole Hillis, Christian Glover, Matt Brooks, Ryan Croatti, Owen Ginty, Cam Glover, Tyler Hillis, Ricky Klatt, Eric Kousky, Ian Schlosser, TJ Sullivan, Kyle Woodruff, Colby Bate, Josh Clark, Jameson Cyr, Connor Foushee, Josh Dorr and Aaron Carlton; managers Nick Bates, Greyson Jones, Chris Roderick and Corban Teel; assistant coaches Jason Miller, Bruce Beaulieu and Ben Herman; and head coach Donald Glover. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 641)

Wilson's Drug Store, in Bath, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Pharmacist Jonathan Desjardins, a native of Bath, has owned and operated the store since 1981. He, the store's fourth owner, bought it from Raymond Clemons, who in turn obtained it from his father-in-law, Lewis Wilson, pharmacist and namesake of the business. W. M. Temple established the store in 1915. We extend to Mr. Desjardins our congratulations on his store's anniversary; (HLS 642)

the Honorable Peter Edgecomb and Marjorie Edgecomb, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Senator and Mrs. Edgecomb, who met in the small town of New Boston, New Hampshire and went fishing on their first date, married on July 10, 1965. They raised 3 children, Jay, Joy and Jill, in northern Maine, and after spending a few years Downeast, returned to Caribou. We extend to Senator and Mrs. Edgecomb our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 643)

Dr. Owen Grumbling, of Wells, who has received the 2015 Espy Land Heritage Award from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust for his exemplary conservation efforts. Dr. Grumbling is Professor of Environmental Literature in the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of New England. He founded the Wells Natural Estuarine Research Reserve, which spreads knowledge of coasts and estuaries, engages people in environmental learning and involves communities in conservation. For 33 years, Dr. Grumbling has chaired the conservation commission of the Town of Wells. In 2009, the New England Environmental Protection Agency recognized Dr. Grumbling's efforts on behalf of the environment and human health with a Merit Award for Lifetime Achievement. We congratulate Dr. Grumbling on his receiving the 2015 Espy Land Heritage Award and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 644)

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the Honorable John J. Picchiotti, of Fairfield, who represents House District No. 108 and who is the recipient of a Legislator of the Year Award by the American Legion, Department of Maine. We extend our congratulations to Representative Picchiotti on his receiving this honor; (HLS 645)

the Honorable John J. Picchiotti and Carol Picchiotti, of Fairfield, on their 51st Wedding Anniversary. Representative and Mrs. Picchiotti met in Bar Harbor, where she was working at Trip's Restaurant while he, then in the United States Navy, was stationed nearby at Winter Harbor. They were married on June 13, 1964 at Sacred Heart Church in Waterville and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We extend to Representative and Mrs. Picchiotti our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 646)

Ruth Venell, of Acton, who is retiring as an educator in School Administrative District No. 60. Ms. Venell has been working in the field of special education since 1973, having begun her career in Illinois after graduating from Illinois State University. In 1988, she began working in Acton as a special education coordinator. From September 2001 to June 2003, she was a Department of Education distinguished educator. She worked for the Division of Special Services, as liaison to the committee on transition and as southern Maine regional facilitator. In 2003, she returned to Acton, where she worked as the special education director before becoming a special education coordinator in 2007. We extend to Ms. Venell our congratulations on her retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 647)

Wayne P. Holden, of Sanford, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 648)

Paul Conley, of Freeport, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 649)

Joshua Gagnon, of Sanford, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 650)

Eri D. Martin, of Raymond, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 651)

Michael J. Mirisola, of Buxton, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 652)

Scott A. Valcourt, of Berwick, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The

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Francis Maguire, of South Portland, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 654)

Dr. Bruce F. Rueger, of Waterville, who has received the Centurion Award from the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Centurion Award recognizes those persons who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the order and made significant contributions to their lodges. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 655)

Leisel Krout, Abbie Hartford, Tyler Ritter, Sam Brenner, Amber Delaney and Denton Bilodeau, members of the Spruce Mountain High School Envirothon Team, which won the 2015 Maine Envirothon State Championship. The team, whose adult advisor is Spruce Mountain Middle School teacher Robert Taylor, will represent Maine at the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon Competition at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. We send the Spruce Mountain High School Envirothon Team our congratulations and our best wishes for success in the future; (HLS 656)

Zoe Buteau, of Wales, a student at Oak Hill Middle School, who won the All American and Schoolgirl National Champion title at the All Girls National Wrestling Freestyle Championship in Irving, Texas. We extend to Zoe our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 657)

the Honorable Susan Dore Lamb, of Kennebunkport, on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Maine Chapter after many years of legislative work, advocacy and government relations. Ms. Lamb served in the House of Representatives from 1987 to 1996, representing the City of Auburn, including 4 years as chair of the joint standing committee on taxation. She then went on to work for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She has won multiple honors and awards throughout her legislative and advocacy career, including recognition from the Maine Foster Parent Association and the American Psychiatric Association. Ms. Lamb also held positions in advocacy, government relations and development at the Maine Credit Union League, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of York County and the Great Works Regional Land Trust. We send her our appreciation for her commitment and service to the people of her community and to the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Lamb on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 658)

the following members of the Biddeford Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Structure Team, which competed at the 2015 World Finals held at Michigan State University from May 20th to May 23rd: eighth graders Kristin Eugley, Lucas Girard, Catherine Nunes, Jared Pierce and Olivia Whittaker and ninth graders Spencer Arnold and Michael Gibney. The team first came together in December and is mostly made up of members new to the program. The team worked tirelessly to figure out how to build an 8 1/2 inch balsa wood structure that would weigh less than 18 grams and release 5 marbles while holding weight. They placed 1st at the Regionals and the Maine State Tournament, where their structure held 495 pounds. Coached by Mrs. Victoria Salo, a Biddeford High School science teacher, and a parent

volunteer, Mr. Alan Gibney, they all worked extremely hard to prepare for the world competition, where they placed 23rd out of 34 teams with a structure that held 740 pounds. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Biddeford Odyssey of the Mind Structure Team on their achievement; (HLS 659)

the Softball Team of Richmond Middle/High School, of Richmond, which has won the 2015 State Class D Softball Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 660)

Alex Papp, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301, 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, Alex, who is a volunteer at the York Community Service Association, painted the exterior of the York Food Pantry. We extend our congratulations to Alex on this achievement; (HLS 661)

Nathaniel Bald, of York, member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301, 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, Nathaniel worked with the York Land Trust to build a trail and create a picnic area at Highland Farm Preserve. We extend our congratulations to Nathaniel on this achievement; (HLS 662)

Jason Henson, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301, 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, Jason raised funds for materials for, and led a work crew to build, a docent station at the Center for Wildlife. We extend our congratulations to Jason on this achievement; (HLS 663)

Debra Schuller, of Corinna, who is retiring after 33 years of teaching. Dr. Schuller taught kindergarten and first grade in New York State for 19 years. She obtained her master's degree and doctorate and has taught in Maine for 14 years as Literacy Coach and Coordinator for the Clinton and Albion schools. We extend to Dr. Schuller our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 664)

the Reverend Dr. David Anderman, of Waterville, who is retiring from the First Congregational United Church of Christ after 40 years of Christian ministry. In addition to leading his parish, he has been a strong and effective voice for human and civil rights throughout his career and a leader in the communities he serves. We extend to Dr. Anderman our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 665)

Abigail Weingang, of Shawmut, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Lawrence High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Abigail on her receiving this honor; (HLS 666)

Officer Dean Benson, of Dixfield, a member of the Mexico Police Department, who has received an award for bravery from the Maine State Police for saving the lives of his fellow law enforcement officers during a confrontation with an armed and dangerous man, who was killed. We extend our appreciation to Officer Benson for his exemplary service to the community and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 667)

Officer Dustin Broughton, of Rumford, a member of the Dixfield Police Department, who has received a meritorious service award from the Maine State Police for his role in stopping an armed and dangerous fugitive who tried to kill members of local law enforcement. We extend our appreciation to Officer Broughton for his exemplary service to the community and we

congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 668)

Kate Hall, of Naples, who set a national high school record of 22 feet, 5 inches in the long jump at the New Balance Outdoor National Track and Field Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina. The jump, which also sets a United States Junior mark and is 9th on the all-time world Junior list, is the 3rd best jump among United States women this year and ranks Ms. Hall at 10th in the world. Ms. Hall, who will be attending Iowa State University, is a graduate of Lake Region High School in Naples. We extend to Ms. Hall our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 669)

Willow Ward, of Carmel, 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 Willow on this accomplishment; (HLS 670)

the Softball Team of Scarborough High School, of Scarborough, which has won the Western Class A Softball Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 671)

the George W. Stearns High School Softball Team, of Millinocket, which has won the 2015 Eastern Maine Class D Softball Championship. Members of the team include Jordan Fournier, Kaitlyn Brooker, Isabella Gomez, Lauren Jamo, Jessica Girsal, Anne-Laure Kling, Cassidy McLeod, Abigail Russell, Emma Alley, Audrey Dunstan, Grace Farrington, Angela Guy, Fredericka Hibbs, Madeline Morrison, Hannah Brooker, Maria Glidden, Peighton Ingersoll, Renee Pelletier and Malorie Ireland; manager Sidney Farquhar; and coaches Nick Cullen, John Jamo and Steve Girsal. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 672)

the George W. Stearns High School Baseball Team, of Millinocket, which has won the 2015 Eastern Maine Class D Baseball Championship. Members of the team include Damean Newbury, Marc Morneault, Kacey McVey, Mike DiBona, Mitchell Bradford, Justin Santerre, Jordan Cullen, Gary Malcolm, Dominic Carrier, Dimitri Carrier, Nick Dumas, Nick Oakes, Devin Whitney, Zack Bouchard, Travis Hartley, Elijah Hakes, Evan McLean, J.W. Briggs and Seth Garvin; manager Noah Hakes; and coach Donald Boyington. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 673)

Dorothy S. Manson, of Eliot, the recipient of the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. Dorothy was born on December 8, 1916, married Delwyn "Jim" Manson on October 20, 1940 and still lives in the home they built and raised their family in. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dorothy on this occasion; (HLS 674)

the Orono High School Girls Track and Field Team, of Orono, which has won the State Class C Track and Field Championship. The team was also awarded the Eastern Maine Class C Sportsmanship Award. We extend to the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 675)

the Orono High School Boys Track and Field Team, of Orono, which has won the State Class C Track and Field Championship. The team was also awarded the Eastern Maine Class C Sportsmanship Award. We extend to the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 676)

Chelsea Winiarski, of Forest City Township, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of East Grand School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chelsea on her receiving this honor; (HLS 677)

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Allison McEwen, of Danforth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of East Grand School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Allison on her receiving this honor; (HLS 678)

the Top Ten Percent of students of the 2015 graduating class of Brewer High School: Keanna Beal; Jaycob Bowker; Jovon Craig, Salutatorian; Delaney Davis; Joshua Donnelly; Abigail Durrah; Shawn Farrington; Aron Feeney; Alexa Gray, Valedictorian; Jarrod Joy; Catelyn Kimball; Rachel Largay; Anna Maxsimic; Samantha Pellegrino; Colby Rand; Jared St. Thomas; Maggie Stanley; and Emily Tarr. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 679)

Rhonda Tate, of Otis, a teacher at Dedham School, who has received the McCarthy Education Innovation Award from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Ms. Tate has been described as one of Maine's most active, innovative and inspiring educators, and her selection for this award was based on her efforts to advance science education in the State. We extend to Ms. Tate our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 680)

Tyler William Rondeau, of Waterford, 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 Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 681)

Christine Shapleigh Bilodeau, of Eliot. Mrs. Bilodeau was born and raised in the Eliot community and graduated from Eliot High School in 1943. She retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire in 1978 as a digital computer systems analyst after 30 years of service in the Supply and Comptroller department. She was an avid bridge player and also spent many hours crocheting and quilting. She was married for 69 years to Raymond L. Bilodeau, who predeceased her. Mrs. Bilodeau will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 682)

Henry L. "Hank" Hokans, of Ogunquit, a virtuoso organist and choir director and veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Hokans was born and raised in Worcester, Massachusetts, and received early music training from his parents, Henry and Winifred, who were both accomplished musicians. He received formal training in the organ from Dr. T. Charles Lee and William Self, whom he succeeded as organist at All Saints Church in Worcester for 20 years. He also received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in music from New England Conservatory and was inducted into Phi Kappa Lambda Honor Society. During the Korean War, Mr. Hokans served with the 5th Air Force, after which he received a Fulbright Scholarship and went to Paris to study with Pierre Cochereau at Notre Dame and Jean Langlais at St. Sulpice. He served in residencies, was accompanist for many choral groups and played recitals and services in all the major cathedrals and abbeys in Europe. After spending many early years in Ogunquit, Mr. Hokans made it his permanent home in 1980 and served on most of the town's boards, committees and community organizations. In 1989, he accepted a position at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Portland, where his choirs received international acclaim for their work in residency at several English cathedrals. He later served as Organist/Choirmaster at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Frederiksted, St. Croix, as Musical Director of St. Ann's Church in Kennebunkport, as Organist of the United Baptist Church in Saco and as Music Director of St. Peter's By-the-Sea in Cape Neddick. Mr. Hokans will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 683)

Elena Louise Jahn, formerly of Brunswick, a longtime Monhegan Island artist. Ms. Jahn grew up in upstate New York but at the age of 11 began summering on Monhegan Island, where she discovered art. She earned a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University's College of Art and a master's degree in painting from the University of Wisconsin before studying in Paris as a Fulbright scholar. Ms. Jahn taught in college and university art departments in Wisconsin, Rhode Island and Maine and Nova Scotia, Canada and Norway, and she lived in Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico and France as well as Brunswick but always returned to Monhegan Island. Her artwork ranged from the realistic to the abstract and included landscapes, figure drawings, oils, pastels, acrylics and watercolors. She had exhibits in various collections in the United States, Canada, Norway and France and had a solo exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art's "Maine Perspective" series, which displayed her work from Maine and Puerto Rico. Ms. Jahn will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 684)

James Lamb, of Oxford. Mr. Lamb was born and raised in Norway. After graduating from high school, he attended and received his degree from Northern Maine Community College at Presque Isle. He worked as a draftsman at Oxford Homes and as a plant manager at New England Homes. He also owned his own business, Home Menders, and later Parts and Pieces, in Oxford. He was president of the Santa Visits Oxford group and helped create many wonderful memories for children and parents over the years. Mr. Lamb was a member of the Lions Club and Oxford Lodge No. 18 A.F. and A.M. and was also an honorary member of the Uptown Cruisers Car Club. He served as a selectman for the Town of Poland. Mr. Lamb will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 685)

Buck Lee Charles, of Corinna. Mr. Charles graduated from Nokomis Regional High School in 2014. He was a student at Central Maine Community College and worked at McKenney Machine and Tool. He was a good friend and helpful to his community. Mr. Charles will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 686)

James H. Thomson, Sr., of South Portland, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Thomson was born in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Meriden High School in Meriden, Connecticut, and earned an associate's degree from New York State Regents. He served in the United States Coast Guard for 30 years and held several commands. His last command was with the United States Coast Guard Cutter *Spar* in South Portland. After his retirement, he became an active member of his community. Mr. Thomson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 687)

the Honorable Raynold Theriault, of Fort Kent, former state Legislator and member of the Maine Army National Guard. Senator Theriault was born in Fort Kent and graduated from the Madawaska Training School, which is now the University of Maine at Fort Kent, and earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Ricker College. He also graduated from Maine Military Academy as well as other military schools, including the United States Army Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was elected to several offices, including the School Administrative District No. 27 Board of Directors and the Fort Kent Town Council. He served 6 years in the House of Representatives, where he served on many committees and chaired the transportation committee, and 6 years in the Senate, where he chaired both the transportation and banking and insurance committees. He taught school for 2

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years, was a Customs Inspector for 12 years and taught mathematics and business management for 4 years in the continuing education department at Ricker College. He was a lieutenant colonel in the 152nd Field Artillery Regiment of the Maine Army National Guard and served in various capacities in his 28 years in the Guard, including as Battalion Commander. Senator Theriault will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 688)

Janet Edna Powers, of Skowhegan. Mrs. Powers was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts and was educated in Maine and Connecticut, graduating from Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Connecticut. She married Elton Powers on September 28, 1968. She enjoyed singing and performing on stage at Lakewood Theater and was a member of the Federated Church in Skowhegan. She sang in the church choir for over 36 years, and she also directed the junior choir, taught Sunday School and was the Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. Powers will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 689)

Debby Lou Beckwith-Noonan, of Canaan. Mrs. Beckwith-Noonan was born in Skowhegan and educated in local schools. She graduated from the University of Maine at Orono and worked at the Good Will-Hinckley school before starting the *Trapper's Post* magazine with her husband, Bob Noonan. She was very active in the Canaan Farmers Hall and enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking and crafting. Mrs. Beckwith-Noonan will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 690)

Elwood A. Perkins, of Dresden, who was known as a skilled and talented man. Mr. Perkins worked on the water for over 20 years, and he also worked doing marine construction. He retired as a maintenance man for Pemaquid Campground 18 years ago after about 20 years of service. Mr. Perkins was a handy carpenter who enjoyed woodworking and was an avid outdoorsman. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 62 years, Barbara, his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 691)

Sheldon L. Bumps, of China, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Bumps was born in China and graduated from Erskine Academy. He served in the China Village Volunteer Fire Department since 1964 and retired from Duratherm Window Corporation in Vassalboro after 40 years of service. He was involved with his community and supported athletics by coaching and umpiring. Mr. Bumps will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 692)

Katherine Ogilvie Musgrave, of Orono, a respected professor and nutritionist. Mrs. Musgrave was born in Allisona, Tennessee. She graduated *cum laude* from Maryville College in 1941 and received a Master of Science degree in Nutrition from Oklahoma State University and a Certificate of Advanced Study from the University of Maine. She started teaching at the University of Maine as an assistant professor in 1969 and became well-known nationally in the field of dietetics. In 2002, she was presented the New England University Continuing Education Association Faculty Member of the Year Award, and, in 2006, was presented with an honorary doctorate of science by the University of Maine. She received recognitions from the American Dietetic Association, the Maine Nutrition Council, the Maine Dietetic Association and the former American Home Economics Association, and she served in leadership roles in the Maine Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. After her retirement, she continued to teach in the classroom and online, worked as a registered dietitian, was a nutrition consultant to area physicians and corporate wellness programs and broadcast a weekly radio

segment about healthy living. Her passion for healthy living and good nutrition made a difference in the lives of the citizens of the State. Mrs. Musgrave will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 693)

Gerald L. Guse, of Orland. Mr. Guse was born in Bangor and grew up in Veazie and Prospect. He graduated from Bucksport High School and Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute. He worked for Ion Physics in Massachusetts installing Van de Graaff generators at universities and research sites around the country and in Europe. In 1976 he returned to Maine and worked for St. Regis in the Bucksport paper mill as an instrument technician. He and his wife, Claire, grew and sold Christmas trees, and Mr. Guse was a plumbing inspector for over 30 years, serving the towns of Orland, Verona Island and Prospect. Mr. Guse also served as Code Enforcement Officer in Orland and Verona Island and on the Orland Planning Board. Mr. Guse will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 694)

Susan A. (Dorr) Hatch, of Penobscot. Ms. Hatch was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and moved to Penobscot when she was 16 years of age. While attending George Stevens Academy, she met Robert Hatch, with whom she shared her life for 42 years. At 26 years of age, she earned her high school diploma, and she owned and operated Deena Lee's Variety in Ellsworth from 1997 to 2001. Ms. Hatch will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 695)

Patrick S. Groening, of Belfast, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 27, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Patrick designed and installed informational kiosks at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast. We extend our congratulations to Patrick on this achievement; (HLS 696)

Harris J. "Pete" Bixler, of Northport, on his retirement as a trustee and the treasurer of Bay Chamber Concerts, Inc. Mr. Bixler has served as a trustee and incorporator for 20 years. He is one of the founding members of the music school and served on the school committee as well as the finance, education, development and executive committees. He and his family are the donors of Bay Chamber's Steinway Concert Grand and refurbished the Steinway Grand in Union Hall. Mr. Bixler is a beloved and treasured member of the Bay Chamber music family and has greatly contributed with his time, philanthropy and spirit to the growth of the organization, including the significant and continued growth of the music school. We extend to Mr. Bixler our thanks for his efforts to enhance the presence of music in the Midcoast and the State and our congratulations on his retirement; (HLS 697)

Avery John Angevine, of Bethel, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Angevine was born in Upton and attended local schools. He worked for the Davis Sawmill before working at the shipyard in South Portland in 1942. In 1944, he was drafted into the Army and became a scout in the Headquarters Company of the 27th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 9th Armored Division. He was among the first troops to cross the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany. After the war, Mr. Angevine worked for E.G. Blake as a millwright and mechanic. He later worked as the assistant manager at Andover Wood Products. While there, he designed a new sawmill to produce hardwood lumber for the furniture industry. In 1976, he went to work at P.H. Chadbourne Company as Mill Manager. During his tenure, he oversaw the

installation of a double cut bandsaw with the first computer networks east of the Mississippi River. After retiring in 1980, he consulted throughout New England for the woodworking industry and operated his own portable sawmill, doing custom cutting. Mr. Angevine served 2 terms as a town selectman and tax assessor for Bethel. He served on the town's airport and budget committees and was chair of the building committee in the beginning years of Sunday River Skiway, also serving as vice-president of the skiway's board of directors. Mr. Angevine will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 698)

Burt Shavitz, of Parkman, a beekeeper and a cofounder and spokesman of Burt's Bees, a personal care products company. Mr. Shavitz was born in New York in Manhattan in 1935 and grew up in Flushing, Queens and in Great Neck on Long Island. He attended college in Delaware but was drafted before he finished and served in the United States Army in Germany. He studied photography and worked part-time for Time-Life as a photojournalist, covering President John F. Kennedy's inaugural, Malcolm X, the civil rights movement and the first Earth Day in 1970. He later worked as a caretaker at Mohonk Mountain House in Ulster County, New York and learned beekeeping before moving to Maine. He met Roxanne Quimby, and together they founded Burt's Bees in 1984, selling beeswax candles. The company moved into personal care products and prospered. Mr. Shavitz left the company in 1999, although he did later act as the company's spokesman. Mr. Shavitz will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 699)

Robert T. White, of Dedham. Mr. White was born in Bangor and graduated from Brewer High School. He worked for many years in sales with Bangor Neon. He enjoyed being with his family and friends and camping and fishing. Mr. White will be long remembered and sadly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 700)

Edward Sparks, of Bailey Island, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Sparks was born in Springfield, Massachusetts and graduated from Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. He served in the Navy on Okinawa, Japan as well as in Australia. He married his high school sweetheart, Colette Protzenko, and they were married 40 years. In 1994, they moved to Maine, and Mr. Sparks served as a reservist at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. He was a carpenter, and he found time to use his skills for the benefit of the community. He also served on the Orrs and Bailey Islands Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for over 20 years, retiring as a captain in 2014. Mr. Sparks will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 701)

Pineland Farms Potato Company, of Mars Hill, on its receiving the SHARP Award from the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The award recognizes small employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems and is an achievement of status as a model of work site safety and health management. We extend our congratulations to Pineland Farms Potato Company on its receiving this award; (HLS 702)

the Wiswell family, of Orrington, which has been named the Orrington 2015 Farm Family of the Year. The Wiswell farm in north Orrington was established in 1772 by David Wiswell, one of the area's earliest permanent settlers. Throughout its nearly 250-year history, this farm has sustained 9 generations of Wiswell family members and remains an important presence in the Orrington community. We join the Curran Homestead Living

History Farm and Museum, the Town of Orrington and the Wiswell family's friends and neighbors in extending our congratulations to the Wiswell family on this occasion and our best wishes for future success; (HLS 703)

the central Maine chapter of Operation Christmas Child, of Orrington, on its collection of 9,130 gift-filled shoeboxes for children across the globe. Since 1993, this project of the Samaritan's Purse organization has collected and delivered more than 124,000,000 gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries. In 2014, 367,074 shoeboxes were collected in the Northeast alone. We extend to the central Maine chapter of Operation Christmas Child our appreciation for its efforts and our best wishes; (HLS 704)

the Northeast chapter of Operation Christmas Child, of Albany, New York, on its collection of 367,074 gift-filled shoeboxes for children across the globe. Since 1993, this project of the Samaritan's Purse organization has collected and delivered more than 124,000,000 gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries. More than 500,000 volunteers worldwide, with more than 140,000 of those in the United States, are involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts. We extend to the Northeast chapter of Operation Christmas Child our appreciation for its efforts and our best wishes; (HLS 705)

the Honorable William F. Noon, of Sanford, a member of the Maine House of Representatives, representing District 19. Representative Noon was serving his 2nd term in the House and served on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. He was a small business owner and a longtime member of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine. He served on the Sanford Planning Board for more than 20 years, including 8 years as chairman. He was known as an advocate for the environment and for Maine's farms and also for his love of his family and work and for his sense of humor, even during the hardest of times. Representative Noon will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and his colleagues in the 127th Legislature; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 706)

Aaron Wolfe, of Oakland, head baseball coach at Winslow High School, who was named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Baseball Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations to Coach Wolfe on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 707)

Leo Bouchard, of Oakland, softball coach at Messalonskee High School, who was named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Softball Coach of the Year, after leading his team to its first Class A State Championship since 2005. We extend our congratulations to Coach Bouchard on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 708)

Kristy Prelgovisk, of Oakland, a graduating senior of Messalonskee High School, who was named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Softball Player of the Year for her part in her team's Class A Championship season. We extend our congratulations to Kristy and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 709)

Richard G. Barstow, of Sherman, on his retirement after 48 years of teaching and coaching in Aroostook County. Mr. Barstow has spent the majority of his career at Katahdin Middle/High School. His basketball coaching career includes more than 660 wins and 4 Gold Balls, and he is a member of both the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. We extend to Mr. Barstow our congratulations on his retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 710)

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Dr. Brock Libby, formerly of Norridgewock, who has received this year's Nancy Walton Pugh Child Advocacy Award for his work in LGBTQ youth outreach and education. The award recognizes outstanding efforts leading to the improved health and well-being of children. We extend to Dr. Libby our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 711)

Dylan Hapworth, of Winslow, a 2015 graduating senior at Winslow High School, who was named the *Morning Sentinel* Baseball Player of the Year. Dylan will go on to play at the University of Southern Maine. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 712)

Cam Brochu, of Manchester, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal's* Baseball Player of the Year. Mr. Brochu played for the Maranacook Community High School Black Bears and lead the team to a 11-8 record and the Western Maine Class C semifinals. He was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Central Division Player of the Year and was a finalist for Maine's Mr. Baseball award. His plans include playing baseball for Southern Maine Community College. We extend to Mr. Brochu our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 713)

Joseph Wheaton, of Princeton, who has been named a 2015 Tillman Scholar by the Pat Tillman Foundation. Founded in 2004, the Pat Tillman Foundation recognizes military veterans and their spouses who have extraordinary academic and leadership potential, a true sense of vocation and a deep commitment to create positive change through their work in the fields of medicine, law, business, education and the arts. Mr. Wheaton entered the United States Army out of high school. In 6 years, he was deployed to Afghanistan 4 times and to Iraq twice. After completing his law degree, he spent 2 years with Teach for America and is currently studying for his master's degree in secondary education at Arizona State University. It is his hope to effect positive change to education policy. We extend to Mr. Wheaton our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 714)

Elisabeth Wieboldt King, of Woolwich. Ms. King was born in Evanston, Illinois and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in architecture. In 1958, she and her husband, John Patrick Gordon King, bought a salt marsh farm on Hockomock Bay in Woolwich and moved there from Brookline, Massachusetts at the height of the back-to-the-land movement. She worked with then-State Representative Maria Holt to close the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant. Prompted by the oil embargo in the 1970s, she worked for the Department of Energy and won an award for her patented design using holography to use sunlight for architectural lighting. She worked in passive solar design as the sole practitioner in Maine until her retirement. She was a member of the Sagadahoc Chapter of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, was active with the Friends of Merymeeting Bay and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust and served on the Woolwich Conservation Commission. She was a devoted Catholic and was a communicant at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bath. She worked to promote social justice with H.O.M.E. based in Orland and, with Sean Donovan, her partner of the last 20 years, started the organization Home Together to provide support for transitioning homeless persons. They also helped create The Neighborhood Cafe, a place that helps families in need. Ms. King will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (HLS 715)

Dorothy R. Fitch, of Ellsworth, on the celebration of her 90th Birthday. Mrs. Fitch was born on July 19, 1925, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 716)

Harry Hanscom, of Orrington, who has been named the 2015 Orrington Old Home Week Citizen of the Year. Mr. Hanscom was born and raised in Orrington and has been dedicated to the community throughout his life. He attended Husson College and joined the family oil business while still in school. He joined the National Guard and in 1980 started his own company, Hanscom Well Drilling. For over 30 years, Mr. Hanscom has been involved with the Maine Studies Program at Center Drive School, which began as an overnight survival program. He also funded a music scholarship for middle school students to the University of Maine at Orono Music Camp for many years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Hanscom for his commitment to his community, and we extend our congratulations to him on his being named the 2015 Orrington Old Home Week Citizen of the Year; (HLS 717)

Daniel David Constanzer, of China, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 479, 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 718)

the Manchester Fire Department, under Fire Chief Clarence Cram, on its receiving the SHARP Award from the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The award recognizes small employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems and is an achievement of status as a model of work site safety and health management. We extend our congratulations to the Manchester Fire Department on its receiving this award; (HLS 719)

Dennis Doiron, of Gardiner, on his retirement after 29 years of dedicated legal service to the State of Maine. Mr. Doiron is retiring as Director of the Income and Estate Taxes Division at Maine Revenue Services, where he has served with distinction since 2003. Prior to his beginning at Maine Revenue Services, Mr. Doiron served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General and as a general law clerk and legal researcher with the Public Utilities Commission. He is an active member of the Gardiner community, serving on the Gardiner City Council and in volunteer leadership positions at the Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center and the Gardiner Public Library. We send our appreciation to Mr. Doiron for his service to the people of the State and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 720)

the YMCA Camp of Maine, located on the shores of Cobbosseecontee Lake in East Winthrop, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Founded in the summer of 1915 by Jeff Smith, the camp began as a boys camp and became co-educational in 1975. More than 70,000 children have attended the camp not only from Maine but from the United States and around the world. The YMCA Camp of Maine hosts boys and girls from 8 to 15 years of age and consists of more than 300 acres and 3 islands. Its emphasis is on "the Mind, Body and Spirit" and helping the campers develop self-confidence and teambuilding and establish lifelong friendships in a beautiful rural outdoor environmental setting. We send our appreciation to the YMCA Camp of Maine on its years of commitment to the boys and girls who have attended and we extend our congratulations and best wishes for continued success on this centennial celebration; (HLS 721)

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Anne Loughlin Kemper, of Lewiston, on the occasion of her retirement as Coordinator of the Lewiston Adult Education Adult Learning Center, where she has worked since 1986. Ms. Kemper earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Coe College and earned her master's degree in adult education from the University of Southern Maine. During her professional years in Lewiston, she has also served as a counselor, a grant coordinator and Chief GED Examiner for Lewiston Adult Education. Ms. Kemper is active in numerous community organizations and programs, including the Lewiston Public Library, the Immigration Legal Advocacy Project and Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care. She has received many professional honors, including the 2015 Gerald LeVasseur Award, the highest award given in adult education in Maine, given by the Maine Adult Education Association. We send Ms. Kemper our appreciation for her longtime service to adult education and to the community and we send her our congratulations and best wishes on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 722)

Deborah Higgins Wiley, of Scarborough, on her retirement from Portland Public Schools. She has been dedicated to students, families and staff since starting in education in 1985. In 1993, she joined Portland Public Schools and has been an invaluable member ever since. Her wit, wisdom and experience will be missed. We extend to Ms. Wiley our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 723)

Judy Higbea, of Brunswick, a longtime educator and active member of the community. Ms. Higbea was born in Defiance, Ohio and grew up on the family farm. She received her degree in elementary education from the Ohio State University. Ms. Higbea began her teaching career in Colorado and later taught in the Boston area schools. She earned her master's degree in special education and administration from Boston University in 1981. Ms. Higbea moved to Maine in 1987 to teach in the Freeport schools. She served as principal at Morse Street School and was instrumental in developing Mast Landing School, where she was a teaching principal for over 15 years. She retired from teaching in 2006 following 41 years in education. During her years in Maine, Ms. Higbea was active with Freeport Community Services, serving on its board for many years and as its president from 2009 to 2010, and with Wolfe's Neck Farm, serving on its executive committee and as board secretary for the past 8 years. Ms. Higbea will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her friends and the community she served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 724)

William G. Koch, of Greenwood, a longtime and respected educator. Born in Rockville Centre, New York, Mr. Koch was a 1967 graduate of Chaminade High School and a 1971 graduate of St. Francis College. From 1972 to 2007, Mr. Koch taught sixth grade and was a principal at the Agnes Gray School in West Paris. He was also an active community member, organic farmer, woodworker, husband and father of 2 sons. He was known for his warm heart, words of encouragement and funny stories. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 725)

Terry and Shirley (Lewis) Wilkinson, of Gray, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson were married at Sacred Heart Church, in Yarmouth, on May 29, 1965. They settled into their home on Shaker Road in Gray, where they raised their four sons. Mr. Wilkinson taught at Greely Junior High School and coached boys basketball for 35 years. After teaching, he purchased the family business, Wilkinson's Excavating Company. Mrs. Wilkinson served as the bookkeeper

of the business and continued to raise their family. We join the Wilkinsons' family and friends in extending our sincere congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 726)

Jane Morrison, of Auburn, on the occasion of her retirement as the Executive Director of Safe Voices, after a long career in human services. During her tenure at Safe Voices, formerly the Abused Women's Advocacy Project, Ms. Morrison has made many contributions, including increasing the amount of service staff for the tri-county area and finding funding for staff at the Sexual Assault Agency and District Attorney's office for Oxford County. Ms. Morrison also served for over 25 years as Executive Director of Ingraham House and was instrumental in the creation of 2-1-1, a statewide referral hotline. She founded the Behavioral Health Network of Maine, served in several capacities in other professional organizations and continues to serve on the board of directors of Auburn Public Library. We send her our appreciation for her service to the people of Maine and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 727)

the Honorable Vaughn Adair Stedman, of Hartland, former member of the Maine State Legislature and veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Stedman was born in Hartland and graduated from Hartland Academy. He attended Boston University on an American Legion baseball scholarship and played baseball professionally for the Milwaukee Braves for 4 years. In 1992, he was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. He served in the Army for 2 years and was an educator for 34 years. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Southern Maine and was a science teacher for Hartland Consolidated Schools, principal at Hartland Academy and guidance counselor at Nokomis Regional High School. He served in the Maine House of Representatives for 10 years. A member of the Hartland-St. Albans Lions Club for over 50 years, he receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest honor that Lions Club International can bestow. Mr. Stedman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 728)

Paul J. Bolger, of Penobscot. Mr. Bolger was born in Bayonne, New Jersey. He loved fishing and crabbing and was a weatherman extraordinaire. He will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 57 years, Barbara, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 729)

Zachary Dubiel, of Standish, a 2015 graduate of Bonny Eagle High School and a member of the football team, who is the recipient of the John R. Schmidlin Award. This award, named after a football coach and athletic director instrumental in helping expand the Maine High School Coaches Association, is given to a student in each class of football competition. Zachary was named Most Outstanding Football Senior Player in Maine Class A football. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Zachary on his receiving this honor; (HLS 730)

the Skowhegan Fire Department, under Chief Shawn Howard, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplace. We congratulate the Skowhegan Fire Department on its receiving this certification; (HLS 731)

Beatrice Wilma (Qualey) Wilkinson, of Gray, on her 95th Birthday, May 21, 2015. Born in Casco, Mrs. Wilkinson moved to the Town of Gray in her youth. She is a 1938 graduate of the Pennell Institute. In 1940 she married Edward Wilkinson and they had 3 children. Over the years, Mrs. Wilkinson focused her

energy on raising her children while assisting her husband in his businesses as a bookkeeper. Mrs. Wilkinson has been active in the community and was involved in the restoration of a national historic landmark, the Pennell Institute's clock tower, as well as working with the Gray Cemetery Association. We join Mrs. Wilkinson's family and friends in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 732)

Chief Joseph E. Young, Sr., of Winthrop, on his retirement as the Chief of Police for the past 29 years. Prior to his appointment in Winthrop, Chief Young was the Assistant Chief in the City of Ellsworth, where he worked for 10 years. Chief Young started his law enforcement career in Virginia Beach, Virginia and has been a full-time law enforcement officer for over 44 years. Chief Young holds an associate degree in legal technology from the University of Maine in Orono and a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from the University of Maine in Augusta. Additionally, he is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Young served as president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association from 1997 to 1998, and was named the association's 1999 Chief of the Year. He also served as president of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police from 2006 to 2007, representing a membership of over 900 Chiefs in the New England States, including 45 Chiefs from Maine. We send Chief Young our appreciation for his service to law enforcement and to the State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 733)

the Southern Maine Veterans' Cemetery Association and its participation in the World War II 70th Anniversary Global Tribute on August 16, 2015. This tribute is part of the effort to "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive," and to commemorate the end of World War II and to recognize the service, achievements and sacrifices of America's World War II veterans, including over 100,000 from Maine. We send our best wishes to the Southern Maine Veterans' Association and to all those involved in this important tribute and we join with all the families and friends of all veterans in celebrating and commemorating the anniversary of the end of the war; (HLS 734)

Henry and Maxine Hunter, of Macwahoc Plantation, on the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were married on August 11, 1945 in Lincoln, Maine. They have one son, Joseph Hunter. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter on this occasion; (HLS 735)

Barbara Seaver, of New Gloucester, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service to her community. Ms. Seaver has served the Town of New Gloucester as Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector and Registrar of Voters. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the Town of New Gloucester and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 736)

Winter Hill Farm, of Freeport, which was awarded the third place ribbon at the 2015 American Cheese Society Judging and Competition in the category of farmstead cheese aged less than 60 days for its "Tide Line," a rind cheese. Winter Hill Farm was among 7 Maine cheese makers to win awards out of 1,779 entries. The competition is the largest of its kind in North America and includes entries from the United States, Canada and other countries. We congratulate Winter Hill Farm on receiving this ribbon and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 737)

Neil H. Leighton, of Limestone, who has served 10 consecutive 3-year terms as an elected official of the Limestone Water and Sewer District's Board of Trustees. For 26 of the 30

years during which Mr. Leighton has been a member of the board, he has held the position of chairman. He assisted in overseeing rate changes and in administering the establishment of 2 operating budgets, one water and one sewer, used to manage the district. He played an integral role in overseeing major construction and system improvement projects that involved securing several grants and loans. He recently aided in establishing a second board, which he now serves as chairman, to superintend operations of the Greater Limestone Wastewater Treatment Facilities, located on the former Loring Air Force Base. We extend to Mr. Leighton our appreciation for his service; (HLS 738)

Jorgensen's Cafe, of Waterville, as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Ginny and Steve Bolduc are the third owners of the business and have had it for 8 years. We extend our congratulations to Ginny and Steve Bolduc on this anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 739)

Christopher Paul Dionne, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 740)

Harold Violette, of Winslow, a successful and respected high school coach. Mr. Violette grew up in Waterville and attended the University of Maine, where he played football. He served as an assistant football coach at Winslow High School in the early 1960s before becoming head coach at Belfast Area High School, where he won state titles in 1967 and 1968, before returning to Winslow to serve as head coach. He coached there from 1969 to 1984, winning 113 games and state championships in 1973, 1976 and 1982. He helped start Winslow's ice hockey program in the 1970s and coached the team to 6 state titles. When the school needed a wrestling coach, he stepped in and ran the program for a year, despite not having a background in wrestling. He went on to become a wrestling official. Mr. Violette also served as Winslow's athletic director. In 2003, he was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame and, in 2011, into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. He was intense and a motivator who asked a lot and got a lot, but he was also a mentor and a father figure who was soft-spoken away from the field. Mr. Violette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends, players and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 741)

Community Little Theater, of Auburn, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary of providing performances to the Lewiston and Auburn area. It was started in 1940 and its first public performance took place in the same location it uses today, the original and historic Edward Little High School in Auburn. Community Little Theater is one of the longest consecutively running community theaters in Maine, as well as one of the oldest in New England. We extend our congratulations to Community Little Theater and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 742)

Caleb Manuel, of Topsham, who has won the boys 13-14 division of the Maine Junior Amateur Golf Championship for 2015. Caleb is a 13-year-old 8th grade student at Mt. Ararat Middle School. We extend our congratulations to Caleb on this achievement; (HLS 743)

Caitlin Tycz, of Bath, who won the 50-meter butterfly competition at the 2015 YMCA National Swimming and Diving Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caitlin on her achievement; (HLS 744)

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Nate Simpson, of Bath, who won the 50-meter backstroke competition at the 2015 YMCA National Swimming and Diving Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nate on his achievement; (HLS 745)

Susan Mooney, of South Portland, City Clerk for the City of South Portland, on the occasion of her retirement after working 39 years for the city. Ms. Mooney, who has been City Clerk since 2001, was named the 2010 Maine Clerk of the Year by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association. She has worked for 5 city managers through the years. She began her career in South Portland 34 years ago as a clerk cashier in the Finance Department and has worked as a 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 for Civic Leadership, the South Portland Historical Society and Holy Cross Catholic Church and volunteering for the soup kitchen in Portland. We send her our appreciation for her longtime and distinguished service to her community and congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 746)

Rita Ingrid Douglas, of Harpswell, a longtime member of the community. Mrs. Douglas was born in Germany and met her husband, Robert, during his deployment with the United States Army. They were married in 1967 and settled in Maine in 1970 and raised their family. She will be sadly missed and long remembered by her loving husband, Robert, her family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 747)

Jerry Whitehouse, of Bangor, on the occasion of his retirement from R. M. Flagg Company after 44 years of dedicated work. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Whitehouse and send him our best wishes for a well-deserved retirement; (HLS 748)

Ruth Cheney Olsen, of Lewiston, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 749)

Alexander Burns, of Paris, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 121 in Auburn, 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 750)

the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association, on its 60th Anniversary of serving the community by promoting outdoor activities, hunting, education and conservation. Established in 1955, the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association provides such events as turkey shoots and an ice fishing derby and holds a Youth Field Day, which allows youths to participate in kayaking, archery, air rifle shooting, fishing, animal identification and trapping. The association holds several raffles every year to raise money for youth events and to send youths aged 10 to 14 years to conservation camp to earn their hunter safety certificates. We extend our congratulations to the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association on the celebration of its 60th Anniversary and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 751)

Sharon Felt, of Bryant Pond, on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of service as a secretary for School Administrative District No. 44. From 1981 to 2015, Ms. Felt was a valued employee and was much loved by the students and parents who counted on her for support. We send her our appreciation for her years of service and we congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 752)

Henry Jackson, of Oxford, upon his retirement from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. A University of Maine graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Veterinary Science, Mr. Jackson joined the department as a produce inspector in 1970. In 1976, he became an animal industry specialist, and in 1981, he served as an agricultural development agent. Mr. Jackson is an expert on livestock, traveling the state to advise farmers in matters of animal husbandry. In 1989, Mr. Jackson accepted the position of Agriculture Promotional Coordinator in which he toured Maine and attended various fairs, serving as an expert advisor and judging many livestock events. Through the 1990s, Mr. Jackson was the temporary Executive Director of the Maine Harness Racing Commission and was a contributing member of the Maine Pull Events Commission. Mr. Jackson subsequently accepted the role of Executive Director of the Maine Harness Racing Commission in 1997 until his retirement on July 31, 2015. We acknowledge Mr. Jackson's many years of dedicated service to the State of Maine and wish him a well-earned retirement; (HLS 753)

Diane Collins Field, of Gray, a graduate of Westbrook College, upon her receiving the Tower Award for Alumni Achievement. This accolade is presented to graduates of Westbrook College who have distinguished themselves by a high level of performance in business or professional life; by services of unusual quality in civic activities or organizations; or by extraordinary, devoted and loyal service to the Westbrook College Alumni Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Field upon her earning this exemplary mark of distinction; (HLS 754)

Jean Murray Fallon, of Augusta, a pioneering Maine radio and television broadcaster and former chair of the Maine Commission for Women. Ms. Fallon trained as a nurse during World War II, but soon after began a broadcasting career instead. She started a radio program in 1948 in Augusta and, after her marriage in 1949, she moved to Bangor, where she continued to broadcast. In the 1960s, she went from radio to television on a daily television program on WCSH in Portland. Ms. Fallon also became the State House reporter for WCSH-TV in the 1960s, a position she held until 1977. She served as president of the Maine Press and Radio/TV Women and was chair of the Maine Commission for Women in the 1970s. While raising her children, Ms. Fallon was active in her community, serving as president of the parents' association for Augusta schools. Ms. Fallon will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 755)

Christopher G. Lockwood, of Hallowell, Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association, on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of working with the association. Mr. Lockwood is a graduate of St. Lawrence University in New York and later earned his master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington. He has served as a tireless advocate for and supporter of municipal government in Maine; to honor him, the Maine Municipal Association Conference Center was named after him. He served 4 terms on the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities, is a former member of the Board of Directors of Public Technology, Inc. and is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. We acknowledge Mr. Lockwood's long years of service to the Maine Municipal Association and extend our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 756)

the Honorable Roger M. Pouliot, of Old Orchard Beach, a former 8-term member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Pouliot was born in Lewiston and was a graduate of Lewiston

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High School. He served in the United States Army and, after attending business school, worked for Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company in Lewiston for 25 years. He then served in the Maine Legislature, representing the City of Lewiston from the 110th Legislature through the 117th Legislature. Mr. Pouliot also served on the Lewiston City Council and worked for the Maine Turnpike Authority. In 2000, he and his wife, Suzanne, moved to Old Orchard Beach to be closer to family. During his retirement, he enjoyed working at the Seaview Inn in Old Orchard Beach. Mr. Pouliot will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and the communities he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 757)

Donald Rogers, of Windham, on his 90th Birthday. Mr. Rogers, who has always lived in Windham Center, graduated in 1944 from Windham High School, where he was active in baseball, basketball, track and swimming. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet and later worked for his father, M.L. Rogers, operating construction equipment. He married Norma Kimball in 1954, and they raised two sons, Donald and Dale. We extend to Mr. Rogers our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 758)

John E. Morris, of West Gardiner, retired captain of the United States Navy, who has been inducted into the USSVI Holland Club. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. Morris first qualified on the USS Tunny, SS-282, in 1965. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Morris on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 759)

Paul Talbot, of Corinna, retired EM1 of the United States Navy, who has been inducted into the USSVI Holland Club. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. Talbot first qualified on the USS Clamagore, SS-343, in 1964. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Talbot on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 760)

Avis Ford, of New Gloucester, on her retirement from the New Gloucester Rescue Squad. Avis gave 40 years of service to the rescue squad and was one of New Gloucester's first volunteer rescue workers. Although she will no longer be working with the rescue squad, Avis will still be active in the community volunteering with her church, Pine Tree Home Health Care, the Salvation Army and the New Gloucester Historical Society. We extend to Ms. Ford our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 761)

Wayne Coleman, of Baileyville, who has been named the 2015 Maine Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year by the Maine Tree Farm Program. This recognition is given for a tree farmer's efforts to enhance and sustain forests and spread the practice of sustainable forestry. Mr. Coleman has twice been named Washington County Tree Farmer of the Year, and the Coleman family has shown a commitment to excellence in forest stewardship and has made many contributions to forest management. We extend to Mr. Coleman our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 762)

Andrew James Wentworth, of Verona Island. Mr. Wentworth was born in Blue Hill and graduated from Bucksport High School. He was a member of the 2003 Eastern Maine Champion Golden Bucks baseball team. He worked in the bait processing industry and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Mr. Wentworth will be long remembered and sadly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 763)

Harold Souther, of Livermore Falls, a cooperative weather observer for the National Weather Service, who is receiving the Thomas Jefferson Award from the United States Department of

Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This award is named in honor of Thomas Jefferson, who was the third President of the United States and who kept an almost unbroken series of weather records from 1776 to 1816. It is the most prestigious award a cooperative weather observer can receive; only 5 cooperative weather observers out of the 11,000 in the country are given it annually. We extend to Mr. Souther our congratulations and our best wishes; (HLS 764)

Allen Spinney, of Bristol Mills, who was named the 2015 Lincoln County Firefighter of the Year by the Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association. Mr. Spinney has certifications in Basic Firefighter, Firefighter I and II, Fire Instructor I and II, basement and attic fires, operations-level hazmat, operations-level vehicle extraction, self-contained breathing apparatus and SCBA smokehouse training. He serves as the Bristol Fire Department's training officer. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Spinney on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 765)

Tom Crotty, of Freeport, renowned artist, gallery owner and advocate for art in and of Maine. Born in Boston in 1934, Mr. Crotty settled in Maine in 1965. He was known for his highly realistic oil paintings of Maine, incorporating Maine's natural light and beauty at all hours of the day and during all seasons and speaking to his love of the sea and his desire for solitude. Mr. Crotty's work is widely collected. He operated Frost Gully Gallery, with locations in Portland and in Freeport. Mr. Crotty will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 766)

Corey Dodge, of Garland, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Dodge died on August 22, 2015 in Kabul, Afghanistan as the result of a terrorist car bomb attack. He was born in Dover-Foxcroft and graduated from Dexter Regional High School. He served in the Army and also worked at the Maine State Prison, at the Dexter Police Department and with the Knox County Sheriff's Office in Rockland, where he was named Deputy of the Year in 2002. For the past 9 years, he had been working in Afghanistan training police officers and, later, escorting high-ranking government officials as part of a security detail with DynCorp International. Mr. Dodge will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 767)

Dick Brobst, of North Yarmouth, who has been named North Yarmouth's 2015 Distinguished Citizen. Mr. Brobst came to Maine in 1975 from Newport, Rhode Island while he was serving in the United States Navy. He joined North Yarmouth's Fire Department and served as a firefighter and emergency medical technician. He is now a life member of the North Yarmouth Fire Company and continues to volunteer at Fire and Rescue events. He served as the town's Director of Emergency Preparedness from 1982 until recently and also served on the Board of Selectmen for 9 years. Mr. Brobst led a Boy Scout troop for 16 years and was a district commissioner for the Boy Scouts in both New York and Maine. He also is a member of the Navy Fleet Reserve Association and is past Commander and current Service Officer of American Legion Post No. 91. We extend to Mr. Brobst our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 768)

the following members of the Biddeford Little League 11/12 Division, who have won the 2015 Maine State Championship: players Will Harriman, Tommy Gonneville, Jr., Cody Albert, Ashton Crowell, Liam Donovan, Aidan Donovan, Alex McAlevy, Scott Kelly, Kobe Laverriere, Matthew Rousselle, Brady Wildes, Alec Descoteaux and Kurtis Edgerton; manager Josh Edgerton; and coaches Marcus Crowell and Clarence Wildes. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their achievement; (HLS 769)

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the Girls Softball 9/10 All-Star Team, of Biddeford, which won the 2015 Maine State Championship. Members of the team include players Charlotte Donovan, Laura Perreault, Baylor Wilkinson, Hannah Gosselin, Alyssa Hannon, Lexi Libby, Cheyenne Tardif, Haley Wyatt, Chloe Whittaker, Vanessa Hale and Adrianna Ledoux; manager Andy Donovan; and coaches Don Perreault and Cheryl Wilkinson. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes on their achievement; (HLS 770)

Nolan Powers, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 771)

Kyle Tibbetts, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 772)

Ryan N. Sousa, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 773)

Teague Park Elementary School, in Caribou, which has won the American Heart Association's Heart Healthy School Award for the 2013-14 school year. This honor recognizes a school for its nutritional and health programs to benefit students. The school started its own Jump Rope For Heart program during the 2003-04 school year with a focus of raising awareness about heart disease, and since then the school's students have raised over \$100,000 for the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease. Teague Park Elementary School has earned several accolades through the years, including being named the 2003-04 Top New School, and is recognized as being in the top three in its division for fund-raising. We extend to everyone at Teague Park Elementary School our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 774)

the Hartland Historical Society, as it rededicates the Fuller Corner Cemetery on September 19, 2015. This is the second cemetery the society has restored as part of its cemetery restoration project. We extend our congratulations to the Hartland Historical Society, as well as to Myrtle Lovely Marble, founding president of the society who served from 2001 to 2008, and F. Wayne Libby, immediate past president of the society who served from 2008 to 2014 and the author of two published histories of Hartland, on the occasion of the rededication of the Fuller Corner Cemetery and for the society's work in the preservation of important historical sites of the town; (HLS 775)

the Honorable Beverly Daggett, of Augusta, the first female President of the Maine Senate. Mrs. Daggett was first elected to the Legislature in 1986. She served in the Maine House of Representatives from the 113th Legislature through the 117th Legislature. She was elected to the Senate in 1996 and was the Senate Democratic leader during the 120th Legislature. Mrs. Daggett was noted for being a strong, bipartisan leader. She worked closely with both parties to help create a unique power-sharing arrangement in the Senate after a first-ever partisan tie. She was elected President of the Senate for the 121st Legislature. At the time of her death, she was serving as a Kennebec County commissioner. Mrs. Daggett will be long

remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends, her colleagues and all those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 776)

Donald Sanders, of Topsham, who is the recipient of a 2015 "Out of the Box" 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. Sanders, a school bus driver for School Administrative District No. 75, developed the innovative Bus Book Bag Program, a literacy and mentoring program for the students on his bus route that pairs older students with younger ones for morning and afternoon reading sessions. We extend to Mr. Sanders our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 777)

Mia Rollins, of Alexander, who was named Miss International Outstanding Teen 2015 at the 42nd Miss International Scholarship Pageant held at Calais High School. We extend to Ms. Rollins our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 778)

Virginia Bayliss Moran, of Bridgton, who described herself as "an army brat, an army wife, and an army widow," having been the wife of Richard C. Moran, Colonel, United States Army (Ret.) for 55 years until his death in 2000. Mr. and Mrs. Moran retired to Bridgton in 1981, where she devoted herself to community service. She was a member of the Bridgton Hospital Auxiliary, now known as the Bridgton Hospital Guild, for over 30 years, serving as Historian and with its board of directors. She volunteered as a hospital "angel" and generously donated a patient waiting room and the entrance flagpole to the hospital in memory of her husband. She also served at the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce for 32 years and was active at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bridgton as a choir member and member of the We Care Committee. She devoted her time and resources to many causes and organizations, including the First Armored Division Association, the United States Army Museum, the United States World War II Memorial, Norwich University and the Molly Ockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for which she served as Regent and Chaplain. Mrs. Moran will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 779)

Rebecca Hapgood, of China, Town Clerk of the Town of China, who has received the Clerk of the Year Award from the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association. The award recognizes excellence in contributions to both the community and the profession. We extend to Ms. Hapgood our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 780)

the V.L. Tammaro Oil Company, of Baileyville and Calais, on its 60th Anniversary. The V.L. Tammaro Oil Company is a family-owned heating oil, propane and petroleum transport and service business serving the families and businesses of eastern Washington County. We extend to everyone at V.L. Tammaro Oil Company our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 781)

the Tri-County Babe Ruth League All Star Baseball Team, the 2015 District 2, State of Maine and New England Regional Champions as well as 2015 Little League World Series Runners-up. This team is the league's first-ever New England Regional Championship team in the league's 45-year history. Several players also earned individual accolades during the Little League World Series tournament. Members of the team include players Cody Allen, Rodney Bean, Ayden DeSanctis, Dylan Desroche, Cameron Godbois, Tyler Hill, Duncan Hurd, Janek Luksza, Jacob Mills, Charlie Morton, Jonny Pruett and Wyatt Williamson; manager Tom Morton; and coaches Gary Williamson and Janek

Luksza. We extend to all the members of the team and to the league our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 782)

Margo Walsh, of Portland, owner of MaineWorks LLC, who has received a 2015 National SCORE Award for her outstanding work as a job creator. This award recognizes excellence in small business owners and nonprofits whose success has been aided by SCORE's services. MaineWorks gives veterans reentering the workforce, immigrants, recovering drug or alcohol abusers and those with previous nonviolent convictions a chance to work temporarily in industrial construction jobs. We extend to Ms. Walsh our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 783)

Lincoln Graf, of Searsport, a seventh-grade student at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast, who extinguished a fire burning his family's house. After getting off the bus at the end of his school day, Lincoln saw smoke all around his house. He then saw flames coming through the wall of the house, so he grabbed a garden hose and sprayed the flames where they were the biggest. He continued spraying until all he saw was smoke. His mother inside the house never noticed the fire. We commend Lincoln for his quick thinking and calm and deliberate actions in putting out the fire; (HLS 784)

Josh Libby, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 785)

Roberta Fowler, of Old Town, on her induction into the Orono High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Ms. Fowler taught physical education at Orono High School from 1965 to 1990 and then worked in school administration until her retirement in 2002. She was the pioneer of girls athletics at the school. She coached varsity basketball from 1965 to 1975 and was named the 1970 Penobscot Valley Conference Coach of the Year. She also coached softball and volleyball, served as cheerleading advisor and was the intramural athletics director. We extend to Ms. Fowler our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 786)

Kenneth and Valerie Hurd, of Charleston, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hurd were married in Stratford, Connecticut on September 17, 1965. They have three children, Kenneth, Kelly and Evan; four grandchildren, Josh, Jacob, Wyatt and Preston; and four great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Ariana, Colby and Josiah. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Hurd our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 787)

the Honorable John Lisnik, of Presque Isle, on his retirement from the University of Maine System. For the past 25 years, he has worked as Assistant to the Chancellor for Government Relations. From 1981 to 1990, Mr. Lisnik served in the Maine House of Representatives. Before his legislative service, Mr. Lisnik served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and as a high school teacher at Caribou High School. We extend to Mr. Lisnik our congratulations on his retirement and our appreciation for his many years of public service; (HLS 788)

Andrew Blanchard, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 789)

Tom Farrell, of Brunswick, Director of Brunswick Parks and Recreation, who has received the 2015 Helping Hands Award from Access Health, the Healthy Maine Partnership agency serving Sagadahoc County. The award recognizes an individual, organization or business that demonstrates dedication to

improving the health and well-being of communities in the Midcoast area. Mr. Farrell has been a steadfast supporter of making healthy choices available to all community members. We extend to Mr. Farrell our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 790)

the Town of Arundel on the 100th Anniversary of its becoming an independent town. Arundel had been part of Kennebunkport, but by the turn of the twentieth century, the farmers and others in the rural portions of the town felt they should not have to pay increased taxes to support services in the Cape Arundel area. The Legislature agreed to a separation, and the new municipality was called North Kennebunkport. In 1957, the town changed its name to Arundel, which had been an earlier name of Kennebunkport. Arundel's centennial was celebrated during the third annual Arundel Heritage Day, which was hosted by the Arundel Historical Society. The Arundel Historical Society is active in preserving the town's history, was instrumental in establishing the Arundel Veteran's Memorial and is developing the North Chapel Common, a major preservation project. We extend to the citizens of the Arundel our congratulations on the town's 100th Anniversary and our appreciation to the Arundel Historical Society for its preservation of the town's heritage; (HLS 791)

York County Community College, in Wells, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The college was established as a technical college by the 116th Legislature in 1994. On September 5, 1995, the college opened its doors in a leased facility in Wells with 156 students and 3 associate degree programs and 2 certificate programs. In February 1997, ground was broken on a permanent 51,000-square foot building, and later that year classes began in that building with over 500 students enrolled in 15 programs. The college became York County Community College in July 2003, expanding its mission to provide for increased access to college for citizens of the State. Today, the college is one of the fastest-growing 2-year colleges in the nation and serves nearly 1,700 full-time and part-time students in more than 30 degree and certificate programs, with an additional 700 students each quarter taking noncredit courses ranging from customized workforce training to South Coast Senior College courses. We extend to York County Community College our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 792)

the Houlton Water Company, which has recently received 2 prestigious awards. The Maine Water Utility Association awarded the company its Excellence in Operations Award, which recognizes outstanding performance in a number of areas, including public health and environmental compliance, maintenance of system infrastructure and equipment and continuous water quality improvement. The New England Water Works Association awarded the company the 2015 New England Small Utility of the Year Award for water system improvements, customer service, staff training and excellence in water operations. We extend to the Houlton Water Company our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 793)

Gerald Hutchinson, of Edinburg, on his induction into the Maine Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame. During his 25-year coaching career, Mr. Hutchinson's wrestlers won 514 dual matches, and he produced 33 wrestlers who won 43 individual state titles. He coached the Penobscot Valley High School Howlers to 22 straight winning seasons with 5 straight Class C championships. We extend to Mr. Hutchinson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 794)

Penny Stevens, of Knox, who was recognized as the Female Farmer of the Year by Waldo County's University of Maine Cooperative Extension Program. She and her husband Jeff own

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Windgate Farm in Unity and have been dairy farmers for nearly 30 years. We extend to Ms. Stevens our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 795)

the members of the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Waterville, for the assistance offered to residents of Central Maine with its Evening Sandwich Program. The people of the Universalist-Unitarian Church, in collaboration with members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the First Baptist Church of Waterville, Getchell Street Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ of Waterville and the Winslow Baptist Church, established the Evening Sandwich Program in recognition that food insecurity and hunger were and continue to be experienced by many people in Central Maine. Over the years, the churches have been assisted by a host of volunteers including many from local high school and college groups. The Evening Sandwich Program has been supported by local businesses and nonprofit organizations with donations of food or funds. In the last 25 years, more than 540,000 meals have been provided to residents of the area who need this assistance. We extend our congratulations to the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Waterville on the 25th anniversary of the program on October 25, 2015, and we send our appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that have helped to provide this valuable ministry. We send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 796)

Nathan Poore, Town Manager of Falmouth, who was selected as the 2015 Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year by the Maine Town, City and County Management Association. This award is given to a town manager who has contributed to the public management field in an outstanding fashion and is named for the late Lincoln Stackpole, former Town Manager of Machias. Mr. Poore began his career in management as the town administrator of Fryeburg in 1992 and then was the manager in Raymond and later Kennebunkport before he became manager in Falmouth in 2006. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Poore on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 797)

Max Belfance, of Old Orchard Beach, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 310, 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, Max restored a covered bridge in Ocean Park, completely replacing the roof and working over 580 service hours to accomplish the task. We extend our congratulations to Max on this achievement; (HLS 798)

the late Vanessa Mehuren, of Vassalboro, who has received the 2015 Lorraine M. Fleury Award from the Secretary of State. The award honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to the election process and who exemplifies the qualities of fairness, experience, knowledge and service. Ms. Mehuren served as a customer representative specialist with the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions for 15 years. We recognize Ms. Mehuren's service, and we extend our condolences to her family; (HLS 799)

the Honorable Jeffery Gifford, of Lincoln, who has received the Community Volunteerism and Service Award from the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Gifford, a former member of the Maine House of Representatives, received the award for his leadership in the community and his long-term community service. We extend to Mr. Gifford our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 800)

the following inductees into the Skowhegan Football Hall of Fame: coach Mike Walker and players Jared Walker, Brandon

Hamilton and Brandon Craft. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 801)

Murray A. Chatto, of Verona Island, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Chatto was born in Penobscot and graduated in 1940 from Bucksport High School. During World War II, he served in the Coast Guard in the Pacific and European theaters. He worked for a time at the South Portland shipyard, and he retired from Champion International Paper Company after 42 years of service. Following retirement, he worked at Heritage Tackle and Gear. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 93 and the Masons and attended Franklin Street Methodist Church. Mr. Chatto will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 802)

Stuart E. Saunders, of Orland, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Saunders was born in Orland and served in the Air Force on the Crash Fire Rescue Team at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire and at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor. After his military service, he worked for New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for many years. He and his family owned and operated Stu's Miniature Golf and Fish-Ing in Orland, and he began his own telephone business with two of his sons. He enjoyed working in his gardens, selling his vegetables and collecting sap to make maple syrup. Mr. Saunders will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 803)

Lee Kenneth Kingsbury, of Dedham. Mr. Kingsbury was well-known for his successful business, Maine-ly Buoys. He produced decorative wood buoys and a wide range of nautical-themed products. His work was featured in the catalogs of Orvis and L.L. Bean and in many storefronts along the east coast. He was strong in his Christian faith and participated in mission and outreach programs through his church. Mr. Kingsbury will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 804)

Bonnie Lou Ann (Russell) Jipson, of Otis. Mrs. Jipson was born in Old Town and grew up on French Island. She believed in, and wanted to be remembered for, helping others. She put the needs of others first and was a hard worker. She was a devoted wife, mother, friend and volunteer, and she enjoyed her volunteer work with the AARP doing tax returns. She also enjoyed cooking, camping and gardening, among other pursuits. Mrs. Jipson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 805)

Doris Barnes, of Windham, on her 90th birthday. Mrs. Barnes grew up summering on Little Sebago Lake with her grandparents and still owns a cottage there on Smith Road. She graduated from Gorham State Teachers College and taught in Portland. She is well-known for her blueberry buckle cakes, date nut cookies and pies and for her singing at churches and weddings and get-togethers. She was singing for the troops at the USO in Portland when she met her husband, Ross Barnes. We extend to Mrs. Barnes our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 806)

October 10, 2015 as the 104th National Day of the Republic of China. The Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, became a nation on October 10, 1911 after over 2,000 years of imperial rule and was formally established as a republic on January 1, 1912. The Republic of China was the first republic in Asia and the first full-fledged democracy in Chinese history. It shares with Maine the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Taiwan as they celebrate this anniversary and we send them our continued best wishes; (HLS 807)

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Maine Alternative Solutions, of Milo, owned by Ronald and Amy Desmarais, which has been named the 2015 Business of the Year by the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Desmarais own several commercial enterprises, and also build homes and apartments with the intent of providing affordable housing for area residents. Through their efforts, they have helped various local businesses expand by building additions and making improvements by donating time and labor costs, as well as materials. We extend our congratulations to Maine Alternative Solutions for its being named the 2015 Business of the Year, and we send our best wishes for continued success to Ronald and Amy Desmarais; (HLS 808)

Lumbra Hardwoods, Inc., in Milo, which has been named the 2015 Outstanding Manufacturer by the Maine Forest Products Council. This honor is bestowed in acknowledgment of the company's perseverance, ingenuity, excellence in the sawmill business and support of the Milo community as well as the forest products industry since 1952. We extend to the management and employees of Lumbra Hardwoods our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 809)

Mitchell Thayer, of West Newfield, 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, Mitchell restored a nature trail at Line Elementary School in Newfield. His restoration included construction of 6 bridges used to cross streams and wet areas. We extend our congratulations to Mitchell on this achievement; (HLS 810)

Pauline Randall, of Lincoln, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on October 10, 2015. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 811)

Harlon McCarthy, of Eliot, 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, Harlon built bat houses for a local nonprofit farm. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 812)

Bernadette Daigle, of Madawaska, on her 100th Birthday. Ms. Daigle was born on November 24, 1915. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 813)

the Madison Area Leo Club, of Madison, sponsored by the Skowhegan Lions Club, for its efforts in raising the funds to provide a new Santa Claus suit for a longtime area Santa Claus. The Madison Area Leo Club is a group of 9 young men and women 12 to 18 years of age who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. The group has raised money for the Maine Children's Home and is now working on a drive to make a donation to the Somerset Humane Society. We send our appreciation to the members of the Madison Area Leo Club on their commitment to their community; (HLS 814)

Donald Russell, of Topsham, on his retirement after many years of public service. Since his discharge from the United States Army in 1967, Mr. Russell has devoted his time to his family and community. Starting in 1969, he began his 33 years of service on the Topsham Zoning Board of Appeals, 28 of those as chair. In 2002, he began his first term on the Board of Selectmen. This term lasted 3 years, during which he served as vice-chair for a year, and chair for 2 years. He next joined the Planning Board in 2006 for a 3-year term, serving as vice-chair for 2 years. He left the Planning Board in 2009, when he was reelected to the Board of Selectmen, where he has been serving

ever since, 5 years as chair. In addition, Mr. Russell has served on the SAD 75 Board of Directors, the Sagadahoc Budget Committee, the Sagadahoc Board of Assessing Review, the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Board of Directors of Topsham Development, Inc., the Topsham Finance Committee, the Rezoning/Design Guidelines Committee, the Topsham Community Policing Advisory Board and the Topsham Local Redevelopment Authority. We thank Mr. Russell for his extensive and longtime service and send him our best wishes; (HLS 815)

My Place Teen Center, located in Westbrook, which is the recipient of a 2015 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. My Place Teen Center serves 500 at-risk disabled, homeless, food insecure, cognitively delayed, low-income, immigrant or refugee youths aged 10 to 18. The center's goals are to provide a safe, structured place for kids to develop resiliency, hope, opportunities, relationships and skills after the school day has ended. We extend to My Place Teen Center our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 816)

Lieutenant Louis L. Nyitray, of Old Orchard Beach, upon his retirement as the commanding officer for Maine State Police Troop A, which serves York County. Lieutenant Nyitray began his public safety career working with the Auburn Police Department in 1982. He joined the Maine State Police as a trooper with the 38th Training Troop on September 7, 1984. He was promoted to sergeant in the communications division in 2004 and to lieutenant of Troop A in 2007. During his career, Lieutenant Nyitray served as a K-9 handler and was an emergency vehicle operations course instructor for over 20 years. We extend our appreciation to Lieutenant Nyitray for his dedicated service to the Maine State Police and to the State. We join his family and friends in congratulating him on his retirement, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 817)

Baxter Brewing, of Lewiston, whose seasonal beer Window Seat received the silver medal in the "Field" category at the prestigious Great American Beer Festival in Denver, Colorado. This year's festival featured 6,738 beers from 1,532 breweries with gold, silver and bronze medals awarded in 92 beer styles. Baxter Brewing introduced Window Seat, a coconut almond porter, earlier this year. We extend to Baxter Brewing our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 818)

Steve De Smidt, of Lincoln, for his 40 years of service with the New York City Local 361 Ironworkers Union. Mr. De Smidt is a well-respected member of the community and is actively involved in the American Legion Post No. 77, of Lincoln, where he is 1st Vice Commander. We extend our congratulations on his 40 years of dedicated service; (HLS 819)

Nakia Dana, of Princeton, who is the recipient of a 2015 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. Ms. Dana is the Education Resource Coordinator for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 820)

Talya Edlund, of Cape Elizabeth, a third-grade teacher at Pond Cove Elementary School, who has been named the 2016 Maine Teacher of the Year by the Department of Education. Ms.

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Edlund is an innovative teacher who fosters a sense of self-reliance and a love for learning in her students. As Teacher of the Year, she will travel throughout the State to advocate for teachers and students and to support the efforts under way in the State's public schools to prepare students for success in college, careers and civic life. We extend to Ms. Edlund our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 821)

Coastal Ridge Elementary School, in York, which has been named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students demonstrate high achievement learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. We extend to the students and staff of Coastal Ridge Elementary School our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 822)

Master Sergeant Gary I. Gordon, United States Army, formerly of Lincoln, who has been posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military honor of the United States. Master Sergeant Gordon is being honored for his extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty while serving as a Sniper Team Leader, United States Army Special Operations Command with Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia on October 3, 1993. We acknowledge Master Sergeant Gordon's heroism and dedicated service, and we recognize the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country; (HLS 823)

Stephen Sylvester, of Livermore, a Boy Scout 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 824)

Boy Scout Troop #485, of Norridgewock, which earned first place on Landowner Appreciation Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the Maine Warden Service, the Maine Forest Service and Kittery Trading Post. The event, which is organized to recognize Maine's landowners and the privilege to access private land for recreation, was held on September 12th and was open to any organized club in the State. The troop cleaned up 26 truckloads of garbage. Overall, nearly 100,000 pounds of trash was picked up that day. We extend to Boy Scout Troop #485 our appreciation for its efforts; (HLS 825)

Richard E. Damren, a resident and native of Norridgewock. He was employed as a foreman for Norrwock Shoe Company and served as a Deputy and Chief Deputy for the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. He also served for many years as a firefighter and as the driver of Engine #1 for the Norridgewock Fire Department. He was the owner and operator of Dick's Auto Sales for over 35 years; he retired in 2015. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lebanon Masonic Lodge #116 of Norridgewock and the National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors, being an avid collector. He enjoyed spending his time with his family and friends and was well-regarded in his community. Mr. Damren will be sadly missed; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 826)

Leroy Hunter, a resident and native of Unity and a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Hunter married Bertha Rose Russell on June 21, 1941. He served in the Army during World War II and, after the war, returned to Unity and established Quaker Hill Farm. Mr. Hunter will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 827)

Jeanne D. Flannery, a native and resident of Orland. She enjoyed traveling, camping, snowmobiling, crocheting afghans for her family, playing the piano and playing games with her grandchildren. Mrs. Flannery will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 828)

Ralph Payne, of Orrington, on his induction into the Brewer High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Payne, one of Brewer High School's best running backs, was on the 1968 and 1970 Class A State Football Championship teams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Payne on his receiving this honor; (HLS 829)

Sarah Smith, of Calais, a student at Husson University, who has been selected as the 2015 North Eastern Athletic Conference East Division Women's Tennis Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year. Ms. Smith is the first women's tennis Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year and is being recognized for excelling academically and athletically throughout her undergraduate experience. We extend to Ms. Smith our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 830)

Mia Morrison, of Dover-Foxcroft, who was named the 2015 Piscataquis County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Morrison was one of three finalists to be named Maine's 2016 Teacher of the Year and has been an Apple Distinguished Educator since 2013. An early adopter of using Apple's iTunes U in the classroom, she is a technology integration specialist and English teacher for grades nine through twelve at Foxcroft Academy. She also is an adjunct professor at the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development. She teaches courses for the Maine Educators Consortium and has published courses through iTunes U that have a subscription of over 125,000 students around the world. We extend to Ms. Morrison our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 831)

the Unity Area Rotary Club, of Unity, on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. The club was formed on November 8, 1990. We extend to the Unity Area Rotary Club our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 832)

the Penobscot Bay YMCA, of Rockport, on its 100th Anniversary. Papers were submitted to create the original YMCA in October 1915. It first opened in Camden, where it remained until 2002, when it moved to Union Street in Rockport. Since that time, the organization has grown and evolved into a large and important part of the midcoast community. Today, it serves all ages and provides a hub for many activities extending beyond basic fitness to include child care, a summer camp for youth, heart health programs, a climbing wall and many other activities. It has further extended its programs to include the Teen Center in Camden and fitness centers on North Haven and in Rockland. It now serves more than 24,000 people per year and employs 165 full-time and part-time employees. We extend to the Penobscot Bay YMCA our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 833)

the Waterville Senior High School Boys Cross Country Team, which won the 2015 Class B Kennebec Valley Conference Cross Country Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 834)

the Waterville Senior High School Girls Cross Country Team, which won the 2015 Class B Kennebec Valley Conference Cross Country Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 835)

Maxwell Burger-Roy, of Waterville, a senior at Waterville Senior High School, who has been named a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students are those who placed among the top five percent of the more than 1,500,000 students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National

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Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. We extend to Maxwell our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 836)

the Mattanawcook Academy Golf Team, of Lincoln, which won the 2015 Class C State Golf Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 837)

Logan Rollins, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 838)

Jackson Paul O'Bar, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 839)

Roger Merlon McAllister, Sr., of Clinton, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. McAllister was born in Burnham and attended schools in Lawrence and Clinton. After serving in the Army, he was employed by Sheridan Corp. and C.M. Builders, Inc. He was a member of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce for 7 years and a member of Sebecook Masonic Lodge #146 in Clinton for 27 years. He was a 32nd-degree Mason in the Scottish Rite for 26 years at the Augusta Lodge and a member of Associated General Contractors of the United States and of Maine. He served on the Town of Clinton Planning Board and Board of Selectmen and on the Kennebec County Budget Committee. He also was a member of the Shawmut Chapel. Mr. McAllister will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 840)

Kenneth Robert Thompson, of Madison. Mr. Thompson was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania and spent his youth in Pennsylvania before moving to Maine with his family to start a dairy farm. In 1995, he and his wife Vicky started Spring Brook Farm on the same spot that his parents had farmed years before. Their milk was sold by several New England dairies. He was very proud that the farm won the Somerset Soil and Water Conservation District's Farm of the Year Award. In addition to farming, Mr. Thompson worked for Scott Paper Company, Waste Management and M.L. Lloyd and Sons, and he had his own portable welding repair business as well as a partnership with his friend Jim Clark, operating Equipment Repair Service. Mr. Thompson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his friends and family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 841)

Addilyn Sophia Davis, of New Sharon, who suffered from Krabbe disease, a degenerative disorder that affects the myelin sheath of the nervous system. Addilyn died at just four years of age. Kyle and Jamie Davis, Addilyn's parents, have worked hard to raise awareness of Krabbe disease and have advocated strongly for Krabbe screening at birth. Beginning in 2013, Mrs. Davis documented through social media Addilyn's Journey of Hope, the story of her daughter and her family as they grappled with the illness, touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. Addilyn will be sadly missed by her family and friends, but her legacy of raising awareness of Krabbe disease will help families for generations to come; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 842)

Jeff Riddle, of Windham, teacher and track coach at Windham High School, for his laudable efforts in helping to raise \$8,000 to pave the parking lot at the Windham Veterans Center. Mr. Riddle helped plan and organize a 5K Memorial Race in

honor of Toby Pennel, the center's past president. We send our appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Riddle for his dedicated service to the community; (HLS 843)

Logan Thompson, of Lincoln, a student at Mattanawcook Academy, who won the 2015 Class C Individual Golf Championship. We extend our congratulations to Logan on his achievement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 844)

Tom Whitworth, of Wallagrass, who has been named Maine's Outstanding Forester for 2015 by the Maine Forest Products Council. Mr. Whitworth, a former regional enforcement coordinator for the Maine Forest Service, has provided tireless, proactive education and counseling on forest management practices. We extend to Mr. Whitworth our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 845)

Roger Whitney, of Alna, on the occasion of his retirement after a 34-year career in music education in the Wiscasset schools. Mr. Whitney also directs the town's emergency management and serves as assistant fire chief, which he will continue to do. We send our appreciation to Mr. Whitney on his dedicated commitment to the youth of Maine and to his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement from teaching; (HLS 846)

Nick Mazurek, of Rockland, a student at Oceanside High School, who won the 2015 State Class B Individual Golf Championship together with another golfer in a tie. We extend to Nick our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 847)

Lucienne Amanda Amelia (Cayouette) LaCasse, of Skowhegan. Mrs. LaCasse was born in Waterville and moved to Skowhegan at a young age. She graduated from Bloomfield Academy and Skowhegan High School and was the Salutatorian of her graduating class. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and held many positions, including Past Regent. In 2013, she was recognized for her 83 years of service to the organization, a period of service longer than anyone else's in Maine. Mrs. LaCasse will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 848)

the Westbrook High School Marching Band, of Westbrook, which received a perfect score and won the gold medal at the Maine Band Directors' Association Marching Band Finals. The band also placed second in its division at the New England Scholastic Band Association 2015 Marching Band Championship in Lawrence, Massachusetts. We extend to all the members of the Westbrook High School Marching Band our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 849)

the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, of Skowhegan, which won the 2015 Class A State Field Hockey Championship. This is the team's 16th state title. The team has won 13 state titles in the last 15 years. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 850)

the Maine Central Institute Field Hockey Team, of Pittsfield, which won the 2015 Class C State Field Hockey Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 851)

the Washington Academy Volleyball Team, of East Machias, which won the 2015 Class B State Volleyball Championship. Members of the team include Ashley Douglas, Emily Lobley, Caitlin Atkinson, Brecken Barker, Beatrice Foti, Kayla Dinsmore, Katherine Walls, Alexandra Hanscom Willey, Danielle Bragg, Logan Henderson, Maggie Hood and Kalya Otto; managers Kayla Murdaugh, Shaina Murdaugh and Hailey Jordan; assistant coach Travis Oakes; and head coach Corey Schwinn. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 852)

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Anne Davis, of Dresden, who has received the 2015 Outstanding Librarian Award from the Maine Library Association. The award honors the career accomplishments of a working or retired librarian, from any type of library, who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to both the library and the profession. Ms. Davis is the director of the Gardiner Public Library. Her leadership and advocacy have been instrumental in making the library a center of the greater Gardiner community over her nearly 25 years with the library. Her efforts to preserve and modernize the library have been outstanding, and she has advocated for community libraries across the State. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Davis for her dedication to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 853)

George and Joan Mason, of Edinburg, who were awarded the Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Award at the 142nd Annual Convention of the Maine State Grange. Mr. Mason has 54 years of service as a firefighter and emergency medical technician, fire warden and ambulance emergency medical technician. Mrs. Mason has 38 years of service as an ambulance driver and assistant fire warden. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 854)

Cora Young, of Machias, who turned 101 years of age on October 20th. We extend to Ms. Young our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 855)

Kepware Technologies, in Portland, which has been recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine in the small/medium company category by the Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management. This is the fifth consecutive year that the company has received this prestigious award. The Best Places to Work in Maine program recognizes companies that have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. Established in 1995, Kepware Technologies is a private software development company that creates software solutions for the industrial automation trade, bridging the communications gap between diverse hardware and software applications. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to everyone at Kepware Technologies; (HLS 856)

Casey Morgan, of Norridgewock, who is the recipient of the Boy Scouts District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. The District Award is the highest award a district can give to a volunteer, and the Silver Beaver Award is the highest award a council can give to a volunteer. It is rare for a volunteer to receive both awards in the same year. Along with his work with the Boy Scouts and his Venture Team duties, Mr. Morgan was the Program Director at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade. He also serves on committees in Norridgewock and is active in the town's youth recreational programs. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Morgan for his volunteer work and congratulate him on his receiving these well-deserved awards; (HLS 857)

the Orono High School Girls Cross Country Team, of Orono, which won the 2015 Class C State Championship. This is the 3rd-straight Class C state title for the Red Riots. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 858)

Barbara E. Johnson, of Dedham. Mrs. Johnson was born at Copeland Hill in Holden. She graduated from Brewer High School in 1938 and married Charles E. Johnson. She moved to "the Mountain" and lived there for 77 years. Mrs. Johnson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 859)

the Honorable Arthur F. Mayo III, of Bath, a former 6-term member of the Maine State Legislature. Mr. Mayo was born and

raised in Bath. He was a 1958 graduate of the University of Maine and a 1959 graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. In 1973, he graduated with a master's degree in education from the University of Southern Maine. Mr. Mayo served on the Bath School Board from 1974 to 1978 and served from 1995 to 2002 in the House of Representatives and from 2003 to 2006 in the Senate. Mr. Mayo also served as a board member of the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority, the entity charged with planning the redevelopment of Naval Air Station Brunswick. In 2007, he was elected chair of the Midcoast Regional Development Authority. The authority was successful in negotiating and receiving the conveyance of the station's airport property before the base was closed, which allowed for the opening of the new Brunswick Executive Airport. Mr. Mayo was an active member of the Board of Directors for both Prescription Policy Choices, a nonprofit public policy organization with the goal of reducing prescription drug prices in Maine and in the United States, and the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices. He was a leader in the fight for more affordable prescription drugs and he sponsored important prescription drug legislation. We acknowledge Mr. Mayo's dedicated service to his community and to the State. He was especially devoted to the City of Bath and his summer home of Squirrel Island. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and those he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 860)

Austin L. Bradstreet, of Dixmont, a Boy Scout 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 861)

the Lewiston High School Boys Soccer Team, of Lewiston, which won the 2015 Class A State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 862)

Joseph Robert Morry, of China, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 479, 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 863)

Earl D. Caler, of Cherryfield, who has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism 43 years after receiving a citation for his services during the Vietnam War. On September 24, 1971, the then-United States Air Force Sergeant Earl D. Caler distinguished himself by his outstanding heroism and devotion to duty while participating in an aerial fight as a UH-1N Helicopter Aerial Gunner near Da Nang Base, Republic of Vietnam. After his discharge from the Air Force on February 8, 1972, he received a citation in the mail in September 1972 but never received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal until this year. Mr. Caler also served in the National Guard from 1973 to 1990. We send our appreciation to Mr. Caler for his dedicated service to his State and to the Nation, and we congratulate him on his receiving his deserved award all these years later; (HLS 864)

Emil Genest, of Brewer, Assistant Superintendent of Regional School Unit 22, who has been named Assistant Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association for his expertise in finance and school construction and for his work on behalf of public education and the district he serves. Mr. Genest has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in speech communications and a certificate of

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advanced studies in educational administration. He has been the assistant superintendent for business for Regional School Unit 22 for 22 years. For the past 2 years, Mr. Genest has also served as an administrator for the Veazie School Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Genest on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 865)

Cyndi Broyer, of Lovell, a fourth and fifth grade teacher at New Suncook Elementary School, who has been named the 2015 Maine History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a New York-based national nonprofit devoted to the improvement of American history education. Ms. Broyer has been a teacher for over 30 years. She is known for creating a classroom atmosphere in which students are actively engaged in exploring history and for helping students make connections between historical topics and their own lives. We extend to Ms. Broyer our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 866)

Ardenia "Dena" Lally, of Bucksport. Ms. Lally was born in Orland and graduated from Bucksport High School. She operated Dena's Market in Bucksport for many years. She was famous for her italians and her one-of-a-kind personality. Ms. Lally will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 867)

Frances Palmer Clough, of Verona Island. Ms. Clough grew up in Bucksport and Bangor, graduated from John Bapst High School and attended Westbrook College. She was an avid skier and had a lifelong interest in horses and horseback riding. Ms. Clough will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 868)

Rebecca E. Maguire, of Prospect. Mrs. Maguire was born in Prospect on September 1, 1930 to Thomas and Virginia Herbest. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul A. Maguire, Sr. Mrs. Maguire will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 869)

York High School, of York, on its winning the 2015 WGME-TV School Spirit Challenge, breaking the record of donations raised for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. York High School students and staff raised 120,275 pounds of food. In 5 years, the School Spirit Challenge has raised a total of 1,531,840 pounds of food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. We extend our congratulations to York High School on its amazing achievement; (HLS 870)

the following members of the Fort Fairfield High School Boys Soccer Team, who have won the 2015 Class D State Championship, the school's first State soccer title: players Dalton Cassidy, captain; Thomas Krause, captain; Joshua Ricker, captain; Justy McKenna; Chris Giberson; Greg Jellison; Landen Kinney; Ryan Player; Kyle Corey; Isaac Cyr; Chris Gill; Colin Goshorn; Jared Harvey; Yoni Mejia-Rodriguez; Jonas Armstrong; Jonah Daigle; Solomon Daigle; and Blake Parady; head coach John Ala; and assistant head coaches Tom Towle and Tim Watt. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 871)

Virginia Bridges, of Penobscot, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. We extend to Ms. Bridges our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 872)

Machias Savings Bank, of Machias, which has received the Community Financial Institution of the Year Award in the small-size to medium-size lenders category from the Finance Authority of Maine. This past year, Machias Savings Bank, working with the Finance Authority of Maine, offered 54 loans totaling over \$10,000,000 to Maine companies. These loans helped to create 109 Maine jobs and to retain an additional 307 jobs. We extend

to Machias Savings Bank our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 873)

the Brunswick U12 Girls Soccer Team, of Brunswick, which won the Division 1 2015 Maine State Championship. Members of the team include Ophelia Ladner, Morgan Foster, Mia DeSantis, Kailyn McIntyre, Molly Taub, Emilienne Biddings-Augustine, Logan Brown, Emma Tweed, Mia Klimash, Cora Slocum, Riley McAllaster, Aela Hemberger, Abby Sharpe, Rylie McIntyre, Ella Gagnon and Lily Hatrick. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 874)

the Freeport High School Boys Cross-Country Team, of Freeport, which won the 2015 Class B State Championship. This is the team's second consecutive Class B championship and its third overall. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 875)

Lola Crockett, of Bethel, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, December 4, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 876)

Maine Oxy, of Auburn, on its receiving the SHARP Award from the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The award recognizes small employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems and is an achievement of status as a model of work site safety and health management. We extend our congratulations to Maine Oxy on its receiving this award; (HLS 877)

Earl B. Austin, Jr., of Auburn, a prominent member of the Lewiston and Auburn communities. Mr. Austin was born in Lewiston and was a 1944 graduate of Edward Little High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS *Halloran*. After his marriage to Althea Naum, he attended Bentley School of Accounting and Finance. He founded Earl B. Austin, Jr. & Associates in 1950, which was later incorporated in 1971 and renamed Austin Associates, PA Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Austin worked for 60 seasons, and his firm was one of the largest and most successful accounting firms in the State. He was the recipient of numerous professional and civic awards and acknowledgements, including Auburn Citizen of the Year in 1976. In 1993, his firm received the Governor's Award for Business Excellence, and in 1998, Mr. Austin was named an Auburn Economic Development Achiever. He was cofounder of the Auburn Suburban Little League, the Edward Little High School Grandstand Club and the Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame, which recently presented him with the Earl B. Austin, Jr. Award for his outstanding personal support and contributions to local sports. Mr. Austin was a member of the Tranquil Lodge-Auburn and Kora Temple-Lewiston for over 60 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and the community he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 878)

Judith (Jutka) Magyar Isaacson, of Auburn, a survivor of the Holocaust. Mrs. Isaacson was born in Kaposvar, Hungary in 1925. She was an eager student and valedictorian of her high school class. At the age of nineteen, the Nazis sent her to the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland and from there to Hessesich Lichtenau, Germany, where they forced her to work in a munitions factory. She survived for two years before she was liberated, and soon thereafter she met Irving Isaacson, a United States intelligence officer, whom she married and raised three children with in Auburn. She attended Bates College and received a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics in 1965, and in 1969 she earned a master's degree in mathematics from Bowdoin College. She taught math at Lewiston High School and later became the first computer science teacher at Bates. She was

named Dean of Women Students in 1975 at Bates and then its Dean of Students. She was a fierce advocate for women's right to a fully equal education. She wrote a memoir about the Holocaust, *Seed of Sarah: Memoirs of a Survivor*, which is widely used in schools and colleges across the country. The book changed the narrative of the Holocaust to include women and allows readers to understand that women's experience of the Holocaust was different from men's. She served on many boards and received many honors for her work. She was known as a person of great joy who always saw the best in people despite the evil and horrific experiences she endured. Judith Isaacson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 879)

Cecile J. Coulombe, of Lewiston, a businesswoman who was very involved in her community. Mrs. Coulombe was born in Lewiston, where she spent most of her life. In 1970, she and her husband, Raymond, started White Rock Distillers, Inc. She served as president and treasurer of the corporation until her retirement in 1990. She was very active in her community and church, serving on many boards, including those of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion, which she chaired in the 1980s. She cochaired the capital campaign for the St. Mary's Women's Pavilion from 1998 to 2000 and went on to cochair the campaign for the ICCU in 2002. The emergency department at St. Mary's was named after her in 2010. In 2005, she received the St. Marguerite d'Youville community award for stewardship. She served as a Eucharistic minister both at the Holy Family Church and in the community and was active with the Ladies of St. Anne. Mrs. Coulombe will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 880)

John P. Zebiak, of Brewer, a Boy Scout 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 881)

Keith Crockett-Harrington, of Bethel, a Boy Scout 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 882)

Owen Daniel Richmond, of Mason Township, a Boy Scout 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 883)

Alma Merrill, of Bethel, on the celebration of her 80th birthday, December 23, 2015. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 884)

Dalton Therrien, of Sabattus, a student on the Oak Hill High School Football Team, who was named the 2015 Campbell Conference Class D Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dalton on his receiving this honor; (HLS 885)

Johnson's Hardware, of Calais, which was honored by the Calais City Council for its service to the community for the past 6 decades. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Johnson's Hardware for its 60 years of serving the community; (HLS 886)

the International Motel, of Calais, which was honored by the Calais City Council for its service to the community for the past 6 decades. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the International Motel for its 60 years of serving the community; (HLS 887)

Ben Rancourt, of Turner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 187, 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, Ben planned, developed and led the renovation and clearing of a trail behind the Turner Natural History Club and Museum and built a new set of stairs and railings from the clubhouse to the trail. We extend our congratulations to Ben on this achievement; (HLS 888)

Emery Alfred Salisbury, of Otis, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Salisbury was born and raised in Otis. He served in the Air Force after graduating from high school, and upon the end of his service he settled in Massachusetts, where he worked at Bay State Ice Cream and met his wife of 54 years, Suzanne Frigon Salisbury. He went on to found Em-Rick Concrete Forms. Mr. Salisbury will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 889)

the Oak Hill High School Football Team, of Wales, which has won the 2015 Class D State Championship. This is the team's 3rd consecutive state championship victory and 4th overall. Members of the team include players Mahala Smith, Colby Webster, Darryn Bailey, Danny Buteau, Dalton Therrien, Jonah Martin, Matthew Strout, Kyle LaBerge, Steve Gilbert, Ethan Barnett, Isaac Austin, Levi Buteau, Caleb Treadwell, Connor Nilsson, Brian Thorpe, Colby Spencer, Austin Noble, Cruz Poirier, Austin Pierce, Reid Cote, Andrey Klovov, Austin Redmond, Jake Greenwood, Matt Clifford, DJ Pushard, Brendon Tervo, Connor Elwell, Colby Russell-Leo, Bryce Harlow, Cole Beaulé, Casey Dion, Nic Dennis, Lee Mower, Dominic Greenleaf, Adam Mooney, Bailey Drouin, Michael Harper, Kyle Leonard, Brent Mulherin, Colin French, Nick Aripez, Garrett Gile, Austin Goucher, Gavin Chasse, Peter Flaherty and Ethan Richard; managers Sam Woodard and Matt Eaton; assistant coaches Geoff Wright, BJ Robbins and Chip Webster; and head coach Stacen Doucette. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 890)

Nancy Hughes, of Pittsfield, the coach of the Maine Central Institute field hockey team, on her being named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Field Hockey Coach of the Year. As a student, Ms. Hughes played field hockey for Maine Central Institute and Bowdoin College. She coached the Huskies to the 2015 Class C state championship. We extend to Ms. Hughes our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 891)

Garrett Bryce Smith, of Arundel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 330, 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. Garrett's Eagle Scout service project benefitted the local YMCA. He organized other scouts and led them in the construction of archery stands and a gaga pit. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 892)

Anthony Owens, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop High School, who has been named the 2015 *Kennebec Journal* Golfer of the Year. We extend to Anthony our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 893)

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Emily Hogan, of Oakland, a senior at Messalonskee High School, who has been named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Field Hockey Player of the Year. We extend to Emily our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 894)

Michael Oliveira, of Waterville, a senior at Waterville Senior High School and a member of the varsity soccer team, who was named the *Morning Sentinel* Boys Soccer Player of the Year. He was also named to the *Morning Sentinel* Boys Soccer All Stars First Team. We extend our congratulations to Michael on his receiving these honors and send him our best wishes; (HLS 895)

Frederick Gralenski, of Pembroke, who is the recipient of the 2015 John W. Coombs Award from the "Those Who Care" program of the United Way of Eastern Maine to honor individuals who demonstrate exceptional service to the community. Individual honorees receive an award, and a cash contribution is donated to the nonprofit organization of their choice. Mr. Gralenski was a moving force in helping to transform an old Grange hall into the Pembroke Library. In addition, he is a regular volunteer for the Audubon Society and the Pembroke Conservation Society and is involved with Acadia National Park's annual BioBlitz. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Gralenski on his receiving this well-deserved award for his service to the community; (HLS 896)

Dillon Clark, of Oakland, the Skowhegan Area High School boys soccer team varsity coach, who was named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Boys Soccer Coach of the Year. He has been coach for 5 years and was honored for building a competitive team. We congratulate Coach Clark on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 897)

Emil Genest, of Brewer, Assistant Superintendent for Business for Regional School Unit No. 22, based in Hampden, who was named Assistant Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association. Mr. Genest was recognized for his expertise in finance and school construction and his tireless work on behalf of public education and the district he serves. We extend to Mr. Genest our congratulations on this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 898)

the Thornton Academy Varsity Golf Team, of Saco, which won the 2015 Class A State Championship. Members of the team include Riley Donovan, Zachary Foss, Zachary Ham, Napat Intarachumnum, Noah Jacques, Greg Kalagias, Jordan LaPlume, Jacob LaPlume, Matthew Merrill, Logan Picard, Hashilla Rivai, Austin Robinson and Nathan Rutherford; and head coach Jeff Camire. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 899)

Adina Hunter, of Eliot, EXCEL Teacher at Noble High School, who has been named the Gifted and Talented Teacher of the Year by the Maine Educators of the Gifted and Talented. We extend to Mrs. Hunter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 900)

Jacob Hickey, of Winthrop, a junior at Winthrop High School, who has been named the 2015 *Kennebec Journal* Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. We extend to Jacob our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 901)

Eric Dugas, of Pittsfield, a junior at Maine Central Institute, who has been named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Golfer of the Year. We extend to Eric our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 902)

Lawrence A. Gilman, Sr., of Verona Island. Mr. Gilman was born in Old Town. On February 21, 1959, he married Ellen J. Chavaree, who predeceased him on November 20, 2009. He worked for Wardwell's Construction Company for 40 years. Mr. Gilman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 903)

Robert Neault, of Naples, a veteran of the United States Army and a community leader. Mr. Neault was born in Lowell, Massachusetts. He joined the Army at 17 years of age and served 3 years before he went on to become an attorney with a practice in Naples. He served on the planning board, helped to establish the Singer Community Center and headed the Causeway Revitalization Committee. He was a founding member of the Naples/Casco Before & After Care program and was vice-president of Cross Walk Community Outreach. He also was an active member of St. Joseph Parish in Bridgton, where he served as a lector and was a former president of the parish council. Mr. Neault will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 904)

Mike Thurlow, of Scarborough, Chief of the Scarborough Fire Department, who has been named the Chief of the Year by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. To receive this recognition, a fire chief must be recognized as a leader in the fire service and be actively involved in mutual aid fire organizations, local fire prevention education, training and safety improvement and regional, state or national fire service organizations. Chief Thurlow is a Scarborough native and a third-generation Scarborough firefighter as well as a full-time patrol officer for the Scarborough Police Department. As of February 2016, he will have completed 40 years of service to the fire department. We extend to Chief Thurlow our appreciation for his service and our congratulations on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 905)

Adolph and Claudette Fisher, of Lisbon, who celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on July 25, 2015. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 906)

Geraldine Grace Carney Baxter, of Verona Island. Mrs. Baxter was born in Milford. Her family moved to the Bucksport area in 1930, and she attended schools in Bucksport and Verona Island. She graduated from Bucksport High School in 1948 and married William Baxter in 1949. They were married 57 years, until he passed away in 2006. Mrs. Baxter will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 907)

NorState Federal Credit Union, on the 75th Anniversary of its official charter. On March 9, 1941, the Fraser Employees Federal Credit Union was chartered and created to offer share savings and loan products to Fraser Paper employees and their families. In December 2000, the name NorState Federal Credit Union was adopted to better reflect its continuing growth and its becoming a respected provider of financial services encompassing Aroostook County and northern Penobscot County. NorState Federal Credit Union serves over 13,750 members with 70 employees in 6 locations, including Madawaska, Eagle Lake, Van Buren, Ashland, Fort Kent and Presque Isle. We extend our congratulations to NorState Federal Credit Union on this anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 908)

Nicole Thurston, of Lovell, a senior at Fryeburg Academy, who is the recipient of the 2015 Linda B. Whitney Award as the Western Maine Conference Field Hockey Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this award; (HLS 909)

Richard Colpitts, of Peru, School Administrative District 17 Superintendent, who has been named the 2015 Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Management Association. Mr. Colpitts is the superintendent of the 8-town district in Oxford Hills for the past 5 years and before that he was the district's assistant superintendent. He was honored for his work in supporting teachers and administrators to help all students achieve. We

extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Colpitts on his receiving this award; (HLS 910)

Robert Adams Kenney, Sr., of Green Lake and Brewer, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Kenney was raised in Bangor and attended Maine Maritime Academy. After serving for four years in the Air Force, he returned to join the family construction and brick masonry business, AR Kenney and Sons. In 1986, he formed Kenney and Sullivan Masonry with his friend, Ken Sullivan; Mr. Kenney's son Jim worked with him in the business. Mr. Kenney will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 911)

Peter Paul Profenno, Jr., of Portland, a veteran of the United States Army and a prominent Westbrook businessman. Mr. Profenno was born in Portland and attended Deering High School, where he was captain of the 1953 baseball team and a member of the All-Telegram Baseball Team as a third baseman. As a football player, he won the coach's trophy for outstanding backfield play in 1952. He served in the Army in Germany, where he was selected to play in the United States Military European Baseball League. In 1956 he married Mary Bauer. They were married 58 years until her death in January 2015. Mr. Profenno worked in sales for American Tobacco and later for Hershey Chocolate before opening Profenno's Restaurant in Westbrook in 1962. The restaurant is one of Westbrook's best-known eateries, and Mr. Profenno owned it for over 53 years. He also owned a car dealership, Magic Motors, from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. Mr. Profenno will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends, employees and customers; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 912)

Paul and Jessie Leonard, of Newport, on the occasion of the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were married on November 24, 1955 and are the parents of 2 children. They have 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this anniversary; (HLS 913)

Michaela Lamarre, of Saco, an eighth-grade science teacher at Saco Middle School, who won a Milken Educator Award, which comes with a \$25,000 cash prize. The award is given to 40 outstanding elementary and secondary educators across the nation by the Milken Family Foundation. It recognizes early to mid-career teachers for what they have achieved and for the promise of what they will accomplish. We extend to Ms. Lamarre our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 914)

Eva Deschaine, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Deschaine was born at Black Lake in Fort Kent on March 13, 1916. She married Emile J. Deschaine in 1932, and they had 10 children. After losing their farm during the Depression, they moved to Fort Kent in 1940. Mrs. Deschaine worked for 20 years in the Fort Kent schools. An independent person, she lives alone at Park Circle and continues to cook and clean for herself. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 915)

Ina Helen Ellingwood Grover, of Mason Township, who was devoted to her family and community. Mrs. Grover was born in South Paris and raised on the family farm, which is now the Celebration Barn Theater. She attended West Paris High School before her marriage to Rupert Grover, Sr. in 1943. They raised 4 children and worked on their farm in Mason Township. Mrs. Grover served as a member of the Eastern Star, the Pleasant Valley Grange and the West Bethel Union Church. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 916)

June I. Cox, of Medway, a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Cox worked as a nurse's aide at Millinocket Regional Hospital and was Sunday School Superintendent and taught Sunday School at Calvary Temple Assembly of God in East Millinocket. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 917)

Thomas Francis Joyce, Jr., of Windham, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. Mr. Joyce was born in Portland on January 28th, 1925. He worked at a shipyard in South Portland on Liberty ships before joining the United States Army Air Corps in 1943 during World War II. Mr. Joyce served with distinction throughout the war and returned to the Portland area eventually beginning a career with S. D. Warren Paper Company that lasted 44 years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Joyce on the 90th celebration of his life and send him our best wishes; (HLS 918)

the Bristol First Responders, who were recently named the EMS Service of the Year for 2015 by Atlantic Partners Emergency Medical Services. Atlantic Partners EMS, of Maine, annually recognizes 6 EMS services from across the state. The award is based on community service, mutual aid and interdepartmental relations. Bristol Fire and Rescue was named the Region 6 Service of the Year based on their dedication to the safety and health of current and future members of the department, as well as their support of the local community through a variety of events, including the Round Pond parade, the Easter egg hunt and the Olde Bristol Days parade. We congratulate the Bristol First Responders on their receiving this honor; (HLS 919)

Ott and Madeline Thurlow, of Edinburg, who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on December 1, 2015. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 920)

Ronald Rodney and Janice McKenna Miller, of Hiram, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 17, 2015. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Miller our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 921)

Peter Rees, of Trenton, a champion for social justice. Mr. Rees was raised in Newton, Massachusetts and attended Harvard University. He and his wife, Phyllis, and their two daughters moved to Trenton in 1979, where he practiced psychology until he retired in 2006. He worked for equal rights for the gay community, especially for teenagers, worked to initiate civil rights teams within high schools statewide and was one of the founding members of the Downeast chapter of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. He was an innovative psychotherapist and an effective community organizer and community psychologist. Mr. Rees will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 922)

the Noble Middle School football team, of Berwick, the runner-up in the Southern Maine Youth Football League Championship. Members of the team include Eban Burton, Joshua Cote, Kyle Druge, Thomas Durepo, Patrick Exel, Tanner Fecteau, Kai Gadowski, Mason Griffin, Conrad Nicely, Timmy Lessard, Tommy Lord, Jared Merrill, Avery Moore, Abraham Ontiley, Nathan Parker, Tyreek Rose, Kelton Smith, Andrew Bahai, Trent Bedard, Matthew Beerworth, Tyler Bisson, Hayden Blouch, James Caplette, Shea Clark, Hunter Cordaro, Caleb Couture, Brandon Drake, Justin Dupuis, Chase Eckert, Connor Fecteau, Connor Gunter, David Hamme, Ben Holmes, Gage Humiston, Joseph Mann, Joshua Melanson, Jacob Mulligan, Blake Ouellette, Chris Pilcher, Logan Rendel, William Shapleigh,

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Jaiden Urban and Tyler Urrutia; and head coach Keith Austin. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 923)

Wendall "Chummy" Broomhall, of Mexico, who celebrated his 96th birthday on December 3, 2015. Mr. Broomhall was born in Mexico and became a member of the Chisholm Ski Club in the 1930s. He served in the 10th Mountain Division of the United States Army during World War II. He competed for the United States cross-country ski team in the 1948 and 1952 Winter Olympics and designed the cross-country trails for the 1960 and 1980 Winter Olympics, for which he was also the chief of competition. He was the first to use mechanized equipment to groom ski trails, and he donated 300 acres to what is now Black Mountain of Maine. In 1981, he was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame, and in 2003, he became an inaugural member of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. We extend to Mr. Broomhall our congratulations on his birthday and our best wishes; (HLS 924)

Donald S. Doane, of Scarborough, an acclaimed trombonist who played with jazz greats such as Duke Ellington, Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman and Count Basie. He inspired a love of music in generations of students in Scarborough and Westbrook schools. Known as one of Maine's best musicians, Mr. Doane was born in Portland and graduated from South Portland High School in 1949 and Boston University in 1953. He served in the United States Army, honing his skills playing with United States Army bands. Mr. Doane worked in Scarborough, Westbrook and the Tony Boffa School of Music as a music teacher, as well as performing in nationally known jazz bands. Mr. Doane recorded several albums of music and performed locally for many years. He retired from teaching in 1987. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Doane will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 925)

the Town of Greenwood, located in Oxford County, on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of its incorporation as a town. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Greenwood on this bicentennial celebration; (HLS 926)

Earle and Kay (Cardenelli) Zachau, of New Gloucester, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple exchanged marriage vows at St. Ambrose Church in Richmond on December 18, 1965. Their first home, in New Gloucester, was built by Mr. Zachau in 1969. The couple raised a son and a daughter and have five grandchildren. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Zachau our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 927)

Lois King, of Jay, an employee of the University of Maine at Farmington's University Store since 1979 and a volunteer with Beacon Hospice in Augusta, who has been selected from hundreds of nominations across 34 states as Hospice Volunteer of the Year. Ms. King started volunteering for the hospice organization several years ago after her mother, a dedicated volunteer herself, required hospice care. Wanting to see her mother's caring legacy continue, Ms. King started a bereavement poetry program with Beacon Hospice through which she shares her mother's poetry to cheer and console bereaved family and friends of hospice patients. She also spent over 100 hours creating more than 25 Chart a Life boards for individuals in hospice care. These collages of patients' personal experiences and the things they loved help caregivers interact with and get to know a patient, and they are given to the family afterwards as a keepsake. We send our appreciation to Ms. King for her generous volunteering and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 928)

Elmer and Elma May Lowell, of Penobscot, on the special occasion of their 65th Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell were married on December 30, 1950. They have four children, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Mr. Lowell's family first settled at Lowell's Corner in North Penobscot in the 1780s. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell are active in all aspects of community life. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on the 65th celebration of their marriage; (HLS 929)

Lorie Ireland, of Mapleton, on her retirement after more than 28 years of service with the United States Senate serving the people of Aroostook County and the State. Ms. Ireland worked for former United States Senator William Cohen for 9 years and for United States Senator Susan Collins for over 19 years. She has been a caseworker, helping constituents, including veterans and elderly and disabled persons, resolve problems with many state and federal agencies. We extend to Ms. Ireland our congratulations on her retirement, and we offer her our best wishes; (HLS 930)

Christopher Buchanan Brown, of Dedham, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Brown was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and later lived in Hancock. He attended Ellsworth High School, where he met Gail Whitmore, whom he married in 1980. He joined the Marine Corps and served in Lebanon in July and September of 1982, earning the Navy Achievement Medal for his performance. After his military service, he went to work for Loring, Short & Harmon in Ellsworth, eventually becoming the store manager. He later formed his own company, Downeast Office Products. Mr. Brown will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 931)

Angelo Jared Sacks, of South China, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 479, 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 Angelo on this achievement; (HLS 932)

Paula Callan, of Oakland, an assistant principal at Messalonskee High School, who was named Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Callan has been at Messalonskee High School for 13 years. She has been a passionate advocate for students and their needs. We extend to Ms. Callan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 933)

Lauren Brown, of Waterville, a member of the Waterville Senior High School cross-country team, who was named the 2015 *Morning Sentinel* Girls Cross-country Runner of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lauren on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 934)

Sami Ireland, of Lincoln, a student at Penobscot Valley High School, who scored her 1,000th career point in basketball at a game on December 12, 2015. She is the fifth Penobscot Valley High School female player to reach this milestone. We extend to Sami our congratulations on this achievement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 935)

James S. Adams, of Otis, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Adams was born in Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada, was brought to Presque Isle when he was an infant and settled in Bangor when he was eight years old. He later joined the Navy and served in World War II. He married Irene Jellison in 1947, and they raised their four children in Hampden. He worked in the automobile business his whole life. He sold Nash cars in the late 1940s and 1950s and Volkswagens in the 1960s at the family business, Jim Adams, Inc., in Brewer. Later he started his used car business, Snoopy Sales, in Bangor. He enjoyed flying and rebuilding airplanes and ultra light planes, and he also enjoyed singing and entertaining. He married Jean

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Hoffman Adams in 1975. Mr. Adams will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 936)

Jim and Donna Boyles, of Pownal, for their more than 45 years of service to the town, as they move to Seattle to be near their children. Mr. Boyles, a retired Bates College professor, and Mrs. Boyles, a retired nurse, moved to Pownal in 1969. They joined together with other newcomers and longtime residents of the town to form the Pownal Scenic & Historical Society. Mrs. Boyles served as president for 23 years, and Mr. Boyles was the group's longtime treasurer. He has also served as moderator for Pownal town meetings for many years. We send our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Boyles for their commitment to the community and send our best wishes to them as they move to be closer to family; (HLS 937)

Joshua Champagne, of Sanford, Band Director of Sanford High School, who has been named one of 50 Directors Who Make a Difference by *School Band & Orchestra Magazine*. This is the magazine's 18th annual dedication of its year-end issue to naming the nation's most accomplished and effective band directors. We extend to Mr. Champagne our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 938)

Sebasticook Valley Health, in Pittsfield, which has been named a 2015 Top Rural Hospital by the Leapfrog Group for its delivery of high-quality care based on results from the Leapfrog 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 medical errors, to reduce mortality rates for high-risk procedures and to reduce hospital readmissions. We extend our congratulations to Sebasticook Valley Health on its being given this distinction; (HLS 939)

Master Sergeant Jeremy Potts, a native of Lincoln whose parents live in Lee, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force after a distinguished military career. Master Sergeant Potts served as a weapons flight chief for the 341st Security Support Squadron and the 341st Security Forces Group. He received several awards and decorations throughout his service to his country, including commendations and meritorious service awards, a National Defense Service Medal and medals for service in Iraq and the Global War on Terrorism. We extend our appreciation to Master Sergeant Potts for his service to the Nation, and we send our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 940)

Donald D. Finley, of Skowhegan, a veteran of the United States Army and longtime educator and coach. Mr. Finley was born in Skowhegan and graduated from Skowhegan Area High School and the University of Maine before entering the Army and serving in Vietnam. For 35 years, he was a devoted teacher and coach. In 2003, he was inducted into the Maine Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, and in 2012, he accepted the position of Athletic Director for Skowhegan Area High School. Mr. Finley will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and students; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 941)

Kirby Hight, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, January 27, 2016. Mr. Hight has spent his life raising his family and growing the family business. A Skowhegan native, he lives directly across the street from the house he grew up in. He graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1934 and attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick. In July 1940, he joined the United States Navy and captained destroyers in the North Atlantic during World War II. He married Grace Jack in 1942, and they raised a daughter and two sons. He has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Hight is the past president and longtime director of the Skowhegan State Fair,

past president and former trustee of the Redington-Fairview Hospital and an honorary trustee of Somerset Woods. With his wife, he started a scholarship at the high school for graduating seniors pursuing postsecondary education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Hight on the centennial celebration of his life; (HLS 942)

Richard Hamlin and Lois Marie (Mosher) LaBelle, of Rome, on the celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. LaBelle were married on November 25, 1950 and soon after their marriage bought Jamaica Point Camps farmhouse and settled in Rome. Mr. LaBelle was employed as a woodcutter, and Mrs. LaBelle was a homemaker for many years. Later, Mr. LaBelle changed to the electrical, plumbing and heating trade in Oakland and founded LaBelle Plumbing in Rome. They are the parents of 5 children and have 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (HLS 943)

Maine's charitable nonprofit community and the Maine Association of Nonprofits, which is hosting the 13th Annual Nonprofit Day at the State House on January 14, 2016. Founded in 1994 by a core group of 7 nonprofit organizations, the Maine Association of Nonprofits proudly serves nonprofits throughout the State, adding value and reducing costs by reaching across traditional boundaries, developing innovative solutions and programs and bringing additional resources to meet governmental responsibilities. In an era of declining revenues and increasing needs, the Maine Association of Nonprofits is committed to helping nonprofits and government work together to ensure the well-being of our residents and the qualities that make Maine the place we all love. We extend our appreciation to the Maine Association of Nonprofits for its commitment to the citizens of the State; (HLS 944)

Jeff Lakin, of Falmouth, who is stepping down as Scoutmaster of Troop 93 after 20 years of service. Mr. Lakin devoted enormous amounts of time and energy to the weekly troop meetings, monthly campouts, annual hiking trips and monthly parent meetings and all the behind-the-scenes work necessary to keep the troop thriving. We extend to Mr. Lakin our appreciation for his dedicated service; (HLS 945)

Maine Central Institute, in Pittsfield, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. We extend to the school's students, alumni, staff and administration and the people of Pittsfield our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 946)

Amanda King, of Bath, on the celebration of her 106th Birthday. Mrs. King was raised in a Bath home with no electricity or indoor plumbing and has witnessed so many changes through the years. She is the oldest living graduate of Morse High School, having graduated in 1927. Mrs. King has 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 947)

Gail Castonguay, of Hebron, who has been named the Employee of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Castonguay is a registered nurse with Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice and is the manager and supervisor of its Norway office. She is known for her vision, leadership and focus on quality of care and for being an excellent supervisor. We extend to Ms. Castonguay our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 948)

Maine Machine Products, of Paris, which has been named Business of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Maine Machine Products has been part of the Oxford Hills community for more than 50 years. The company is a leading diversified manufacturer of high-tolerance, precision-machined

components and assemblies and employs 135 people. It is a dedicated community partner, providing full scholarships to Central Maine Community College for area high school graduates and working with Oxford Hills Middle School students in a machining quest. We extend to everyone at Maine Machine Products our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 949)

Wayne Gallant, of Rumford, Sheriff of Oxford County, who has received the Community Service Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Sheriff Gallant is a United States Army veteran and has worked in law enforcement for 40 years. He has been a leader in bringing awareness to the problem of drug addiction. We extend to Sheriff Gallant our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 950)

C & C Farm, of Norway, which has been named the Rising Star of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. The farm sells its all-natural meat products at its store on Main Street in Norway. The farm's owner, Mike Cullinan, also created space for Old Squire's Farm Market, a year-round indoor farmers' market, next to the store, which promotes local farmers and farm products. We extend to everyone at C & C Farm our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 951)

Diane Jackson, of Oxford, who has received the Ken Additon Small Business Advocate Award from the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce. This award is given in recognition of an individual with extraordinary achievements in supporting small businesses in the communities of Androscoggin County. Mrs. Jackson is a former regional representative for former United States Senator Olympia J. Snowe and now is a Governor's Account Executive with the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. She has worked passionately to advance the area economy through assisting with job creation and helping companies with regulatory requirements. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Jackson for receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 952)

Thomas Paul Pagnotti, of Bath, a prominent broadcaster. Mr. Pagnotti was born in Lynn, Massachusetts and attended schools in Swampscott and Plymouth, Massachusetts before attending Grahm Junior College. He began a career in radio working at WFTN-AM in Franklin, New Hampshire and went on to work in stations across the country. In 2006, he moved to Bath and founded Choice Voice, Inc., a company that provides voiceovers for radio, television, film and new media. As a television promotion and radio imaging voice, he was heard nationwide. He created and hosted Cockertails, an annual event that raises funds for dog rescue programs in the Bath area. As the annual host of Main Street Bath's fund raiser, So You Think You Know Bath, he was dubbed the Mouth of the Kennebec. He was a former board member of Sagadahoc Preservation, Inc. and was active for many years in its annual House and Garden Tour. Mr. Pagnotti will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and listeners; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 953)

the Kiwanis Club of the Seacoast, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and with members in Maine and New Hampshire, on its 30th Anniversary. The Kiwanis Club of the Seacoast is part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one community and one child at a time. Its members perform many service and fund-raising projects throughout the year in the seacoast communities of Maine and New Hampshire. Chartered in 1985, the club is now one of the premier volunteer groups in the seacoast area of Maine and New Hampshire. We send the members our appreciation for their dedicated service and send them our congratulations and best wishes on this anniversary; (HLS 954)

Oxford Casino, in Oxford, which has received the Business Leadership Award from the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce. The award is presented to recognize Oxford Casino's significant investments in the region, attracting commerce and industry to western Maine. We extend to everyone at Oxford Casino our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 955)

David A. Dutil, of Waterville, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Dutil graduated from Messalonskee High School, where he was active in football, track and cheerleading and received his letter jacket for all three. After graduating, he joined the Army and was a soldier in the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon completing his service, he attended Thomas College and worked for Vacationland Skydiving and the Maine Chamber of Commerce. He graduated in 2015. An avid rollerblader and an involved citizen, he started a fund-raiser to rebuild the Green Street skate park and made major improvements to it. Mr. Dutil will be long remembered and sadly missed by his friends and family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 956)

Travis Mills, of Manchester, for his work as a motivational speaker, actor, author and advocate for veterans and amputees. Mr. Mills is a retired United States Army Staff Sergeant who served in the 82nd Airborne. He lost both of his arms and legs in an IED explosion while on active duty in Afghanistan. In surmounting life's challenges, he has lived up to his motto: "Never give up. Never quit." His tenacity and grit were evident to the wounded servicemen and servicewomen he encouraged and inspired at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and his efforts are now focused on the Travis Mills Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed to benefit and assist wounded and injured veterans, along with their families. He also consults with and speaks at companies and organizations across the nation on overcoming adversity. We extend to Mr. Mills our appreciation for his work and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 957)

Gardner Mitchell Reed, 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. Gardner's Eagle Scout service project involved his creating a film documentary for the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Windham. He filmed interviews with members about their military experiences and sent some of the filmed interviews to the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress. We extend our congratulations to Gardner on this achievement; (HLS 958)

the memory of the late Loring Norton and Ruth Norton, of Falmouth, who are being honored at the Maine Agricultural Fair Association annual banquet for their contributions to the agricultural fair community. Loring Norton lived his entire life on the Norton Farm, which was in the family for over 250 years and was one of the oldest farms in Maine continuously operated by one family. Mr. Norton was considered an elder statesman in Maine's horse and harness racing industry and his love of horses spanned 6 decades. He was inducted into the New England Harness Writers Hall of Fame and was president and a founder of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association. He was president of the Cumberland Farmers Club, an operator of the Cumberland Fair, superintendent of horse pulling for 40 years and treasurer and president of the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association. Ruth Norton married Loring in 1939 and loved her role as the matriarch of the Norton Farm. She had a natural ability to bring people together and devoted her life to her family and the people in her life. Mrs. Norton loved socializing at harness races and attending her family's events.

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Her love of others was strengthened by her faith and revealed itself in her nurturing care, strong family values and ethical and honorable relationships. We join the members of the Maine Agricultural Fair Association in celebrating the memory of Loring and Ruth Norton for their longtime dedication to farming, to the agricultural fairs of the State and to their community; (HLS 959)

Joshua David Reed, of Vassalboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 410, 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, Joshua created an outdoor classroom, complete with presentation platform and benches, at Vassalboro Community School. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this achievement; (HLS 960)

the Camden Hills Regional High School Mountain Bike Team on its winning the 2015 State Championship. This is their 17th consecutive championship. We extend to the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 961)

the Town of Rockport as it celebrates its 125th Anniversary. In 1891, the Legislature approved the division of Camden, and what had once been referred to as "Goose River" became Rockport. Rockport is known for its beautiful landscapes, from its blueberry fields in the west to one of Maine's loveliest harbors in the east. Its citizens enjoy top-rated schools, a wonderful library and many cultural events in its historic opera house. We extend to the citizens of Rockport our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 962)

Joseph F. Cooney, Jr., of Norway, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War and a 20-year member of the National Guard. Mr. Cooney was raised in Schenectady, New York and received his electrician's license from Coyne Electrical School in Boston, Massachusetts. He received an associate degree from North Shore Community College and a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Northeastern University. Mr. Cooney was employed for 15 years as an electrician in Waltham and joined the Salem Police Department in 1968 as a reserve officer. He became a full-time officer in 1972 and served until his retirement in 1986. He and his wife Linda moved to Maine after his retirement. Mr. Cooney was a member of the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee, serving as chair for 15 years. He was Post Commander at the American Legion for 2 years and Commander of the South Paris post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 4 years. Mr. Cooney was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 963)

Blake A. and Dolores J. (Moore) Thibodeau, of Dedham, on the celebration of their 65th Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Thibodeau were married on January 23, 1950 at the Lubec Congregational Church. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 964)

Susan Dorr, of Machias, who retired after 36 years of service at Down East Community Hospital as a licensed social worker. We extend to Ms. Dorr our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 965)

Pine Tree Camp, in Rome, which was named Maine's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year for 2016. The camp, run by the nonprofit Pine Tree Society, has grown over the decades to offer a wide range of recreational experiences designed to improve the overall health of individuals with disabilities. The organization has worked to keep its 285-acre forest beautiful and has been a certified Maine Tree Farm since 1993. We extend

our congratulations to Pine Tree Camp on its receiving this honor; (HLS 966)

Brian Hurley, of Old Orchard Beach, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 310, 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 967)

Benjamin Seth Andrews, of Norway, 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 project, Benjamin planned and managed the renovation and upgrading of the basketball court at the Mechanic Falls Advent Christian Campground. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this achievement; (HLS 968)

Donald H. Gouin, of Norway, a longtime educator and member of the school board. Mr. Gouin was a 1948 graduate of Norway High School and a 1953 graduate of the University of Maine, where he later earned a master's degree. He served the Oxford Hills School District for 63 years, 32 years as a teacher and administrator and 31 years as a member of the school board. Mr. Gouin began his career at Paris High School as a teacher and as coach of several sports, most notably football. As athletic director, he developed the district's first K-12 physical education curriculum. Mr. Gouin spent his last years in education as assistant principal at the high school and finally at the middle school. After his retirement in 1986, Mr. Gouin was elected to the School Administrative District 17 School Board and later the Tech School Board and was actively involved on many committees and served as chair. Mr. Gouin was a lifelong sportsman and a member of the Second Congregational Church of Norway. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, his friends and the community he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 969)

Richard L. Wilkins, of Sanford. Mr. Wilkins was born in Farmington, New Hampshire, grew up in Springvale and attended Sanford schools. He worked for L. V. Allen Construction, Aerofab and Pioneer Plastics and worked in the Sanford Parks and Recreation Department before serving for over 20 years as director of Public Works. Mr. Wilkins retired in 2005, and for the past 6 years he served on the Sanford City Council. He was very active in youth athletics over the years, volunteering for the Sanford-Springvale Little League, Sanford Babe Ruth baseball and the Sanford-Springvale Youth Athletic Association. Mr. Wilkins will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 970)

Leroy K. Flanders, of Belfast and Penobscot, a veteran of World War II. Mr. Flanders was born in 1917. He married Bernadine Lowry in 1939, and in 1941 they moved to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Mr. Flanders worked at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for several years. He served on active duty as a member of the United States Coast Guard from 1944 to 1945 and served in the United States Army in Company L, 18th Infantry Regiment until his discharge in 1946. Mr. Flanders then returned to work at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until 1950. He worked for many years as a millwright in Arizona and returned to Maine at the age of 70 after his wife's passing. Mr. Flanders was an active member of the Freemasons and held many offices over the years. In 2006 he received his 75-year pin at the Orland Masonic Hall; he was also a recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Mr. Flanders will be greatly missed and long remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 971)

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the Honorable John Francis Ring, Sr., of Pittsfield, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Ring was born in Hudson, New York and served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War era. He worked at Dexter Shoe Company, the Eastland Woolen Mill in Corinna, S.D. Warren in Hinckley, the Pittsfield Police Department and the Somerset Sheriff's Department. He was a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary at Summit University with a degree in theology, music and education, and he built and was a pastor at several churches. Mr. Ring served as the mayor of Pittsfield, was a past commander of the American Legion and was a chaplain for several local hospitals. He also served in the Pittsfield and Detroit fire departments and also served as a state fire chaplain. He was a member of the Meridian Masonic Lodge No. 125 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Order of the Eastern Star Bethlehem Chapter 36, Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge No. 2713 and the Anah Shriners. Mr. Ring will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 972)

Anna and Don Raymond, of New Canada, who have received the 2016 Citizen of the Year award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber recognized the couple for their many accomplishments and their service to the public, including their service on the Maine Regional Coordinating Committee of the World Acadian Congress. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 973)

Bob Rowe, of Lewiston, on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of New Beginnings after 28 years of leading the agency. Under Mr. Rowe's leadership, New Beginnings expanded from consisting of a single program, the Emergency Shelter for Youth, with 10 employees, to today providing a comprehensive spectrum of programs serving 700 vulnerable young people and families annually, with more than 40 employees. Mr. Rowe began his career in youth services after attending Springfield College in Massachusetts by working at a YMCA, summer camps and a Jewish Community Center in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He came to Maine in the early 1970s, working for Youth and Family Services in Somerset County. In the 1980s, he worked for Horizon House, Dover Children's Home, Juvenile Community Services and Youth Alternatives before becoming New Beginnings' second Executive Director in 1988. We send Mr. Rowe our appreciation for his involvement on local and state levels in advocacy and policy development efforts regarding youth welfare and homelessness. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 974)

Luis Ayala, of Dover-Foxcroft, varsity wrestling coach at Foxcroft Academy, who has coached the wrestling team to 300 victories. Mr. Ayala, who wrestled as a high school student in Virginia, became Foxcroft Academy's head wrestling coach in 2001 and has built one of the State's top small-school wrestling programs. The team has won 8 Eastern Maine crowns and 7 Penobscot Valley Conference championships, and the program has produced 33 individual state champions, 64 individual titlists, 37 individual Penobscot Valley Conference weight-class winners and one New England champion. We extend to Mr. Ayala our congratulations and our best wishes; (HLS 975)

the Mt. Blue High School Cheerleading Team, of Farmington, which won the 2016 Kora Shrine Cheer Classic. This yearly competition is open to all schools, and the money raised from registrations and admissions goes directly to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Members of the team include Taylor Collins, Chelse Macomber, Gabbie Walsh, Sam Farmer, Lauren Gould, Lauren Littlefield, Brianna Jackson, Britnie Macomber, Kate Pond,

Autumn Conklin, Josie Damren, Bradie Reynolds, Miriam Sinclair and Alison Pinkham; manager Deseree Brown; and coach Holly Harrington. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 976)

the 3rd-grade students of Cherrie MacInnes's class at Brewer Community School, who won the Mrs. P's Be-a-Famous-Writer national contest for their children's book entitled "Classroom Pets." We send the students and Ms. MacInnes our congratulations on this achievement and our best wishes; (HLS 977)

Aubuchon Hardware, in Lincoln, managed by Ed Commeau, which was named Business of the Year by the Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Commeau and the staff our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 978)

Justin Cloukey, of Lincoln, who was named Volunteer of the Year by the Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. Cloukey our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 979)

Edward and Carol Barski, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, September 9, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Barski on this very special occasion; (HLS 980)

Charles and Mary Jane Roop, Jr., of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, December 13, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Roop on this very special occasion; (HLS 981)

Dominic and Diane Santomango, of Lewiston, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 6, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Santomango on this very special occasion; (HLS 982)

Richard and Anita Langelier, of Lewiston, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, December 30, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Langelier on this very special occasion; (HLS 983)

Roger and Marcienne Beaulieu, of Lewiston, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, July 3, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu on this very special occasion; (HLS 984)

Roger and Cecile Roy, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 14, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Roy on this very special occasion; (HLS 985)

Albert and Doris Martin, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 29, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Martin on this very special occasion; (HLS 986)

George and Louise Ruby, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 15, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations

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and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ruby on this very special occasion; (HLS 987)

Raymond and Lorette Harvey, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 10, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey on this very special occasion; (HLS 988)

Robert and Venise Berube, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 27, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Berube on this very special occasion; (HLS 989)

Vernon and Sharon Foxe, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 31, 2016. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Foxe on this very special occasion; (HLS 990)

C. Wendell Coffin, of Mapleton. Mr. Coffin graduated from Mapleton High School in 1940 and married Wilda McPherson in 1942. Mr. Coffin was in the auto parts business for 47 years. He attended Mapleton Baptist Church and was a member of Mapleton's Knights of Pythias. He was also a member of the Mapleton Lions Club since its charter meeting 58 years ago. He served as the Lions Club treasurer for over 20 years and was chair of the club's annual charity auction for many years. He was eventually awarded a lifetime membership with the Lions Club for his ongoing work and leadership. Mr. Coffin will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 991)

Dorothy I. Shute, of Bucksport. Mrs. Shute was born in Calais and raised in the Woodland and Calais area. She eventually settled in Bucksport and raised a family of six. Mrs. Shute will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 992)

Dwayne "Tom" Murphy, Sr., of Dedham. Mr. Murphy was born in Portland and spent most of his life in Penobscot County. He graduated from Brewer High School in 1982 and married his wife, Amy Murphy, on June 26, 1999. Mr. Murphy will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 993)

Clarence Curtis, of Orland, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Curtis was president of the New Hampshire Sportsman Guild and the Groveton, New Hampshire Fish and Game Club. Mr. Curtis will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 994)

Hunter Smith, of Dover-Foxcroft, a student at Foxcroft Academy, who has scored over 1,000 points in his high school basketball career. He is one of only 9 Foxcroft Academy basketball players to do so. He also was the academy's first senior football player to be selected to play in the Blue-Grey North-South All-American Bowl in Tampa, Florida, a game in which he played as a wide receiver and caught 2 passes for 32 yards. We extend to Hunter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 995)

Norway Savings Bank, of Norway, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The Legislature incorporated the Norway Savings Bank on February 21, 1866 with fourteen incorporators. The bank opened its original building on Main Street in Norway in 1894 and moved to its current downtown Norway location in 1957. Today, the bank is the third-largest Maine-based mutual bank, with twenty-four branches in western and southern Maine.

The bank was recognized in 2007 and 2008 by the Society for Human Resource Management's Maine State Council as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine, and in 2011 the Wellness Council of America gave the bank its Gold-Level Well Workplace Award. In 2013, the bank received a Governor's Award for Business Excellence. We extend to everyone at Norway Savings Bank our congratulations on this anniversary and our best wishes; (HLS 996)

The Town of Weld on the occasion of its 200th Anniversary. The town was incorporated in 1816 and named for Benjamin Weld of Boston, one of the area's first proprietors. Set beside magnificent Webb Lake and surrounded by majestic peaks, including Mount Blue and Tumbledown Mountain, Weld is famous for its recreational opportunities and scenic beauty. It is the host community of Mount Blue State Park and has been the home and inspiration of artists throughout its history. The Weld Bicentennial Committee has scheduled a full year of events to celebrate this milestone, from New Year's fireworks through fishing derbies, parades, concerts, hikes, picnics, a street dance, a Lake Day celebration full of activities on, over and around Webb Lake, a craft fair, seasonal garden tours, a cider pressing, historic home and camp tours, a harvest supper and a community tree lighting and carol sing. We extend to the citizens of Weld our congratulations on this bicentennial and best wishes for the future; (HLS 997)

Kelli Kennedy, of Milbridge, a senior at Narraguagus High School, who scored her 1,000th career point in basketball on January 4, 2016. Kelli has been selected to the All-State Academic First Team for volleyball. She has been named a Downeast Athletic Conference All-Star 3 times for basketball, twice for volleyball and once for softball. Her aspiration is to continue her education and spend her life in service to others. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kelli on her achievements; (HLS 998)

Kaci Alley, of Jonesport, a student at Jonesport Elementary School, who is Maine's winner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen essay contest. Kaci is automatically eligible to enter at the national level. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 999)

Josiah Carter, 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. For his Eagle Scout service project, Josiah planned and oversaw the construction of a portable storage and concession shed for the Town of Gray to be used at Wilkie's Beach. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1000)

I. J. Pinkham, of Boothbay, coach of the varsity basketball team at Boothbay Region High School, who on January 22, 2016 achieved his 600th coaching victory. Coach Pinkham has the most wins of any boys basketball coach in the State, with a 600-289 record. He has coached for 46 years, with 6 years in Buckfield and 40 in Boothbay. We extend to Coach Pinkham our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1001)

Jeanette Fournier, of Madawaska, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Fournier was born in St. Hilaire, Province of Quebec, on October 9, 1915. She met and married her husband, Louis Fournier, in 1942, while he was on leave from the United States Army. They moved to Portland, where he was stationed, and eventually settled in Madawaska. Mrs. Fournier became a naturalized American citizen and is the mother of 3 children. She worked for many years as a sales clerk at Matilda's Dress Shop and also was a ballot clerk for the Town of Madawaska. We

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extend our congratulations to Mrs. Fournier on the centennial celebration of her birth and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1002)

Brandon Dixon, of Solon, a senior at Carrabec High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on his receiving this award; (HLS 1003)

Fire Chief David Jones, of Norridgewock, on his 40 years of service to the Norridgewock Fire Department. We extend our appreciation to Fire Chief Jones on his longtime public service and congratulate him on this special occasion; (HLS 1004)

Detective Sergeant Bill Bonney, of Waterville, who received the Officer of the Year Award from the Maine Association of Police. The award is presented to the officer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, commitment and service to the officer's police department and the community for the year 2015. Detective Sergeant Bonney supervises the Waterville Police Department's detective division, which is responsible for investigating all major crimes. He is known for his leadership, knowledge of criminal investigation, common sense approach to investigations and his ability to effectively manage resources and detectives. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1005)

Ronald Dolloff, of Waldoboro, a longtime educator and active member of his community. Mr. Dolloff was born in Gray and was a graduate of the Pennell Institute. He received a bachelor's degree from Bates College in 1958 and a master's degree from the University of Maine in 1966. Mr. Dolloff was a math teacher at Waldoboro High School from 1958 to 1968 and at Medomak Valley High School from 1969 to 1970. He served with distinction as principal at Medomak Valley High School from 1970 until his retirement in 1994. Mr. Dolloff served his community as a selectman from 1962 to 1965, as acting town manager in 1967, as a member of the Waldoboro Budget Committee for 9 years and as chairman of the Waldoboro Democratic Committee. Mr. Dolloff was chair of the Waldoboro United Methodist Church finance committee and a lifelong member of the Grange. Mr. Dolloff will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and the community he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1006)

American Legion George T. Files Post No. 20, of Brunswick, as it honors the forty citizens of Maine and four chaplains who lost their lives in the sinking of the SS *Dorchester*, a troopship, on February 3, 1943. The sinking of the *Dorchester* was the worst single loss of American personnel of any American convoy during World War II, with 675 persons lost. Methodist minister George L. Fox, Reformed Church in America minister Clark V. Poling, Roman Catholic priest John P. Washington and Rabbi Alexander B. Goode stayed aboard to help organize the soldiers boarding the lifeboats. When the supply of life jackets gave out, they gave up their own life jackets to save others, an action that cost them their lives. Their heroism was memorialized by the United States Congress in the Four Chaplains' Medal, which was presented to their next of kin in 1960. We join the members of American Legion George T. Files Post No. 20 in their commemoration of the sinking of the *Dorchester*, the loss of forty citizens of the State and the heroism of the four chaplains and thank the post members for their performing this important public service; (HLS 1007)

Gordon L. Kimball, Sr., of Gray, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Kimball attended schools in Gray and graduated in 1948 from Pennell Institute as Salutatorian. He served in the Air Force in Korea. He and his family moved to Gray in 1956, and he went to work for J.J. Nissen Baking

Company in Portland, retiring in the mid-1980s. He was a member of the Cumberland Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons No. 12 and the Golden Sheaf Chapter 114, Order of the Eastern Star. He belonged to all of the York Rite Bodies and was a 32nd degree Scottish Mason and a Kora Shriner. He was a member of the Fraternity Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grange, American Legion Post No. 86, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Korean War Veterans Association. He was a lifelong member of Gray's First Congregational Church. Mr. Kimball will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1008)

People's United Bank, in Pittsfield and in Newport, on being named the Sebecook Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to People's United Bank on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1009)

Patricia Martin, of Hartland, who has received the Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the Sebecook Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Martin on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1010)

Michael Wiers, of St. Albans, who is the recipient of the Delmar L. Doody Award from the Sebecook Valley Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding dedication to and support for the economic development in the area communities. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wiers on his receiving this award; (HLS 1011)

Aldermere Farm, in Rockport, and members of the Aldermere Achievers 4-H Club, who won the Premiere Breeder Award for their Belted Galloway livestock at the National Belted Galloway Show at the 2015 North American Livestock Exposition in Kentucky, as well as many individual 1st and 2nd place awards. We extend to everyone at the Aldermere Farm and the members of the Aldermere Achievers our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1012)

the Honorable Beth Edmonds, of Freeport, on the occasion of her retirement as Director of the Freeport Community Library. Ms. Edmonds has provided 34 years of dedicated service to the community. Ms. Edmonds joined the B.H. Bartol Library in Freeport in 1982. For many years she served as the library's children's librarian, and she developed the Children's Room there. In 1997, upon the building of the Freeport Community Library, Ms. Edmonds created in that library the Young Adult Room, which has become a favorite of middle school children. She became Director of the Freeport Community Library in 2005 and helped grow the library collection and secure it as an integral part of the Town of Freeport. During her time at the library, she was elected to the Senate and ultimately served 4 terms, including 2 terms as President of the Senate, the first librarian and second woman to preside over the Senate. Ms. Edmonds is the Chairperson of the Maine Library Commission and a strong advocate on issues relating to libraries and cultural agencies. We send her our appreciation for her service to her profession and to the people of her community and the State. We extend to her our congratulations as she retires from the Freeport Community Library and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1013)

Cole Anderson, of Camden, a freshman at Camden Hills Regional High School, who won the 2015 State Class A Individual Golf Championship. He was named Maine's top player at the New England Junior Championships in August 2015 and continued his strong play during his first year in high school. We extend to Cole our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1014)

Susan H. Fitzgerald, of Brunswick, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Fitzgerald was born in Billings, Montana and graduated from the University of Montana. She married John Fitzgerald, and they moved to Brunswick when Mr.

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Fitzgerald began teaching at Bowdoin College in 1983. She worked as a Christian education director for children and families, first at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and then at First Parish Church in Brunswick. Mrs. Fitzgerald served with the Literacy Volunteers of Midcoast Maine and Partners in Education in Maine. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1015)

Brent Emery West, Sr., of Holden. Mr. West was born in Milo. As a child, he traveled the country with his family, living in nearly every state in the contiguous United States, as his father worked in pipeline construction. The family returned to Maine, and he attended Winterport High School and then Milo High School, from which he graduated. He went on to graduate from the University of Maine in Orono and worked for the J. W. Sewall Company in Old Town as a licensed professional engineer for nearly 30 years. He was proud of the wastewater treatment facilities he designed for several communities throughout eastern and northern Maine. He was a devout member of the Church of Christ in Bangor for nearly 50 years. Mr. West will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1016)

Now You're Cooking, of Bath, which has been named the Small Business of the Year by the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce. The recognition is based on the recipient's business growth and improvement, good financial health, quality of customer service, staying power, overall excellence in the marketplace and community contributions. We extend to everyone at Now You're Cooking our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1017)

Myrtle Milledge, of Mexico, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane as the oldest resident of Mexico. Mrs. Milledge has lived in Mexico her entire life and she has always kept herself busy and always has something to look forward to. She has been an active member of the community. We congratulate her on receiving this honor and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1018)

the Dirigo High School Cheerleading Team, of Dixfield, which won the Class C South Regional Championship. We extend to everyone on the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1019)

Julia Curran, of Westbrook, and Franz-Peter Jerosch, of Yarmouth, who won silver medals at the United States Figure Skating Championships in their national debut as a juvenile pairs team. Not since 2008 has a figure skater from Maine medaled at the national championships. They were the only Maine skaters to qualify for the national championships at any level this season. We extend to Julia and Franz-Peter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1020)

Richard Bilodeau, Sr., of Dexter, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Bilodeau graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1947 and served 4 years in the Air Force. He worked for several years as a grocer and then for Norrwock Shoe Company in Skowhegan. He then worked at Dexter Shoe Company for 33 years, retiring as Plant Manager in 1993. He was a communicant at St. Anne's Catholic Church and served as Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He also served on Our Lady's Kitchen, a program providing free meals on Sundays. He was a member of Cardinal Mercier Council 2625 Knights of Columbus, serving 42 years as Grand Knight, District Deputy, Financial Secretary and Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Assembly. He volunteered for 32 years for the Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, serving as chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Bilodeau will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1021)

Allen Insurance and Financial, of Camden, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary in business. The company was organized in 1866 by Wilder W. Perry; in 1902 George E. Allen purchased the business. By 1988 the company had formed the Allen Agency Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and by 1994 employees owned just over 30% of the company. In 2012 the company received a Governor's Award for Business Excellence and was named a Best Place to Work in Maine, an honor also received in 2013, 2014 and 2015. We extend to everyone at Allen Insurance and Financial our congratulations on this anniversary and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1022)

the Noble High School Cheerleading Team, of North Berwick, which has won the Class A South Regional Championship. Members of the team include Maeghan Murphy, Marisa Morrill, Michelle Hamme, Colleen Sheedy, Kaylee Hogue, Maddy Aubin, Morgan Dorr, Sophie Chiasson, Audrey Adamczyk, Katelynn Tautkas, Talena Huff and Alexa Anderson and coach Shannon Davis. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1023)

Justin Burgess, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1024)

Irving L. Cole, of Greenwood, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Cole was born in Greenwood and brought up in the neighborhood known as Shadagee. He attended school at Locke Mills. During the Korean War, he served in the Army in Germany as a radio operator. He worked on the roads for the Town of Greenwood and the State and, for nearly 3 decades, was employed by Ecko Tibbets, later called Gilbert Manufacturing, making up to 4,000 rolling pins a day. Mr. Cole played guitar with the Richard Felt Band at dances, at various nursing homes and at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. For 50 years, he was a member of the American Legion Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, and he participated in the Franklin Grange and the Greenwood Fire Department. Mr. Cole will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1025)

Charlie Gaunce, of Waterville, who has been named the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America, Kennebec Valley District. This recognition is given to community leaders who exemplify the values of Scouting, including leadership, integrity and commitment to family, community and country. Mr. Gaunce is the president of Central Maine Motors Auto Group in Waterville, and he has long been a fixture in the greater Waterville community. He served 47 years as chair of the Inland Hospital board of directors, is a past chair of the Inland Foundation, is a past president of the Waterville Rotary Club, is a member of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce board of directors and is a founding member of both the Kennebec Regional Development Authority and Waterville Main Street. We extend to Mr. Gaunce our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1026)

Mrs. Jeanette Currier, of New Limerick, who is 84 years of age, for her benevolent kindness extended over many years toward the Maliseet people. Mrs. Currier helped many destitute, sick and hungry Maliseet tribal members residing in dirt-floor, tarpaper shacks in a place then known as The Flats, along a stream now known as Captain Ambrose Bear Stream and adjacent to her family's store on Smyrna Street in Houlton. From 1948 to the early 1970s, she and her husband, Bill, ran the store and served the needs of the local tribal members, including extending credit

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and forgiving debts. They formed many personal relationships and employed many members of the tribe in their business. In the community on Hungry Hill located adjacent to the Houlton town dump, poverty and disease were rampant, but the Curriers did what they could to help. We join with the Maliseet Tribe in extending to Mrs. Currier our appreciation for the aid she extended to the Maliseet people in Houlton, and we offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1027)

Charles Edward Burnham, Jr., of Rumford Point, a United States Marine Corps veteran and member of the Gould Academy Sports Hall of Fame. Known as "Bucky," Mr. Burnham was born in Rumford and was a 1955 graduate of Gould Academy, in Bethel. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as a sergeant from 1955 to 1959 and was selected to be White House Presidential Guard under President Eisenhower. Mr. Burnham worked as a heavy equipment operator for many years and was a Registered Maine Guide. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1028)

Sherry Denise Ward, of Otis, Maine and El Campo, Texas. Ms. Ward was born in El Campo in 1963. She was employed at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth as an ICU technician until 2009. She spent her last years in Otis with her fiancé, Sean O'Neill. Ms. Ward will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1029)

Henry P. Desroches, of Dixfield, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Desroches was born in Mexico and graduated from Mexico High School. He served in the Army as a corporal from 1952 to 1954. He owned and operated Henry's Service Stations in Mexico and Dixfield. Mr. Desroches was a communicant of the Parish of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius - St. John Church in Rumford. He was a member of the Dixfield Lions Club, King Hiram Lodge in Dixfield, the Kora Temple Shrine, the Dixfield American Legion and Webb River Sportsman Club of Dixfield. Mr. Desroches will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1030)

David Doble Lunt, of New Gloucester. Mr. Lunt was born in Falmouth and graduated from Falmouth High School and Gorham State Teachers College. He worked in education for 26 years, mostly at Greely Junior High in Cumberland as an 8th grade English teacher. After his retirement from teaching, he worked at Western Maine Community Action as a career counselor for displaced workers, as well as working in construction and working part-time at Cook's Hardware in Gray. Later, he served on the New Gloucester Board of Selectmen, the Safety Committee and the Fair Committee. He also worked on the Cumberland County Board of Appeals Committee and the Charter Commission and for the Community Development program. Mr. Lunt will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1031)

Lee (Lina) Amann, of Bethel. Ms. Amann was born in Newark, New Jersey and graduated from Newark's Barringer High School in 1944. She was a natural athlete who excelled in track, field hockey and tennis, a sport she enjoyed through much of her adult life. She graduated from New Jersey State Teachers College in 1957 and had a long and rewarding career as a school teacher. She took special pride in nurturing and encouraging her students. Ms. Amann will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1032)

Deborah A. Bradford, of Dedham, a wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Bradford was born in Castine. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Lindsey, her family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1033)

Margaret (Connolly) Lee Giles, of Portland, a longtime active member of the community. Mrs. Giles was born in Portland and grew up at the foot of Munjoy Hill. She was a graduate of Portland High School and was known for her work ethic. She began work at the Greely Laundry Company and was a telephone operator at the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. She worked at the South Portland shipyard during World War II, was a meter maid for the Portland Police Department and was a switchboard operator at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine. She retired from the hospital in 1980. Mrs. Giles married James E. Lee in 1945, and they had 2 children. He passed away in 1966, and 13 years later she married former shipyard coworker Howard Giles, of Saco, who died in 1982. Mrs. Giles was known as a generous friend and caregiver. She volunteered in the Cheverus High School community and at St. Joseph's Manor, St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and St. Patrick's Church. She will truly be missed and long remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1034)

the Knox Museum, in Thomaston, which has been selected by Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd., to host *The Moving Wall* for 5 days over the 2016 Memorial Day weekend. *The Moving Wall* is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and stands 252 feet long and 6 feet tall, displaying the names of 58,228 Americans who lost their lives in Vietnam, including 343 names of people from Maine. The wall will be exhibited at Montpelier, the former home of General Henry Knox, Revolutionary War hero. We join the citizens of Thomaston during this occasion of somber reflection for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their State and Nation; (HLS 1035)

Ashlynn Hunter Foss, of Dresden, a junior at Hall-Dale High School, who has achieved a Grand Slam in hunting, having bagged a bear, a turkey, a deer and a moose in the same year. We extend our congratulations to Ashlynn on her remarkable achievement and offer her our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1036)

Betty Hart, of Scarborough, who has been named the *Scarborough Leader's* Great Person of 2015. Ms. Hart, founder of Pied Piper Nursery School at the First Congregational Church on Black Point Road in Scarborough, has been teaching children through play for more than 40 years. She started the nursery school with former South Portland teacher Pat Webber in the fall of 1971. Ms. Hart has also been active with the women's fellowship group and Sunday School at First Congregational Church and at the Scarborough Food Pantry. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Hart for all she does and our congratulations on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1037)

Merton G. Henry, of Scarborough, on the celebration of his 90th Birthday, February 4, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Henry on this occasion; (HLS 1038)

the Westbrook High School Jazz Ensemble, of Westbrook, which won in its division at the 2016 Berklee High School Jazz Festival at Berklee College of Music in Boston. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the ensemble on this achievement; (HLS 1039)

the Westbrook High School Girls Indoor Track Team, of Westbrook, which has won the Southern Maine Athletic Association Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1040)

Sophie Vetter, of Patten, a senior at Katahdin High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Sophie on her receiving this award; (HLS 1041)

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Mariah Lane, of Oakfield, a senior at Southern Aroostook High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 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 1042)

the Limestone Water and Sewer District, of Limestone, which was recognized for having the Best Tasting Water in Maine by the Maine Rural Water Association at the association's 29th annual Best Tasting Water Contest. This is the district's first statewide win. Entries were assessed for clarity, taste, freshness and other characteristics. The district now may represent Maine at the National Rural Water Association's Rural Water Rally in Washington, D.C. We extend to everyone at the Limestone Water and Sewer District our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1043)

the Brunswick High School Girls Swim Team, of Brunswick, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1044)

Jess Willerson, of Falmouth, a senior at Catherine McAuley High School, who has scored her 1,000th career point in basketball. We extend our congratulations to her on her achievement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1045)

Monica Kelly, of Camden, on her 20 years of leadership and service to Bay Chamber Concerts and Music School. Ms. Kelly became part of Bay Chamber Concerts in 1996, first as a member of the board and then as Director of Education, to which was added the role of Director of Development. She has also served as Managing Director and, since 2011, as Executive Director. In 2000, she founded Odeon, a community youth orchestra, and within 5 years it grew from 8 young string players to ensembles of 48, including adults. Odeon merged with Bay Chamber Concerts in 2006. Ms. Kelly was also the inspiration and moving force behind the founding of the Bay Chamber Music School in 2010. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Kelly on the 20th anniversary of her association with Bay Chamber Concerts and Music School and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1046)

the late J. Howard Seavey, Jr., of Newport, former chief of police, to whom the 2016 Town Report is dedicated for his commitment and service to his community. Mr. Seavey was Chief of Police for the Town of Newport and started the Police Athletic League. He coached basketball at Sebasticook Valley Community Center was an NCAA basketball official for high school and college games as well as a Little League coach; (HLS 1047)

Kolleen Bouchard, of Houlton, a student at Houlton High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who was named the Owen O. Osborne Most Valuable Player of the Class B North tournament. We extend to Kolleen our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1048)

Mason Gurtler, of Bar Harbor, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 89, 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 1049)

Taylor Schildroth, of Blue Hill, a student at George Stevens Academy and a player on the boys basketball team, who was named the William C. Warner Most Valuable Player of the Class C North tournament. We extend to Taylor our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1050)

Virginia B. Bridges, of Penobscot and Orland. Mrs. Bridges was born in North Brooksville. She met her husband, Luther F. Bridges, while working at Castine Hospital. After marriage, she worked as a housekeeper in private homes in Castine. She was lifetime member of the Castine Grange and Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Bridges will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1051)

the Dirigo High School Wrestling Team, of Dixfield, which won the Class B South Championship. This is the team's first Class B South Championship victory; before this season, the team competed in Class C. The Dirigo champions at the meet were Griffyn Smith, Hunter White, Bryce Whittemore, Dalton Berry and Lucas McDonald. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1052)

Nancy Holt Stowell, of Weld, to whom the Town of Weld has dedicated its town report for her dedicated service. Mrs. Stowell was born and raised in Virginia, attended college in Massachusetts and moved to Maine in 1973. Since moving to Weld in 1998, she has been a tireless worker for the town, serving for 9 years on the Board of Selectmen and presently serving on the Planning Board. Mrs. Stowell was one of the founders of the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance, which has preserved vast tracts of land. She recently joined the Weld Public Library as a trustee and has helped raise significant funds for the library. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Stowell for her dedicated service to her community and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1053)

Galen McKenney, of Corinna, to whom the Town of Corinna has dedicated its 2015 town report. Mr. McKenney has been active in the community for many years and is committed to the town and its citizens. He served as a town firefighter and as the assistant fire chief. He was also a selectman and the chair of the board of selectmen. Mr. McKenney has been a member of several committees, including the Corinna Recreation Department, and he is currently a member of the Budget Committee and the Building Preservation Group. He also volunteers on the Construction Committee. We extend our congratulations to Mr. McKenney on his receiving this honor from the town; (HLS 1054)

the following members of the Falmouth High School Varsity Girls Tennis Team, who won the 2015 Class A State Championship: players Georgia Babikian, Charu Tiwari, Emma VanWickler, captain Olivia Leavitt, captain Meg Pierce, Julia Brogan, Kaici Aloupis, Caroline Ray, Brooke Bazarian, Alex Shapiro, Grace Connolly, Mia Cooney, Mary Hyland, Kate Kelley, Amanda Watson, Malia White, Hanna Paris, Nathalie Grobe, Maria Rodriguez; head coach Sandra Stone; assistant coaches William Goodspeed and Frank Lemanski; athletic trainer Rob Sullivan; and athletic director Cooper Higgins. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1055)

the following members of the Falmouth High School Varsity Boys Tennis Team, who won the 2015 Class A State Championship: players Alexander Levy, Gabe Mahoney, captain Aiden McGrory, Noah Peterson-Greenberg, Jamie Adelman, Graham Hauptman, Jaspreet Kohl, Thomas Lesniak, Harrison Pearl, Julian Spencer, Devin Ventura, Jordan Bruce, Greyson Cohen, John "Trey" Fallon, Karan Godara, Peter Stegemann, Girish Tiwari, Brock Welch, Matt Adamowicz, Alex Klemperer and Rain She; head coach Bob McCully; athletic trainer Rob Sullivan; and athletic director Cooper Higgins. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1056)

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the Boothbay Region High School Girls Basketball Team, of Boothbay, which won the Class C South Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1057)

the following members of the Houlton High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2016 Class B State Championship: players Katie Condon, Natalie Hill, Chelsea Gentle, Kolleen Bouchard, Rylee Warman, Kristen Graham, Aspen Flewelling, Kristen Brewer, Megan Collett, Jamie Brown, Carolyn Mooers, Mikayla Fitzpatrick and Emma Peterson; manager Piper Flewelling; coach Shawn Graham; and assistant coach Clyde Warman. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1058)

Kevin Reed, of Bangor, Athletic Director of Bangor Christian Schools and coach of the schools' boys varsity basketball team, the Patriots, who has been selected as Coach of the Year for the Class D North Region by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. The award recognizes coaches throughout the State who have demonstrated excellence in their profession. We extend to Mr. Reed our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1059)

Gertrude MacDonald, of Hampden. Mrs. MacDonald was born in Berlin, New Hampshire. In 1953, she moved to Portland and attended Northeastern Business College, graduating after completing her stenography course. In 1954, she met Clyde MacDonald, whom she later married. They were married 59 years, until her death. She worked as a secretary first for the business manager at Bangor Mental Health Institute and later for the superintendent. She strongly opposed the deinstitutionalizing of the institute's patients and was unhappy with its consequences. She also organized against legislation closing the institute. She was appalled by violence in any of its forms; she supported the ethical treatment of animals and was strongly against hunting. Mrs. MacDonald will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1060)

Dr. Gerald E. Vermette, of Skowhegan, a prominent local dentist and a veteran of the United States Army. Dr. Vermette was born in Caribou and grew up on the family potato farm. He attended Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester, Massachusetts and then Assumption College. In 1953, he married Ruth Ouillette; they moved to Washington, DC, where she taught school and he attended Georgetown University to become a dentist. After graduating, he entered the Army, and for 2 years served in Texas and Georgia as a military dentist. He and Ruth returned to Maine to set up his dental practice in Skowhegan in 1957. He was an active member of Notre Dame Catholic Church in Skowhegan and served the church community in many capacities. He served as president of the Skowhegan Lions Club and as a member of Skowhegan's planning board and recreation committee, of the regional board of the Boy Scouts and of the Board of Trustees for the Assumption College Alumni Association. In the 1980s, he became the first Maine dentist to practice mercury-free dentistry and formed the Dirigo Dental Study Group with other dentists who shared his passion for holistic dentistry. He also helped set up Maine's dental clinic for low-income people and helped to promote dental health in Maine schools. He was an innovative dentist and was the first to install a now-required mercury separator in his dental facility to protect the water supply. Dr. Vermette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and the members of his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1061)

MaryAgnes Gillman, of Hiram, who is retiring as Executive Director of Sacopec Valley Health Center. Mrs. Gillman began working in health care in 1976 and has brought a wealth of experience to her leadership and management of the center's hospital programs, operations and finances. Before her work at Sacopec Valley Health Center, she was vice-president of clinical operations at MaineHealth's HomeHealth Visiting Nurses in Saco and filled multiple roles with the former Community Health Services Group in Portland. We extend to Mrs. Gillman our congratulations on her well-earned retirement and our best wishes; (HLS 1062)

Gloria Frederick, of Norridgewock, to whom the Town of Norridgewock has dedicated its Town Report. Mrs. Frederick was born in Hartland. She graduated from New Brunswick Bible Institute in Victoria Corner, New Brunswick, Canada and returned to the Norridgewock area, where she went to work at Norrock Shoe Company and met Edward Frederick, whom she married in 1966. They raised their three children in town. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick managed Dar-I-Whip, which Mr. Frederick founded in 1964. They still own and operate the business. They have given many teenagers their first jobs, teaching them valuable life skills and welcoming them into the Dar-I-Whip family. Mrs. Frederick has also found time to serve the community on the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Board of Sewer Commissioners. She also is a former president of the Chamber of Commerce. During her presidency, she helped organize the annual Labor Day parade. She also coordinated the Last Walk Across the Bridge in 2008, a well-attended and memorable event celebrating the history of the town and its iconic arched bridge. Mrs. Frederick is currently serving as a member of the Budget Committee and as a library trustee. We extend to Mrs. Frederick our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1063)

Hubert Billings, of Deer Isle, on the occasion of his retirement after tirelessly serving the community for many years. Mr. Billings has been the Code Enforcement Officer for more than 30 years and has served as Alternate Plumbing Inspector, Selectman, Town Constable, Town Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. He has been on numerous town committees, including the 1st Conservation Committee, and represented Deer Isle on the Hancock County Planning Commission. In addition to his years of service to the community, Mr. Billings was a United States Postal Carrier for 32 years and served 6 years in the United States Army and Reserves. We send our appreciation to Mr. Billings for his long history of service to the community and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1064)

Neville Hardy, of Deer Isle, on the occasion of his retirement after decades of service to the town. In addition to serving as Selectman for 48 years, he has also served as Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Superintendent of Mt. Adams Cemetery. He worked for 5 years as Sheriff and part time as Deer Isle's Road Commissioner. Mr. Hardy opened Hardy's General Store in 1976, which was a town landmark until its closing 28 years later. He continued to serve his community, driving a school bus for many years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Hardy for his long history of service to the community and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1065)

John Willinski, of Milo, who celebrated his 90th birthday on November 10, 2015. Mr. Willinski was born in Lake View Plantation and is a proud 2nd generation Polish-American. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, joining in June 1943 and serving for 2 years aboard the USS *Swanning*, a destroyer escort engaged in antisubmarine warfare.

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After the war, he went on to have a 40-year career with the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, working in the Derby Car Shop. We extend to Mr. Willinski our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1066)

Bernard W. Kinney, of Milo, who celebrated his 90th birthday on January 6, 2016. Mr. Kinney was born in Atkinson. He served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, joining in 1943 and serving until 1946. After the war, he went on to have a distinguished career in the aerospace industry in the United States and Canada. He is a member of the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post No. 41 in Milo and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We extend to Mr. Kinney our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1067)

Rex Rhoades, of Auburn, Executive Editor of the *Sun Journal* in Lewiston since 1997, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of working in journalism. Mr. Rhoades began working as a reporter in 1976 at *The Lewiston Sentinel* in Pennsylvania. He served as editor of *The Torrington Telegram* in Wyoming from 1977 to 1979 and at *The Sandusky Register* in Ohio from 1979 to 1997. Mr. Rhoades became the executive editor of the *Sun Journal* in Lewiston in 1997. Mr. Rhoades has been the recipient of numerous commendations, including the Maine Press Association's Journalist of the Year in 1999. He has been active in the community, serving on the steering committee for L/A Excels, a strategic alliance representing a coalition of community leaders, and serving on the board of the Abused Women's Advocacy Project, the St. Mary's Regional Hospital board and the Education and Regional Image Committee for the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce. We acknowledge his longtime commitment to journalism and to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Rhoades on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1068)

the Honorable Walter A. Wheeler, Sr., of Kittery, who celebrated his 90th Birthday on November 13, 2015. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Wheeler served in the United States Navy and participated in the D-Day Allied invasion of Normandy, France. He served on ships in the Pacific, Atlantic and European theaters, was honorably discharged in April 1946 and served 4 years in the Naval Reserves. He went on to work as a machinist and as an instructor at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. From 2003 to 2010, Mr. Wheeler served in the House of Representatives, where he worked to help Maine veterans and to improve transportation safety, and he was a tireless advocate for senior citizens. We extend to Mr. Wheeler our congratulations on his birthday and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1069)

John Watt, of Greenville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 120, 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 1070)

Mary Ann (Lizotte) Chamberlain, of St. Agatha. Mrs. Chamberlain was born in Sinclair and graduated from Wisdom Middle/High School. She became a teller at Aroostook Trust in Madawaska and transferred to St. Agatha Federal Credit Union, eventually becoming manager; she retired after 33 years of service. She was the co-organizer of the St. Agatha Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary along with her sister, Carol, and a member of the St. Agatha Summerfest. Mrs. Chamberlain will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1071)

the Valley High School Boys Basketball Team, of Bingham, which has won the 2016 Class D State Championship. We

extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1072)

Barbara Vining, of Wilton, longtime assistant town manager and bookkeeper, on the occasion of her retirement from public service after nearly 45 years of serving the citizens of Wilton. Ms. Vining retires as assistant town manager, deputy treasurer and deputy tax collector. She has served as interim town manager 4 separate times during her tenure. We send our appreciation to Ms. Vining for her service to the community and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1073)

Raymond Soucy, of Madison, to whom the Town of Madison has dedicated its 2016 Town Report for his years of service to the town. Mr. Soucy is a veteran of the Army Air Force who served during World War II. In 1951, he was Commander of the American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post No. 39, and in 2015 the Legislature recognized him for over 70 years of membership with the American Legion. In the 1970s, he began to serve on various local boards and committees, including the Madison Water District Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1990. In 1983, he was elected to the first of three terms on the Board of Selectmen, serving as chairman in 1991 and 1992. He was elected to the Madison Board of Assessors in 1993 and remained an active member for over twenty years before retiring in 2014. We extend to Mr. Soucy our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1074)

Benjamin Levesque, of Lyman, who is the recipient of a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for exemplary volunteer service. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, are designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities. More than 29,000 young people from across the country participated in this year's program. Benjamin is a role model to his peers and in his community. We extend to Benjamin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1075)

Carolyn Waugh, of Solon, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. Ms. Waugh was born in Solon at the Pierce Homestead on July 1, 1915. In 1934, her family purchased the farm on French Hill, where she lives today. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Waugh on this occasion; (HLS 1076)

the Foxcroft Academy Wrestling Team, of Dover-Foxcroft, which won the 2016 Class B State Championship. The team had an 18-0 record this season. Members of the team include Brandon Weston, Cameron Cookson, Antonio Ayala, RJ Nelson, Jacob Diamond, Harry Ma, Conner Johnson, Zach Caron, Dustin Simmons, Coy Cooley, Billy Brock, Brandon Brock, Michael Pendriss, Connor Holmes and Jerod Atkinson. The team's managers are Sophie Wellington, Gabby Jolin and Haley Grant. The team's coaches are Luis Ayala, Terry Whittemore, Mark Smith and Lee Gustin. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1077)

JoJo Zeitlin, of Cape Elizabeth, a junior at Cape Elizabeth High School, on her winning the 2016 Congressional Art Competition in Maine's First Congressional District. Winning students are chosen by a jury formed by the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine College of Art and are flown to Washington, D.C., to participate in an opening ceremony. JoJo's work will be on display at the United States Capitol for one year. We congratulate JoJo on her accomplishment and on her receiving this honor, and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1078)

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Leigh Cummings, Jr., of Houlton, past District 7810 Governor of Rotary International, for his involvement with the Youth/Elder Maliseet Language picture booklet. Mr. Cummings proposed and led the collaborative effort with the Maliseet Tribe to create the booklet, which was conceived in part as an attempt to instill pride in Maliseet children for their language and culture. In the past, among other injuries suffered by the Maliseet people, Maliseet schoolchildren were punished for speaking Maliseet, even on the playground, and this treatment led to a perception among children that being Maliseet was bad. The booklet has been distributed to all the elders and children of the tribe in order to help unite them in the daily effort to pass on the indigenous language and culture and traditional knowledge of the Maliseet people. Mr. Cummings provided outstanding leadership as District 7810 Governor of Rotary International and in his work with the booklet. We join with the Maliseet Tribe to thank Mr. Cummings for his efforts to preserve and promote the Maliseet language, an endangered and precious part of the State's heritage; (HLS 1079)

Cecelia Tibbetts, of Houlton, the Boys and Girls Club Director for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, for her leadership in the Youth/Elder Maliseet Language picture booklet project. The booklet is designed to introduce the Maliseet language to the young children of the Maliseet people and to instill pride in their language and culture. We thank Ms. Tibbetts for her efforts to preserve and promote the Maliseet language, an endangered and precious part of the State's heritage; (HLS 1080)

the Town of Georgetown on the occasion of its 300th Anniversary. Georgetown is situated on an island lying between the mouths of the Sheepscot River and the Kennebec River on the Gulf of Maine. Abenaki Indians called the island Roscohegan, meaning "good spear fishing." John Parker, a fisherman from Bedfordshire, England, purchased the island in 1649 from Chief Mowhatawoemit and built the first permanent homestead, and the island became known as Parker's Island. The Kennebec River valley was attacked in 1676 during King Philip's War, and then in 1689 at the outset of King William's War, and was not resettled until after the 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth. On June 13, 1716, Parker's Island and the adjacent Arrowsic were organized as Georgetown. Abandoned again during Dummer's War and having been beleaguered during the French and Indian Wars, the region slowly resettled in the 1750s. By 1841, Arrowsic had split away and only Parker's Island was left to constitute Georgetown. About half of the island provided grazing land, and some residents raised livestock, producing butter and cheese. In 1858, there were two sawmills, two shingle mills, a pail maker and a shipbuilder, but the merchant marine and fishing were the town's principal occupations. Today, Georgetown is home to several boat builders, fishermen, retirees and many summer residents and artists. It is the home of Reid State Park and is a noted site for bird watching. We extend to the citizens of Georgetown our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 1081)

Cherith Bell, of Sanford, a senior at the Sanford Christian Academy, who is the 1st place winner of the American Legion Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Cherith, who won American Legion speaking competitions at the local and district levels before winning at the state level, will represent Maine at the American Legion's national speech competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. This fall, she will begin her study of English and history as she attends Crown College of the Bible in Knoxville, Tennessee. We extend to Cherith our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1082)

David G. Roberts, of Dover-Foxcroft, who is retiring after forty years of service in law enforcement. Mr. Roberts joined the

Dover-Foxcroft Police Department in 1976 as a patrol officer. Thirty years ago, he joined the Piscataquis Sheriff's Office as Chief of Communications. He has been instrumental in organizing and supervising the development of a comprehensive countywide dispatch system. His quiet demeanor and reassuring presence has been a positive influence for those in need in times of crisis. We join with the people of Piscataquis County in expressing to Mr. Roberts our appreciation for his dedicated service; (HLS 1083)

the students of Thornton Academy, of Saco, who won first place and second place at the Maine Academic WorldQuest Competition. The members of the first-place team are Owen Hey, Vincent Falardeau, Amber Coxen and Ethan Richards. The members of the second-place team are Ella Stillman, Napat Intarachumnum, Miras Karazhigitov and Ethan Nadeau. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1084)

Skowhegan Electric Motors, of Skowhegan, as it celebrates 70 years of working on electric motors in the same location. Scott and Mike Adams are the 3rd generation to maintain the business, which was started in 1946 by their grandfather, Harold Adams. We extend our congratulations to Skowhegan Electric Motors and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1085)

the Wells-Ogunquit Consolidated School District Boys Varsity Basketball Team, of Wells and Ogunquit, which won the 2016 Class B South Maine Principals' Association Good Sportsmanship Award. Members of the team include Charlie Bell, Nick Chandler, Nick Cousins, Matt Marrero, Owen Berry, Riley Dempsey, Tyler Dewey, Keegan Reidy, Deandre Woods, Nick Wuerthner, Cameren Cousins, Dylan MacKay, Seamus McDonough, Christian Saulnier and Matt Sherburne. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1086)

the Wells-Ogunquit Consolidated School District Girls Varsity Basketball Team, of Wells and Ogunquit, which won the 2016 Class B South Maine Principals' Association Good Sportsmanship Award. Members of the team include Taryn Lambert, Alyssa Loukola, Hannah Moody, Allyson O'Brien, Halee Ramsdell, Sara Ring, Natalie Thurber, Anya Chase, Olivia Durfee, Mackenzie Foss, Megan Schneider, Leah Tufts and Delaney O'Brien. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1087)

Norman Sirois, of Lebanon, a graphic arts instructor at Sanford Regional Technical Center, on his being named the winner of the January 2016 Golden Apple Award. The Golden Apple Award is given by radio station WTHH in Portland to recognize educators dedicated to the intellectual and emotional growth of Maine's children and young adults. We extend to Mr. Sirois our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1088)

Martha Phillips, of Oakland, who has received the 2016 John W. Ballou Distinguished Service Award from the Maine State Bar Association. The award honors a person who demonstrates qualities in keeping with the aims and purposes of the bar association and who exemplifies the example set by John W. Ballou. Ms. Phillips is a senior legal assistant and volunteer for the Family Law Project and a senior legal assistant at Sherman and Sandy in Waterville. We extend to Ms. Phillips our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1089)

Alex Bevier, of Fairfield, a senior at Lawrence High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Alex on his receiving this award; (HLS 1090)

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Albert Duguay, of Fairfield, to whom the Town of Fairfield has dedicated its 2015 Town Report. Mr. Duguay served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. He and his wife, Antoinette, raised their six children on Savage Street. For decades he has been involved with making changes in the town. A carpenter by trade, he helped to build the Memorial Park gazebo, several community handicapped-accessible ramps and shelving for the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry. He has spent countless hours volunteering for events, including Chocolate Fest, Fairfield Days, Seniors Day and various parades. After visiting the Province of Quebec in Canada and seeing painted "personality" fire hydrants, he initiated the Adopt a Fire Hydrant Program. He served as the town's Democratic Party chair, is a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus and currently serves on the Voter Registration Board of Appeals. We extend to Mr. Duguay our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1091)

Charles A. Gruber, of Shapleigh, to whom the Town of Shapleigh has dedicated its 2016 Town Report. Mr. Gruber was born in New York City, where he attended local schools and college. He served in the United States Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he served as a histologist. After his military service, he worked at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York before moving to Shapleigh. For the past 25 years, he has been a tireless public servant. He currently volunteers on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Committee, Assessment Review Board, Budget Committee and Fair Hearing Authority and serves as a member of the Shapleigh Rescue Administration. He is a founding board member of the Three Rivers Land Trust, and he serves as a poll monitor on voting day. We extend to Mr. Gruber our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1092)

the Gorham High School Girls Basketball Team, of Gorham, which has won the 2016 Class AA State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1093)

Tony Demuro, of Bar Harbor, who has been named the 2016 Maine Class B Girls Swimming Coach of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Demuro is coach of the Mount Desert Island High School Girls Swimming Team. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1094)

Allyson Eaton, of Stonington, a senior at Deer Isle-Stonington High School and a member of the girls basketball team, who scored the 1,000th point of her high school career. She has been named to the 2016 Maine McDonald's Class C/D North High School Senior All-Star Team. We extend to Allyson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1095)

Ashley Haskell, of Stonington, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1096)

Marvin Merritt, of Deer Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Marvin on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1097)

Nicole Nolan, of Stonington, who has earned the distinction of being named Second Honors Essayist of the 2016 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicole on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1098)

Isaac Vaughn, of Deer Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named First Honors Essayist of the 2016 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to Isaac on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1099)

the Lewiston High School Boys Hockey Team, of Lewiston, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1100)

the Waterville Senior High School Boys Hockey Team, of Waterville, which won the Class B State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1101)

Raymond John Lagueux, of Lewiston, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Lagueux grew up in Lewiston, the son of a Franco-American father and a Polish-American mother. He studied French at Lewiston High School, later earning degrees in French and German from Providence College and French language and literature from The Ohio State University. He taught the first French language program at Farmington State Teachers College. He also taught several classes at the University of Maine at Augusta's Lewiston-Auburn campus and for Lewiston Adult Education. Mr. Lagueux enjoyed teaching his Franco-American students and encouraged them to think positively, be confident and understand that their dialect or accent is valid and universally acceptable. In 1970, he worked with the Franco American Heritage Center, later the USM Lewiston-Auburn College Franco American Archives, for which he was the first chairman. From 1997 to 1999, he was a local coordinator for the Forum Francophone des Affaires. In 2004, he joined the board of the Franco American Heritage Center at St. Mary's, now the Gendron Franco Center, serving as secretary and vice-chair and ultimately as chair and interim executive director before retiring in 2015. We acknowledge Mr. Lagueux's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1102)

Marcel R. Viger, of Kennebunk, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Viger was born in Salem, Massachusetts and resided in Biddeford for 52 years before recently moving to Kennebunk. A bilingual advocate for the French-speaking community, he practiced law in Biddeford for over 35 years, one of the few attorneys in the area who spoke French. He was invaluable to those who needed to speak with someone in French but be represented in English. He joined with Robert R. Gosselin and Albert Deshaies to start the St. Joseph's Federal Credit Union to assist Franco-Americans in obtaining loans. Mr. Viger was the first president of the credit union and also a board member. Mr. Viger served as city solicitor for Biddeford through the 1970s. He was also involved in the choir at St. Joseph's Church, the restoration project of St. Joseph's Church, the Tri-City Community Chorus and the St. Louis Alumni Association. He served in the United States Army, with 2 years in the Judge Advocate General's office at Fort Dix in New Jersey and 6 months at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He made tape recordings and handwritten copies of traditional French songs for children to help preserve French culture for the future. We acknowledge Mr. Viger's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1103)

Paul Vachon, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Vachon grew up on Mt. Vernon Avenue in the heart of Augusta's Sand Hill. A tough basketball player, he was the starting point guard for Cony High School's 1973 Class A State Championship team. Following college, he returned to his community as a teacher and a coach. In 25 years of coaching, 23 of which occurred at Cony, he built a 451-50

record. His teams won 7 Class A State Championship crowns and 11 Eastern Maine titles. He developed 3 Miss Maine Basketball winners and helped many of his players go on to successful college playing careers and coaching careers. He was one of the first coaches to understand the implications of the introduction of the 3-point shot to high school girls basketball. His teams were relentless on defense and ran every chance they could on offense, often kicking the ball back out for a trailer to score a 3-pointer. Mr. Vachon was a colorful figure on the sidelines. His frenetic, emotional demeanor often infuriated opposing fans just as it endeared him to the fans of his teams. His greatest gift, however, was his ability to motivate his students in the classroom and his players on the court. The skills he taught involving hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm served them well. We acknowledge Mr. Vachon's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1104)

Rhea Cote Robbins, of Brewer, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Robbins was brought up bilingually in a Franco-American neighborhood in Waterville known as "down the plains" and attended Waterville High School. Her family tree reaches back into Quebec and back further to France. From 1980 to 1982 she attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and from 1982 to 1985 she attended the University of Maine on a bilingual education scholarship. She received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Maine in 1997 and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2004. She worked as an editor of *Le FORUM* at the Franco-American Center from 1986 to 1996. Ms. Robbins was the 1997 winner of the Maine Chapbook Award for her nonfiction book, *Wednesday's Child*, and she has written a sequel, *Down the Plains*. Currently, she teaches literature courses in Franco-American women's experiences, contact literature and creative nonfiction writing. She is a founder and the Executive Director of the Franco-American Women's Institute. We acknowledge Ms. Robbins's service to her community and to the State, and we send her our congratulations on the occasion of her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1105)

the late Raymond C. Gaudette, Sr., of Biddeford, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Gaudette was born in Biddeford, attended Biddeford schools and was employed with West Point Stevens, Inc., formerly Pepperell Manufacturing Company, as a chemical and dye mixer for 43 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the Franco-American Genealogical Society of York County and the Biddeford Historical Society, for which he served as president for 2 terms. He was also a member and served as president of the York County Genealogical Society of Franco-Americans. While employed at West Point Stevens, he served as steward and as president of the local AFL-CIO. He served on the Biddeford City Council in 1968 and 1969, and he served on the board of Laconia Credit Union. He and his wife, Yvette, spent countless hours making significant findings for the genealogical research housed at McArthur Public Library in Biddeford. His contributions to Franco-American history and heritage are a gift that will be treasured for generations to come. We acknowledge Mr. Gaudette's service to his community and to the State, and we send his family our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1106)

the Franco-American Women's Institute, of Brewer, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. The institute is an organization for women to promote Franco-American and other ethnic

women's voices and to make known the often untold and unrecorded but culturally important aspects of women's lives and contributions. The institute provides a recording place and an archive for the many forms of presentation of Franco-American women, including Quebecois, Acadian, Metis, mixed blood, French Canadian, Cajun, Creole and Huguenot women. The institute encourages their voices while collecting a record of their stories, and the stories of their daughters, mamans and memeres. The institute has had an online presence and has been a publisher of Franco-American women since its founding in 1996, and the institute's online offerings have become a classroom resource in colleges and universities around the world. We extend to everyone at the Franco-American Women's Institute our congratulations on its 20th anniversary; (HLS 1107)

L. James and Mona Lavertu, of Madawaska, on their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lavertu have their roots in the St. John Valley: his in the south side in Madawaska, Maine and hers in the north side in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada. They met as students, married in 1971 and settled in Madawaska in 1975. When Mr. Lavertu was a child in school, French was forbidden there, even on the playground. As an adult, Mr. Lavertu wanted to address this problem, and he became a member of the Madawaska School Board in 1985, serving for 12 years. He was recognized for his contribution to making the bilingual education program in the St. John Valley one of 5 designated national "Portraits of Success." In 1992, he was committed to the "Save Our French" movement, which became the seed for founding Le Club Francais, also known as L'Association Francaise de la Vallee du Haut-St-Jean, which preserves and promotes French Acadian history, language and culture. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lavertu have been instrumental in the continuing success of this endeavor. Since 2009, he has served as president and she has served as secretary, and both are very active on several committees of the association. The efforts of Le Club Francais helped lead to the success of the 2014 World Acadian Congress in Maine. We acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Lavertu's service to their community and to the State, and we send them our congratulations on the occasion of their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1108)

Seamus McDonough, of Wells, a senior at Wells High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Seamus on his receiving this award; (HLS 1109)

Anthony Craig Owens, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Anthony on his receiving this award; (HLS 1110)

Francis John Albanese, Jr., of Stockton Springs. Mr. Albanese worked for Nickerson & O'Day and McCormick and Sons before he opened his own construction company. He enjoyed boating, fishing and Harley Davidson motorcycles. Mr. Albanese will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1111)

Jordyn Cowger, of Danforth, an eighth-grade student at East Grand School, who won the American Mathematics Contest 8, or AMC 8, in Bangor. American Mathematics Contests are held by the Mathematical Association of America and identify, recognize and reward excellence in mathematics. We extend to Jordyn our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1112)

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the late Robert A. Early, of Belgrade, to whom the Town of Belgrade has dedicated its Town Report. Mr. Early was born in Biddeford and graduated from Old Orchard Beach High School. He received a bachelor's degree from New Hampshire College and served in the United States Air Force. His family summered in Belgrade for many years before he and his wife, Arlene, permanently moved there. Mr. Early served as Town Manager of Belgrade during the construction of the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course. He was very familiar with town governance when he took up the job, having previously served on the Board of Selectmen for Londonderry, New Hampshire for 12 years. He retired from his position to provide care for Mrs. Early, but he continued to work part-time at Day's Real Estate. Mr. Early cared about the people, community and town of Belgrade, and his service is appreciated. We extend to Mr. Early's family our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1113)

Nicholas Alexander, of Belgrade, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. Nicholas is very involved in Pine Tree Camp in Rome. He led a campaign to build a tree house accessible to children with disabilities and built with his father, Keith, a barrier-free play area for children with disabilities. We send our congratulations to Nicholas on his receiving this award; (HLS 1114)

Angie Labonte, of Belgrade, who has received a Spirit of America Award for her community service providing a dozen hand-knitted blankets for Belgrade's needy. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Labonte on her receiving this award; (HLS 1115)

Judy Hallowell, of Belgrade, who has received a Spirit of America Award for her generous donation of her time and effort to the community. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Hallowell on her receiving this award; (HLS 1116)

Wesley Day, of Belgrade, who has received a Spirit of America Award for his fund-raising for Pine Tree Camp and his service as a firefighter. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Day on his receiving this award; (HLS 1117)

Rebecca Seel, of Belgrade, who has received a Spirit of America Award for providing professional services to the Town of Belgrade and serving on a number of town committees. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Seel on her receiving this award; (HLS 1118)

the Glenburn School Boys "A" Basketball Team, of Glenburn, which has won the Penobscot Valley Middle League "A" Championship. Members of the team include Jackson Kenney, Andrew Baker, Rhett MacDonald, Quintin Mayhew, Hunter Hews, Henry Westrich, Cayman Zephir, Dawson Smith, Dawson Emerson, Logan Hafford, Bryce Lausier, Isaac Varney and Luke

Varney and coach Chad Labree. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1119)

Jim Goodman, of Ellsworth, who has been named the 2016 Maine Class B Boys Swimming Coach of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Goodman is coach of the Ellsworth High School Boys Swimming Team. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1120)

the Ellsworth High School Boys Swim Team on its winning for the first time the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Championship. The team broke 4 pool records, 5 league records and one state record and earned 7 gold medals. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1121)

Talor Hamilton, of Ellsworth, a senior at Ellsworth High School, who was named the 2016 Maine Class B Boys Swimmer of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. He was also named the State Meet Class B Boys State Championship Performer of the Meet and was selected to the State All Star Team. We extend to Talor our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1122)

Mary Grow, of China, to whom the Town of China has dedicated its Town Report. Ms. Grow has moderated town meetings and covered other meetings and events in China for local newspapers. She has contributed historical information to bicentennial books and has been a reliable and consistent source of information for many years. We extend to Ms. Grow our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1123)

Spencer Havey, of Pittsfield, who has received a Spirit of America Award for his years of service to the community as police chief, Somerset County sheriff and exalted ruler, or president, of the Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge. Mr. Havey was the first exalted ruler of the lodge and is considered its founding father. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Havey on his receiving this award; (HLS 1124)

Ella Marshall, of Deer Isle, who was named the 2016 Maine State You Be the Chemist Challenge Champion. The challenge, which was developed by the Chemical Educational Foundation, is a question-and-answer competition that motivates fifth-grade to eighth-grade students to sharpen their knowledge of chemistry concepts and their real-world applications. Students compete for prizes at the local and state levels, and the ultimate competition is in Philadelphia, where students from across the Nation compete for college scholarships. Ella will represent Maine in Philadelphia in June. We extend to Ella our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1125)

Charles Snowdale, of Searsport, who celebrated his 100th Birthday on March 9, 2016. We extend to Mr. Snowdale our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1126)

the following members of the Windham High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2016 Class AA North Good Sportsmanship Award: Mya Mannette, captain; Laura Tracy; Ciera Berthiaume; Katie Herzig, captain; Erin Merchant, captain; Meghan Hoffses; Lyndsey Arsenault; Kayla Gorman; Taylor Files; Alanna Joyce; Julia Linevitch; Makayla Watson; Sadie Nelson, captain; Tara Flanders; Anna Gilman, manager; Talia Lorenzatti, manager; head coach Brody Artes; and assistant coach Kayla Parker. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1127)

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Ralph Caldwell, of Turner, to whom the Town of Turner has dedicated its Town Report. Mr. Caldwell has lived in Turner all his life, and his family has lived in Turner for generations. He was raised at the farm on North Parish Road that he still calls home. He attended Turner's schools, graduating from the Leavitt Institute. Like his father, he is a farmer. Mr. Caldwell has served the community in many ways. He volunteered for the Turner Fire Department for many years and served as Constable and Fire Warden. He served as a member of the Budget Committee for 24 years, the Comprehensive Planning Committee through 2 plans, the Village Improvement Committee, the Municipal Needs Committee, the Nezinscot Dam Committee, the Planning Board, the Zoning Ordinance Development Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the Road Committee, the Bicentennial Committee, the Leavitt Institute Restoration Committee, the Leavitt Institute Board of Directors for 18 years and the Board of Selectmen for 11 years. We extend to Mr. Caldwell our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1128)

Sharon Miller, of Orr's Island. Mrs. Miller, a native of Maryland, worked in the banking industry before she retired to Maine. She was known as a kind, thoughtful person and a good friend to all, and as one who deeply appreciated the beauty of the State. Mrs. Miller will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1129)

Jerry Schofield, of Freeport, Chief of the Freeport Police Department, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of service. Chief Schofield started as a patrol officer in 1976 and rose through the ranks to become chief in 1988. Accomplishments during his tenure include the implementation in 1989 of one of the first DARE drug awareness programs in the State and the creation in 1997 of the juvenile diversion program and the school resource officer program. Also established during his administration were the first full-time detective position in 2007 and the police canine program in 2013. He served in 1995 as president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and in 2000 as president of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. We thank Chief Schofield for his years of service to his town and to the State and congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1130)

Cyndimae Meehan, of Augusta and Connecticut, born on August 17, 2002, who passed away on March 13, 2016. At the early age of 10 months, Cyndimae was diagnosed with a rare and severe form of epilepsy, Dravet Syndrome. For years her parents tried standard pharmaceuticals to control her seizures; however, after trying 23 different anti-epileptic drugs her neurologist told the family they were out of options. In 2013, the Meehans made the difficult decision to split their family so Cyndimae could move to Maine with her mother, Susan, where she would be able to legally use medicinal cannabis, the only option left to control her seizures and the only regimen that worked with any efficacy. Cyndimae's father, Robert, remained in Connecticut with her 2 sisters. Maine has benefited from Mrs. Meehan and Cyndimae's moving here. Mrs. Meehan has been a tireless advocate on behalf of not only Cyndimae, but all children in Maine who suffer from seizure disorders. Because of Mrs. Meehan's advocacy, children who use medicinal cannabis may now attend school. We acknowledge that in the 2 and a half years that Cyndimae lived in Maine, she was able to benefit from and enjoy a better quality of life due to the State's public laws. Cyndimae's legacy will be remembered as one that promoted education for children, regardless of the type of medicine they use; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1131)

the Lake Region High School Boys Basketball Team, of Naples, which won the 2016 Class B State Championship. This

is the team's first state championship victory in 31 years. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1132)

Rose Horowitz, of Harpswell, a student at Mt. Ararat High School, on her winning the 2016 Poetry Out Loud competition. This is the second consecutive year that Rose has won the competition; she was selected from among a field of nearly 10,000 students from Maine schools. Poetry Out Loud was established in 2006 and is sponsored by the Maine Arts Commission. As the Maine State Champion, Rose will compete at the National Poetry Out Loud Finals in Washington, D.C. We extend our congratulations to Rose on her receiving this honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1133)

Travis 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 service project, Travis built 3 ADA picnic tables and 3 park benches at Donnabeth Lippman Park. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1134)

Matthew Webber, of Sanford, a senior at Sanford High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on his receiving this award; (HLS 1135)

Michael Pendriss, of Charleston, a senior at Foxcroft Academy and an All-New England Wrestler, who placed sixth at the New England Tournament. Michael is only the third wrestler in Foxcroft Academy history to place at the New Englands and be an All-New England wrestler. Michael, who wrestles in the 220-pound weight class and has a record of 47-1, was also named the Penobscot Valley Conference Champion, the Northern Regional Champion, the State Champion and the All-State Champion. We extend to Michael our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1136)

Matthew Montgomery, of Lamoine, who has been named the Maine YMCA Swimming Coach of the Year. Mr. Montgomery was selected by his peers for this honor, and this is the third time he has been so honored. He is respected for his success as a coach and for his conduct on the deck and with children, parents and officials. He coaches at the Down East Family YMCA in Ellsworth, where he has been a valued member of the community for 18 years. He has taught thousands of people, from infants to adults, how to swim and stay safe around the water. We extend to Mr. Montgomery our congratulations on his receiving this honor and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1137)

Michael R. "Gunney" Gray, of Verona Island, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Gray served in the Marine Corps from 1972 to 1976. He went on to work at the Bucksport Paper Mill for 38 years. He married Ellie Gray in 1972, and they were married for 41 years, until her passing. Mr. Gray was self-taught in vehicle restoration, carpentry, plumbing and electrical work and was always available to lend a hand to his family and friends. Mr. Gray will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1138)

the Lee Academy Drama Department, of Lee, which won the Class B regional competition of the Maine Principals' Association Drama Festival and went on to place third at the Maine State Drama Festival. The players include Steven Hadder, Sidney McLeod, Jenny Munson, Chelsie Chandonait, Ronja Klocke, Lauren Dodge, Dianna Nicholas, Lynzi Rideout, Maddie Worster, Zach Dubay, Zak Noyes, Lindsey Dodge and John Albert.

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Steven Hadder and Lauren Dodge both earned Best Actor honors at the regional and state competitions. We extend to all the players our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1139)

Harold L. "Tug" White, Jr., of Ellsworth, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. White was born in New Limerick and grew up in Flatbush in Brooklyn, New York until his family moved to Ellsworth in 1948. He graduated from Ellsworth High School, where he was a three-sport athlete and a member of Ellsworth's first State Championship basketball team in 1953. He attended Maine Central Institute and then enlisted in the Air Force. After his military service, he attended the University of Maine in Orono and received a bachelor's degree in education. He married Anne Marie Allen in 1960 and was married to her for 32 years. Mr. White taught in the Bar Harbor and Ellsworth school systems and coached football in Bar Harbor. He left teaching for a time, working as a child protection worker for the Department of Human Services and then as a social worker for Downeast Health Services. He returned to education as the assistant director of special education for Hancock County. He served on the school boards of both the Ellsworth school system and Regional School Unit No. 24. For many years, he was the voice of high school basketball and football for Hancock County, working as a broadcaster for WDEA radio and as a sports broadcaster for WVII-TV in Bangor. He served as the commissioner of Ellsworth Little League and coached both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He was instrumental in bringing football back to Ellsworth after its long absence. Mr. White will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1140)

Mary Jo Head Butler, of Union, a longtime member of the community. Mrs. Butler was born in Bethel and was a 1961 graduate of Gould Academy. After high school she went to the seminary in Bangor, where she also worked in a nursing home. She met and married her husband, Howard, in 1964. They eventually moved to Union after their first child was born, and she worked as a cook in a nursing home until she became a caregiver for her parents-in-law. Mrs. Butler was an avid golfer, a choir director at the Peoples United Methodist Church and a Cub Scout den mother. She also taught piano lessons and served on a scholarship committee for high school students. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her husband, Howard, her family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1141)

the Firefighters and Rescue and Fire Prevention Specialists of the Peer-to-Peer Program between the City of Arkhangel'sk and Greater Portland Russian Sister City Project. Aimed at fostering the exchange of best practices of fire and life safety efforts, this initiative works for the benefit of both nations and for mankind as a whole. We join with Joseph E. Thomas, State Fire Marshal in sending our best wishes to the firefighters and rescue and fire prevention specialists of both nations as they work in cooperation and mutual respect; (HLS 1142)

Tyler Sturtevant, of Mechanic Falls, who was named to the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference All-Academic Team. One of 12 Castleton University football players selected for the team, Mr. Sturtevant met all applicable criteria, including reaching sophomore academic standing, participating for 2 years with the team and achieving at least a 3.30 grade point average. We extend to Mr. Sturtevant our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1143)

Heidi Look, of East Machias, who has been named to the Maine Community College System All-Maine Academic Team. The All-Maine Academic Team is a program of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Students

are nominated and selected for the team by their colleges based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service. Ms. Look is enrolled in the Washington County Community College medical assisting program. We extend to Ms. Look our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1144)

Julia Dillingham, of Turner, a senior at Leavitt Area High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Julia on her receiving this award; (HLS 1145)

Syra Gutow, of Castine, who won the 2016 Maine State Spelling Bee and who now will attend the Scripps National Spelling Bee to be held in May in National Harbor, Maryland. Syra represented Hancock County in the bee that is sponsored by MaineToday Media and won in the 57th round. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Syra on her achievement; (HLS 1146)

Kirsten Lebreux, of Biddeford, a senior at Biddeford High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kirsten on her receiving this award; (HLS 1147)

Warren and Evelyn Shaw, of Standish, on the celebration of their 68th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married on February 21, 1948 and have 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw on this occasion; (HLS 1148)

Charles Arthur Robbins, Jr., of Skowhegan, a well-known and loved businessman in the community. Mr. Robbins was a 1981 graduate of Skowhegan High School. He took over the family business, Charlie & Son, in the late 1980s. Mr. Robbins was active in the community, always assisting local organizations. He was a member of both the Eagles Lodge and the Elks Lodge in Skowhegan. Mr. Robbins will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and the community he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1149)

the Falmouth High School Boys Basketball Team, which has won the 2016 Class A State Championship. Members of the team include Sean Bryant, Thomas Coyne, Nick Wissemann, Sam Skop, Matt Wulbrecht, Drew Chamberlain, Tyler Gee, Alex Whitmore, Alex Wissemann, Colin Coyne, Sean Walsh, Ben Simonds, Brock Welch, Jack Bryant and Nikko DePatsy; manager Matt Barnard; assistant coaches James Hilton, Nick Farrell, Paul Pekins and Ed Flaherty; and head coach Dave Halligan, Jr. We extend our congratulations to all the members of the team on this achievement and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1150)

the Combined Girls Alpine Ski Team of Falmouth High School and Waynflete School, of Falmouth and Portland, which won the 2016 Class A State Girls Alpine Championship. Members of the team include Krysia Lesniak, Alex Shapiro, Audrey Morin, Caroline Keller, Olivia Dewolf, Kelly Frumer, Beata Vest and Vika Santoro. The team is coached by Tip Kimball and Terry Ionta. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1151)

Carlton Beckett, of Mechanic Falls, for his many years of service to the town. A longtime resident and a retired educator and realtor, Mr. Beckett has made many contributions to the community since he first started teaching at Mechanic Falls Junior High School in 1962. He and his wife, Frances, moved to North Street in Mechanic Falls in 1966, and he continued to teach at the school until 1970. In addition to teaching, he started his

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own business, C. B. Real Estate, in 1970. The real estate business became a full-time occupation for him after he retired from teaching and joined ERA Worden Realty in 1990. He retired from the real estate business in 2008. Mr. Beckett served on the Mechanic Falls 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee, the Planning Board, the Budget Committee and the Mechanic Falls School Board, including the Building Committee for the Elm Street School Junior High addition. He also served on the Consolidation Steering Committee for School Union No. 29 and the Regional School Unit No. 16 Board of Directors. He continues to be active with the Tri-Town Optimist Club and the Revenue Enhancement/Energy Committee. We extend to Mr. Beckett our appreciation for his long service to the Town of Mechanic Falls, and we offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1152)

Debra Nolette, of Wells, who is retiring as the Wells Fire Department Administrative Assistant. Ms. Nolette joined the department on March 1, 1990 as its first full-time female firefighter. Before working in Wells, she was a full-time firefighter in Augusta for six and a half years, as well as an emergency medical technician for two years with York Volunteer Ambulance. In Wells, she was an advanced emergency technician, a qualified fire and arson investigator and a fire instructor and education presenter. During the 1990s, she was a part of a joint task force, in coordination with the Wells Police Department Criminal Investigation Division, which solved several local fire cases and determined the related causes. She responded to numerous fires, accidents and emergency medical services calls. Becoming the department's administrative assistant in 2006, she oversaw the department's database management system, assisted in planning the direction of the department, mentored incoming firefighters and was instrumental in securing a fire emergency management preparedness grant that allowed the emergency management agency to enhance its service to the town. We extend to Ms. Nolette our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1153)

Alex Shapiro, of Falmouth, a student at Falmouth High School, who won the 2016 Class A Giant Slalom Ski State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alex on her achievement; (HLS 1154)

John Spear, of South Thomaston, to whom the Town of South Thomaston has dedicated its Town Report. Mr. Spear has served on the town's Select Board, Planning Board, Budget Committee and Solid Waste Committee, and he served as the town's Emergency Management Director. He has also served on the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission and as Finance Director for former School Administrative District No. 50. From November 2013 to April 2015, he served as the town's administrative assistant, and he returned in 2015 to serve as its interim administrator. His knowledge of municipal laws and government and budgeting and his financial experience have been invaluable to the town, and he has been a mentor, an adviser and a friend for those with whom he has worked. We extend to Mr. Spear our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1155)

Benjamin Andrews, of Norway, a senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on his receiving this award; (HLS 1156)

Matthew Boucher, of Fryeburg, a senior at Fryeburg Academy, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our

congratulations to Matthew on his receiving this award; (HLS 1157)

Andrew Davis, of Sabattus, a senior at Oak Hill High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on his receiving this award; (HLS 1158)

Tyler Young, of Woolwich, a senior at Morse High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 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 1159)

Toni Thompson Willey, of North Yarmouth, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Willey on this occasion; (HLS 1160)

the Eastport Pirate Festival, of Eastport, which received the 2016 Innovation & Creativity Award at the Governor's Conference on Tourism held at the Sunday River Resort in Newry. We extend to everyone involved with the festival our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1161)

Donna Plummer, of Cape Elizabeth, on the occasion of her retirement from the South Portland Police Department after 28 years of dedicated service. Ms. Plummer was an invaluable secretary with the department and the person everyone went to for assistance. She organized the Christmas party for the department every year. We send her our appreciation and our congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1162)

Nia Irving, of Fairfield, a senior at Lawrence High School and a member of the girls basketball team, who has been named the 2015-16 Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. This is the second year in a row that Nia has received this honor. She led the team to the Class A State Championship game for the second consecutive year after the team's 21-1 season. She is a four-time Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference player of the year. The Gatorade Player of the Year award is given for athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court and distinguishes Nia as the State's best high school girls basketball player. We extend to Nia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1163)

Garrett Kimball, of Parkman, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 61, 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. Garrett's Eagle Scout service project was building a new flag courtyard at the Parkman Town Office, with a new larger flagpole carrying the United States and the Maine flags. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1164)

Luca DeAngelis, of Readfield, a senior at Maranacook Community High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Luca has also earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Luca on his receiving these honors; (HLS 1165)

John F. White, of Paris. Mr. White was born in Sandwich, Massachusetts, where he attended local schools, graduating from Sandwich High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in municipal management from the University of Maine at Orono and went on to work for 35 years in town management. He worked in Surry, Orrington, South Paris and Durham, as well as Wakefield, New Hampshire, before serving for 8 years as town

manager of West Paris. Mr. White was a local member of Rotary and Vineyard Church in Mechanic Falls and served as a committee member for Western Maine Transportation. He previously served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and also spent time in Spain doing missionary work for the Mormon Church. Mr. White will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1166)

Carl E. "Bill" Morrison, Sr., of Bradford. Mr. Morrison was born in Charleston and graduated from Bradford High School in 1940. He became interested in guns and gun repair at a very early age, and as an adult he established Morrison's Gun Shop, which lasted for 76 years. He was the first person in Maine to make his own barrels and was known all over the world for his craftsmanship. Mr. Morrison was an excellent marksman, winning 8 medals at the Camp Perry, Ohio shooting competition in 1958. He also worked for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and acted as a consultant for law enforcement authorities. Mr. Morrison will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1167)

Kasey Anderson, of Jonesboro, a senior at Machias Memorial High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kasey on her receiving this award; (HLS 1168)

Paul Rudd, of Northfield, who is retiring from Machias Savings Bank as Senior Vice President, Risk Management, after 25 years of service. He has been responsible for risk management, including asset management, compliance, physical security, information security and commercial loan risk, and he has also served as Bank Secrecy Act officer and environmental officer. At other times during his career, he has been a commercial loan officer, a workout officer, a collections manager and a loan committee chairman. Mr. Rudd is a past officer and board member of the Sunrise County Economic Council, the Quoddy Regional Land Trust and the Downeast Coastal Conservancy. We extend to Mr. Rudd our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1169)

Scott Whitney, of Jonesboro, who is retiring from Machias Savings Bank as Senior Vice President, Retail Lending, after 33 years of service. He helped the bank expand from 2 locations, in Machias and Calais, with total assets of \$60,000,000, to 18 locations, from Presque Isle to Portland, with total assets of \$1,200,000,000. Mr. Whitney oversaw the development and growth of consumer and residential loan products, including the first Machias Savings Bank home equity line of credit and the bank's first in-house credit card program, and he helped the bank become a perennial leader in the Maine State Housing First-Time Homebuyer Program. He was known for working to help his customers succeed. We extend to Mr. Whitney our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1170)

Carol Ann Wood Mashaw, of Lewiston, who retired after 35 years in education. Ms. Mashaw was a kindergarten teacher for 17 years and a guidance counselor for 18 years at Sherwood Heights Elementary School in Auburn. She served in the Maine Education Association and was a recipient of the Counselor of the Year Award. We extend to Ms. Mashaw our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1171)

the Hampden Academy Boys Cross-country Team, of Hampden, who won the 2015 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A Championship and the 2015 Class A North Regional Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievements; (HLS 1172)

the Hampden Academy Unified Basketball Team, which won the Unified Basketball State Championship for the second consecutive year. Members of the team include seniors Kelsey Tripp, Kyle Townsend, Zach Ewing, Robbie Martin, Tyler Hewey, Dakota Clement and Chandler St. Clair; juniors Tessa Dinardo and Andrew Gendreau; sophomores Sarah Southard, Alex Ross, Isaiah Palmer, Josephine Trojecki and Kenny Brewer-Fraze; freshmen Eliot Small and Luke Kelley; managers Margaret Thurlow and Garrett White; and cheerleader Madison Springer. The team is coached by Andrea Lee and Linda MacDonald. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1173)

Roger "Ron" Robert, Jr., of South Berwick, principal of North Berwick Elementary School, who has been named Maine's 2016 National Association of Elementary School Principals National Distinguished Principal. Mr. Robert received this award based on his accomplishments as a high-performing educational leader, his ability to involve parents and the community in the school, creating a framework of supports for students who are struggling and students who are excelling, and his ability to cultivate, monitor and advance a positive climate for his staff and students. Mr. Robert has been a successful principal for 18 years and has been principal at North Berwick Elementary School since 2002. We send him our appreciation for his dedication to the youth of his community and of the State, and we congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1174)

Pearl H. (Shute) Seekins, of Searsport. Mrs. Seekins was born on Hagan Mountain. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother and a wonderful friend to many people. She was a member of the Stockton Springs Community Church. She was most proud of her role as one of the "Steeple People." She hoped when the church steeple was taken down that she would see it put back up, which she did on October 18, 2013. Mrs. Seekins will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1175)

Hans Miller, of Winn, upon his being honored for 25 years of dedicated service to the Lincoln Fire Department. He was presented with the award at a surprise ceremony on March 21, 2016. We congratulate Mr. Miller and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1176)

Sally Quinn Johnston, of Gray, who retired after 23 years of teaching in Maine. Ms. Johnston began her career in Westport, Connecticut. She then taught in the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School and High School. A cancer survivor, she also has worked as an advocate. We extend to Ms. Johnston our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1177)

Howard Bickford, of Wilton, who has received the Lion Lifetime Membership Award for his 42 years of service with the Wilton Lions Club. In addition to serving as King Lion, Mr. Bickford helped start the club's annual June yard sale, picked and pressed apples for the club's cider sales and was a major contributor in building the club's first lunch wagon. His other service activities include spring cleanup and tree planting at Wilson Lake. We appreciate Mr. Bickford's contributions to his community over the years and send him our congratulations on his receiving this award; (HLS 1178)

Nichole Clark, of Norridgewock, administrative assistant for the Town of Smithfield, who received the Citizenship Award from Fairview Grange No. 342. This award is given to deserving citizens who are not Grange members and has not been given in more than 10 years. Ms. Clark is being honored for her work in planning and executing the overwhelmingly successful celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Town of Smithfield, all the while continuing to perform her administrative duties with

seeming effortless. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Clark on her receiving this well-deserved civic honor; (HLS 1179)

Rick Coughlin, of Richmond, longtime softball coach at Richmond High School, on his retirement after 29 seasons of coaching. Mr. Coughlin taught at Richmond Middle School, and he served as a substitute teacher for a few years after his retirement. He first started coaching in the 1984-1985 season. He has coached softball and boys soccer, collectively earning 587 wins, including the playoffs, and 10 state championships over 54 seasons. We send him our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to coaching, to the youth of his community and to the State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1180)

Rita Dennis, of Skowhegan, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on March 11, 2016. We extend to Ms. Dennis our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1181)

Laura Pineo, of Norridgewock, the School Nutrition Director at School Administrative District 54, who was named the 2016 School Nutrition Director of the Year by the Maine School Nutrition Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Pineo on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1182)

the members of the Erskine Academy Titan Challenge team, of South China, who won the regional 10th annual Titan Challenge for high school students hosted by Junior Achievement of Maine. The team included Jerold Winslow, Stephen Allen-Perry and Hunter Tibbetts. We congratulate the Erskine Academy students on this achievement; (HLS 1183)

Beverly Rowe, of Houlton, an AmeriCorps Volunteer, for her contributions to the Youth/Elder Maliseet Language picture booklet project. The booklet is designed to introduce the Maliseet language to the young children of the Maliseet people and to instill pride in their language and culture. We thank Ms. Rowe for her efforts to preserve and promote the Maliseet language, an endangered and precious part of the State's heritage; (HLS 1184)

Rose M. Sacobie Tomah, of Houlton, an Elder of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, for her contributions to the Youth/Elder Maliseet Language picture booklet project. The booklet is designed to introduce the Maliseet language to the young children of the Maliseet people and to instill pride in their language and culture. We thank Ms. Tomah for her efforts to preserve and promote the Maliseet language, an endangered and precious part of the State's heritage; (HLS 1185)

the following members of the Gray-New Gloucester High School Girls Basketball Team, the Patriots, of Gray, who won the 2015-2016 Class B South Championship: Alanna Camerl, Jacki Gillen, Ashley Jordan, Emily Thibeault, Skye Conley, Isabelle DeTroy, Alicia Dumont, Grace Kariotis and Brianna Jordan. The head coach is Mike Andreasen and the assistant coach is Matt Andreasen. This is the school's first regional girls basketball title in 14 years. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1186)

William "Chick" Leahey, Jr., of Lewiston, revered Bates College professor, longtime coach and mentor. Mr. Leahey, a graduate of the Bates College Class of 1952, was a baseball coach, assistant football coach and coach of junior varsity basketball. He was a native of Lewiston and a 3-sport star at Lewiston High School, where he captained the football and baseball squads to state championships. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. After the war, Mr. Leahey played professional baseball in the New York Yankees farm system. He also played 4 seasons as a

player-coach for the Auburn Asas, a Maine semi-professional team that won league titles in 1951 and 1952. He earned his economics degree from Bates College and a master's degree in physical education from Columbia University. Mr. Leahey began teaching at Bates College in 1955, retiring in 1990 as professor emeritus of physical education. It was said of Mr. Leahey, a mentor to countless students through the years, that he "personified qualities that collectively describe the best of his generation, in his record of service and loyalty and how he paid forward his own lessons to benefit the lives of his students." He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1187)

the Windham High School Boys Basketball Team, of Windham, which has received the Maine Principals' Association 2016 AA North Boys High School Basketball Good Sportsmanship Award. Members of the team include Orion Beers, Chris Brown, Mitch Budroe, Hunter Coffin, Nicholas Curtis, Mike Gilman, Griffin Hebert, Nazari Henderson, Cory Hutchison, Kyle Kilfoil, Zach LaCombe, Austin McGowan, Zach Petcher and Ondrej Stepanek; assistant coaches Kyle Benner, Peter Brown, George McCrillis and Will Clemmer; and head coach Chad Pulkkinen. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1188)

Kenny Wright, of Woolwich, on his induction into the Class of 2016 Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame. Mr. Wright began his auto racing career at Unity Raceway in 1981 and he has raced at every Maine speedway, as well as speedways in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut and in 2 provinces in Canada. He has recorded 75 feature victories, has received sportsmanship awards and driver of the year honors and has won 8 championship titles. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his induction into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame; (HLS 1189)

Michael John Brooks, of Lewiston, who retired after serving 25 years with the Auburn Fire Department, achieving the rank of captain. He became passionate about running and has completed 484 marathons and ultramarathons, including the Badwater Ultramarathon and the Sri Chinmoy 6-day and 10-day races. He also became very involved in fund-raising for good causes. Mr. Brooks will be running 7 marathons in 7 states in 7 days to raise money for Camp Sunshine. Over the past 20 years, he has raised more than \$40,000 for Camp Sunshine, a summer camp in Casco for children with life-threatening illnesses. We extend to Mr. Brooks our appreciation for his fund-raising efforts and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1190)

Kevin Doran, of Topsham, a natural science educator with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, who has been selected as a 2016 Outstanding Educator Honoree by Project Learning Tree. Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents and community leaders working with youth. Mr. Doran joined the Maine Forest Service as a natural science educator in 1999 and has used Project Learning Tree as a cornerstone of his programs with children throughout the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1191)

Larry Straffin, of North Berwick, Deputy Fire Chief of the North Berwick Fire Department, who is the recipient of a 2015 Public Service Award from the York County Fire Fighters Association for his years of training countless firefighters in Maine and New Hampshire. We send our appreciation to Deputy Chief Straffin for his dedicated service and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1192)

Stuart Kestenbaum, of Deer Isle, who has been named the new State Poet Laureate. Mr. Kestenbaum is the author of 4 poetry collections, and his poems and writings have appeared in numerous small press publications and magazines. He recently ended a much-lauded 27-year directorship of the prestigious Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle. He is the 5th Poet Laureate of Maine and will serve a 5-year term. We congratulate Mr. Kestenbaum on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1193)

Caroline Coxé, of Falmouth, on her receiving a 2016 Hardy Girls Healthy Women Girls Rock! Award. Caroline is being recognized as the 2016 Health Promoter for her work with homeless women in the Greater Portland area. The Girls Rock! Award celebrates six outstanding girls from across Maine who have accomplished remarkable things in their communities. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caroline on her receiving this award; (HLS 1194)

the Old Town High School Cheerleading Team, of Old Town, which won the Class B State Championship. Members of the team include Mikayla Morey, Julia Van Steenberghe, Emma Cyr, Kayleigh Bickford, Zoe Swett, Tara Roy, Jordan Merchant, Casey Pratt, Julie Miller, Brianna Hogan, Lexi Carey, Kaylee Bellavance, Kelsee Steele, Melanie Soucy, Faith Watson, Kaili Lupinacci and Lacey Ouellette and coaches Nicole Hogan and Emily Smith. We extend to everyone on the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1195)

Henry Penfold, of Deer Isle, who won the 2016 Maine State Scholastic Individual K-6 Chess Championship. We extend to Henry our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1196)

the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School Chess Team, in Deer Isle, which won the 2016 Maine State Scholastic Team Chess Championship in the K-6 section. We extend to the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1197)

Tyler Fitzpatrick, of Houlton, who is a recipient of a 2016 Real Heroes Award from the American Red Cross of Maine for helping his friend after a car crash. Tyler and four of his friends were driving in Linneus when their pickup truck went off the road and rolled over several times. One friend was ejected from the vehicle, and Tyler saw that his friend's foot had nearly been severed and the leg was severely broken. Having taken a CPR class, Tyler knew what to do. He called 911 and made a tourniquet for his friend's leg, wrapping and elevating the foot, all while talking to his friend to keep him conscious until the ambulance arrived. Tyler's actions saved his friend's foot, and his friend is alive today and walking due to Tyler's actions. We congratulate Tyler on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1198)

Trever Gray, of Waterville, a senior at Waterville Senior High School, who was named the 2015-16 *Morning Sentinel* Indoor Track and Field Boys Athlete of the Year. This is the second year in a row Trever has been given this designation. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Trever on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1199)

Jake Leithiser, of Old Town, a 2011 graduate of Old Town High School and a senior at the University of Maine, who broke the University of Maine indoor track records in both the 400-meter and the 800-meter runs. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Leithiser on these achievements; (HLS 1200)

Jodie Mosher-Towle, of Smithfield, who has received a Spirit of America Award for being the driving force behind many volunteer projects that have benefited Smithfield. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local

individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Mosher-Towle on her receiving this award; (HLS 1201)

Nolan Downs, of Dixfield, who is a recipient of a 2016 Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism from the Maine Commission for Community Service. Nolan has performed 184 hours of service at both Rumford Hospital and Central Maine Medical Center. We send our appreciation to Nolan for his commitment to his community and congratulate him on receiving this award; (HLS 1202)

Josh Ricker, of Fort Fairfield, a senior at Fort Fairfield Middle/High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Josh on his receiving this award; (HLS 1203)

Alyssa Sinclair, of Limestone, a senior at Limestone Community School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Alyssa on her receiving this award; (HLS 1204)

John Tompkins, of Easton, who is a recipient of a 2016 Real Heroes Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. When Mr. Tompkins arrived home one afternoon this past winter, he found a neighbor who needed help after suffering an injury while using his tractor snow blower. Mr. Tompkins promptly called 911 on his cell phone and then covered his neighbor with blankets to prevent the onset of hypothermia and shock. After emergency personnel arrived, he assisted them in freeing his neighbor's leg from the machine, and Mr. Tompkins has been credited with saving the man's life and his leg. We congratulate Mr. Tompkins on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1205)

Bill Flagg, of Stockholm, who is a recipient of a 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. Mr. Flagg has been associated for over 30 years with the local chapter of the American Red Cross, for which he served on the Board of Directors. Mr. Flagg recently helped launch the Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Program, which has resulted in the free installation of nearly 1,000 smoke alarms in Aroostook County. His career accomplishments with the Cary Medical Center and the Jefferson Cary Foundation include his helping to establish the State's most successful Red Cross blood donor program and raising grant funds to bring several health and wellness programs to the area. Mr. Flagg has also been active in local civic groups, including the Kiwanis Club, Loring Industry Council, Aroostook Council to Prevent Child Abuse, Aroostook County Veterans Advocacy Committee, Marine Corps League and United Veterans of Maine and Aroostook Unit of the American Cancer Society. Mr. Flagg is currently on the executive committee of the Maine Public Health Association and is a member of the State Board of Directors for Catholic Charities, Maine. Mr. Flagg was recently named an ambassador for Healthy Food in Health Care, New England. Mr. Flagg has long been an active advocate for health care services for veterans. We congratulate Mr. Flagg on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1206)

Loring Job Corps, of Limestone, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. Loring Job Corps is one of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout

Aroostook County. We congratulate Loring Job Corps on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1207)

the Easton High School Boys Basketball Team, the Bears, of Easton, which won the 2015-16 Class D North Championship, the team's first regional title since 1980. The Bears finished their season with 19 wins and only 4 losses. Members of the team include Jason Gurley, Logan Halverson, Trevor Hathaway, Drew Sotomayor, Hunter Brown, Michael Brown, Jordon Doody, Jacob Flewelling, Noah Hanscomb, Keegan Kinney, Collin Sotomayor, Isaac Currier and Carson Flewelling; managers Miranda McLean and Jenna Perkins; assistant coach Dan Warren; and head coach Manny Martinez. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1208)

WAGM-TV, of Presque Isle, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. WAGM-TV is one of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate WAGM-TV on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1209)

Northern Maine Community College, of Presque Isle, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. Northern Maine Community College is one of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate Northern Maine Community College on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1210)

Nathan Delmar, of Manchester, a junior at Maranacook Community High School, who was named the 2016 *Kennebec Journal* Boys Alpine Skier of the Year. We extend to Nathan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1211)

Rachel Tooth, of Manchester, a junior at Maranacook Community High School, who was named the 2016 *Kennebec Journal* Girls Alpine Skier of the Year. We extend to Rachel our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1212)

Glenn Walton, of Sanford, a firefighter and paramedic at the Sanford Fire Department, who is the recipient of a 2015 Public Service Award from the York County Fire Fighters Association for his 28 years of protecting the citizens of Sanford and instructing cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes to firefighters and the public. We send him our appreciation for his dedication and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1213)

Amy Fried, of Bangor, who is the recipient of the 2016 Presidential Public Service Achievement Award from the President of the University of Maine. This award is presented to an individual faculty member who has demonstrated distinguished achievement in public service. Dr. Fried is a professor of political science at the university. She also oversees the Maine Policy Scholar Program at the university and formerly served as associate dean for research in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Fried has written 2 books and is currently working on another one. Her scholarly work has appeared in numerous edited volumes and journals, and she provides analysis to a wide range of media outlets. Dr. Fried writes a biweekly newspaper column and an intermittent blog for the *Bangor Daily News*. In addition, she is co-leader of the Maine chapter of the Scholars Strategy Network, a national group that brings scholars together to address public challenges and their

policy implications. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Fried on her receiving this award; (HLS 1214)

Shane Enger, of Kennebunk, a firefighter with the Kennebunk Fire and Rescue, who is a recipient of a 2015 Heroism Award from the York County Fire Fighters Association for entering a burning building at great risk to himself to look for a person possibly trapped in the building. We send our appreciation to Firefighter Enger and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1215)

Brian S. Robinson, of Orono, an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology and Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine, who is the recipient of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2016 Outstanding Teaching and Advising Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Robinson on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1216)

Maud Ella Ghent, of Knox, who has had the Knox Town Report dedicated to her for her years of service to the community. Mrs. Ghent and her husband, Bart, raised chickens on their farm at Knox Ridge. She was a member of the Grange, holding an officer position, and was also active with the Union Harvest Grange in Northport, the Pomona Grange and the State Grange. In 1990 she and her husband started and ran a food pantry. We extend to Mrs. Ghent our congratulations on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 1217)

Dr. Deb Walters, of Troy, who is making a 2,500-mile kayaking journey to bring attention to and to raise funds for the children of Guatemala City's garbage dump community. Dr. Walters kayaked 1,500 miles, starting from Yarmouth, before requiring emergency spinal surgery in early 2015. She continued her pre-arranged speaking tour by car and then by sailboat to Guatemala in April 2015. Now recovered, she is kayaking the remaining 1,000 miles and expects the trip to be complete this spring. The goals of Dr. Walters' courageous mission are to tell the story of the Guatemala City garbage dump community and the inspiring mothers who labor for a better life for their children, to promote the success of the Safe Passage model school, which brings hope, education and opportunity to the children and families living in extreme poverty around the Guatemala City's garbage dump, and to raise funds for the school. We acknowledge Dr. Walters' generous and caring efforts in this mission and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1218)

Caitlyn Poulin, of Knox, a sophomore at Thomas College, who was named to the 2015 ZAG Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Squad for her academic and athletic excellence. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Poulin on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1219)

Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, of Lewiston, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of providing health care services. Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice began as a source of home care services for the chronically ill, and today it provides home care, hospice care, supportive care, telehealth monitoring, community care and many other health care specialties. In 2015, it served over 8,700 patients. We extend our congratulations to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice on this occasion; (HLS 1220)

S.W. Collins Company, of Caribou, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. S.W. Collins Company is one of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms

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throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate S.W. Collins Company on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1221)

the Pine Tree Burn Foundation, of Caribou, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. The Pine Tree Burn Foundation is one of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate the Pine Tree Burn Foundation on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1222)

Cary Medical Center, of Caribou, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. Cary Medical Center worked with several area entities to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate Cary Medical Center on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1223)

the Caribou Fire Department, of Caribou, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. The Caribou Fire Department is one of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate the Caribou Fire Department on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1224)

the Lister-Knowlton Post 9389 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, of Caribou, which is a recipient of a 2016 Community Impact Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. The post and its auxiliary are two of several area entities to partner with Cary Medical Center to orchestrate a yearlong home fire preparedness media and public awareness campaign. The outcome of the underlying effort has been the installation of an estimated 1,000 smoke alarms throughout Aroostook County. We congratulate the Lister-Knowlton Post 9389 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1225)

Paul McDonald, of New Sweden, who is a recipient of a 2016 Real Heroes Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. Mr. McDonald, in collaboration with David Bouley, of New Canada, freed a tractor driver pinned under the tractor after it was found on its side down an embankment. Without their help, the tractor driver may have succumbed to extensive injuries. We congratulate Mr. McDonald on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1226)

Archer Noyes, of Caribou, who is a recipient of a 2016 Young Hero Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. Four-year-old Archer is credited with saving his grandfather's life by knowing who to call in an emergency. In December, Archer was alone with his grandfather, who became violently ill. Archer immediately called his mother, who was shopping with his grandmother, and stayed with his grandfather until help arrived. Archer's grandfather is alive and feeling much better today. We congratulate Archer on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1227)

Sandy Albair, of Caribou, who is a recipient of a 2016 Real Heroes Award from the American Red Cross of Maine, Pine Tree Chapter. While waiting in a checkout line at a local store one day last summer, Ms. Albair saw a man collapse to the floor. She

took immediate action, telling the clerk to call 911 and proceeding to perform chest compressions until emergency medical technicians arrived. The victim is alive and well today as a result of her quick thinking and administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. We congratulate Ms. Albair on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1228)

Masahiko Miyake, of Freeport, chef and owner of Miyake LLC in Portland, who has won the United States Small Business Administration Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year Award for Maine and New England. Chef Miyake owns and operates two restaurants and a farm and has been a finalist for James Beard Foundation culinary awards. We congratulate him on his receiving this award and send to him our best wishes; (HLS 1229)

L.L. Bean, Inc., of Freeport, which was named America's Best Midsize Employer by *Forbes* magazine for 2016. The companies on the magazine's list were chosen based on an independent survey of employees who worked for the companies. The employees of L.L. Bean, founded in 1912, rated their employer 9.50 out of 10, signifying that they would recommend L.L. Bean as an exceptionally good place to work. *Forbes* magazine reaches out to workers in established companies throughout the nation to ascertain which among them make their employees feel secure, understood, needed and inspired. We extend our congratulations to L.L. Bean on its being named as America's Best Midsize Employer for 2016 and we send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 1230)

the Town of Wales on the 200th Anniversary of its incorporation as a town. According to some authorities, the first settler in the area was James Ross, who settled the west slope of Sabattus Mountain in 1778 and whose farm later passed to his son-in-law, Isaac Witherell. Patrick Kernan moved to Wales in 1794 and settled in the eastern part of the area, and Reuben Ham and Jonathan and Alexander Thompson came from Brunswick in 1780, taking up places in the northern part. Other settlers came in the 1780s, and Joseph Small and Bartholomew Jackson arrived from Limington and settled in the area in 1791. Captain Enoch Strout, a soldier in the American Revolution and the first militia captain chosen in the town, moved to the area from Limington in 1796. Prior to 1792, together with what is now the Town of Monmouth, the area was known as the Plantation of Wales. In 1792, Monmouth was set off, and the Plantation of Wales was reorganized in 1803. Its first officers were Joseph Small, Enoch Strout and Joseph Andrews. The town was incorporated on February 1, 1816 after the act of incorporation was passed by the Massachusetts General Court. In 1852, a small portion of Leeds was annexed to Wales. There are many families still living in Wales today that are descendants of the first settlers. We extend to all the citizens of the Town of Wales our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 1231)

Mikayla Roy, of Howland, a senior at Penobscot Valley High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Mikayla on her receiving this award; (HLS 1232)

Janet Cropley, of Troy, who has received a 2016 Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. Ms. Cropley has been very active in the community during her more than 27 years of service as a town employee. After retiring from the Troy Town Office, she continued to serve the town with her volunteerism.

She has taken on the project of mapping all the cemeteries in Troy with grave locations and dates and is also a member of the Cemetery Committee. Ms. Cropley is also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, the Historical Society, the Troy Union Church, the B.B. Cook Clubhouse and the Unity Area Rotary Club. We congratulate her on her receiving this award and thank her for her dedication to her community and the State; (HLS 1233)

Naomi Rice, of Bridgewater, who has received the Young Ambassador Award from the American Red Cross. When 5-year-old Naomi heard how the Red Cross helps those in need, she decided she wanted to do something to help. For the past 2 years she has donated the contents of her full piggy bank to the Red Cross. We send her our appreciation for her caring generosity and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1234)

Parker McGlauffin, of Edinburg, a member of 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 Eagle Scout project, Parker, with the help of many others, built a soccer kick wall at Penobscot Valley High School in Howland. We extend our congratulations to Parker on this achievement; (HLS 1235)

Gerald "Hutch" Hutchinson, Jr., of Edinburg, on his induction into the New England Secondary School Principals' Associations Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mr. Hutchinson's Penobscot Valley High School wrestlers won 514 matches from 1985 to 2010, and the team won 5 straight Class C State Championships. The Howlers won 72 straight matches from 1992 to 1995, which led to Mr. Hutchinson's being named Coach of the Year in 1992. His team was also ranked 49th among dynasty teams by *Wrestling USA Magazine* for the period between 1991 and 2001. Mr. Hutchinson coached 33 individual state champions in his career. He founded the Howland youth wrestling program and has served as a Maine Principals' Association meet director since his retirement from coaching. He was inducted into the Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance Hall of Fame, and he continues to serve as a math teacher and athletic director at Penobscot Valley High School. We extend to Mr. Hutchinson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1236)

Todd MacArthur, of Benton, coach of the Winthrop High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Boys Basketball Coach of the Year. We extend to Mr. MacArthur our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1237)

Jacob Hickey, of Winthrop, a junior at Winthrop High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Boys Basketball Player of the Year. We extend to Jacob our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1238)

Scott Wing, of Monmouth, a teacher at Monmouth Academy and the head coach of the girls basketball team, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. We extend to Mr. Wing our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1239)

the Washington Academy Wrestling Team, of East Machias, which has received the 2016 Good Sportsmanship Award for Class B Wrestling from the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1240)

Mary Greaney, of Orrington, who is retiring from volunteering at the Brewer Area Food Pantry. Ms. Greaney has been working at Brewer-area food pantries for 29 years. We extend to Ms. Greaney our appreciation for her public service and offer her our congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1241)

Roger Green, of Wells, on his retirement from the Wells Police Department. For over 28 years, Corporal Green worked full time, and he was with the department for a total of 31 years, including time served as a reserve officer. During his career, he served as a motor officer, supervisor, member of the honor guard and fleet manager. He also shared in quartermaster responsibilities and was the handler for 2 K-9 dogs, King and Azut. We extend to Corporal Green our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1242)

June Patricia (Hilton) Messier, of Wells, to whom the Town of Wells has dedicated its 2016 Town Report. Mrs. Messier was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts and summered on Buffum Hill in Wells with her grandparents. She moved to Wells to attend high school. In 1972, she and her husband, Roger, took over the Buffum Hill Farm Stand from her uncle and operated it until they retired a few years ago. Mrs. Messier also sang professionally, working as a soloist in many area churches and as choir director in others. She has been involved with volunteer work for many years. She performed in Cardiac Capers for 8 years, helping to raise money to build Southern Maine Medical Center. She was a member of the school board for 8 years; a member and officer of the Wells Grange for more than 25 years; a board member for the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit; a poll worker; the creator of the Fractured Follies annual show and its director for 12 years, raising money for Wells's 350th Anniversary celebration and the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center; and overseer of the Wells Harbor Park Concerts for the past 12 years. In 2013, she received a Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism. She is currently the treasurer of the Senior Needs Committee of Wells and Ogunquit, is on the board of the Animal Welfare Society of West Kennebunk and holds the office of chaplain in the Wells Elks Lodge. We extend to Mrs. Messier our congratulations on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 1243)

Maureen Moors Wotton, of Lincoln. Mrs. Wotton was born in Lincoln and graduated from Mattanawcook Academy in 1968. She graduated from Eastern Academy of Beauty Culture in Brewer in 1969 and moved to Boston, Massachusetts in 1972 to work at the First National Bank of Boston as an administrative assistant. Moving back to Lincoln, she worked for Home Interior and Gifts as a consultant. Beginning in 1989, she worked at Fleet Bank of Howland as a head teller, as a customer service representative and as a supervisor. By 1994, she was District Operations Supervisor of Fleet Bank of Lincoln. She later worked for the Nobel Clinic in Lincoln as the Office Manager and Billing Clerk until her retirement. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Lourdes Catholic Church and an active member of Our Lady Circle No. 774 Daughters of Isabella. Mrs. Wotton will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1244)

Winnie L. Clemons, of Lincoln, a veteran of the United States Naval Reserve, Women's Reserve. Mrs. Clemons was born in Lincoln, and she served in the WAVES during World War II. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a communicant of St. Mary of Lourdes Catholic Church. She also was a member of the Singing Group. Mrs. Clemons will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1245)

Rodney Shain, Sr., a resident of the Newton Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing Care in Sanford, who is the recipient of a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association's Remember ME project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Mr. Shain was born in Augusta in 1930. Upon graduating from Hallowell High School, he joined the

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United States Navy and served aboard the USS *Wasp*. After leaving the Navy, he earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree and began a long career in education. He taught history at Erskine Academy and in the Oakland, Orono and Sanford high schools. He coached football and basketball, and his Sanford team went to the state finals. In 1979, he began work for the American Federation of Teachers. He went into the ice cream business in 1983, and today Shain's of Maine Ice Cream distributes premium ice cream in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He and his wife Barbara built and operated Shain's Family Restaurant, and Shain's Family Farm served residents of Sanford and the nearby communities. Mr. Shain, a chapel soloist in the Navy, sang in many area churches and at many events. In 2002, he lost Barbara, his wife of 46 years, to cancer; she was a respected nurse at Goodall Hospital and the Newton Center. In 2005, Mr. Shain married Judie, his loving partner in life. We congratulate Mr. Shain on his being recognized by the Remember ME project; (HLS 1246)

Roland Minott, of Burlington, on his retirement from the Town of Burlington. Mr. Minott served for 16 years as Chairman of the Burlington Board of Selectmen. A longtime member of the community, he was instrumental in establishing Burlington's fire department, served on the town's planning board and worked for 7 years as the town's deputy treasurer. We extend to Mr. Minott our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1247)

Samuel Gray, of Presque Isle, a senior at Presque Isle High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Samuel on his receiving this award; (HLS 1248)

Alphonse "Alphy" Poulin, of Rome, who recently retired after a lifelong career in dance and after 15 years as ballet master and a faculty member at the Juilliard School in New York City. Mr. Poulin, a native of Augusta who grew up on Arsenal Street and graduated from Cony High School in 1966, followed a career in dance and choreography that took him to places around the world, including Boston, Brazil, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany, Russia and New York City. As a youth, without any formal ballet training, he was made a member of the Boston Ballet by ballet mistress Sydney Leonard, who selected him for one of only three male positions with the ballet that year. Less than three months later, he was dancing in "The Nutcracker." He performed with the Boston Ballet for several years before going on to dance in several foreign countries, learning five different languages and two different dialects. He later served as ballet master of Le Ballet du Grand Theatre de Geneve in Switzerland for 14 years, then worked as a guest master around the world, before working at the Juilliard School. We extend to Mr. Poulin our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1249)

the Reverend James E. Knox, of Scarborough. Father Knox was born in Parkman and attended a one-room schoolhouse in Parkman and Guilford High School. He went on to attend Boston College and St. John's Seminary. Father Knox's service to the Church began when he served as an altar boy at Holy Family Church in Sangerville. He was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in 1951. During his 45 years of full-time parish ministry, he served as Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Church in Calais and St. Joseph's Church and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. He was the founding pastor at St. Gregory's Church in Gray and served as pastor at St. Charles

Borromeo Church in Brunswick and pastor at Holy Cross Church in South Portland. He also served as chaplain at Father Carey Camp and as director of Camp Gregory. Following his retirement in 1996, he accepted temporary assignments at St. Mary's Church in Westbrook and St. Philip's Church in Lyman and celebrated Mass regularly at several other churches. He served on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Board of Education, Vicar Forane of Sagadahoc/Lincoln Deanery and Southern Cumberland Deanery, among other boards and organizations. Father Knox will be long remembered by his family and friends, his fellow clergy and his parishioners; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1250)

Pauline E. Michaud, of Scarborough. Mrs. Michaud was born in Augusta and grew up in Brownville and graduated as valedictorian from Brownville Junction High School in 1950. She married her husband, Andrew, in 1952 and raised seven children while working as a computer programmer and analyst for Hannaford Brothers corporate offices, one of the first female computer programmers in that industry. She generously volunteered her time to many organizations and devoted her life to social justice, women's and children's rights and welfare and human rights efforts in Maine and around the world. Mrs. Michaud will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1251)

George N. McNeil, Jr., M.D., of Standish, on the occasion of his retirement as an Attending Physician and Director of Residency and Medical Student Education, Department of Psychiatry, Maine Medical Center after 36 years of service. Dr. McNeil graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College. He earned his medical degree from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. After an Internship in Medicine at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, Dr. McNeil came to the Maine Medical Center to serve as a Resident in General Practice. He served as a General Medical Officer in the United States Navy before returning to Maine Medical Center for a Residency in Psychiatry. He has touched thousands of lives, giving hope and inspiration. He has trained and mentored numerous physicians. We send our appreciation for his service to his profession and to the people of his community and the State. We extend to him our congratulations as he retires from Maine Medical Center and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1252)

Matt DesRochers, Zach Miller and Ian Miller, the student members of the Berwick Academy Robotics Team, of South Berwick, who won the first place title at the 2016 Maine State VEX "Nothing But Net" Championship. The team competed against more than 40 other teams and the win qualified the team to move on to the VEX World Championship in Kentucky in April. The team also won the Programming Skills Challenge and the "Amaze Award." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these achievements; (HLS 1253)

Carylanne Wolfington, of Hallowell, a student at Colby College and a member of the women's basketball team who has scored over 1,000 points in her college basketball career. She is the 17th player in the history of the Colby College basketball program to reach 1,000 points. She also achieved the 1,000-point mark in her high school basketball career. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1254)

Bruce Chalmers, of Bridgton, who was inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, Class of 2015. The hall recognizes Maine skiers who have made significant contributions to skiing in Maine. Mr. Chalmers was among the early skiers at Pleasant Mountain, which was later renamed Shawnee Peak. He worked with ski areas to develop safety programs and created a junior program that has introduced thousands of schoolchildren to the

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sport of skiing. We extend to Mr. Chalmers our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1255)

Terry Meagher, of Freeport, on the occasion of his retirement from a distinguished career as head coach of men's ice hockey at Bowdoin College. During his 33 seasons, as one of only 2 head men's hockey coaches at Bowdoin College since the 1950s, Coach Meagher carried forward a hockey tradition of statewide and national significance. He compiled a remarkable record of 542 victories, including 2 NESCAC Championships and 2 ECAC Championships, passing lessons of leadership, accountability and work ethic to more than 700 student athletes. Coach Meagher was named the Division II-III New England Coach of the Year 3 times by the New England Hockey Writers Association and twice received the Edward Jeremiah Memorial Trophy awarded by the American Hockey Coaches Association to the National College Division Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Coach Meagher on his retirement; (HLS 1256)

Noah Caron, of Washburn, a senior at Washburn District High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Noah on his receiving this award; (HLS 1257)

Victoria Brewer, of Mars Hill, a senior at Central Aroostook Junior/Senior High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Victoria on her receiving this award; (HLS 1258)

William Field Herman, of Bath and Georgetown, a veteran of the United States Naval Reserve. Mr. Herman was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in Lincoln, Massachusetts. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1942. He volunteered for the Naval Reserve and specialized in ordnance and fire control equipment at the Charlestown Navy Yard during the Second World War, retiring as a lieutenant commander at the war's end. In 1943, he married Emily L. Rand. He worked for the American Optical Company and later for the Polaroid Corporation. In 1967, he and Emily purchased an old farm in Georgetown, with water frontage on Robinhood Cove. They enjoyed the land as a camp until his retirement in 1982, when they built a year-round house there and established what he called his saltwater farm. He became active in Georgetown affairs, serving at different times as town meeting moderator and selectman and on various committees. Mr. Herman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1259)

the following students of Northern Penobscot Tech Region III, of Lincoln, who won both the 2016 Maine ProStart State Championship and the 2016 ProStart Regional Championship: Lexi Clark, Nikkol Mulligan, Kiari Michaud, Shelby Powers and Sarah Greaton. The ProStart program is a two-year curriculum designed to teach high school students the culinary and management skills needed for a career in the restaurant and food service industry. These students will go on to compete at the 2016 National ProStart Invitational Championship in Dallas, Texas. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1260)

the York High School Girls Basketball Team, of York, which has won the 2016 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1261)

Ethan Dodge, of Chelsea, a senior at Erskine Academy, who was named the 2016 *Kennebec Journal* Indoor Track and Field

Boys Athlete of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ethan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1262)

Jordan Jowett, of China, a student at Erskine Academy, who was named the 2015-16 *Kennebec Journal* Indoor Track and Field Girls Athlete of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jordan on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1263)

Dean Smith, of Falmouth, a native of Monson, on his being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Smith, a Foxcroft Academy graduate, went on to play at the University of Maine, where he was a 3-time Academic All-American. He was captain of the Black Bears basketball team during his senior year and led the America East Conference in scoring. The university has established the Dean Smith Award, given annually to top male and female athletes who demonstrate both academic and athletic excellence. Mr. Smith has previously received the prestigious Walter Byers Award as the nation's top male student athlete. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Smith on his induction into the Hall of Fame; (HLS 1264)

Tony Hamlin, a native of Milo, on his being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Hamlin was an outstanding high school player who went on to become a 3-year starter at the University of Maine. He coached at Maine Central Institute, Morse High School, South Portland High School and Penquis Valley High School, winning 400 games, including 3 state championships and 5 regional titles. Mr. Hamlin served as chair of the Maine Principals' Association Basketball Commission and was the coaches' representative to the commission for 6 years. He is a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hamlin on his induction into the Hall of Fame; (HLS 1265)

Kevin Nelson, of Falmouth, on his being inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. A native of Monson, as a senior at Foxcroft Academy he led the team to the 1975 Class B Championship, the only gold ball ever won by the school in that sport. At the University of Maine he was the leader in rebounds for two years and also ranked among the top scorers. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Nelson on his induction into the Hall of Fame; (HLS 1266)

the Freeport High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, of Freeport, which won the 2016 Class B State Nordic Skiing Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations on this accomplishment and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1267)

Les Gardner, of Whitneyville, on his retirement from Machias Savings Bank after 29 years of service. Mr. Gardner served as the manager for the bank's Columbia branch and, during the mid-1990s, was the top-producing loan officer at the bank. His dry wit and Down East humor have made him a favorite of employees and customers alike. We congratulate Mr. Gardner on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1268)

Elaine Michaud, of Mexico, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after 38 years of dedicated commitment to the youth of her community and to the State. Ms. Michaud is a graduate of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, and her first teaching job was at Mexico High School. When that school became Mountain Valley Middle School, she stayed on as a physical education instructor. She is the recipient of 2 prestigious awards, including the Maine Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 2010 and a coaching award from the Maine Principals' Association in 2015. We send her our appreciation and congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1269)

Timothy Nichols, of Pittsfield, who was named the 2015-2016 Citizen of the Year by the Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge. Mr.

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Nichols has served as a town councillor for nearly 20 years. We send him our congratulations on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1270)

Tracy Tuttle, of Richmond, who has received a Community Citizen Award from the Enterprise Grange No. 48 for her extensive community service. We extend to Ms. Tuttle our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1271)

the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble of Marshwood High School, of South Berwick, which received a Silver rating at the WorldStrides Heritage Music Festivals in New York City. The Vocal Ensemble placed first in its division. We congratulate these groups on their achievements; (HLS 1272)

Jeannette Bearse, of Acton, to whom the Town of Acton has dedicated its Town Report. An active member of the community, Ms. Bearse is currently in her 17th year on the school committee. Since her first election in 1998, she has held the positions of chair and vice chair and has been a member of the working group's policy, finance and contract negotiations subcommittees. Ms. Bearse also contributes annually to the elementary school's 100-Day Celebration, which benefits the Acton Food Pantry, and, as a registered nurse, has volunteered with the Acton Ambulance Association. We extend to Ms. Bearse our congratulations and best wishes on her being recognized by the town for her service; (HLS 1273)

Leonard and Rosemary Wallace, of Steuben, who rescued a mother and two young children whose car went off Route 182 and crashed into Fox Pond in a remote part of Hancock County. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were fishing on the pond below the road when they heard a terrific noise. A vehicle flew over Mr. Wallace, landing nose-down and upside down in the water. He immediately waded into the cold water and got to the vehicle. Seeing a small child floating in the back of the vehicle, he forced open a back door and pulled the child out. He gave the child to Mrs. Wallace and returned to help the mother, who had freed the second child from a car seat. He took the child and grabbed the mother and hauled them to safety. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace our appreciation for their life-saving actions and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1274)

Valerie Woodworth, of Dresden, who has received a Community Citizen Award from the Enterprise Grange No. 48 for her extensive community service. We extend to Ms. Woodworth our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1275)

Kathryn "Kay" Tait, of Lincoln, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on April 6, 2016. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1276)

Constance F. Keschl, of Belgrade. Mrs. Keschl was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1949. She graduated from Union High School in Union, New Jersey in 1967 and from Mansfield State College with a bachelor's degree in education in 1970. From 1970 to 1972, she lived in West Berlin, Germany with her husband, Dennis L. Keschl, during his military service. From 1979 to 1980, she and her family lived in Wayne, and they moved to Belgrade in 1980. She taught at Livermore Falls High School, Gardiner High School, KVCAP, Georges Valley High School, Brunswick High School and Livermore Falls Middle School, retiring in 1986. Mrs. Keschl will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1277)

Jeff Hammond, of Bucksport, for his volunteer efforts in promoting community economic development and recovery following the closure of the Verso paper mill. Mr. Hammond, Bucksport's Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Street Naming and Numbering Coordinator, has committed countless hours of his time at "Wilson Hall." We extend to Mr. Hammond our appreciation for his efforts; (HLS 1278)

Paula Kee, of Bucksport, for her volunteer efforts in promoting community economic development and recovery following the closure of the Verso paper mill. Ms. Kee secured a grant to assist in defraying the costs of "Wednesdays on Main," in which the thoroughfare and town is alive with energy and local merchants for the purpose of welcoming residents and visitors, as well as to encourage capital investment. Ms. Kee also contributes to the Bucksport Area Cultural Arts Society. We extend to Ms. Kee our appreciation for her efforts; (HLS 1279)

John Paul Lalonde, of Bucksport, for his volunteer efforts in promoting community economic development and recovery following the closure of the Verso paper mill. Mr. Lalonde spends countless hours of his time assisting with Bucksport's "Heart and Soul," a citizen-led initiative to celebrate the town's history, identify its common values and search for a unified vision. We extend to Mr. Lalonde our appreciation for his efforts; (HLS 1280)

Larry Wahl, of Bucksport, for his volunteer efforts in promoting community economic development and recovery following the closure of the Verso paper mill. Mr. Wahl, owner of Wahl's Dairy Port, is a member of the town's Economic Development Committee and Comprehensive Planning Committee. He is a member of the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Board and is chair of the Buck Memorial Library Board of Trustees. We extend to Mr. Wahl our appreciation for his efforts; (HLS 1281)

Christopher Johnson, of Bucksport, for his volunteer efforts in promoting community economic development and recovery following the closure of the Verso paper mill. Mr. Johnson spends countless hours of his time at the Bucksport Town Office, assisting the Town Clerk and filming Town Council meetings for cable television. The town's Planning Board and other committees, including Bucksport's "Heart and Soul," a citizen-led initiative to celebrate the town's history, identify its common values and search for a unified vision, the Great Pond Mountain Conversation Trust and the Comprehensive Planning Committee, all benefit from Mr. Johnson's participation. We extend to Mr. Johnson our appreciation for his efforts; (HLS 1282)

Stuart James Leach, of Penobscot. Mr. Leach was a 2009 graduate of Bucksport High School, where he played football. After graduating, he worked with his father on the Bagaduce River raising oysters and with his brother doing roofing and carpentry. Mr. Leach will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1283)

Lawrence Bossong, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, 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 1284)

Robert Bossong, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, 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 1285)

Gabrielle Farrell, of Falmouth, who is the Class A Girls Nordic Freestyle Ski Champion. We extend to Gabrielle our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1286)

Charlotte Janelle, of Falmouth, a senior at Falmouth High School, who won the 2016 Girls Class A Diving Championship with a score of 417.40, overturning Stacy Cooper's record of 415.70 set in 1989. We extend to Charlotte our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1287)

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Hannah Donovan, Gina Pardi, Mira Wyman and Malaika Pasch, of Falmouth, who won the 3,200-meter relay at the Class A Indoor Track State Championship. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1288)

Matt Polewaczyk, of Falmouth, who won the 200-meter dash at the Class A Indoor Track State Championship. We extend to Matt our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1289)

Matt Polewaczyk, Nick Sanzari, Nigel Dunn and Tony St. Angelo, of Falmouth, who won the 800-meter relay at the Class A Indoor Track State Championship. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1290)

William Kiley, of New Gloucester, to whom the Town of New Gloucester has dedicated its Town Report. Mr. Kiley was born on Peacock Hill Road in New Gloucester in 1936. He joined the United States Navy in 1954 and served as a petty officer aboard the USS *Canberra*, a Boston-class cruiser operating out of Norfolk, Virginia. After his naval service, Mr. Kiley returned to Peacock Hill Road and has lived there ever since. He married his wife, Patricia, in 1959. Mr. Kiley is a charter member of the Lunn-Hunnewell Amvets Post No. 6, which he helped to form in 1956. He served the post as Commander, as well as First, Second and Third Vice Commander. Mr. Kiley also served with New Gloucester Fire and Rescue for 50 years, helped establish the Royal River Riders Snowmobile Club in 1964 and, for 30 years, has been a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Kiley served on the New Gloucester Board of Selectmen from 1973 to 1975, helped start the New Gloucester Santa program in 1966 and was instrumental in the fund-raising and construction of the New Gloucester Veterans Monument. We extend to Mr. Kiley our congratulations on his receiving this honor and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1291)

Commander Stephen E. Spratt, of Castine, who is retiring from the United States Navy after 23 years of service. Commander Spratt graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy in 1993. A Plankowner of the USS *Laboon*, he served aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer in the Persian Gulf as part of Middle East Force Deployment 96-2 and in Operations Southern Watch and Desert Strike. On September 11, 2001, Commander Spratt was serving on Active Duty for Training at the Global Maritime and Transportation School at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. He witnessed the attack at the World Trade Center and was involved with emergency response contingency operations following the attacks. In February 2005, he was selected and mobilized for extended active duty as a Special Liaison and Action Officer for the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, serving in a key support position for classified contingency operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Commander Spratt served in the Department of the Navy's Navy Engineering and Logistics Office as the Director, Maritime Technical Consulting Team. In May 2009, he was mobilized to the Pentagon and served as an Action Officer to the Strategic Mobility/Combat Logistics Division, Sealift Programs and Policy Branch. A qualified Surface Warfare Officer, he wears the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and numerous other unit and campaign awards. We extend to Commander Spratt our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1292)

Jacob Ketchen, of Cooper, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jacob on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1293)

Emily Lobley, of Marshfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of

Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1294)

Alice Ruth (Haley) Poor, of Kenduskeag. Mrs. Poor was born in North Conway, New Hampshire, and grew up there. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Carroll Reed Ski Shop after high school and later became a waitress, working at Hoffman House in North Conway in 1959. In North Conway she met and married John "Jay" Poor. In 1964, she and her husband moved to Kenduskeag, where they raised their family and became an integral part of the community. During the 1970s and 1980s, she worked at Art's Place in Kenduskeag village. She retired after 26 years at Killarney's Restaurant in Bangor. Mrs. Poor will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1295)

Virginia "Ginger" A. Sodermark, of Kenduskeag. Mrs. Sodermark was born in Kenduskeag, and she graduated from Brewer High School in 1951. She married James Sodermark on October 26, 1951. She worked in the Dow Air Force Base cafeteria as a baker. She attended Beal Business School, from which she received her associate degree. Mrs. Sodermark worked for many years at St. Joseph Hospital as an administrative assistant, worked as a teacher's aide at Kenduskeag Elementary School and retired from Doug's Shop 'n Save. Mrs. Sodermark will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1296)

Ann Putney, of Biddeford, an 8th grade science teacher at Biddeford Middle School and district science coordinator, who is the recipient of the Maine Stewardship Award by Project Learning Tree. Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents and community leaders who work with youth. This award goes to an educator who helps Maine students and teachers become better informed about sound environmental stewardship. Ms. Putney was honored for her continuing education efforts, including facilitating teacher workshops and holding Forest Field Days behind Biddeford Middle School, where teachers and students met with natural resources professionals. We congratulate Ms. Putney on her receiving the Maine Stewardship Award; (HLS 1297)

Sophia Jacques, of Peru, who is the recipient of a 2016 Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism. In order to qualify for the award, students must complete at least 50 hours of volunteer service and be younger than 18 years old. Sophia volunteered at Rumford Hospital through the Junior Volunteer program. We extend our appreciation and congratulations to Sophia on her receiving this award; (HLS 1298)

Arthur Bradford Dority, of Ellsworth, a longtime member of the community. Mr. Dority was born in Mariaville and was a 1944 graduate of Ellsworth High School. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Most of his working career was as supervisor of construction for Nickerson and O'Day, general contractors. Mr. Dority was an avid member of the Mariaville Grange No. 441, holding several offices, including Master, a member of the Green Mountain Pomona No. 26, the Maine State Grange, and a member of the Lygonia Masonic Lodge No. 40. He was a Shriner in the flag unit and a deacon of the Union Congregational Church in Ellsworth Falls. Mr. Dority will be greatly missed by his wife of 66 years, Joanne, his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1299)

Darrell Leverett Brewer, of Lucerne. Mr. Brewer was born in Bangor. He had a caring personality and enjoyed his volunteer ministry teaching about the Bible. Mr. Brewer will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1300)

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Maddy Price, of Canaan, a student at Skowhegan Area High School, who was named the 2016 *Morning Sentinel* Track and Field Girls Athlete of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1301)

the Old Town High School Jazz Band 2, of Old Town, which placed first at the Maine Music Educators Association 2016 High School Instrumental State Jazz Festival in the Multi-Jazz Band Division. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the band, which performed under the direction of Jeff Priest; (HLS 1302)

Jason Furbush, of Madison, coach of the Madison Area Memorial High School Boys Basketball Team, who has been named the *Morning Sentinel* Boys Basketball Coach of the Year. We extend to Mr. Furbush our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1303)

Cody Craig, of Skowhegan, a junior at Skowhegan Area High School, who was named the 2016 *Morning Sentinel* Wrestler of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Cody on this achievement; (HLS 1304)

the Skowhegan Area High School Wrestling Team, of Skowhegan, on its winning the 2016 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1305)

Cody Craig, of Skowhegan, who placed 2nd in the New England Wrestling Championship in the 106-pound class. We extend to Cody our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1306)

Mike Miller, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan Area High School, who was named the 2016 *Morning Sentinel* Boys Alpine Skier of the Year. This is the third year in a row he has been named Boys Alpine Skier of the Year. We extend to Mike our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1307)

the Old Town High School Jazz Ensemble, of Old Town, which placed 2nd at the Maine Music Educators Association 2016 High School Instrumental State Jazz Festival for Division III Jazz. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the ensemble, which performed under the direction of Jeff Priest; (HLS 1308)

Donald and Theresa Anderson, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were married on February 1, 1951. We join their family and friends in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special anniversary; (HLS 1309)

Danielle Marquis, of Sidney, who has been named the Outstanding Professional of the Year by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Marquis is a licensed producer and broker at Higgins and Bolduc Agency, an independent insurance agency in Oakland. We extend to Ms. Marquis our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1310)

Amici's Cucina, of Waterville, owned by Mary and Angelo Carpinito and Shannon Mitchell, which has been named the Business of the Year by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Amici's Cucina our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1311)

Quarry Road Recreation Area, in Waterville, on its being the recipient of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Community Service Project of the Year Award for 2015. Quarry Road is run as a partnership between the City of Waterville and Friends of Quarry Road. It has been a winter sports hub since 1938, and collaboration among community groups has been the key to its success. We extend our congratulations on its being given this award; (HLS 1312)

Emma Leuders, of Canton, a senior at Dirigo High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine

Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Emma on her receiving this award; (HLS 1313)

Cho Sun, of Bethel, owned by Pok Sun Lane, which has received the 2016 Business of the Year Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Since opening on Main Street in Bethel in 2002, Cho Sun has become a restaurant destination. We extend to Ms. Lane our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1314)

Nancy Babcock, of Newry, who has received the Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Babcock is involved with a number of local organizations, such as the Bethel Outing Club and the food pantry, and she is a great booster for local sports teams and arts events. Her true strength, however, is her personal commitment to helping individuals in need. We extend to Ms. Babcock our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1315)

Brent Angevine, of Bethel, who has received the 2016 Forest Products Industry Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Angevine has worked for years as a mechanic serving the forest products industry all over rural Maine. He also is the Chair of the Bethel Water District Board of Trustees and of the Bingham Forest Authority. We extend to Mr. Angevine our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1316)

Jim Osgood, of Newry, who has received the 2016 Maine Guide Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Osgood has been a registered Maine guide for over 30 years and has brought hundreds of people from all over the country to the Bethel area. His guide business not only contributes to the local economy but enriches it. We extend to Mr. Osgood our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1317)

Scott Sumner, of Bethel, who has received the 2016 Public Service Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sumner is the Town of Bethel's Director of Public Works. He has served the town for over 20 years. We extend to Mr. Sumner our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1318)

Judy Sullivan, of Kennebunkport, who has received the 2016 Nonprofit Leadership Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sullivan is the volunteer coordinator for Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation. When she started, the organization had a staff of 3 offering skiing at Sunday River. Today, it offers year-round programming with over 400 students and well over 500 volunteers, whom Ms. Sullivan manages. We extend to Ms. Sullivan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1319)

Wade Kavanaugh and Beth Weisberger, of Albany Township, who have received the 2016 Rising Star Entrepreneur Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kavanaugh and Ms. Weisberger own Gneiss Spice and The Gem in the Old Casablanca Cinema. They regularly seek input from the public for their programming, put on events for the community and work with nonprofits to raise funds. We extend to Mr. Kavanaugh and Ms. Weisberger our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1320)

Deb Webster, of Newry, who has received the 2016 Education Professional Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Webster founded the Eddy School, a private nonprofit middle school, and is working on a tuition funding plan that will make the school accessible to students regardless of their families' ability to pay tuition. She encourages students in their academic work but also supports their growth in all areas of life, with a special focus on community service learning and outdoor stewardship. We extend to Ms. Webster our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1321)

Austin Bear, of Hanover, who has received a Student Citizenship Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Austin was nominated for this award by the administration of Telstar Regional High School for his community service both in school and in the community. We extend to Austin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1322)

the Bethel Outing Club, of Bethel, which has received a Special Recognition Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. For nearly 40 years, the club has sponsored a free afterschool ski program for young skiers of all abilities. We extend to the Bethel Outing Club our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1323)

Robin Bennett, of Bethel, who has received the 2016 Hospitality Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Bennett has been working at The Sudbury Inn for 16 years, and she has become an ambassador not only for the inn but for Bethel as well. We extend to Ms. Bennett our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1324)

Greg Duclos, of Andover, who has received the 2016 Service Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Duclos is general manager of the Sunday River Brewing Company. We extend to Mr. Duclos our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1325)

Dave Scanlan, of Greenwood, who has received the 2016 Ski Industry Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Scanlan is Mt. Abram Family Resort's general manager, and he provides skiers and riders the best possible experience on the slopes. We extend to Mr. Scanlan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1326)

Jane Chandler, of Newry, who has received the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Chandler has worked for Androscoggin Home Health as a visiting nurse in the Bethel area for over 30 years. She is a member of the Bethel Community Band and the West Parish Congregational Church, where she heads the Smile Fund, which raises money for individuals needing dentures and dental work. We extend to Ms. Chandler our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1327)

Kristen O'Connor, of Andover, who has received a Special Recognition Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. O'Connor, from Western Maine Budo Arts, is devoted to the youth of the community, teaching them confidence, self-awareness and self-respect. We extend to Ms. O'Connor our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1328)

Blair Stevens, of Bethel, who has received a Student Citizenship Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Blair was nominated for this award by the administration of Telstar Regional High School for her community service both in school and in the community. We extend to Blair our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1329)

the Maine Moose Full Season U16 AA Team, based in Hallowell, which won the USA Hockey National Championship in Wayne, New Jersey. The team went undefeated in six games against teams from around the nation. The team also had an undefeated regular MEAHA league season, followed by an undefeated playoffs to win the Maine State Championship, and the team played in the Eastern Junior Elite Prospects League and dominated their division. Members of the team, who come from across the State, include Esa Maki, Matt Jolicoeur, Dustin Larochelle, Joe Bisson, Ryan Raby, Gavin Bates, Jayden Wilson, Joe Grant, Josh Malone, Tanner McClure, Cole Ouellette, Jeromey Rancourt, Nick Bisson, Marc Thibodeau, Cody Doyon, Ryan Kappelman, Cam Wilson, Sam Story and Tyler Halls and coaches Ben Gray and Jim Raby. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1330)

Ryan Sinclair, of Farmingdale, a senior at Hall-Dale High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Ryan is a 3-sport varsity athlete and has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the graduating class of 2016. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on his receiving these honors; (HLS 1331)

Peter Del Gallo, of Gardiner, who won the New England Wrestling Championship in the 120-pound class. We extend to Peter our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1332)

Mary Toman, of Gardiner, a junior at Gardiner Area High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who has been named the *Kennebec Journal* Girls Basketball Player of the Year. We extend to Mary our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1333)

Michael Poirier, of Gardiner, a student at Gardiner Area High School, who was named the 2016 *Kennebec Journal* Hockey Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1334)

Peyton Dostie, of Standish, a senior at the University of Southern Maine, who won the women's pentathlon at the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Grinnell, Iowa. She is the University of Southern Maine's first female athlete to win a national title. Ms. Dostie won the 60 hurdles, 800 meters and long jump and achieved personal bests in the high jump and shot put to win the title by 97 points, scoring 3,654 points overall. We extend to Ms. Dostie our congratulations on her accomplishments and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1335)

Lynn Mayer, of Enfield, Library Media Specialist at Old Town Elementary School, who has received the Walter J. Taranko Award from the Maine Association of School Libraries. This annual award honors a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the school librarian profession. We extend to Ms. Mayer our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1336)

Wayne Hamilton, of Searsport, who has received the Golden Eagle award from the Waldo District of the Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The award honors an individual who has made a difference in the lives and communities of Waldo County. We extend to Mr. Hamilton our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1337)

Kyle Crans, of Camden, a senior at Camden Hills Regional High School, who won the Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Event at the 2015-2016 Maine High School Boys Class B State Swimming and Diving Championships. Kyle also placed 2nd in the Boys 100 Yard Freestyle Event. We extend to Kyle our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1338)

Connor O'Farrell, Cooper Russell, Julian Abaldo and Kyle Crans, students at Camden Hills Regional High School, of Camden, who won the Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay Event at the 2015-2016 Maine High School Boys Class B State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1339)

the Honorable Allan Woodcock, Jr., of Bangor, a longtime respected member of the legal community. Mr. Woodcock first began practicing law in 1948 and served 50 years on the bench, becoming the State's longest-serving probate judge; he first took office on January 1, 1963. He also represented the City of Bangor in the House of Representatives from 1951 to 1954 and in the Senate from 1955 to 1960. It was said that "Judge Woodcock was the quintessential gentleman judge" and that he always put the interest of the public before the institution. Mr. Woodcock will be greatly missed and long remembered by his

loving family, his many friends and the community and State that he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1340)

C. Thomas Potter, of Lebanon, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Potter was born and raised in the Boston, Massachusetts area. For 4 years, he was in the communications field with the United States Navy; for 21 months, he took part in monitoring the Russian Black Sea fleet. Following his time with the Navy, he attended and graduated from Tufts University, where he met his beloved wife, Barbara. In 1958, they moved to Lebanon, where Mr. Potter became a dairy farmer and opened Potter's Place Campground with his brother, Brews. His civic involvement was extensive and included membership in the Springvale Masonic Lodge, of which he was a 57-year member, service in the late 1980s as Lebanon's interim road commissioner, participation on Lebanon's budget committee and planning board and 2 terms as a Lebanon selectman. Mr. Potter will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1341)

Spencer R. Havey, of Pittsfield, a veteran of the United States Navy and a prominent local figure. Mr. Havey was born in Pittsfield and graduated from Maine Central Institute in 1956. He served in the Navy from 1956 to 1960. He served as police chief for the Town of Pittsfield for many years, as sheriff for Somerset County from 1990 to 1994 and as assistant chief of the Pittsfield Fire Department. He was the founding father of the Sebecook Valley Elks Lodge No. 2713, which he served as exalted ruler for 5 terms. He also was a member of the Meridian Masonic Lodge No. 125, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, for many years. He volunteered his time on several occasions, and he recently received a Spirit of America Award for his service to the community. Mr. Havey will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and all those who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1342)

William Thompson, M.D., a resident of the Gorham House in Gorham, who is the recipient of a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association's Remember ME project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Dr. Thompson was born in 1923 and had a volunteer spirit at an early age. During World War II, he was fast-tracked by the military to learn medical and surgical techniques, attending Williams College and Yale University. He worked as a surgeon in a mobile army surgical hospital during the Korean War. After serving his country, Dr. Thompson started a practice as a general surgeon, moving his family locally and across the country, living in Pittsfield and finally settling in Massachusetts. Even after retiring, Dr. Thompson volunteered at the Homeless Health Center in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, receiving the Senior Volunteer of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Medical Association. At Gorham House, Dr. Thompson generously contributes to the Leavitt's Free Health Care Clinic. We congratulate him on his being recognized by the Remember ME project; (HLS 1343)

Cleveland D. Welch, of Lebanon. Mr. Welch was born in Sanford and graduated from Sanford High School in 1958. For nearly 20 years, he was employed by First National Stores, eventually managing the Sanford store. He later worked for Cummings Brothers as an on-the-road grocery salesman. He and his brother, Wally, started Little River Builders. They built nearly 200 homes and also found a niche building pallets. Their business grew and became Welch's Hardware and Lumber in East Lebanon. Mr. Welch was a member of the Springvale Masonic Lodge #190, serving as master in 1981; the Kora Shriners; the Pioneer Club; The Renegades; the Scottish Rites

Body of the Valley of Portland; the Royal Order of Jesters #107 Put Stevens Court; the Riverside Grange #475; the Ruth Chapter #14 of the Order of the Eastern Star; and the Central New Hampshire Model T Club. Mr. Welch also served as a volunteer firefighter for Lebanon and was a life member of the Sanford-Springvale Fish and Game Protective Association. Mr. Welch will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1344)

Dakota Farris, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 1345)

Jeri Greenwell, of Bethel, who is the recipient of the 2016 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award for Maine from the CDC Foundation and the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. Ms. Greenwell became an advocate for childhood immunization after her son, Jerry, died from meningococcal meningitis in 2003; she has been actively involved in educating nurses, parents and others about the importance of immunization for the past 13 years. She played an influential role in the development of the Maine Universal Childhood Immunization Program and in 2012 the National Meningitis Association presented her with the Moms on Meningitis Outstanding Service Award. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Greenwell on her receiving this recent honor; (HLS 1346)

the Southern Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Association, in Springvale, which has erected a monument honoring veterans of the past, present and future. The association will hold a dedication ceremony on Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2016. We join with the Southern Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Association in honoring the service of Armed Forces veterans and extend to veterans our congratulations on the dedication of this monument; (HLS 1347)

Fredrick Denico, of Vassalboro. Mr. Denico was born in Portland and graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in chemical engineering in 1963. He worked at Huhtamaki his entire career before retiring, operated an apple orchard for several years and built a sugar camp in the unorganized township T7R19. He loved living in Vassalboro, where he spent his youth. Mr. Denico served Vassalboro as a selectman and on the budget committee, the town office budget committee, the capital improvement committee, the comprehensive planning committee and, for two terms, the school board. He also served the town as chairman of the new library building and the expansion of the library and as chairman of the sanitary district. Governor Paul LePage appointed Mr. Denico to serve on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway Advisory Council for two terms, and Mr. Denico served as chair of the council. Mr. Denico will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1348)

David C. Dubord, of Lewiston, who has received the New Beginnings Service Award for his 30 years of dedicated service to New Beginnings and countless volunteer hours helping New Beginnings in its mission to care for homeless youth. Mr. Dubord has served New Beginnings as an adviser, a board member and board president. Mr. Dubord, an attorney with Gosselin and Dubord, P.A., is also involved with Pathways and Saint Dominic Regional High School and in ministry at Prince of Peace Parish. We extend to Mr. Dubord our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1349)

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the Honorable Mary H. MacBride, of Falmouth, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on May 11, 2016. Mrs. MacBride, a former lawmaker from Presque Isle, served 8 terms in the Maine House of Representatives from 1979 to 1994. During her tenure, she served on numerous committees, including the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and was head of the Aroostook County delegation. We extend to Mrs. MacBride our congratulations on her birthday and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1350)

Thomas S. Squiers, Sr., of Augusta, formerly of Hallowell, a veteran of the United States Army Air Forces. Mr. Squiers was born in Passadumkeag and graduated from Howland High School and Gates Business College. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. After the war, he returned to school, graduating from Colby College in 1949. He married Olive Mae Bachelder on June 17, 1946, in Hallowell. Mr. Squiers worked for the State of Maine, Bureau of Taxation and retired as Director of Sales Tax in May 1981. He was a member and former treasurer at Old South Congregational Church in Hallowell. Mr. Squiers will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1351)

Richard Clark, of Wells, for his 6 consecutive terms of service, totaling 18 years, on the Wells Board of Selectmen. Mr. Clark has served as chairman of the board and has helped lead Wells through an array of issues and projects as well as several personnel changes, including the hiring and rehiring of 2 town managers and the hiring of 2 police and fire chiefs. He assisted the Town of Wells in administering the new highway garage and the solar project that helps power that facility, and he was involved with the York County Budget Committee. Mr. Clark also served as the town's representative to the Wells Reserve Management Authority, which oversees the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. We extend to Mr. Clark our appreciation for his years of service; his contributions to the Town of Wells will be long remembered for making the community a better place to live; (HLS 1352)

TJ Bolduc, of Waterville, who has been named the Business Person of the Year by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bolduc is the owner of Advance 1 Cleaning in Waterville, which he established in 1987 and which now employs 65 people. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1353)

Andrew Fleming, of Norway, a senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who has been named the 2015-16 Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Andrew led the team to a 15-5 record and the Class AA North semifinals this season. He was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference North Class AA Player of the Year and is a First Team All-State selection of the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. The Gatorade Player of the Year award is given for athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court and distinguishes Andrew as the State's best high school boys basketball player. We extend to Andrew our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1354)

Margaret Pinkham, of Boothbay, who has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Boothbay Region YMCA. Ms. Pinkham is a former Boothbay Region YMCA board member and president. She has served on several Y boards, including governance, finance and human resources boards, and a strategic task force. We extend to Ms. Pinkham our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1355)

the University of Maine at Fort Kent Men's and Women's Soccer Teams, of Fort Kent, which won the USCAA National

Soccer Championships. Both teams won more than 20 games and had only 2 losses. The men's team outscored opponents 126-18, scoring 50 goals more than any other team, and finished the season winning 13 straight matches. This was the men's team's second USCAA National Championship this decade. The women's team outscored opponents 134-12 and finished the season winning 14 straight games. The team's last 8 games were shutouts, and the team outscored opponents 51-0. This was the women's team's third-straight USCAA National Championship and fifth in 6 years. We extend to the University of Maine at Fort Kent Men's and Women's Soccer Teams our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1356)

Dr. Robert M. Dixon, of Atlanta, Georgia, on the occasion of his being awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, from the University of Maine at Fort Kent for his extraordinary scholarship and for being a gifted and caring educator and a superb administrator. Dr. Dixon served as interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University of Maine at Fort Kent from January 2014 to December 2015. Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, he earned his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Morehouse College, his master's degree in nuclear physics from Rutgers University and his Ph.D. in theoretical nuclear physics at the University of Maryland. Dr. Dixon has taught since 1966 and is currently Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. We acknowledge Dr. Dixon's contributions to the University of Maine at Fort Kent and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1357)

Justin and Vanessa Hodgkin, of Fort Kent, who have received the Presidential Award for Valor -- Citizen Award from the Maine Sheriffs' Association. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin intervened last summer in a domestic violence assault they witnessed on State Road in Mapleton. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1358)

Doralene "Lulu" Begin, of Fairfield, for her 29 years of service with the State of Maine. Ms. Begin is an Occupational Safety Engineer at the Maine Department of Transportation John E. Dority Safety Training Center. She began her service as an acting capacity Clerk Typist II in 1987. In 1997, she became a Safety Compliance Officer, the position later being reclassified as an Occupational Safety Engineer. Ms. Begin has developed a strong relationship with the Maine Community College Network and helped to create specialized training in welding for Maine Department of Transportation workers. She has presented programs on Work Zone Safety, Confined Space and Fall Protection, along with numerous OSHA classes. She assisted in creating a flagger video and a Survey Safety Manual, has created monthly safety topics for crews and redesigned all training programs using current policies and procedures. We extend to Ms. Begin our appreciation for her service and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1359)

Eleanor Pooler, of Solon, who is receiving a 4-H Volunteer Outstanding Lifetime Award from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Ms. Pooler has led the Solon Pine Tree 4-H Club for 51 years. Since joining Franklin County's Tough Nuts 4-H Club at 10 years of age, she has practiced what 4-H represents, and she involves all types of learning in a wide variety of club activities and models a strong commitment to community service. We extend to Ms. Pooler our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1360)

Brandon Charles Stevens, of Detroit, 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

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growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1361)

David Gaw, of Guilford, for whom the Town of Guilford ball field is being named. Coach Gaw has dedicated his entire professional life to the youth of Guilford and surrounding towns. As a longtime coach and Director of Athletics at Piscataquis Community High School, Coach Gaw has guided the school's baseball team to over 300 wins and many Penquis League Championships. He was instrumental in bringing American Legion Baseball to the region and has spent countless hours working with younger players during the summer months. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Coach Gaw on having the field named in his honor; (HLS 1362)

Julian Abaldo, of Rockland, a senior at Camden Hills Regional High School, who won the Boys 100 Yard Butterfly Event at the 2015-2016 Maine High School Boys Class B State Swimming and Diving Championships. Julian also placed 3rd in the Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Event. We extend to Julian our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1363)

David Brooks, of Lisbon Falls, Chief of the Lisbon Police Department, on his retirement after nearly 42 years of service with the department. Chief Brooks worked briefly with the Town of Richmond before joining the Lisbon department. He was promoted to Sergeant in July 1980 and to Chief in December 1980. He was the youngest police chief in Maine when he was promoted. From 1989 to 1995, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of Maine Special Olympics. In 1992, he was recognized as Maine's Police Chief of the Year. We extend to Chief Brooks our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1364)

Stan Pinnette, of Fairfield, who has received the Community Service Award from the Victor Grange #49 in Fairfield Center for the dedication, time and service he has given to the community. We extend to Mr. Pinnette our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1365)

Daniel Michel, of Lisbon, Lieutenant of the Lisbon Police Department, on his retirement after over 39 years of service with the department. Lieutenant Michel began his career in law enforcement with the Town of Old Orchard Beach in July 1974, later working for the Town of Winthrop before joining the Lisbon department in December 1976. He was promoted to Sergeant in January 1981 and to Lieutenant in July 1983. We extend to Lieutenant Michel our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1366)

Sonia Erskine, of Dixmont, who is the recipient of Pine Tree Camp's 2016 Spirit Award, presented to her by the Snowmobile Ride-In Committee and Pine Tree Camp. The award is given to individuals or groups that have made an impact in the lives of Maine children and adults with disabilities. Ms. Erskine has been a longtime supporter of the camp. For nearly 30 years, she has participated in the annual 100-mile snowmobile ride-a-thon for the camp, and she and her family have always been at the center of fund-raisers, numerous suppers and countless events at the Dixmont Gold Crest Riders Snowmobile Club. We extend to Ms. Erskine our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1367)

Jada Lin, of Pittston, who was named the 2016 Youth of the Year by The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner. Jada credits her 12 years of involvement with The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner with being an important part of her growing up. Because of the club, Jada became involved in the Keystone Club and has served her community through work with Togus VAMC and the Ronald McDonald House. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Jada on her being named the 2016 Youth of the Year; (HLS 1368)

the Caravel Middle School Chess Team, of Carmel, which won the Junior High School Championship section of the 2016 Maine State Scholastic Team Chess Championships. The team also won the Penobscot Valley Middle League Championship. Members of the team include Bill Hartt, Ian Kelly, Daniel Brower, Liana Shaw, Josh Lovejoy, Nathen Perley, Daegan Purvis, Reagan Partridge, Ethan Bailey, Nick Peterson, Grady Partridge and Jordyn Robinson. The team is coached by Austin Walker. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1369)

Master Sergeant Timothy P. McAlister, of Auburn, who was named one of the 2015 Outstanding Airmen of the Year by the Air National Guard. Based at the South Portland Air National Guard Station, Master Sergeant McAlister has an exemplary list of accomplishments in leadership and job performance. He also has shown significant self-improvement through education, completing 95 credit hours towards a bachelor's degree at Kaplan University and completing the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy correspondence course. He is very active in volunteering on base and in his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Master Sergeant McAlister on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1370)

Lisa A. (Hagerman) Harmon, of South Portland. Mrs. Harmon was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, and grew up in Scarborough, graduating from Scarborough High School in 1980. She married Stewart Harmon, and they raised 2 children, Jamie and Brandon. In 2015, she opened Harmon's Dairy Bar on Moorebeck Farm, the Harmon family's farm since 1925, in Scarborough. Mrs. Harmon will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1371)

Joseph A. Deschaine, of Dedham, a teacher, coach and veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Deschaine was born in Keegan, in Van Buren. He graduated from Van Buren High School and the University of Maine at Presque Isle with a Bachelor of Science degree in health, physical education and recreation. Mr. Deschaine was a Captain in the Army and served during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1970. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. In 1977, he married Monique Ouellette, and they had 5 children. From 1974 to 1999, he taught at Wisdom High School in St. Agatha, where he coached a variety of sports. He later served as the assistant basketball coach at John Bapst High School in Bangor. Mr. Deschaine also coached Farm League, Little League, Junior League and Senior League baseball, as well as Pee-Wee Basketball for the Holbrook recreation program, developed the Pee-Wee Basketball and "Just Say NO" programs in School Administrative District No. 33 through the Optimist Club and started Open Gym for area youth. He was an active member of the American Legion Post No. 145 in Frenchville, a parishioner of St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor and a member of the American Veterans Arts and Crafts Art Gallery. Mr. Deschaine will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Monique, and his family, friends, colleagues, students and players; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1372)

Anthony Hazelton, of Harrison, former Harrison Fire Chief and a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Hazelton was born in Bridgton, attended Bridgton schools and served in the Army during the Vietnam War. After his military service, he worked at his father's garage, Art's Body Shop. He took a rural mail carrier position with the United States Post Office, retiring in 2004 after 37 years of work. He had served in the Harrison Fire Department since 1970, with 25 years as chief. He also served on the first Town of Harrison planning board. He was a past commander of the Harrison American Legion Post #139; Past Master of the Crooked River Lodge #152, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons;

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Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge, Kora Shriners; a past member of the Bridgton Masonic Chapter and Commandery; a past member of the Western Maine Firefighters Association; and a past member of the Lions Club. An avid NASCAR fan and racer, Mr. Hazelton drove car #33 at Oxford Plains Speedway. Mr. Hazelton will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Betty, and his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1373)

Morganne M. Robinson, of Palmyra, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Morganne on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1374)

Gwendolyn E. Viles, of Athens, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gwendolyn on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1375)

Galen R. Morrison, of Gray, for his 38 years of honorable public service with the Gray Fire Rescue Department. During this nearly four-decade span, Mr. Morrison served five years as the department's chief. He continues to be a valuable resource for his fellow active firefighters, rescue responders and the chief. We extend to Mr. Morrison our appreciation for his years of service; (HLS 1376)

Audrey Groski, of Glenburn, an 8th grade student at Bangor Christian School, who placed 1st All-Around at the 2016 YMCA Gymnastics League State Championship. Audrey competed in 4 events: bars, beam, floor and vault. She placed 1st on beam and vault and 3rd on bars and floor, which combined made her the all-around champion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her achievements; (HLS 1377)

Samuel A. Gleysteen, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, 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 1378)

Dean Preston, 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 Scout project, Dean organized a Storywalk and a community day at Donnabeth Lippman Park in Windham. For the Storywalk, he built a gateway to a path along which he arranged for children to walk and read a story. For the community day, he organized a demonstration by a K-9 unit from the Windham Police Department and a day of games, crafts and walks on the Storywalk for children from the recreation department. We extend our congratulations to Dean on this achievement; (HLS 1379)

Patten White, of York. Mr. White was born in Salem, Massachusetts. He began lobstering at 16 years of age, and later he joined the Peace Corps with the mission of improving fishing practices in Togo, in Africa. He married Enid Wardwell, of Castine, and they were married for 51 years, until she passed away. Mr. White worked as a ski salesman in North Conway, New Hampshire, and then managed Mt. Agamenticus in York. He and Mrs. White purchased what would become White's Farm and Garden Center, which they operated for 15 years. He returned to lobstering and became the Executive Director of the Maine Lobstermen's Association. He also served as a commissioner on the Pew Oceans Commission, a delegate in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and President of

the Board of Directors of the Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation. Mr. White will be long remembered and sadly missed by his dearest friend, Myrna Lloyd, and his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1380)

Kip D. Connolly, of Madison. Mr. Connolly was born in Littleton, New Hampshire, and graduated from Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield in 1978. In 1983, he joined Huard's Karate Studio in Winslow, later opening his own branch in Madison, Connolly's and Huard's Ju-Jitsu Karate, which he owned and operated for more than 20 years. Mr. Connolly also worked 9 years at Ethan Allen Furniture in Burnham and 15 years at ZD Wire Products in Skowhegan before going back to school at 40 years of age to study nursing at Kennebec Valley Community College. He had received a kidney from his aunt, Ann Whitehouse, a gift that extended his life by at least 14 years and inspired him to become a nurse to help others in their time of need. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at 43 years of age and worked as a registered nurse at Redington-Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan for the past 12 years. After losing his leg, Mr. Connolly joined Maine Handicapped Skiing and later became an instructor to help others with disabilities learn to ski. He was a past member of the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge. Mr. Connolly will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 32 years, Stephanie, and his family, friends, colleagues and students; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1381)

the Honorable Richard C. Kneeland, of Easton, a prominent farmer and public servant. Mr. Kneeland was born in Easton on May 16, 1933 to Afton and Dorothy (Johnson) Kneeland. He was the operator of Kneeland Farms for close to 5 decades, and he contributed greatly to the agricultural community as director and vice president of Maine Potato Growers, president of the Aroostook Farm Bureau, director of the Maine Farm Bureau, chairman of the Maine Potato Commission and president of the Maine Potato Board. In 1997, the Kneeland family was honored as Farm Family of the Year. For 20 years, Mr. Kneeland was a member of the Easton Board of Selectmen. In 1992, he was elected to the Maine House of Representatives, serving then District 144, which consisted of Blaine, Easton, Fort Fairfield and Mars Hill. During his time in the House, he was assigned to the joint standing committees on agriculture, appropriations and financial affairs and housing and economic development. In 2000, Mr. Kneeland was elected to the Maine Senate, serving the citizens of then District 2: Caribou, Easton, Fort Fairfield, Limestone and Presque Isle. As a senator, he was on the joint standing committees on taxation and inland fisheries and wildlife, and he chaired the joint standing committee on agriculture, conservation and forestry. As a result of his noteworthy legislative career, the National Republican Legislative Association honored Mr. Kneeland with the 1999 Legislator of the Year Award. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, in Westfield, where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years. We extend to Mr. Kneeland's wife of 61 years, L. Jean (Keirstead) Kneeland, and his family and friends our most sincere condolences. Mr. Kneeland will be long remembered for his selflessness, humility and kindheartedness; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1382)

Joshua Ricker, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Fort Fairfield Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joshua on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1383)

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Lillian Ashby, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Fort Fairfield Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lillian on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1384)

Tamar Cimenian, of Wells, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Wells High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tamar on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1385)

Kate Macolini, of Wells, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Wells High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kate on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1386)

Lily Lamkin, of Standish, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1387)

Desiree Wright, of Limington, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Desiree on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1388)

SummerKeys, of Lubec, on its 25th Anniversary. SummerKeys is a summer music and arts program offering workshops to students of all instructional levels. SummerKeys also offers to the public free of charge the Mary Potterton Memorial Concert Series, which features the acclaimed talent of the SummerKeys faculty, and an evening of Cabaret at the Lubec Grange. We extend to Bruce Potterton, founder and director of SummerKeys, and to the faculty and staff of SummerKeys our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 1389)

Ormond Trask, Jr., of Saco, on his 85th birthday, May 24, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1390)

Ormond and Glenna Trask, Jr., of Saco, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Trask were married on February 19, 1956. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 1391)

Robert L. Deane, of Jay, as he retires from the board of directors of the Spruce Mountain Ski Club after 20 years of commitment. Mr. Deane has been an invaluable volunteer for the club for more than 25 years and has given hundreds of hours towards its success as a tri-town treasure. We congratulate Mr. Deane on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1392)

Stephen M. Barker, of Kenduskeag, a longtime employee of Pine State Trading Company. Mr. Barker was born in Bangor, grew up in Bradley and was a 1978 graduate of Old Town High School. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1393)

Erik Bradford, of Waterville, on the occasion of his retirement from 20 years of service as Postmaster of the Town of Smithfield. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Bradford on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1394)

Madalyn M. Jackson, of Hermon, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Hermon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Madalyn on this achievement; (HLS 1395)

Ali T. Reynolds, of Hermon, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Hermon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ali on this achievement; (HLS 1396)

the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality at Holy Family Church, in Lewiston, on the 90th Anniversary of its establishment. St. Anne Sodality has been very active through the years in raising money to help defray expenses of the church and school, through fairs,

card parties and cake sales. We extend our congratulations to the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality on this anniversary; (HLS 1397)

the following Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Lewiston High School, in Lewiston: Per Kyle Almquist, Alanna M. Fellows, Kelsey L. St. Cyr, Tamia Shanice Wilson, Eric L. Hall, Gabriel N. Jacques, Sylvia C. M. Schulze, Maggie R. Phelan, Andrew Chin and Sarah R. Kennedy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 1398)

Olivia Giles, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Olivia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1399)

Samantha Shampine, of New Gloucester, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Samantha on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1400)

Brooke Yorkey, of Poland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brooke on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1401)

Erin Brewer, of Poland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Erin on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1402)

Brooke DePuy, of Litchfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Oak Hill High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brooke on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1403)

Abigail Cross, of Brewer, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Bangor Christian Schools. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Abigail on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1404)

Jim Whitney and Jon Whitney, both of Lincoln, who have received the Hometown Heroes Award from the Modern Woodmen of America. The Whitneys, founders and directors of the Golden Key Senior Center in Lincoln, received the award because of their leadership in the community and long-term community service. The Hometown Hero Program gives thanks to those who give back to the community and encourage others to volunteer. We extend our appreciation to the Whitneys for their service and congratulate them on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1405)

Madison York, of New Limerick, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Hodgdon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Madison on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1406)

David Stansfield, of Berwick, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Noble High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to David on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1407)

Amy Pass, of North Berwick, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Noble High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Amy on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1408)

Abigail Hall, of Carmel, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Bangor Christian Schools. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Abigail on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1409)

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June Choi, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to June on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1410)

Amira Abouleish, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Co-Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Amira on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1411)

Chelsea Gentle, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Co-Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chelsea on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1412)

Blake Woods, of Hodgdon, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Hodgdon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Blake on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1413)

Kerri Spellman, of Hodgdon, who has earned the distinction of being named First Honor Essayist for Hodgdon High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kerri on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1414)

Julia Dillingham, of Turner, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Leavitt Area High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Julia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1415)

Hannah Varney, of Turner, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Leavitt Area High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Hannah on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1416)

Ella Kowal, of Eastport, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. Ms. Kowal has served the City of Eastport for 18 years. We send our congratulations to her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1417)

Kylee Veilleux, of Sabattus, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Oak Hill High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kylee on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1418)

Austin Wayne Ashmore, of Orland, a young man who loved gardening, cooking, fishing, kayaking and writing poetry. Austin enjoyed working with computers and building things with his hands. He was an avid animal enthusiast and had a passion for photography. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1419)

Emma Bonner, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Easton Junior/Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emma on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1420)

Drew Sotomayor, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named 2nd Honor Essayist of the 2016 graduating class of Easton Junior/Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Drew on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1421)

Blake Bradley, of Easton, who has earned the distinction of being named 1st Honor Essayist of the 2016 graduating class of Easton Junior/Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Blake on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1422)

Logan Halvorson, of Presque Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Easton Junior/Senior High School. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to Logan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1423)

Travis Bent, of Norridgewock, a student at the University of Maine at Farmington, who was awarded a 2016 Fulbright Fellowship and who will travel to Spain to be an English teaching assistant in social science. The Fulbright Fellowship program is sponsored by the United States State Department to promote good will internationally for college graduates, young professionals and artists. We congratulate Mr. Bent on his receiving this prestigious fellowship; (HLS 1424)

Erica Atkinson, of Dresden, a 3rd-grade teacher at Dresden Elementary School, who was named the 2016 Lincoln County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Atkinson has been teaching for 17 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1425)

Becky Tapley, of Penobscot, a Brooklin School teacher, who was named the 2016 Hancock County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Tapley is in her 15th year of teaching, 12 of which have been at the middle school level. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1426)

George Brown, William Buffington, Brad Frost and Ben Conant, all of Paris, each of whom has provided over 50 years of service to the Paris Fire Department. Mr. Brown, Mr. Buffington and Mr. Frost each have served 52 years, and Mr. Conant has served 54 years. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1427)

Eliza Hosford, of Bucksport, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Bucksport High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eliza on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1428)

Kaylee Grindle, of Bucksport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Bucksport High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kaylee on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1429)

Gary and Helen David, of Lisbon Falls, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. David were married on December 17, 1966. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls on June 12, 2016. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1430)

Sarah M. Smith, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Husson University. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Smith on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1431)

Noah Caron, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Noah on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1432)

Laina Mette, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Laina on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1433)

Joe Cummings, of Norway, a teacher at Oxford Hills Middle School, who was named the 2016 Oxford County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Cummings has been teaching at the middle school for 4 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1434)

the French Cellar, of Machias, on its being named the 2016 Business of the Year for its major investment in the town by the Machias Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to the French Cellar on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1435)

the members of the Machias Airport Committee, who are the recipients of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Machias Chamber of Commerce for their revitalization of the

airport. We extend our congratulations to the members of the Machias Airport Committee on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1436)

Jeanne Vose, of Machias, and Ben Noeske, of Machias, who were named the 2016 Employees of the Year by the Machias Chamber of Commerce for their dedication and pride in their work and their service to the students and community at Merrill Library at the University of Maine at Machias. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Vose and Mr. Noeske on their receiving this honor; (HLS 1437)

Jane Andrews, of Princeton, a teacher at Princeton Elementary School, who was named the 2016 Washington County Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Andrews on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1438)

Jane Smith, of Baileyville, on her retirement after 29 years in education. Ms. Smith began her career as a middle-school English teacher for Maine Indian Education at Peter Dana Point. After 14 years of teaching there, she served 3 years as principal at Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville before becoming principal at Woodland Elementary School in Baileyville, where she has worked ever since and has established a culture of dignity and respect. Ms. Smith has been active in community events, including the annual food drive for the local food pantry and Baileyville Octoberfest activities. She has been a member of the Maine Principals' Association Resolutions Committee and Legislative Committee and secretary of the Washington County Principals' Recertification Committee. We extend to Ms. Smith our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1439)

Marjorie Withers, of Cooper, on her retirement from a 35-year career of providing mental health services. After graduating from the Antioch University Graduate Center in Keene, New Hampshire, Ms. Withers worked as a play therapist at Duke University in North Carolina. She moved to Maine in 1985 and continued to work as a therapist. In 1988, she became the Director of Education and Community Development for Washington County Psychotherapy Associates in Machias. Ms. Withers went to work for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township in 1993 and spent the next 12 years there designing programs and services. She founded Community Caring Collaborative in 2006 to provide a seamless system of care for at-risk infants and young children and their families. Ms. Withers is a recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Individual Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, and she has been recognized by Maine's United States Attorney's Office for her work. We extend to Ms. Withers our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1440)

Lynnette Harriman, of Limerick, on her retirement as School Nutrition Director of School Administrative District No. 60 after 30 years of service. Ms. Harriman is a graduate of Southern Maine Community College's culinary arts and dietetics and nutrition programs. She also has served in several positions on the board of the Maine School Nutrition Association, including as president and education chair. We extend to Ms. Harriman our congratulations on her retirement and we offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1441)

Kris Doody, of Caribou, who is an inaugural inductee into the Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame. A 1981 graduate of Caribou High School, Ms. Doody is Cary Medical Center's Chief Executive Officer, a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and a registered nurse. She holds a master's degree in business from Husson University, a bachelor of science degree from the University of the State of New York and an

associate degree in nursing from the University of Maine. Despite her administrative duties, she continues to maintain her nursing license and is often seen in scrubs working in the operating rooms. She is a passionate advocate for veterans. We extend to Ms. Doody our congratulations on her receiving this recognition and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1442)

Olof P. Pierson, of Caribou, who is a posthumous inductee into the Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame. A 1923 graduate of Caribou High School and a 1929 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Pierson enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, in which he earned the rank of lieutenant pilot. He returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after his service to earn his master's degree in aeronautical engineering. He became president of the Portland Airport and was a test pilot of experimental aircraft. Mr. Pierson was an active inventor. He contrived a prototype plant to reuse crankcase oil, was commissioned by the United States Army to create a process to dehydrate potatoes, took part in the production and marketing of the first package of frozen French fries, invented the steam peeler, devised a shallow fat fryer and developed a workable potato washer, a potato top puller and an early version of the potato harvester. He designed the first French fry plant for McCain Foods in Florenceville, New Brunswick, Canada, and he was responsible for Birds Eye building the company's first French fry plant in Caribou. After creating more inventions, consulting for the United Nations Food Organization and traveling internationally in his work, Mr. Pierson passed away in 1993. We extend to Mr. Pierson's family our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1443)

the Honorable Susan M. Collins, of Bangor, United States Senator, who is an inaugural inductee into the Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame. A Caribou native and a 1970 graduate of Caribou High School, Senator Collins worked for former United States Senator William S. Cohen from 1975 to 1987, serving as staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on the Oversight of Government Management from 1981 to 1987. She was Maine's Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation from 1987 to 1992, the New England Regional Director of the United States Small Business Administration in 1992 and Deputy State Treasurer of Massachusetts in 1993. In 1994, having won an 8-way Republican primary, she became the first woman nominated by a major political party to stand for election as Governor of Maine. In 1996, she was elected to her first term in the United States Senate, and she was reelected in 2002, 2008 and 2014. During Senator Collins's tenure in the United States Senate, she has held numerous appointments to Senate committees and subcommittees, including service as chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. We acknowledge Senator Collins's extensive public service, we extend to her our congratulations on her receiving this recognition and we offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1444)

Jason Griffeth, of Daytona Beach, Florida, who is an inaugural inductee into the Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Mr. Griffeth, a Caribou native, graduated from Caribou High School in 2000. For over 14 years, Mr. Griffeth served as Assistant Groundskeeper for the Boston Red Sox. He recently became the Head of Grounds for Daytona International Speedway. A potato farmer's son who worked beside his father on the family farm, Mr. Griffeth performed his graduation-required community service at the Caribou Country Club. Impressed by his work ethic, club officials hired him as a groundskeeper. He later followed his dream of working at a professional sports

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stadium by majoring in turfgrass management, followed by soils science for his bachelor of science degree at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. We extend to Mr. Griffeth our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1445)

Admiral Gregory Johnson, USN, Retired, of Harpswell, who is an inaugural inductee into the Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame. A native of Caribou, a 1964 graduate of Caribou High School and a graduate of the University of Maine, Admiral Johnson had a 36-year naval career, having entered the United States Navy in 1968 through Aviation Officer Candidate School. He was commissioned in 1969, became a naval aviator in 1970 and rose through the ranks to become a 4-star admiral, the highest rank in the Navy. Among his at-sea commands were the United States Sixth Fleet in Europe and Asia, the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* Battle Group, a carrier wing and an attack squadron. He served as the Head of European/Central Command Branch of the Joint Operations Division, Operations Directorate during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Director of Operations, Plans and Policy on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet. He was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with 2 gold stars, the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 gold stars, the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. After his naval service, he founded Snow Ridge Associates and has served on several boards and community organizations. We extend to Admiral Johnson our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1446)

Dr. Jessica U. Meir, of Houston, Texas, who is an inaugural inductee into the Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Dr. Meir, a Caribou native, graduated from Caribou High School as valedictorian of her class in 1995. She is currently an assistant professor of anesthesia at Harvard Medical School. In 2000, Dr. Meir graduated with a master's degree in space studies from the International Space University. In September 2002, she served as an aquanaut on the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations 4 crew. Dr. Meir was named an astronaut candidate by NASA in 2013, becoming one of 8 members of NASA Astronaut Group 21. Having earned a Ph.D. in marine biology from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Dr. Meir spent time studying emperor penguins in Antarctica and northern elephant seals in the Pacific Ocean off northern California. She is a member of the science advisory board of Adventurers and Scientists for Conservation and has been employed by Lockheed Martin Space Operations as an experiment support scientist for the Human Research Facility at NASA's Johnson Space Center. We extend to Dr. Meir our congratulations on her receiving this recognition and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1447)

Keegan Melanson, of Turner, a student at Tripp Middle School, who has been presented with the Julia Clukey Courage Award for his demonstration of leadership. Keegan has been an active student at Tripp Middle School and has participated in football, baseball and track. We extend to Keegan our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1448)

Lilia Hayford, of Bristol, a senior at Lincoln Academy, who is the Maine State Champion in both vault and bars for the 3rd year in a row. Lilia competes in the Excel Platinum 17+ division of Maine YMCA gymnastics. In addition to finishing in first place in

Maine in 2 events, she placed 3rd in the all-around state competition. We extend to Lilia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1449)

Rachel O. Kimball, of Orland. Family was everything to Mrs. Kimball, and she especially loved her grandchildren. She enjoyed quilting, painting, crafts, collecting stamps, and, in her early retirement years, traveling with her husband, David, in their RV. She was a communicant of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and was actively involved in the Women's Group. Mrs. Kimball will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1450)

Chuck Hinds, of Augusta, on his retirement after 42 years in education. Mr. Hinds began his career at Brewer High School in the resource room in 1974. He worked for Cony Alternative School from 1977 to 1981, and, from 1981 to 2008, Mr. Hinds was a middle school counselor. In 2008, he started at the Cony High School Guidance Office. Mr. Hinds has coordinated many activities and advised student government. We send him our appreciation for his dedicated service to the youth of Maine and congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1451)

Tom Wells, of Wayne, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years in education. Mr. Wells started teaching at Hodgkins Junior High School and after 9 years began teaching at Cony High School. He has taught every level of English and has coached football, track, cross-country and wrestling. He started the Cony High School wrestling program and has been inducted into the Maine State Wrestling Hall of Fame. We send our appreciation to Mr. Wells on his commitment to the youth of Maine and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1452)

Bruce Wilson, of Dixmont, a senior at Nokomis Regional High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Bruce on his receiving this award; (HLS 1453)

the Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Maranacook Community High School, of Readfield: Luca Deangelis, Mira Moreau, Melissa Garand, Reid Lanpher, Raegan Harrington, Jaycee Greeley, John Parent, Ireland Webb, Kyle Morand and Natalie Harmon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (HLS 1454)

Amy Eckland, of Kennebunk, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Kennebunk High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Amy on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1455)

William O'Neil, of Kennebunk, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Kennebunk High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to William on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1456)

Abigail C. Cross, of Brewer, a senior at Bangor Christian Schools, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Abigail on her receiving this award; (HLS 1457)

Edith (Wilber) Pierson, of Eliot. Mrs. Pierson was born in Ithaca, New York, and graduated from Ithaca High School in June 1940. She earned an RN degree in 1945 from Cornell School of Nursing and married David Ditlow Pierson in 1946. She and her husband raised their family in Woodbury, Connecticut, where she led church, community, school and youth activities, including scouting and 4-H. In 1968, the family moved to the New Hampshire seacoast. Mrs. Pierson taught nursing in Portsmouth and served as Star Island's groundskeeper. She and Mr. Pierson became the island's year-round caretakers in 1976

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before retiring to Eliot in 1994. In March 2004, she was enrolled as a member of the Clara Barton Sisterhood of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, and in June 2010 Seacoast Peace Response presented her with the Peace Award for her dedication to peace and justice. Star Island Corporation presented Mr. and Mrs. Pierson with the Giver of Light Award in 2010. Mrs. Pierson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1458)

Gary Oswald, of Farmington, the principal of Mt. Blue Middle School, on his retirement from education after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. Mr. Oswald began his career in 1987 as a physical education teacher and coach. After 12 years of teaching, he served as the temporary assistant principal for a year before becoming principal, a position he held for 17 years. We send our appreciation to Mr. Oswald for his commitment to education and to the youth of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1459)

Senior Master Sergeant Kim Lander, of Newport, on her retirement from the Maine Air National Guard on June 30, 2016, after serving her State and Nation for nearly 33 years. Her military career included deployments to 48 states, 16 countries and Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. We send our congratulations to Senior Master Sergeant Lander on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1460)

Anita Carle, of Lebanon, on her retirement after nearly 40 years in education in School Administrative District No. 60. Ms. Carle began substitute teaching in 1976 and in 1983 began teaching kindergarten in North Berwick. She then taught kindergarten, transitional first grade and K-1 in Lebanon and eventually became a response-to-intervention teacher in 2011. We send our appreciation to Ms. Carle for her many years of service to education and to the youth of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1461)

Suzanne Cole, of Monmouth, on her retirement from education after 21 years of service. Ms. Cole taught elementary school at Belgrade Central School for 9 years and then served as school librarian in Bath for 5 years, in Winthrop for 2 years and at Spruce Mountain High School in Jay for 5 years. We send our appreciation to Ms. Cole for her commitment to education and to the youth of Maine and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1462)

Suzanne St. Pierre, of Livermore, on her retirement after 38 years as a history teacher. Ms. St. Pierre taught for 6 years in Buckfield, 6 years at Livermore Falls Middle School and 26 years at Livermore Falls High School and Spruce Mountain High School. We send Ms. St. Pierre our appreciation for her commitment to education and to the youth of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1463)

Eryn Tuulima, of Howland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eryn on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1464)

Sophia Carson, of Maxfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sophia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1465)

the Top Scholars of the 2016 graduating class of Wiscasset Middle High School: Samantha E. Arsenault, Tyler J. Bailey, Brycson P. Grover, Colleen A. Hendricks, Amanda Johnson, Amanda Marcus, Kennedy Orr, Remy T. Segovia and Daren H.

Wood. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their achievements; (HLS 1466)

Sara Boies, of Baileyville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Woodland Junior-Senior High School. She also received a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Sara on her achievements; (HLS 1467)

Danielle M. Violette, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Husson University. Ms. Violette earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Violette on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1468)

Christian Rowell, a resident of Foreside Harbor in Falmouth, who is the recipient of a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association's Remember ME project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Mr. Rowell served 20 years in the United States Air Force, serving in the Korean War. He is a graduate of the University of Maine and attended classes at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has many talents, including building model ships and photography. We congratulate Mr. Rowell on his being recognized by the Remember ME project; (HLS 1469)

Gwenyth Pasch, of Falmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Falmouth High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gwenyth on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1470)

Sarah Dobbins, of Falmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Falmouth High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1471)

Ryan Eylar, of Eastport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Shead High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ryan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1472)

Drew Greenlaw, of Eastport, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Shead High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Drew on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1473)

Lilja Bernheim, of China, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Erskine Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lilja on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1474)

Kasey Grass, of Topsfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Woodland Junior-Senior High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kasey on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1475)

the Orland Historical Society, of Orland, on its 50th Anniversary. The Orland Historical Society was founded in 1966 and was originally located in Orland village but is now housed in the old town hall on School House Road. The collections include one of the largest sets of artifacts from the Red Paint People, military uniforms, scrapbooks, tools, furniture, clothing, genealogies and the York Deeds. The Orland Historical Society is an independent library that collects, preserves, makes accessible and communicates manuscripts and other material in order to promote the study of the history of the Town of Orland. We join the town in celebrating the 50th anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1476)

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Spencer Dunn, of Auburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Co-Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Edward Little High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Spencer on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1477)

Gareth Robinson, of Auburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Edward Little High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gareth on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1478)

Salma Mohamed, of Auburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Co-Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Edward Little High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Salma on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1479)

Dr. Eric Gerchman, of Denmark, who was named the 2016 Maine Family Physician of the Year by the Maine Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Gerchman, raised in Allentown, Pennsylvania, attended the Chicago Medical School. He has been a member of the Bridgton Hospital medical staff for almost 20 years and practices at Fryeburg Family Medicine. Dr. Gerchman settled his family in Denmark after they fell in love with Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1480)

Gretchen Elder, of Edgecomb, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Boothbay Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gretchen on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1481)

Hannah Morley, of Boothbay, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Boothbay Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Hannah on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1482)

Earon Grinage, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Calais High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Earon on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1483)

Michelle Hopkins, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Calais High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michelle on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1484)

The Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield: Abigail DeSchiffart, valedictorian; Gregory Vigue, salutatorian; Julia Bluhm; Hailey Stewart; Minh Mai Thu (Quinn) Dang; Yingning (Rill) Ye; Jialiang (Michael) Zhang; Leah Carron; Alexis Caldwell; and Diyun (Didi) Wang. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their achievements; (HLS 1485)

Lucinda Milligan, of Sanford, on her retirement after more than 35 years in education. Ms. Milligan taught third grade in Augusta for 3 and a half years, second grade in Shapleigh for one year and first grade in Lebanon for 25 years. She was an intervention specialist in Lebanon for 6 years. She is active in the community, supporting newly diagnosed cancer patients, visiting the elderly and serving on church committees. We send Ms. Milligan our appreciation for her commitment to education, to the community and to the youth of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1486)

Jade L. Noel, of Old Orchard Beach, a kindergarten student at Jameson Elementary School, who is a winner of the 2016 Maine Constitution Essay and Poster Contest, an essay and poster contest for students from kindergarten through grade 12. Jade received top honors for her symbols poster with a 4 seasons theme. Winning students and their classes are invited to view the State's original 1820 Constitution at the Maine State

Archives. We extend our congratulations to Jade on her accomplishment; (HLS 1487)

Hadriane Hatfield, of Montville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Mount View High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Hadriane on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1488)

Eliana Albright, of Unity, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Mount View High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eliana on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1489)

Jordan M. Tanguay, of Fort Kent, a senior at Community High School in Fort Kent, who has received the Class of 2016 Four Year Social Studies Award. Jordan successfully completed the core requirements for the social studies curriculum and has taken a number of social studies electives. She is a member of numerous clubs and served as President of the Community High School National Honor Society and President of the Northern Region National Honor Society. She is active in her community and a talented athlete. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1490)

Nicole Marie Chasse, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicole on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1491)

Lauren Jamo, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lauren on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1492)

Ryan Michael Jurgiewich, of Medway, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ryan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1493)

Jessicca Girska, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Stearns High School. Jessicca is also a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Jessicca on her receiving these honors; (HLS 1494)

Taia Marie Federico, of Medway, a senior at Schenck High School, who is a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Taia on her receiving this award; (HLS 1495)

Amelia Nicole Crise, of Lee, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Amelia on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1496)

Jacob Small, of North Yarmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Greely High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jacob on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1497)

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Katherine Bacall, of North Yarmouth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Greely High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Katherine on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1498)

the Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Old Town High School: Cameron Sullivan, Nicholas Dieffenbacher-Krall, Keegan Feero, Lauren Higgins, Kalee McLaughlin, Connor Archer, Derek Haas, Emma Cyr, Paisley Lane and Benjamin Quimby. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1499)

Rylee Bellemare, of Windsor, a 7th-grade student at Windsor Elementary School, who is a winner of the 2016 Maine Constitution Essay and Poster Contest, an essay contest for students in grades 6 to 12. The theme for grades 6 to 8 was "The Maine Constitution." Rylee received top honors in this category for her essay "Parks and Recreation." Winning students and their classes are invited to view the State's original 1820 Constitution at the Maine State Archives. We extend our congratulations to Rylee on her being a winner of the contest; (HLS 1500)

Senior Master Sergeant Michael M. Dillon, of Plymouth, on his retirement from the Maine Air National Guard after nearly 26 years of service. Senior Master Sergeant Dillon was deployed to Atlanta, Georgia for the 1996 Olympic Games, Incirlik Air Base in Turkey, Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates and Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. He served on 10 missions from June 2007 to December 2014 in support of Detainee Movement Operations, providing security of detainees in transit to and from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. We send our appreciation to Senior Master Sergeant Dillon on his commitment to his State and Nation and congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1501)

Leisel Krout, of Fayette, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School in Jay. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Leisel on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1502)

Amber Delaney, of Livermore, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School in Jay. Amber is also a recipient of a 2016 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Amber on her receiving these honors; (HLS 1503)

Michael Henry, of Jay, on retirement after 45 years in education. Mr. Henry is a graduate of Livermore Falls High School and received his bachelor's degree in secondary education. He taught in local public schools, including one year at Livermore Falls Junior High School and 44 years at Jay High School, now Spruce Mountain High School. He was also a successful football and baseball coach for many years. We send Mr. Henry our appreciation for his many years of commitment to education and to the youth of Maine, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1504)

Harold Ware, of Standish, who was recently chosen as the 2016 Grand Marshal of the Standish Summer Spectacular. Mr. Ware was a local rescue unit member for 40 years in Standish; served in the National Guard for 27 years; and was a member and Post Commander of the American Legion Post No. 128. He has lived in the Sebago Lake region all his life and has been an active member of the community, coaching both Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball, as well as middle school basketball and baseball. He is a member of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and the University of Southern Maine Huskies Hall

of Fame. We congratulate Mr. Ware on his being chosen Grand Marshal; (HLS 1505)

John Flaherty, of South Portland, who is retiring as Principal of Falmouth Elementary School after 37 years of service in public education. Mr. Flaherty began his career in education in 1976 in the Windham School Department, where he taught grades 2 and 3. At Manchester Elementary School, he was the Health Curriculum Coordinator and served as the Assistant Principal. In 1985, he returned to the classroom, teaching grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 over the course of 13 years in the Westbrook School Department, and in 1998 he became Principal of Prides Corner School in Westbrook. In 2005, Mr. Flaherty became the Principal of Lunt Elementary School in Falmouth. He helped to oversee the combining of 2 Falmouth schools in 2008, which culminated in the opening in 2010 of the Falmouth Elementary School, with Mr. Flaherty as its first Principal. We send our appreciation to Mr. Flaherty on his dedication to education and to the youth of Maine, and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1506)

Julie Shackley, of Auburn, on her retirement after 22 years as chief executive officer of Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. Ms. Shackley received her nursing degree from the University of Southern Maine and began her career with Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice as a clinical supervisor. She has been leading the state's first hospice house, which employs 430 people, for 10 years. We send our appreciation to Ms. Shackley for her dedicated commitment to the community and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1507)

Fred and Linda Wallace, of Crawford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were married in Woodland on April 23, 1966. Knowing from personal experience the value of Sarah's House in Holden, which provides a home for cancer patients during treatment, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace requested donations in lieu of anniversary gifts and created a successful campaign. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1508)

Adam Wade Driver, 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, Adam restored the Welch family cemetery, including clearing the grounds, probing for gravestones and repairing and resetting stones. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1509)

Philip Grant Butler, 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, Philip cleared a right-of-way to Beech Road of debris and constructed a storage shed at the Eliot United Methodist Church. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1510)

Devan Joseph Moretti, 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, Devan constructed 5 benches for the local middle school. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1511)

the memory of Anita M. Mitchell, of Etna, to whom the Town of Etna has dedicated its Town Report. Mrs. Mitchell and her husband Fred W. Mitchell moved to Etna in 1954, where they

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raised their 3 children. She will be most remembered for being Dr. Burke's personal nurse for years as well as being the nurse for the town of Etna and at the Etna-Dixmont School, where she was also the head cook in the kitchen for more than 8 years. Mrs. Mitchell served the community as the town treasurer and as a ballot clerk; she also served on the planning board. She and her husband also donated land to extend the Etna Cemetery. We join the Etna community in remembering Mrs. Mitchell for her commitment to the community; (HLS 1512)

Donna Labbe, of Jay, on her retirement after 43 years of teaching. Ms. Labbe began teaching in 1973 and, beyond the classroom, was involved in many student extracurricular activities and teacher development efforts. Among her many accomplishments Ms. Labbe was a negotiations team member, the chair for staff development and the curriculum team leader on the curriculum design team. Ms. Labbe was also a middle school cheering coach and an elementary drama coach. We send our appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the community and to the youth of Maine, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1513)

the Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Sanford High School: Matthew Webber, Rebecca Campbell, Shannon Lebel, Hannah Rossignol, Amanda Cole, Elizabeth Helmreich, Allison L'Heureux, Lauren Thompson, Noah Scarpelli and Colin Patterson. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1514)

Spencer Savage, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Spencer on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1515)

Chathu Karunasiri, of Caribou, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chathu on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1516)

Andrew Forster, of Oakland, a teacher at Messalonskee High School, who was named the 2016 Kennebec County Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Forster on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1517)

Morgan Dodge, of Lee, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Morgan on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1518)

Bethany Lindsey, of Bancroft, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of East Grand School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bethany on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1519)

Kimberly Stoddard, of Danforth, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of East Grand School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kimberly on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1520)

Edward Ketch, Sr., of Belgrade, as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Mr. Ketch was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on May 27, 1926, and is a United States Navy veteran of World War II. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1521)

Michael McCartney, of Limestone, a teacher at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, who was named the 2016 Aroostook County Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. McCartney on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1522)

Dana Finmore, of Waterville, on his retirement after 27 years of exceptional service to the State in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Mr. Finmore was most recently a supervisor for the shell egg inspections at a large egg

farm in Turner. We send him our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to his profession and to the State and send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1523)

the Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Gardiner Area High School: Chase Tomberlin, Bailey Bourque, Trevor Backus, Cassie Trask, Briana Brochu, Dylan Haskell, Elijah Fish, Matthew Umland, Michael Glazier and Anastasia Carr. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1524)

Joshua A. Emery, of Newport, a student at Nokomis High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 404, 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, he partnered with the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust to clear a trail and erect a kiosk for a parcel of donated land in Cambridge. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this achievement; (HLS 1525)

Rene Cloukey, of Presque Isle, for his many years of commitment and contributions to Special Olympics in northern Maine. Mr. Cloukey is a member of Aroostook County's Special Olympics Area Management Team, President of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and Sports Information Director for the Sunrise Athletic Conference. For years he has organized a golf tournament for Special Olympics. Mr. Cloukey, an Assistant News Director and Sports Director at WAGM-TV, was named Media Person of the Year by Maine Special Olympics, and he received a Hero Award from Special Olympics International, the first bestowed in Maine. We send our appreciation to Mr. Cloukey for his contributions to Special Olympics and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1526)

Maine Instrument Flight, of Augusta, on the celebration of its 70th Anniversary. Maine Instrument Flight, a family-owned business, was established in 1946 and serves as the gateway for general and corporate aviation for Augusta and the surrounding area. We extend our congratulations to Maine Instrument Flight on its anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1527)

Zimri R. Bridges, of Verona Island, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. Mr. Bridges was retired from Central Maine Power Company and was a 50-year standing member of Rising Star Lodge No. 4 in Penobscot. He was an avid hunter and loved to garden, cut wood and feed birds. He was known to be a man who loved to help others in any way he could, and he was always there to lend a hand. Mr. Bridges will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1528)

Andrew Dionne, of Augusta, a student at St. Michael School, who is a recipient of the 2016 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. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1529)

Jack William McLaughlin, of Stockton Springs, a longtime member of the community. Mr. McLaughlin was born in Searsport and was retired from Greyhound Bus Line with recognition for 36 years of safe driving. He was a self-made, civic-minded entrepreneur and was instrumental in bringing a new post office and medical center to his hometown. As cofounder of Fort Point Cove, Inc., he sold land and built homes, which brought new residents to the Stockton Springs area. Mr. McLaughlin will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1530)

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Dwight Moody, Sr., of Prospect, who was a past assistant fire chief for the Town of Prospect. Mr. Moody was born in Belfast and lived in Prospect most of his life. He retired after 33 and a half years as a long haul and local truck driver for H.O. Bouchard, Inc. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1531)

Larry Strout, of Waterboro, who is retiring after teaching for 32 years at C.K. Burns School in Saco. We extend to Mr. Strout our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1532)

Rowena Strout, of Waterboro, who is retiring after teaching for 32 years at C.K. Burns School in Saco. We extend to Ms. Strout our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1533)

Jeanne Russell, of Saco, who is retiring after teaching for 28 years at C.K. Burns School. We extend to Ms. Russell our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1534)

Mary Turnage, of Saco, who is retiring after teaching for 28 years at C.K. Burns School. We extend to Ms. Turnage our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1535)

James A. Ricker, of Newport, for whom the new town public safety building is being named for his longtime commitment and dedicated service to the Town of Newport. The James A. Ricker Newport Public Safety Building commemorates Mr. Ricker's more than 35 years of contributions to the community. Mr. Ricker moved to Newport in 1981 and served as a patrolman for the town until he was promoted to Chief of Police. In 1999, he was promoted to Town Manager, serving in both capacities for many years. Mr. Ricker has been actively involved in many successful projects that have benefited the town and is the recipient of numerous awards for his work. We join the citizens of Newport in acknowledging his commitment to the town and congratulate Mr. Ricker on the new public safety building named in his honor; (HLS 1536)

Michaela Shorey, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michaela on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1537)

Lillian Ray, of Rangeley, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lillian on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1538)

Mamie Theriault, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Theriault was born on June 5, 1916 in Fort Kent. She married Jesse Theriault, who was a foreman at Great Northern Paper Company, and she made her career as a homemaker. They raised 2 daughters, Bonita and Ruth. Mrs. Theriault enjoyed making quilts, cooking and baking, especially pies and doughnuts. We send Mrs. Theriault our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1539)

Sumner "Tommy" Thompson, of Scarborough, on the celebration of his 90th Birthday. Mr. Thompson was born on June 21, 1926 in Alfred. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1540)

Martin Scott Johnson, of Penobscot, an accomplished and active member of the community. Mr. Johnson was a decorated United States Army veteran, a self-made and skillful finish carpenter, mechanic and tractor business owner. He was Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Penobscot and was a volunteer firefighter, baseball coach, mentor and friend to many. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Carroll, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1541)

Robert Layne Mallar, of Machias, an avid outdoorsman. Mr. Mallar was born in Machias and was a 1979 graduate of Machias Memorial High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in communications and a master of science degree in public relations from Indiana State University. Mr. Mallar worked at the local A&P store in Machias, eventually becoming its manager. He refereed soccer in Washington County for several years. He was a whitewater raft guide for North Country Rivers from 1996 to 2012 and guided tours on various rivers in Maine and the Gauley River in West Virginia. Mr. Mallar also worked at Sugarloaf Mountain from 1996 to 2008 during the winter months. Most recently, he was employed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in the Bureau of Parks and Lands. Mr. Mallar will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1542)

Hazel Levasseur, of Sanford, who is retiring after teaching for 25 years, the last 15 years at C.K. Burns School in Saco. We extend to Ms. Levasseur our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1543)

Linda Baird, of Scarborough, who is retiring after teaching for 33 years, the last 17 years at C.K. Burns School in Saco. We extend to Ms. Baird our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1544)

Shianne Priest, of Old Town, band director at Leonard Middle School, for her 20 years of service teaching at the school. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to her; (HLS 1545)

Brianna Damon, of Sumner, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Buckfield High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brianna on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1546)

Hunter Wiley, of Buckfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Buckfield High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Hunter on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1547)

Jessica Lilli Dine, of Bethel, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Telstar Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jessica on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1548)

Rebecca Lynne Howard, of Gilead, who has earned the distinction of being named a Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Telstar Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Rebecca on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1549)

Jeff Priest, of Old Town, music director at Old Town High School, for his 27 years of service. He has directed many award-winning musicians and ensembles during his time at the school. We send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 1550)

Jessica Tucker, of Limestone, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Limestone Community School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jessica on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1551)

Jackie Peers, of Limestone, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Limestone Community School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jackie on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1552)

Mary Stevens, of Jay, who is retiring after teaching for nearly 32 years at Livermore Elementary School. Ms. Stevens worked for more than 6 years as a half-time teacher in grade 5 and as an educational technician in pre-1 before working for 25 years as a prekindergarten and kindergarten teacher. She earned her

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Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Maine in 1974. We extend to Ms. Stevens our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1553)

Rebecca Poat, of Livermore Falls, who is retiring after teaching kindergarten for 31 years at Livermore Elementary School. Ms. Poat earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Maine in 1981. We extend to Ms. Poat our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1554)

Elliott Sibley, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Elliott on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1555)

Ali Hardy, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ali on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1556)

Angie Belk, of Lincoln, who has received the Hometown Heroes Award from the Modern Woodmen of America. Ms. Belk, owner of Tim Horton's Cafe and Bake Shop in Lincoln, received the award for her extraordinary volunteer service to the community. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Belk for her service and congratulate her on her receiving this recognition; (HLS 1557)

Julia Brogan, of Falmouth, who has won the Maine Principals' Association 2016 State Championship for Singles Tennis. We extend to Julia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1558)

Thomas and Helena Heels, of Scarborough, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Heels were married in Helsinki, Finland on August 9, 1961, and the marriage ceremony was officiated by Yrjo Winter, the bride's father. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this anniversary; (HLS 1559)

Thomas R. Heels, of Scarborough, on his 80th birthday. Mr. Heels was born on October 19, 1936. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (HLS 1560)

Ann and Barry Hammond, of Livermore, to whom the Town of Livermore has dedicated its Town Report. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Hammond our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1561)

Beverly Jane Robinson Corriveau, of Gilead, who was the Administrative Assistant for the Town of Gilead for over 25 years. Mrs. Corriveau was born in New Hampshire and was married to Fernand Corriveau. She was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. During her years as Administrative Assistant for the town, she often ran the town office out of her own home. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1562)

Samantha Ramsey, of Bath, who is a 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. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Samantha on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1563)

Sierra F. Yost, of Windham, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2016 graduating class of Windham High School. Sierra has been active in the community and participated in Teen Trendsetters. She has been active in sports and served on the student council. Sierra was also a National Honor Society secretary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sierra on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1564)

Erin N. Merchant, of Windham, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2016 graduating class of Windham High School. Erin has been active in the

community and volunteered for the Special Olympics. She has been active in sports at the school and served on the student council. Erin was vice-president of the National Honor Society. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Erin on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1565)

the Robert A. Frost Memorial Library, of Limestone, on its 75th Anniversary. According to town records, on March 22, 1899, the Honorable Thomas Phair donated \$25 toward a library, and C.W. Trafton was hired as a librarian. In 1913, the Limestone Library Association was formed, and the association managed the town's library until 1929. A \$5,000 gift from Aubrey and Stella Frost in 1941 allowed for the construction of a permanent home for the library. On November 5, 1942, the Robert A. Frost Memorial Library was dedicated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frost's son, who died in an automobile accident in May 1937. The library has 2 reading rooms. One reading room was dedicated to Linwood and Ruth Somers in 1972 in acknowledgement of a generous gift, and the second reading room, the Linda Page Children's Area, was dedicated in memory of Kathy O'Bar in 2015. We extend to the citizens of Limestone our congratulations on the Robert A. Frost Memorial Library's 75th Anniversary; (HLS 1566)

David Charles Morrill, of Shirley, on his retirement after a long and distinguished career in education. Mr. Morrill, who earned a bachelor of science degree and a master of science degree in industrial education and attended the Counselor Education Program to become certified in the field of guidance, began his teaching career in 1971. He taught as an industrial arts teacher in Dexter and Yarmouth before holding a variety of positions during a 37-year tenure in Greenville. Mr. Morrill taught industrial arts in Greenville until 1995, then was employed as a part-time industrial arts teacher and a part-time guidance counselor. From 1996 to 2014, he served as a guidance counselor and Director of Guidance. During the last 2 years, Mr. Morrill has served as Superintendent of Schools. He has also served as Adult Education Director and ITV Coordinator. We send our appreciation to Mr. Morrill for his many years of commitment to education and to the youth of Maine. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1567)

the Top Ten students of the 2016 graduating class of Marshwood High School: Valedictorian Andrew Blunt, of South Berwick; Salutatorian Jackson Roberts, of Eliot; William Ramsay, of South Berwick; Gianna Riccardi, of Eliot; Grace Pouliot, of South Berwick; Anne Spezia, of Eliot; Linden Grace Colby, of South Berwick and Kittery; Nicholas Barrett, of South Berwick; Cassandra Gagnon, of South Berwick; and Jacob Scremin, of Eliot. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1568)

Pratt & Whitney, with corporate headquarters in East Hartford, Connecticut and a plant in North Berwick, on the company's being named Engine Manufacturer of the Year for 2016 by *Air Transport News*. We extend to everyone at Pratt & Whitney in North Berwick our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1569)

the Buck family, of Mapleton, on their being named the 2016 Aroostook Entrepreneur of the Year. Jacob, Joshua, Jared, Bruce, Brent and Barry Buck, owners and operators of the Maine Malt House, were honored with the Aroostook Partnership-sponsored award at a Northern Maine Community College banquet. They are filling a vital role in connecting local agriculture to the craft brewing and distillery industries. We extend to the Buck family our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1570)

the members of the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, of Dover-Foxcroft, who were runners-up in the 4x400 meter relay race at the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Championship: Evan Chadbourne, Paul Birtwistle, Cooper Nelson and Tobias Hogfeldt. We congratulate them on their achievement; (HLS 1571)

the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, of Dover-Foxcroft, on its winning the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Large School Championship and the 2016 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on these achievements; (HLS 1572)

Zach Caron, of Dover-Foxcroft, a member of the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, who won individual championships in the high jump and pole vault and was runner-up in the triple jump at the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Championship. We congratulate Zach on his achievements; (HLS 1573)

Cooper Nelson, of Dover-Foxcroft, a member of the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, who was runner-up in the 1600 meter event at the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Championship. We congratulate Cooper on his achievement; (HLS 1574)

Emily Mikoud, of Dover-Foxcroft, a member of the Foxcroft Academy Girls Track Team, who won the individual discus title at the 2016 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her achievement; (HLS 1575)

Rob Weber, of Dover-Foxcroft, coach of the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, who was named the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Large School Boys Team Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Weber on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1576)

Nate Church, of Dover-Foxcroft, a member of the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, who won the individual championship in the 100 meter event at the 2016 Penobscot Valley Conference Championship. We congratulate Nate on his achievement; (HLS 1577)

Hunter Smith, of Dover-Foxcroft, a member of the Foxcroft Academy Boys Track Team, who won individual championships in the 110 meter high hurdles, the 300 meter hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump at the Penobscot Valley Conference Championship. Hunter won individual titles in the 110 meter high hurdles and the high jump at the 2016 Class B State Championship and was runner-up in the long jump and triple jump. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Hunter on his achievements; (HLS 1578)

the following members of the 2016 graduating class of Berwick Academy, in South Berwick, who have earned the distinction of graduating *cum laude*: Claire Breger-Belsky, Maggie Bristol, Nina Dashti-Gibson, Christina Grassie, Sahana Heiderscheidt, Mason Jacques, Ellen Lynch, Nate McCrone, Eric Rawn, Katherine Reid, Julia Schaepe, Page Waldo and Christian Zinck. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achieving this honor; (HLS 1579)

Rebecca Berry, of Skowhegan, who is retiring from the Maine State Police after 36 years of service. Ms. Berry has served as the Troop C secretary in Skowhegan and has been of tremendous service to the people of central Maine. We extend to Ms. Berry our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1580)

Pamela Starkey, of South Berwick, a 5th-grade teacher at Marshwood Great Works School, who was named the 2016 York County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Starkey earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Maine and her master's degree in education from the University of New England. She

has been teaching for 11 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Starkey on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1581)

Corporal Christopher Davis, of Oxford, who serves with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. Corporal Davis was named The American Legion, Department of Maine's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2015-2016. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1582)

Joseph L. Healy, of Augusta, who was a decorated United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War and a local businessman. Mr. Healy, known as Sandy, was born in Belgrade and was a graduate of Belgrade High School. He served honorably during his military service and was wounded twice during combat. Mr. Healy received a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, a Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Purple Heart, a Good Conduct Medal and a Rifle Marksman Badge. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Maine at Farmington and his Master of Science in Counseling with a concentration in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Southern Maine. Mr. Healy taught elementary school in Augusta, and for several years served as a veterans' counselor in Boston. For 30 years he was the owner and operator of Siding Distributors of Maine in Augusta and he owned Lakes Region Self-Storage in Sidney. With a business partner, he also co-owned the Bond Brook Mini Mall in Augusta. Mr. Healy was known for helping others and for his generosity. He had an avid love of hunting and fishing and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1583)

Marilyn Edith (Dorr) Bowden, of Verona Island, a longtime member of the community. Mrs. Bowden was born in Castine and was a 1954 graduate of Bucksport High School. She was married to the late Edgar Bowden and they had 3 children. She worked for and retired from Champion Paper Company. Mrs. Bowden was an active member of the Congregational Church and the Eastern Star, and she liked to help out at the Bucksport Area Senior Citizens Center. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1584)

the Bath High School Alumni Association, of Bath, which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. Founded in 1891, the association is believed to be the oldest active high school alumni association in the United States. The association derives its name from Bath's former high school, before Morse High School was established in the early 20th century. The association has hosted an annual alumni banquet for 125 consecutive years, bringing reunion classes together in one place. While celebrating the school's past, the association is also focused on future alumni. Thanks to alumni donations, and the Blue and White Classic golf tournament held during the reunion weekend, the association's scholarship fund awarded more than \$225,000 through more than 70 scholarships in 2015. Every Morse High School graduate is automatically a member of the association, and many Bath-area families have multiple generations of association members. We extend to the members of the Bath High School Alumni Association our congratulations on this anniversary and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1585)

Derek Murphy, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301, 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 1586)

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Eric Hall, of Lewiston, a Boy Scout 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 1587)

Zachary Brito, of Lewiston, a Boy Scout 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 Zachary on this achievement; (HLS 1588)

Maine Department of Transportation Region 2 Fleet Services, headquartered in Augusta, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that maintain an exemplary safety and health management system for their workplace. We congratulate everyone at Maine Department of Transportation Region 2 Fleet Services on its receiving this certification; (HLS 1589)

Wesley E. Kennedy, of South Berwick, who was named the 2016 Citizen of the Year by the South Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club. Mr. Kennedy came to South Berwick 40 years ago as a part-time principal and part-time assistant superintendent. He later served for 10 years as the superintendent for School Administrative District 35, earning the Maine Superintendent of the Year Award in 2000. Following his retirement, Mr. Kennedy served his community as a member of the board of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, in Dover, New Hampshire, was honorary chair of the South Berwick Public Library Capital Campaign and now serves on the Supervisory Committee of the York County Federal Credit Union, in addition to his service in the South Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club. We congratulate Mr. Kennedy on his receiving this award and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1590)

Cynthia Wescott, of Norway, for her 50 years of service as a music educator with the Oxford Hills School District. Ms. Wescott holds a degree in Music Education from the University of Southern Maine. She came to the Oxford Hills School District and was given the task of uniting the music department of the new high school in its first year of consolidation. Since retiring as chair of the Oxford Hills School District Fine Arts Department, Ms. Wescott has formed the Oxford Hills String Quartet. For 17 years she has also produced and directed the annual Christmas for Teens concert, raising over \$46,000 for teens in need in the Oxford Hills area. We send our appreciation to Ms. Wescott for her longtime commitment to music and education and for her many years of service to the Oxford Hills School District; (HLS 1591)

Kathleen Sawyer, of Limington, for her heroism. When a fire broke out on the second floor of Ms. Sawyer's home, she courageously passed through the fire, grabbed her 4-year-old son, Dante, and got him and his friend out of the house. Ms. Sawyer sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns to 39% of her body, but she saved the lives of her son and his friend as well as her own. We extend to her our appreciation for her lifesaving efforts and offer her and her son our best wishes; (HLS 1592)

Maxine Tourtillotte, of Boothbay Harbor, who was the recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Service Award by the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club. The Lifetime Service Award has been presented annually since 1960 and honors local senior citizens for their work for the community. A Boothbay Harbor native, Mrs. Tourtillotte has put in 8 decades of service, including hospital volunteer work and fundraising for the YWCA. We congratulate

Mrs. Tourtillotte on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1593)

Christopher Smith, of Hancock, a Corporal in the Maine State Police, who has been named Trooper of the Year. Corporal Smith is an 8-year veteran of the Maine State Police in Hancock and Washington counties. He grew up in Machias and joined the Maine State Police in 2008 after serving for 4 years as an officer with the Mount Desert Police Department. He is assigned to Troop J out of Ellsworth and patrols with his police dog, Winger, the only drug detection dog in the troop. We extend to Corporal Smith our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1594)

Herbert Morse, of Hermon, a retired Lieutenant in the Maine State Police, who is the recipient of the Legendary Trooper Award, the highest award for retirees given by the Maine State Police. Mr. Morse retired in 2003 after serving for 42 years. For 27 years, he was the commanding officer at Troop E in Orono. He grew up in Bath and in 1961 joined the Maine State Police. We send Mr. Morse our appreciation for his many years of dedication to the Maine State Police, and we congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished award; (HLS 1595)

Keenan Welzel, of Brunswick, a Brunswick High School track athlete, who won the individual title in the 400 meter at the State Class A Championships. We extend to Keenan our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1596)

the Honorable Mary H. MacBride, of Falmouth, a former lawmaker representing Presque Isle. Mrs. MacBride was born in Blaine on May 11, 1916 and lived in Mars Hill early in her life. She graduated from Wheaton College in 1939 and married Milt MacBride, of Easton, in 1942 while he was serving in the United States Army. After Mr. MacBride's service in World War II, the family settled briefly in Mars Hill before moving to Presque Isle. Following the death of her husband in 1975, Mrs. MacBride ran to represent Presque Isle in the Maine House of Representatives. From 1979 to 1994, she served in the House, where she worked to better Aroostook County and the district she represented. In 1979, she was honored by Beta Sigma Phi Society as Lady of the Year; in 1983, she was selected by the *Bangor Daily News* as one of the 10 most outstanding women in northern and eastern Maine; and she was selected as one of the 12 outstanding women in Aroostook County by the Maine Centers for Women. After retiring from public service in 1994, she wintered at Key Colony Beach in the Florida Keys, returning to Presque Isle each spring. She loved all of her family and her favorite times spent were with them, especially during the holidays. Her church was her inspiration and she was deeply passionate about and loyal to her faith. She exuded wonderful optimism and loved life and the joy of living. Mrs. MacBride will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1597)

Timothy B. Hussey, of Kennebunk, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hussey Seating Company, in North Berwick. Mr. Hussey graduated from Kennebunk High School in 1974. He received his bachelor's degree from Colby College in 1978 and his master's degree in business administration from Cornell University in New York in 1982. He was a member of the sixth generation of continuous Hussey family ownership of Hussey Seating Company, which was founded in 1835, and the latest member of the family to lead the company. He joined the company in 1982, succeeded his father, Philip W. Hussey, Jr., as president in 1995 and assumed the role of chief executive officer in 2001. During Mr. Hussey's tenure as leader of the company, Hussey Seating Company celebrated its 175th Anniversary, was named the 2003 State of Maine Family Business of the Year and in 2004 was named Exporter of the Year by the Maine

International Trade Center. Mr. Hussey was a longtime supporter of the United Way of York County. He served as the chair of the board of Educate Maine and on the board of Regional School Unit No. 21, and he served on the Maine Economic Growth Council as well as with the Maine Development Foundation. He received the Kenneth M. Curtis Leadership Award from the Maine Development Foundation and the Joel Stevens Community Spirit Award from the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Arundel Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hussey will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1598)

Earl C. Ross, of Detroit. Mr. Ross was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts and spent his childhood years in Hull, Massachusetts. Mr. Ross devoted 27 years of service to the company established by his father, SEA Consultants, traveling throughout New England and returning home to the Tuttle Farm, where he enjoyed spending time with his family when he was not on his tractors. He enjoyed creating events for others to enjoy and telling stories. He was a cofounder of the Detroit Volunteer Fire Department and a catalyst for the Detroit Library. Mr. Ross will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 46 years, Bonnie (Lewis) Ross, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1599)

Tracy LaPointe, of South Berwick, a teacher at Marshwood Middle School, who received the 2016 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award for grades 6 through 8. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. LaPointe on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1600)

the Town of Skowhegan, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that maintain an exemplary workplace safety and health management system. We congratulate the Town of Skowhegan on its receiving this certification; (HLS 1601)

the Rotary Club of Augusta on its 100th Anniversary. The mission of the Rotary Club of Augusta is to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. We extend to all the members of the Rotary Club of Augusta our congratulations on its centennial; (HLS 1602)

the Orono High School Girls Track Team, of Orono, which won the 2016 Class C State Track and Field Championships. Individual champions include Lauren Stoops, who won both the 100-Meter Dash and the 300-Meter Hurdles; Hannah Steelman, who won the 1600-Meter Run; Allison Pickering, who won the Pole Vault; Tia Tardy, who set a new state record winning the 800-Meter Run; and Kylie Gray, who won the 1600-Meter Race Walk. Relay team first-place winners include the 4x100 Relay Team of Allison Pickering, Lauren Stoops, Camille Kohtala and Katie O'Brien, which set a new state record; the 4x400 Relay Team of Tia Tardy, Becky Lopez-Anido, Cassidy Dill and Lauren Stoops, which set a new state record; and the 4x800 Relay Team of Olivia Fandel, Hannah Steelman, Cassidy Dill and Becky Lopez-Anido, which set a new Orono High School record. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1603)

the Orono High School Boys Track Team, of Orono, which won the 2016 Class C State Track and Field Championships. Individual champions include Jake Koffman, who won the Discus event with a new state record, and Tristan Butterfield, who won the 800-Meter Run. Relay team first-place winners include the

4x800 Relay Team of Jacob Fandel, Matt Keresey, Jonathan Steelman and Tristan Butterfield, which set a new state record, and the 4x400 Relay Team of Keenan Collett, Stephen Nelson, Jacob Fandel and Tristan Butterfield. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1604)

Alexandria Clark, of Lee, a student at Lee Academy, on the occasion of her winning a Gold Medal in the wedding cake design category at the 2016 Maine SkillsUSA Championships. The Maine SkillsUSA Championships are a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which those students demonstrate their talents and their dedication to their education. Alexandria will represent Maine at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alexandria on her achievement; (HLS 1605)

Kaylee Mason, of West Enfield, a student at Penobscot Valley High School, on the occasion of her winning a Gold Medal in the medical terminology category at the 2016 Maine SkillsUSA Championships. The Maine SkillsUSA Championships are a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which those students demonstrate their talents and their dedication to their education. Kaylee will represent Maine at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kaylee on her achievement; (HLS 1606)

Kiara Michaud, of Lincoln, a student at Mattanawcook Academy, on the occasion of her winning a Gold Medal in the wedding cake design category at the 2016 Maine SkillsUSA Championships. The Maine SkillsUSA Championships are a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which those students demonstrate their talents and their dedication to their education. Kiara will represent Maine at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kiara on her achievement; (HLS 1607)

Nikkol Mulligan, of Webster Plantation, a student at Lee Academy, on the occasion of her winning a Gold Medal in the restaurant service category at the 2016 Maine SkillsUSA Championships. The Maine SkillsUSA Championships are a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which those students demonstrate their talents and their dedication to their education. Nikkol will represent Maine at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nikkol on her achievement; (HLS 1608)

Dylan Clement, of Medford, a student at Penobscot Valley High School, on the occasion of his winning a Gold Medal in the welding category at the 2016 Maine SkillsUSA Championships. The Maine SkillsUSA Championships are a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which those students demonstrate their talents and their dedication to their education. Dylan will represent Maine at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in June. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dylan on his achievement; (HLS 1609)

Maynard E. and Bettina M. Weymouth, of Lowell, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Weymouth were married on May 27, 1966, in Hallowell. We extend our

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congratulations and best wishes to them on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 1610)

Peter Loaman, of Lee, a student at Mt. Jefferson Junior High School, who has been presented with the Julia Clukey Courage Award. Students are chosen for this award due to their outstanding leadership qualities. We extend to Peter our congratulations on his receiving this recognition and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1611)

the Town of Dexter, as it celebrates the 200th Anniversary of its incorporation as a town. Named for the Honorable Samuel Dexter, a judge in Massachusetts, the town was settled beginning in 1801 and was incorporated in 1816. The Town of Dexter prospered due to its location on the East Branch of the Sebasticook River, which provided excellent water power for mills. We join the good citizens of Dexter as they celebrate the town's bicentennial of incorporation, and we send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 1612)

John P. Dougherty, of Eliot. Mr. Dougherty grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and graduated from LaSalle College High School. He also completed course work at Villanova University. He moved to New Hampshire's seacoast region to take a 6-week job at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He loved the area and never left. He was an Engineering Technician and worked in the planning and nuclear departments at the shipyard, focusing on the operation of nuclear submarines. He ended his defense industry career at 75 years of age in the Dover, New Hampshire office of Rite-Solutions, Inc. He and his wife, Rose, raised their family in Eliot, and they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 2, 2015. Mr. Dougherty was active in Eliot politics and was a strong advocate for education funding. He was a lay leader at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Kittery. He served the congregation as Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Parish Council member and as part of the initial Cluster Council for the Parish of the Ascension of the Lord. He enjoyed bridging religious faiths and participating in ecumenical services. Mr. Dougherty was a vocal advocate of same-sex marriage and helped champion the "Yes" vote on Maine Question 1, which passed in 2012. After undergoing open heart surgery, he helped co-found a local chapter of the Mended Hearts program at Portsmouth Regional Hospital in 2008. Mr. Dougherty will be long remembered and sadly missed by his loving wife, Rose, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1613)

Alfred and Dorothy Galgovitch, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Galgovitch were married on June 25, 1946. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Galgovitch our congratulations and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1614)

Rebecca Shepherd, of Brunswick, who has received a Real Heroes Community Service Award from the American Red Cross of Southern Maine. Ms. Shepherd is the owner and operator of Wild Oats Bakery & Cafe in Brunswick. She has created at the business an internship program that teaches basic social and culinary skills to disenfranchised and at-risk students. She has been described as a business owner who is willing to take the risk to coach, mentor and employ young adults who otherwise might have limited options for employment. We extend to Ms. Shepherd our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1615)

Neal W. Allen, of Portland, who is retiring as Executive Director of the Greater Portland Council of Governments after 18 years of service. Mr. Allen has a long record of public service. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1968 to 1972, and over the years he served as Assistant City Manager and Acting City Manager of Portland, Executive Director of Ecomaine,

state liaison to the National Governors Association, Executive Director of the Maine Job Training Council and Executive Director of the Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation. He led the Greater Portland Council of Governments from its start as a fledgling organization to its becoming an effective instrument for the coordination of services and economic development in the 27 towns that make up the membership of the organization. We extend to Mr. Allen our appreciation for his 48 years of public service, congratulate him on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1616)

Arlene Cole, of Newcastle, to whom the Town of Newcastle has dedicated its Town Report. Mrs. Cole has counted ballots for town elections for 50 consecutive years, and she has also served as deputy warden and registrar of voters. Mrs. Cole serves as the historian and museum curator for the Newcastle Historical Society, is the author of 2 books about the town's history, writes a town history column for *The Lincoln County News* and contributes weather data to the newspaper as a cooperative weather observer for the National Weather Service. She is the recipient of the weather service's Thomas Jefferson Award, the most prestigious award for its volunteer observers, and its Edward H. Stoll Award for 50 years of service. She is a member of the Lincoln Academy Sports Hall of Fame and was Lincoln Academy's Alumna of the Year in 2005. She and her late husband, George Cole, operated Cole's Woodcrafts, making handmade wooden boats and novelty toys. We extend to Mrs. Cole our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1617)

Corina Larsen, of Old Town, who has been named Rotarian of the Year for District 7790. Rotary encourages and fosters the ideals of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and promotes the application of these ideals in the personal, business and community relationships of each member. We congratulate Ms. Larsen on her receiving this honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1618)

the Mattanawcook Academy Girls Tennis Team, of Lincoln, which won the Class C North Tennis Championship. Members of the team include Sarah Hanington, Katey Libby, Emily Tolman, Kiana Hafford, Delany Kneeland, Paige Hesseltine, Ava Broderick, Natalie Tilton, Marrisona Farrington, Makenna Hanscom, Abby Morrison, Emma Lib, Sydney Jones, Marley Bubar, Gabrielle Keyes, Whitney Taylor, Myka Wotton, Ali Hardy, Morgan Beaulieu, Sydney Morrison, Harley Rogers and Cassandra Hansen. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1619)

Samuel J. Gardner, 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 1620)

Connie Garber, of Sanford, who retired as Director of Transportation for the York County Community Action Corporation after over 34 years of service. She oversaw the expansion of the transportation services program to include residents in all 29 towns and cities in York County. The program includes a bus service, a volunteer driver program, a rural/urban job access program and a network of trolleys and buses with seasonal service to the coastal region of York County and year-round service to an inland regional service center town. In 2006, the network of trolleys and buses, known as the Shoreline Explorer, received the Federal Transit Administration Administrator's Award for Outstanding Public Service; in 2008, the volunteer driver program was awarded the STAR Award for Excellence by the Beverly Foundation in partnership with the

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AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety; and in 2011, Ms. Garber received the Community Transportation Manager of the Year award from the Community Transportation Association of America. We extend to Ms. Garber our appreciation for her long and fruitful public service and offer her our congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1621)

the Madison Area Memorial High School Softball Team, of Madison, which won the Class C SState Softball Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1622)

Larry Clark, of Presque Isle, who is retiring as Executive Director of the Presque Isle Industrial Council after 48 years of service. In 1968, when Mr. Clark started the job at 24 years of age, he was the youngest economic development manager in the State. Over the years and through many changes, he always operated the council without losing money. Today, more than 600 people work at a stable collection of more than 40 small and mid-sized companies and organizations based at the Skyway Industrial Park. We extend to Mr. Clark our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1623)

the Middle Intervale Meeting House, in Bethel, which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary. Participants in the celebration will enjoy comments about the meeting house and its history, a sing-along of patriotic songs and an old-fashioned ice cream social. We extend to everyone celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Middle Intervale Meeting House our best wishes; (HLS 1624)

the Skowhegan Area High School Softball Team, of Skowhegan, which won the Class A North Softball Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1625)

Lillian Marquis, of Madawaska, who is celebrating her 105th Birthday. Mrs. Marquis was born on July 12, 1911. When she was seven years old, she and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where she attended dance school. Her family summered on Long Lake, returning to Boston every September. When she was twenty-four years old, she married George Marquis, who owned a farm in Grand Isle. They worked the farm together before selling it and moving to Madawaska, where he worked for the town as a foreman and she taught dance classes. She taught ballet, tap and even ballroom dancing to children and adults until she retired at sixty-two years of age. Her students were her pride and joy. We extend to Mrs. Marquis our congratulations on her birthday and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1626)

the Scarborough High School Boys Lacrosse Team, of Scarborough, which won the Class A South Lacrosse Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1627)

Nicholas S. Albert, of Holden, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 44, 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 1628)

Ellen M. Holt, of Skowhegan. Mrs. Holt was born in Benton. She graduated from Lawrence High School in Fairfield in 1951 and married Avar J. Holt in Canaan in 1952. Mrs. Holt waitressed for the Candlelight Restaurant, Lakewood at the Inn and Gene's Restaurant and worked for several years for School Administrative District No. 54. She then owned and operated Holt Hair and Skin Care until her retirement in 2006. She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving locally and statewide, and she was a member of the Show Stopper tap

dancing group. Mrs. Holt will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1629)

the Reverend Dana R. Perkins, of Dedham. Mr. Perkins was born in Blaine, attended the Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota and was ordained bishop with the Church of God at Cleveland, Tennessee. He pastored churches in Machias and Pittsfield and led Bible studies for several years. He was also employed as a car salesman for over 30 years in many local dealerships. Mr. Perkins will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 37 years, Laura Joy Perkins, his family and friends and all those who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1630)

Robert K. "Pat" Wing, a lifelong resident of Bingham and a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Wing was born in Bingham and educated in local schools. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1956 with a degree in forestry and from the John W. McClure School in Memphis, Tennessee in 1958 with a degree in hardwood grading. He served as a personnel specialist in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1958. Mr. Wing worked as an independent logging contractor in the northern Maine woods all of his life. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Bingham, the Bingham Grange No. 237, the Somerset County Pomona Grange No. 6 and the Flagstaff Memorial Chapel Association. Mr. Wing will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1631)

Samantha George, of Gorham, who is retiring from the University of Southern Maine after 34 years of service, mostly in student affairs. Ms. George has held 7 different positions, including Staff Associate for Operations in the Office of Activities, Coordinator of the Brooks Student Center, Assistant Director of Residential Life and Assistant Director of Gorham Student Life. Throughout her time at the University of Southern Maine, she has been committed to supporting the development of the students with whom she worked, and her approach to her work with student affairs has been innovative and thoughtful. While she has enjoyed working with students, she especially enjoyed interacting with the parents of students who were coming to the university. She is known throughout the university as being kind, helpful and supportive and for always offering a warm and friendly smile to everyone she encountered. We extend to Ms. George our appreciation for her service to the students, faculty and staff at the University of Southern Maine and offer her our congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1632)

the Penobscot Valley High School Baseball Team, of Howland, which won the Class D North Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1633)

the Sacopee Valley High School Baseball Team, of Hiram, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1634)

Robert H. Susbury, of Rumford and Hanover, for his 40-year commitment to testing and reporting the water quality of Howard Pond, in Hanover, and for his countless hours of dedication to the Howard Pond Preservation Association. We extend to Mr. Susbury our appreciation for his public service and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1635)

Tyler Winchester, of Bucksport, a student at Bucksport Middle School, who is a 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. We extend our

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congratulations and best wishes to Tyler on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1636)

the Town of Meddybemps, whose citizens are celebrating its 175th Anniversary. The first settlers of Meddybemps had arrived by 1812, and they cut the local pine and spruce trees, built mills, sawed timber, cleared land, erected houses and barns, tilled the soil and hunted, fished and trapped. The township of Meddybemps was formed with land granted from Charlotte, Cooper and Baring and was incorporated on February 20, 1841. The town takes its name from Meddybemps Lake, the name of which may be translated as "plenty of alewives." About one-third of Meddybemps Lake lies in the town, extending to the center. It has its outlet at this point, constituting Denny's River, on which the mills were situated. In the early 1900s, boarding houses opened up, including the Gilman house, the Lombard house and the J.L. Morrison house. A public town dock was built, and camps began to operate on the lake shore and the islands. Blueberry farming expanded after World War I, and a bountiful cranberry harvest was gathered on the Meddybemps Heath, as it still is today. We extend to all the citizens of Meddybemps our congratulations on the 175th Anniversary of the town, and we offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1637)

Elizabeth M. (Lobley) Goss, of Otis. Mrs. Goss was born in Bangor, and she graduated from John Bapst High School in 1952 and from Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing in 1955. She enjoyed nursing and worked in operating and emergency rooms in Maine, New Hampshire, California, Hawaii and North Carolina. Returning to Maine in 1971, she worked in various positions at Bangor Mental Health Institute, from charge nurse on the acute care unit to acting superintendent. She moved to the Ellsworth area in 1984 and was Director of Nurses at the Agape House and at ICF/INR, later renamed the Birchwood Living Center; Mrs. Goss retired in 1997 but became a member of the board of directors in 1998, and in 1999 she became the board president. Despite being retired, she continued to train certified nurse assistants, and for many years she certified residential medication aides and taught CRMA classes. Mrs. Goss will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1638)

Dr. Peter Lancia, of Portland, Assistant Superintendent of the Westbrook School Department, who was named Maine's 2016 Curriculum Leader of the Year by the Maine Curriculum Leaders' Association. Dr. Lancia was previously named the 2002 Maine Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1639)

Emil Genest, of Brewer, Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Regional School Unit No. 22, for his 25 years of service to education. We send our appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Genest on this occasion; (HLS 1640)

the Jerry Flewelling and Bruce Flewelling family, of Easton, on being named the 2016 Farm Family of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. The Flewelling family includes Bruce and his wife, Valorie; their 2 sons, Nicholas and Christopher, represent the sixth generation of Flewellings to farm in Easton. Bruce's father, Jerry, is semi-retired but remains involved in customary activities on the farm, including loading potatoes, driving a truck and combining grain. Jerry and Bruce have served on several community and industry boards over the years, and they acknowledge the challenges young growers face entering the field of agriculture without benefit of an established growing operation. The Flewelling family presently supplies potatoes to McCain Foods USA and Frito-Lay. We join the Flewelling family's friends and neighbors in extending to them our

congratulations for earning this noteworthy honor, and we send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1641)

Alan R. LaBelle, of Rome, who has received a Spirit of America Award for his active role in community volunteerism. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. LaBelle on his receiving this award; (HLS 1642)

Richard "Dick" Greenan, of Rome, who has received a Spirit of America Award for his active role in community volunteerism. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Greenan on his receiving this award; (HLS 1643)

Dr. Fern Desjardins, of St. Agatha, Superintendent of School Administrative District No. 33, who was a recipient of a Longevity Award from the Department of Education for her 42 years of service. Dr. Desjardins also received the 2016 Commissioner's Award in honor of her many years of work in rural education. As Superintendent, Dr. Desjardins faced economic setbacks and declining enrollments, yet still increased the percentage of students who went on to postsecondary schools. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Desjardins and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1644)

Kelly Hughes Wheeler, of Hartland, a registered nurse at Redington-Fairview General Hospital, who has been named the 2016 Caregiver of the Year by the Maine Hospital Association. Ms. Wheeler is nurse manager at the hospital's Birthing Center. The award honors a caregiver who demonstrates commitment to the delivery of care to patients and their families. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Wheeler on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1645)

Karli Theberge, of Hermon, a senior at Hermon High School and pitcher on the Hermon High School Softball Team, who was named 2016 Miss Maine Softball by the Maine Softball Coaches Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Karli on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1646)

the Millinocket Elks Lodge No. 1521 as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary of serving the community. We extend our congratulations to the members on this anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1647)

Howard and Mary McFadden, of Dennysville, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden were married on June 25, 1966. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1648)

Kevin S. Low, of Bucksport, who will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends. Mr. Low served in the United States Navy for 5 years as an Interior Communications Electrician. Upon his discharge, he worked in San Diego and then as a fire alarm inspector for SimplexGrinnell in Maine; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1649)

Jeffrey S. Newbegin, of Orland, a longtime member of the Orland Fire Department. Mr. Newbegin was born in Portland and grew up in Windham. He married his wife, Cathleen, in 1987, and they made their home in Orland. Mr. Newbegin became a master plumber while working for Maine Energy, and he later worked at the Waldo County General Hospital. He was very active in his community and was a dedicated member of the Orland Fire Department for 21 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1650)

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Zachary Thomas Johnson, of Auburn, a 2016 graduate of Edward Little High School. Zachary fought a 3-year battle with metastatic Ewing sarcoma and inspired everyone with his courage and perseverance. He twice received the Courage Award at Edward Little High School, and that award will now be named in his honor. Zachary will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1651)

Theresa Secord, of Waterville, a member of the Penobscot Nation, who has received a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts for her work in basketmaking. This is the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Ms. Secord is founder of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance, which is credited with saving traditional basketmaking in Maine. We congratulate Ms. Secord on her receiving this award; (HLS 1652)

Tin Smith, of Wells, who has received the 2016 Environmental Merit Award for Lifetime Achievement from the New England office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Since 1970, EPA New England has recognized individuals and groups in the 6 New England states who have shown particular ingenuity and commitment in their efforts to protect or improve the region's environment. Mr. Smith took an immediate leadership role at the founding of the Great Works Regional Land Trust 30 years ago. He has served as President of the trust's Board of Directors and has worked tirelessly on several individual projects. As a result of his efforts, the trust has completed 119 land purchases or easements, including partnership projects, protecting 5,974 acres of valuable land in the 6 towns the trust serves. Mr. Smith was also one of the first people to visualize and advocate for preservation of the unique ecosystem of the 30,000-acre Mt. Agamenticus area. For 30 years, Mr. Smith has also been a member of the Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association, serving on its board of directors and providing hundreds of volunteer hours. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Smith on his receiving this noteworthy honor; (HLS 1653)

the Lane-Dube AMVETS Post No. 33, of Jay, on the 50th Anniversary commemorating the deaths of Lance Corporal David Lane and Corporal Andre Dube, both of whom were killed in action while serving in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam in 1966, and in whose honor Post No. 33 was named. We join the citizens of Jay in commemorating the sacrifice made by these patriotic citizens; (HLS 1654)

Tim Williams, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of employment with Motor Supply Company. Mr. Williams worked as the general manager. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1655)

Paul Francis Cust, of Otis, a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. Cust was born and raised in Brewer and was a graduate of Brewer High School. He worked for UPS for 30 years until his retirement, then he and Sandra, his wife of 55 years, enjoyed traveling the country in their RV. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1656)

Basil Staples, of Stockton Springs, who has received a Spirit of America Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Staples on his receiving this award; (HLS 1657)

Ken Coville, of Wilton, who is retiring as Superintendent of School Administrative District 74 after 12 years of service to the district. Mr. Colville had previously been a superintendent and high school principal for 7 years in the Rangeley school district and had taught at the Good-Will Hinckley School for Boys and Girls in Fairfield. We send our appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Coville on this occasion; (HLS 1658)

Edward and Marilyn Lane, of Scarborough, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lane were married on July 29, 1956. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 1659)

Mt. Blue Campus, in Farmington, on its receiving the Innovator of the Year Award from the Maine International Trade Center. Created for Regional School Unit 9 and consisting of Mt. Blue High School and Foster Career Technical Education Center, Mt. Blue Campus exposes local and international students to a variety of subjects and provides faculty opportunities for expanded interdisciplinary instruction. The technical program provides courses in composite manufacturing, biotechnology and robotics. We extend our congratulations to Mt. Blue Campus on its receiving this award; (HLS 1660)

Bailey Bowden, of Penobscot, who is the recipient of the 2016 Longard Award for his exemplary volunteer efforts in contributing to the protection and sustainability of the Bagaduce River watershed. This award is given each year to an individual or group of individuals from one of the 5 states and provinces bordering the Gulf of Maine to recognize volunteer commitment to environmental protection and sustainability within the region. Among his efforts Mr. Bowden serves as the chair of the Penobscot town shellfish-alewife advisory committees and has been active in efforts to restore anadromous alewives and smelt, combating the invasive green crab and restoring critical clam flats. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Bowden on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1661)

Jerry and Tink Smith, of Stockton Springs, on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married on June 30, 1951 in Searsport. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 1662)

Noah Doucette, of Old Orchard Beach, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 310, 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 1663)

Judith Frost Gillis, of Orrington, who has been named the 2016 Orrington Old Home Week Citizen of the Year. Ms. Gillis has been very active in the community as a teacher and helped revive the Orrington Historical Society. We send our appreciation to her for her commitment to the Orrington community, and we extend our congratulations to her on her being named the 2016 Orrington Old Home Week Citizen of the Year; (HLS 1664)

Fire Chief Richard Sheaff, of Fryeburg, on his retirement from the Fryeburg Fire Department after 26 years with the department and 18 years as fire chief. We send him our appreciation and best wishes on this occasion; (HLS 1665)

the following members of the Falmouth High School Girls Outdoor Track Team, who won the 2016 Class A State Championship: Tyler Spence, Kaileigh Wimert, Danielle Casavant, Gina Pardi, Alexa Hoffman, Hannah Donovan, Malaika Pasch, Adelaide Cooke, Lydia Farmer, Chelsea Zhao, Meghan Charest, Emma England, Liz Cyr, Marcy Kittredge, Sara Topalovic, Hannah Berzinis, Krysia Lesniak, Ally Schimellman, Victoria Burton, Madi Tait, Emma Harrington and Andrea Coyne.

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We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1666)

the Falmouth High School Girls Tennis Team, which won the 2016 Class A State Championship. Players include Julia Brogan, Caroline Ray and Kate Kelley for singles; Mary Hyland and Amanda Watson and Annie Gott and Mia Cooney for doubles; and alternates Grace Dimick and Maddy Joyce. The team was coached by Bill Goodspeed and Lori Poulin. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (HLS 1667)

Gertrude Fraser, of Verona Island, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on August 26, 2016. We extend to Mrs. Fraser our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1668)

Scott K. Porter, of Whiting, Superintendent of AOS 96, who received a 2016 Outstanding Leadership Award at the 105th Annual Commissioner's Conference sponsored by the Department of Education and Maine School Superintendents Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Porter on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1669)

Penobscot Valley Hospital, in Lincoln, which received the Award of Excellence from the New England Society for Healthcare Communications. Penobscot Valley Hospital received the award for the concept and design of the 2014 Penobscot Valley Hospital Community Benefit Report. The award was created to recognize excellent and exceptional healthcare communications. We join with the Penobscot Valley Hospital community in extending our congratulations to all the people involved in earning this honor; (HLS 1670)

the Falmouth High School Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team, of Falmouth, which won the 2016 Class B State Championship. Members of the team include Liam Tucker, Chris Teufel, George Gilbert, George Fitzgerald, Ben Wyman, Jack Engleberger, Andrew Langdon, Henry Farnham, Henry Norris, Jared Nolan, Lou Mainella, Nico Ciraulo, Jack Scribner, MacLean Kirk, Owen Wheeler, Bryce Henson, Devin Russell, Reilly Tucker, Kristian Valle, Emmitt Zinn, Nick Farnham, Seth Masciangelo, Noah Barney, Ayden Henson, Ethan Chapman, Matt Barnard, Brendan Hickey, Riley Reed, Spencer Pierce, Nate Arrants, Griffin Bartholomew, Harrison Thompson, Iyendae St. Louis, Parker Wyatt and Austin Wheeler; assistant coaches Kris Dambach, Rob Paradis, Kyle Baker and John Squire; and head coach Mike Lebel. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1671)

the Deertrees Theatre, in Harrison, on its 80th Anniversary. The Deertrees Theatre has served the Lakes Region community of western Maine with exceptional performing art since its founding on August 15, 1936 by distinguished opera director and singing coach Enrica Clay. George Locke of Bridgton built the theater in the Adirondack style with hand-carved fixtures made of rose hemlock trees harvested from the property. Harrison G. Wiseman, a famous theater architect, had set out to design "the most acoustically and technically perfect theater possible." Today the theater, which seats 300, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Broadway luminaries such as Ethel Barrymore and Edward Everett Horton as well as pop star Rudy Vallee performed at Deertrees early in its life, and the great Broadway producer David Merrick apprenticed at the theater. Through the decades, Broadway musicals, classical opera and concerts and solo performances at the theater have brought thousands of theatergoers to western Maine. In 1990, a group of concerned citizens led by Dr. Al Mills formed the Deertrees Foundation to restore the building and grounds. Currently, the theater is home to the Deertrees New Repertory Company, the Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival, the Back-Stage Art Gallery

and the Salt Lick Cafe. It is widely known as "Maine's most enchanting playhouse." We extend to everyone at the Deertrees Theatre our congratulations on this anniversary and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1672)

the 50th Anniversary of the death of Officer Perley Kennie, of the Westbrook Police Department, who died in the line of duty on August 11, 1966 ensuring that a pregnant woman arrived at the hospital safely. We recognize Officer Kennie's service and his family's loss, and we extend to his family our condolences on this occasion; (HLS 1673)

Anne McKee, of Kents Hill, who was named the *Kennebec Journal* Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year. We extend to Anne our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1674)

Steve Grover, a native of Lewiston and an acclaimed composer and jazz drummer. At 9 years of age, Mr. Grover began studying with local jazz drummer Dick Demers. He graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn and the University of Maine at Augusta and attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. He performed with and composed for many of the greatest Maine jazz performers, and as a mentor and a teacher he inspired students to share his love of music. A founder of The Friends of Jazz, he brought contemporary jazz performances to small and large Maine schools and communities. He was an NEA-sponsored Jazz Artist-in-Residence at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, directed the Maine Jazz Camp in Farmington for several years, taught extensively in the music program at the University of Maine at Augusta and directed ensembles and gave drum and piano lessons at Bates College, Bowdoin College, the University of Maine at Augusta, the University of Southern Maine, the International Summer Jazz School in Krakow, Poland and the Maine Percussion Camp. As a composer, he won the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz/BMI Jazz Composers Competition in 1994 for *Blackbird Suite*, a song cycle he based on the Wallace Stevens poem "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." Mr. Grover's albums have been critically praised in *Down Beat*, *JazzTimes* and *Cadence Magazine*. Mr. Grover will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, his friends, his students and his public; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1675)

Richard C. Hill, of Orono, Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering and Director Emeritus of the Department of Industrial Cooperation at the University of Maine, and a well-known media personality. Professor Hill was born and raised in Schenectady, New York and graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He moved to Orono in 1946 and taught at the University of Maine for 46 years. During the 1980s, he was a regular morning commentator on Maine Public Radio. He also answered readers' questions about energy in a *Bangor Daily News* column in the mid-2000s. From 1989 to 2015, he was a co-host of and a frequent guest on the radio program *Hot and Cold* on WVOM in Bangor. Professor Hill will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and listeners; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1676)

Devon Varney, of Pittsfield, 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 1677)

Lee Johnson, of Skowhegan, who has been named the *Morning Sentinel* Softball Coach of the Year. We extend to Mr. Johnson our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1678)

the Honorable Vinton and Anne Weinandt Cassidy, of Calais, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy were married on August 6, 1966 in Calais and have 4 children and 7

grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1679)

Chief Master Sergeant Robert J. Peer, of Bangor, Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Maine Air National Guard, on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of military service. Chief Peer began his military career in 1980 and, following a 7-year tour of active duty, he joined the Maine Air National Guard in 1987. He assumed his duties as State Command Chief in 2013. In this role, he implemented the Maine Air National Guard Airmen Development Summit, which provides a forum for junior members to hear presentations from a wide variety of senior leaders. Chief Peer established the "MAINEiac for a Day" program to recognize and provide a day of enjoyment for children who are cancer patients at the Lafayette Family Cancer Center. Recently, Chief Peer was instrumental in working with the Legislature in passing legislation that provides tuition waivers for members of the Maine Air & Army National Guard. Chief Peer is considered the epitome of an effective leader and is known for his ability to influence and inspire others. Among Chief Peer's numerous awards and decorations are the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Korean Defense Service Medal. We send our appreciation to Chief Peer for his exemplary military service to the State and to the Nation, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1680)

Arthur C. Mary, retired STSCS (SS) of the United States Navy, of Freeport, who has been inducted into the USSVI Holland Club. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. Mary first qualified on the USS *Blenny*, SS-324, in 1966. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Mary on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 1681)

Harlan S. Brown, retired EN3 (SS) of the United States Navy, of Gardiner, who has been inducted into the USSVI Holland Club. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. Brown first qualified on the USS *Sam Rayburn*, SSBN-635, in 1966. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Brown on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 1682)

Daniel J. McGovern, retired Lieutenant Commander of the United States Navy, of Bangor, who has been inducted into the USSVI Holland Club. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. McGovern first qualified on the USS *Lewis and Clark*, SSBN-644, in 1966. We extend our congratulations to Mr. McGovern on his receiving this distinguished honor;

(HLS 1683)

Tyler Cole, 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 service project, Tyler built a dock at Donnabeth Lippman Park. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1684)

Sharon Merrill, of Howland, upon her retirement from Cummings Health Care in Howland. Ms. Merrill worked at Cummings Health Care for 40 years, starting in 1976 as a part-time employee. After 3 weeks, she was given a full-time position. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1685)

Bruce William Campbell, of Orland. Mr. Campbell was born in Old Town and graduated from Old Town High School in 1968.

He graduated from Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in 1972 with an Associate Degree in Electronics Technology and worked for over 42 years at the Bucksport Paper Mill as an Electronics and Instrumentation Technician. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and at his camp on Toddy Pond, and he had a great love of music. Mr. Campbell will be sadly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1686)

the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, of Waterville, which has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for its strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Since 2002, Charity Navigator, the largest independent charity evaluator in the United States, has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. We extend to everyone at the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1687)

Pat Corea, of Scarborough, who is celebrating her 75th Birthday on September 30, 2016. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1688)

Emery "Mac" H. McIntrye, of Skowhegan, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. McIntrye was born in Jackman and educated in Bingham schools. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He worked for the State of Maine as a game warden from 1947 to 1952 and then worked for the Maine State Police for 20 years, during which time he was promoted to Captain. For 12 years, he worked for the Somerset County Sheriff's Department and for court security. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, a member of the American Legion and a member of the National Wood Carvers. Mr. McIntrye will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1689)

Dennis Cowette, of Athens, who is retiring from Quinn Hardware in Skowhegan after working there for 38 years. Mr. Cowette worked as a sales associate and was in charge of the plumbing department. We extend to Mr. Cowette our congratulations on his retirement, and we offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1690)

Dawson Daigle, 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. For his Eagle Scout project, Dawson renovated three St. John Vianney Parish cemeteries. We extend our congratulations to Dawson on this achievement; (HLS 1691)

Andy Greif, of Kennebunk, on his retirement as executive director of the Community Bicycle Center in Biddeford after 15 years of commitment to the community. Mr. Greif founded the center in 2001 and has served as the executive director since 2005. The Community Bicycle Center serves hundreds of youths, including many nontraditional learners. Mr. Greif cofounded the first Biddeford Earn-a-Bike program and started a youth and adult Trek Across Maine charity cycling team, which has raised over \$247,000 for the American Lung Association of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1692)

the Lost Fishermen's Memorial Park Association, in Lubec, which is dedicating the Lost Fishermen's Memorial Park on August 21, 2016. After 7 years of hard work, the association has completed the park, which memorializes those fishermen from Washington County, Maine and Charlotte County, New Brunswick, Canada who lost their lives at sea. Association volunteers, working with the Town of Lubec, sculptor Jesse Salisbury, corporate donors and fishing families from both sides of the border, successfully raised over \$150,000 in donations to

design and build the park. We extend our condolences to those families that have lost loved ones at sea, and we send our appreciation and congratulations to everyone involved in creating the park; (HLS 1693)

Fred Ballard Hamar, of Skowhegan, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, having served aboard the USS *Frontier*. Mr. Hamar was employed by Dirigo Stitching in Skowhegan for 38 years, working his way up from doing odd jobs, cleaning and serving on the night watch to the positions of Vice President and Personnel Manager. A talented musician and entertainer, he shared his gifts at nursing homes, was a frequent cast member in a variety of productions at Lakewood Theater in Madison and during the Christmas season played a character named Elfis and stood in for Santa. He supported and gathered contributions for the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. In 2001, he was the second-highest money-raiser in the State for the March of Dimes. Mr. Hamar will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 37 years, Angel Hamar, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1694)

Marcia I. Robertson, of Penobscot. Mrs. Robertson graduated from Clark High School in Penobscot in 1941. While raising four children, she was involved with blueberries, from working in a blueberry factory to being an owner and operator of 30 acres of blueberry land. She was married to Ralph Robertson for 60 years before his passing in 2001. Mrs. Robertson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1695)

the Honorable Conrad K. Cyr, of Brewer, former federal prosecutor, bankruptcy judge and retired 1st United States Circuit Court of Appeals judge. Judge Cyr was a graduate of Limestone High School and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He earned his law degree from Yale University. In 1959 he moved to Bangor, where he worked as a federal prosecutor until 1961, when he became a referee for the bankruptcy court. He also helped write the rules for bankruptcy court and the legislation that created the United States Bankruptcy Court in its present form, which includes judges rather than referees. Judge Cyr was appointed a United States bankruptcy judge for Maine in 1973. During his tenure as a bankruptcy judge, he founded the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, and in 2008 he received the Judge William L. Norton, Jr. Judicial Excellence Award, which recognizes lifetime achievement in scholarship, writing and service to the bankruptcy system. President Reagan appointed Judge Cyr to the United States District Court bench in 1981, where he served until 1989, when President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the appellate court in Boston. He took senior status in early 1997 and retired in 2008. Judge Cyr will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1696)

Logan Thompson, of Lincoln, who won the Maine State Golf Association 2016 Junior Amateur Championship in the Boys 15-17 Division. We extend to Logan our congratulations on his achievement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1697)

Wallace Lindahl, of Carroll Plantation, who is celebrating his 75th Birthday. Mr. Lindahl is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and has lived in Carroll Plantation for 25 years. He is married to Mary Lindahl, and they have 7 children. We extend to Mr. Lindahl our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1698)

Anita C. Dunham, of Wilton, who is retiring as CareerCenter Manager of the Skowhegan CareerCenter after 16 years of state service. Ms. Dunham began her professional career with 10 years of service as a licensed social worker with SeniorsPlus Area Agency on Aging. In 2000, she continued her career with

the Maine Department of Labor as an Employment Training Specialist at the CareerCenter in East Wilton. She later worked as an Employment Counselor and then was named CareerCenter Manager for the East Wilton CareerCenter and later the Skowhegan CareerCenter. For a time, she managed both centers. Ms. Dunham managed the Bureau of Employment Services staff including the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance programs in Franklin and Somerset counties, northern Androscoggin County and northern Oxford County and other training programs in Somerset County. We extend to Ms. Dunham our appreciation for her service to the people of the State and offer her our congratulations on her retirement; (HLS 1699)

Terry Wescott, of Thorndike, and Brad Krog, of Bowdoin, the canoe team that won the 2016 Yukon 1000 Canoe and Kayak Race. The Yukon 1000, the world's longest endurance paddling race, is a 1,000-mile unsupported journey on the Yukon River across Canada's Yukon Territory and Alaska. Mr. Wescott and Mr. Krog, the oldest team ever to finish the race, won the race in 7 days, 4 hours and 35 minutes. We extend to Mr. Wescott and Mr. Krog our congratulations on their victory; (HLS 1700)

Thomas A. Philbrook, of Arundel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 330, 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, Thomas built a prayer labyrinth in the yard behind the Goodwin Mills United Methodist Church in Lyman, with a bench at the center of the labyrinth for meditation. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1701)

Charles Honkonen, of South 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. For his Eagle Scout service project, Charles built 7 wooden benches that will line the front lobby and will be at the outer entrance of Marshwood High School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1702)

Emile J. Roy, of Sanford, a United States Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Roy was born in Compton, Quebec, Canada and he immigrated to Sanford with his family in 1924. He joined the United States Navy the day after he became an American citizen in 1942. During World War II, Mr. Roy served in the Pacific and was involved in several amphibious attacks in the Marshall Islands, the Caroline Islands and the Mariana Islands, and he and his shipmates received a special combat citation for preventing numerous enemy attempts to get reinforcements through a dangerous channel and attack beleaguered United States Marines. After attending barber college through the GI Bill, Mr. Roy returned to duty with the Navy during the Korean Conflict. Ending his service in 1952, Mr. Roy opened his own barber shop in Sanford, which was the beginning of a seven-decade public relationship. He believed in giving back to the community, the nation and his church, serving on the Town of Sanford Planning Board, running for town council and campaigning for candidates he supported. Mr. Roy was active in the Sanford Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus and especially the Salvation Army. In 2001, he received the Salvation Army's prestigious Booth Award, presented to him by his friend, President George H.W. Bush. Mr. Roy will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1703)

Dorothy Clark, of West Paris, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, August 6, 2016. She was born Dorothy Barbara Pratt in

1916 in East Oxford and married Charlie Clark in 1972. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1704)

Seymour Papert, of East Blue Hill, a mathematician and early pioneer of artificial intelligence, as well as an internationally recognized thinker about the ways in which computers can change learning. Dr. Papert was born in Pretoria, South Africa and was educated at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. He participated actively in the anti-apartheid movement and engaged in a lifetime of social activism. Dr. Papert pursued mathematical research at Cambridge University from 1954 to 1958. He then worked with Jean Piaget at the University of Geneva from 1958 to 1963. It was this collaboration that led Dr. Papert to consider using mathematics in the service of understanding how children can learn and think. He joined the faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and worked both in artificial intelligence and in the study of technology and learning, cofounding the Artificial Intelligence Group and becoming one of the leading educational theorists of the past 50 years. After moving to Maine, he teamed up with Governor Angus King to provide computers for every seventh-grade and eighth-grade student in the State's school system. From 1999 to 2002, he worked with the Maine Youth Center, a detention center for teenagers in South Portland, to create a model for what schools of the future might look like. Dr. Papert's pioneering work in artificial intelligence and education will continue to be of use to students and researchers and will benefit everyone, and his particular work in Maine will continue to benefit the citizens of the State. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1705)

Sylvia Anne Dyke Clanton, of Newry, a United States Air Force veteran and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Clanton was born in Barrington, New Jersey, the daughter of a United States Air Force pilot. After her graduation from Simmons College, Mrs. Clanton was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, where she met and married her husband, Norman, also an Air Force officer. After serving 7 and a half years in the Air Force, Mrs. Clanton dedicated herself to being a full-time wife and mother. Following her husband's retirement 35 years ago, they moved to the Bethel area, where Mrs. Clanton was an active and prominent member of the community. She served as a trustee of the Bethel Historical Society, was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church and was chaplain of American Legion Post 81. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1706)

Dwight Helstrom, of Presque Isle, as he celebrates 50 years of being a barber. Mr. Helstrom started his career in 1966 and is Presque Isle's longest-serving barber. We extend our congratulations to him on this occasion and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1707)

the Town of Corinna, which is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its incorporation. Dr. John Warren, of Boston, Massachusetts, bought the land that became Corinna from Massachusetts in 1804. He encouraged families to come to the township by hiring Captain Joseph Ireland and his nephew to erect the township's first mill, where the pioneer farmers brought their grist to be ground and which was also used to saw wood. When the town was incorporated on December 11, 1816, it was named Corinna to honor Dr. Warren's daughter. At the first town meeting in 1817, William Elder was elected town clerk, and he, Joseph Pease and Constant Southard were elected selectmen. Corinna began as a farming community, but after the Dexter and Newport Railroad arrived in the mid-1860s, it became a mill town,

with sawmills, planing mills, woolen textile mills and a door, sash and blind factory. The town's industries also included boot and shoemaking shops and an iron foundry. The citizens of Corinna took pride in using hard work and New England ingenuity to build their town. We join them in celebrating Corinna's 200th Anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1708)

the Island Medical Center, of Stonington, on its 50 years of providing high-quality medical and dental care to the Deer Isle and Stonington communities. In 1966, a group of concerned citizens with a vision of access to essential year-round health care raised money for the construction of a medical building. We join the citizens of Deer Isle and Stonington in celebrating the center's 50th anniversary and we send the Island Medical Center our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1709)

Brian Higgins, of Surry, on the occasion of his retirement from coaching soccer at Ellsworth High School after 42 years. Mr. Higgins began teaching physical education at Ellsworth High School in 1974 and is Maine's winningest high school soccer coach ever, with a 566-103-45 record. His teams have won 18 Eastern Maine Championships and 4 State Championships. In addition to his successful soccer coaching career, Mr. Higgins has coached basketball and tennis. We send our appreciation to Mr. Higgins for his longtime dedication to soccer and to the youth of Maine. We extend our best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (HLS 1710)

Patricia Endsley, RN, MSN, NCSN, of Lebanon, who has been named the 2016 School Nurse of the Year at the 2016 School Nurse Summer Institute, Kaleidoscope of School Nursing Practice, hosted by the Maine Department of Education at Bates College in Lewiston. Ms. Endsley has been a school nurse for 14 years and works at Wells High School. She has worked over 30 years as a registered nurse, and she is currently enrolled in a doctoral program for nursing education. We extend to Ms. Endsley our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1711)

Ronald Newton, of Manchester, who is retiring from the Manchester Fire Department after 55 years of service as a volunteer firefighter. Mr. Newton joined the department in 1961 and served as Deputy Chief for many years. We extend to Mr. Newton our appreciation for his long service and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1712)

Francis Roger Carroll, Sr., of Limerick, a Korean War veteran, businessman, civil servant and devoted family man. Mr. Carroll was a 1952 graduate of Limerick High School and his wife, Barbara, was one of 6 in their graduating class. He owned and operated a successful aggregate, concrete and paving business. Mr. Carroll served on the Limerick Planning Board, the Limerick Business Park Committee and the Limerick Development Corporation. He also donated time and materials to the Limerick baseball fields and Tibbetts Memorial Park. Mr. Carroll was a parishioner of St. Matthew Catholic Church and a member of the parish council. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 61 years, Barbara, his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1713)

Adrianna Elaine Ames, of North Haven, who was named the 2016 Maine Sea Goddess at the 69th Maine Lobster Festival in Rockland. Ms. Ames's family has a history with the Sea Goddess Pageant, as her mother, the late Marina Ames, was a Sea Princess in the 1980s and her grandmother, Elaine Ames-Brown, was crowned Sea Goddess in 1967. We extend to Ms. Ames our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1714)

Earl C. Hartley, a lifelong resident of Corinna. Mr. Hartley began his working life with his father as a farmer, taking his first load of cattle to the market alone in Brighton, Massachusetts, at

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16 years of age. He and his brother Perley purchased a used-car business in Dexter in the early 1960s, later purchasing the Dodge dealership in Dexter in 1968 and building the Chevy-Buick dealership in Dover-Foxcroft in 1973; Mr. Hartley retired from the automobile industry in 1996. He was a member of the Parian Lodge, the Masons of Corinna, the Anah Shrine, the Dexter Club and the Corinna United Methodist Church. He enjoyed spending time with a group of local friends and fellow farmers, "The Farmers in the Dell," at Ripley Pond. Mr. Hartley will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1715)

Brian Sites, of North Yarmouth, who is the recipient of the North Yarmouth Distinguished Citizen Award by the North Yarmouth Events Committee. This award is presented at the North Yarmouth Fun Day once a year to a resident who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the town. Mr. Sites has worked hard to ensure that those in need have access to firewood, to improve recreational opportunities in North Yarmouth's parks and to make sure that the new Wescustogo Hall meets current and future needs. We congratulate Mr. Sites on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1716)

Dr. Laura Stevens, of Portland, a teacher at Kaler Elementary School in South Portland, who has received the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest recognition given to outstanding kindergarten-to-grade-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Dr. Stevens has been teaching in South Portland since 1999. We offer her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1717)

Muriel Poulin, of Springvale, who was inducted into the American Nurses Association Hall of Fame in June 2016. Ms. Poulin, who graduated from Sanford High School in 1942 at 16 years of age, has had a long, successful career in nursing, making many improvements and innovations in nursing administration, nursing education and nursing practice. She worked as head nurse at District of Columbia General Hospital in Washington, D.C. and in Syria as Director of Nursing for the Ford Foundation. Later, she worked in Costa Rica with a United States government agency as an assistant hospital administrator for nursing. She was instrumental in the launch of the American Academy of Nursing. Ms. Poulin served as chair of the School of Nursing at Boston University, where she pioneered nursing administration. Retiring in 1989 after 17 years as a professor at Boston University, she was named a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Barcelona in Spain, where she taught for the next several years. Returning to Maine, she served as chair of the board of directors of Visiting Nurses of Southern Maine and managed Books Revisited, a used bookstore supporting the visiting nurses program. We extend to Ms. Poulin our congratulations on her induction into the American Nurses Association Hall of Fame and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1718)

Lauree Gott, of Old Town, a teacher at Veazie Community School, who has received the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest recognition given to outstanding kindergarten-to-grade-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Ms. Gott has been an educator for 21 years. We offer her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1719)

Marielle Edgecomb, of Mount Desert, a teacher at the Peninsula School in Gouldsboro, who has received the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest recognition given to outstanding kindergarten-to-grade-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Ms. Edgecomb has been teaching for 25

years. We offer her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1720)

Cary James, of Orono, a teacher at Bangor High School, who has received the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest recognition given to outstanding kindergarten-to-grade-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Mr. James has been teaching at Bangor High School for 17 years. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1721)

Peter and Warren Galloway, of Rockland, who, representing the Camden Area Youth Seamanship Program, won the Club 420 State Championship, held in Blue Hill. We extend to Peter and Warren our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1722)

Walter Russell Roberts, of Knox, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Roberts on this occasion; (HLS 1723)

Lawrence L. Rollins, of Augusta, a longtime and prominent member of the community. Mr. Rollins was born in Augusta and was a graduate of Cony High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a hardworking, self-made man who spent most of his career in the grocery business. Mr. Rollins was a member of the Augusta Merchants Association, board member of the Associated Grocers of Maine and past president of the Augusta Parking District. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1724)

Peter J. Jandreau, of Wallagrass, who is retiring from Maine's Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Mr. Jandreau began state service on December 15, 1975 as a seasonal Produce Inspector I. In January 1978, he was promoted to the seasonal position of Produce Inspector II; in 1982, to the full-time position of Branding Law Inspector, which was reclassified as a Quality Compliance Inspector in 1989; in 1997, this position was reclassified as a Consumer Protection Inspector, the position from which he is retiring. Over his more than 40 years of state service, Mr. Jandreau has ensured the reputation of the Maine brand and has worked to protect the health of Maine's citizens. We extend to Mr. Jandreau our appreciation for his long service, and we offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1725)

Norman and Lorraine Pouliot, of Augusta, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Pouliot were married at St. Augustine Catholic Church on September 15, 1956 following a brief engagement that started when he proposed to her by mailing her a ring from Alaska, where he was stationed with the United States Air Force. Mr. and Mrs. Pouliot are the proud parents of 3 children, Patricia, James and Gary; 6 grandchildren, Ben, Matt, Jake, Megan, Grace and Faith; and 3 great-grandchildren, Peyton, Braydon and Kace. The Pouliots are lifelong residents of Augusta and operated a number of businesses over the years. They retired in 1996. We extend our congratulations to them on their 60th anniversary and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1726)

Joseph W. Gauld, of Bath, longtime educator and founder of the prestigious Hyde School in Bath, who is the recipient of the Sanford N. McDonnell Award for Lifetime Achievement in Character Education from Character.org, a nonprofit organization that works with schools, districts and organizations to develop a culture where young people thrive both academically and ethically. Mr. Gauld founded the Hyde School in 1966 and has written 4 books on education and is working on his 5th book. His columns have appeared in national publications and his work has

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been featured on television. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Gauld on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1727)

Claire Bragg, of Acton, who is celebrating her 90th Birthday on September 17, 2016. We extend to Ms. Bragg our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1728)

the Washington Hancock Community Agency, of Machias, for 50 years of service to the community. The agency was established in 1966 as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty legislation, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Its primary mission is to assist low-income families and individuals through a variety of programs ranging from the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program to programs such as At Home Downeast, which provides services that allow seniors to remain at home in their communities. We extend our appreciation to the Washington Hancock Community Agency on its 50 years of service and send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1729)

Arnold James Burgess, of Dedham. Mr. Burgess was a 1957 graduate of Bucksport High School and served 4 years in the United States Navy. He was employed at the Bucksport Mill for 37 years. He was a member and past Master of Felicity Lodge No. 0019, Hancock RAC No. 19 and the Anah Shriners and Bangor Elks Lodge No. 244. Mr. Burgess will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Nancy, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1730)

Harold "Thomas" Fickett III, 19, of Clifton, who was an outdoor enthusiast and known as a respectful young man. Thomas was born in Bangor and was a 2015 graduate of John Bapst Memorial High School. He went on to work in his family business. Thomas will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1731)

Josephine "Glenice" Bernot, of Dedham. Mrs. Bernot graduated from beauty school in 1948 and went on to have a successful career as a Regional Manager for Sarah Coventry Jewelry and be an active member of her community. She was a member of Clifton Baptist Church and was involved in the Dedham Mountaineer Club, Ladies Aid, Civil Defense, Red Cross, Gray Family Reunion, Scouting and 4-H. She also volunteered for the Eastern Agency on Aging and the Meals for ME program at Holden Square Apartments. Mrs. Bernot will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1732)

Norman Lasselle, Sr., of Pittsfield. Mr. Lasselle was born in Burnham. He worked for 22 years at Northeast Shoe and Dexter Shoe and for 22 years at Cianbro. He also served with the Pittsfield Fire Department for 12 years. Mr. Lasselle served twice as Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Pittsfield. Mr. Lasselle will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1733)

Damaris "Marnie" Diffin, of North Yarmouth, Town Manager of Stockton Springs. From 1994 to 2009, Ms. Diffin was the town manager of Islesboro. She then served as the town administrator and the interim town manager of North Yarmouth before she took up her position in Stockton Springs in 2014. She was known as a strong leader who created a sense of family among town workers and a spirit of cooperation in the community. Ms. Diffin will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1734)

Hector and Anita Beattie, of Sanford, who recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on August 31, 1946, and they have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Beattie our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1735)

Gary Martin, of Springfield, for his 40 years of service with the Springfield Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Martin is currently serving as the department's captain and treasurer. We extend to Mr. Martin our appreciation for his service and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1736)

Anna White, of Carroll Plantation, who is serving her final year on the Select Board after over 20 years of service. We extend to Ms. White our appreciation for her service and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1737)

Eleanor Anne Green, a native of Presque Isle. Mrs. Green attended local schools, graduating from Presque Isle High School in 1952. She went on to attend Fisher Junior College, in Boston, and afterwards worked in the business office of New England Telephone Company, retiring in 1984 with 30 years of service. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Green will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 60 years, Laurel "Sonny" Green, her family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1738)

James Edward Mitchell, of Vassalboro, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a prominent attorney and probate judge. Mr. Mitchell was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from Hall High School in Little Rock, Princeton University and Yale School of Law. After his college graduation, he spent a year at the American School in Beirut learning Arabic, and he served in the Marine Corps as a captain during the Vietnam War, earning the Bronze Star. He married Elizabeth Anne Harrill in 1965, and they moved to Maine in 1971 and recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. He worked on the staff of Governor Ken Curtis, later directing the Maine Housing Authority, and ran for the United States Congress in a crowded primary, placing 2nd. He then focused on his law practice, Mitchell & Davis, which he built and ran with his law partner, Jed Davis, for 45 years. In 1979, Mr. Mitchell was elected Kennebec County Judge of Probate, a position he held until his passing. He won the Justice Louis Scolnik award from the Maine Civil Liberties Union in 2009. Mr. Mitchell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, including his wife, Libby, his friends and his colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1739)

the Lincoln Water District, which earned the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers certification from the Maine Department of Labor. This certification, also known as SHAPE, recognizes public sector organizations that voluntarily undertake a rigorous safety achievement program for their workplace. We congratulate the Lincoln Water District on its receiving this certification; (HLS 1740)

Marc R. Hagan, of Topsham, former Commander of the Brunswick Police Department and newly appointed Chief of Police of the Town of Lisbon, for his 26 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Police Department. Chief Hagan joined the Brunswick Police Department as a patrol officer in 1990 and held the positions of community police officer, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant and patrol commander. Chief Hagan has been active in the community and was a founding member of the Merrymeeting Bay Triad. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to law enforcement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1741)

Thayer's Store, in Windham, on the celebration of its 99th year of doing business. Owned for 31 years by Judy Quimby and her husband, Jim, the store was founded by her grandfather in 1917. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Thayer's Store on this anniversary; (HLS 1742)

Ryan Weeks, of North Yarmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of

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Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Ryan constructed benches in North Yarmouth Veterans Memorial Park. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1743)

Eunice Beaudoin, of Sanford, on the occasion of her 102nd birthday, October 5, 2016. Ms. Beaudoin spent all of her working life in Sanford-area shoe factories and is an avid fan of music and dancing. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the 102nd celebration of her life; (HLS 1744)

Hugh Bowden, of Ellsworth, on his induction into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame for his outstanding contributions to journalism. Mr. Bowden recently retired as executive editor of *The Ellsworth American* after working in print journalism for 52 years. Over the years, he worked as an editor, a news and sports writer and a photographer. He is described as having been a mentor to young reporters and an advocate for those without access to power and money. We extend to Mr. Bowden our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1745)

Chase Steuer, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 92, 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, Chase repaired and relocated an equipment shed at Greely High School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1746)

Richard W. Ward, of Lewiston. Mr. Ward was an active member of the community and enjoyed renown as an auctioneer. Mr. Ward will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1747)

Duane K. "Mickey" Rair, of Prospect, a retired newspaperman and a Korean War Veteran. Mr. Rair was born in Mountaintop, Pennsylvania and attended high school in Syracuse, New York. He began his newspaper career as a copy boy for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in 1949. Later, he served as an intelligence sergeant in the United State Marine Corps during the Korean War. After his military service, Mr. Rair returned to *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and worked as a reporter, copywriter and editor until 1959, when he was hired as assistant city editor at the *Evening Bulletin*. In 1977, he moved to Maine to work as copy editor and news editor at the *Bangor Daily News*, retiring in 1990. Mr. Rair also taught at Temple University and the University of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1748)

Bernard Staples, of Lincoln, who celebrated his 95th Birthday on September 18, 2016. Mr. Staples is a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps who served in World War II. We extend to Mr. Staples our appreciation for his service to our Nation and offer him our congratulations on his birthday; (HLS 1749)

Stuart and Rosalie Taylor, of Ellsworth, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 14, 2016. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1750)

Brooklyn McCarthy, of Indian Township, who was crowned the 2017 USA National Miss Maine Pre-Teen. Brooklyn is 9 years old and a 5th-grade honor roll student at Indian Township School. Brooklyn has a strong community commitment and values her traditional background as a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1751)

Cassidy Carr, of Calais, who was crowned the 2017 USA National Miss Pine Tree State Jr. Teen. Cassidy, who is 12,

recently entered the 7th grade at Calais Middle School. She is an avid volunteer in her church and community. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1752)

Brylea Newman, of Alexander, who was crowned the 2017 USA Miss Maine National Jr. Princess. Brylea is 4 years old and recently entered pre-kindergarten at Alexander Elementary School. We send her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1753)

Robert Norman, of Big Lake Township, on the occasion of his retirement on September 16, 2016 after more than 43 years working in the insurance business. We congratulate him and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1754)

Mary E. Davis, of Lacey, Washington, on the occasion of her visit to the State of Maine as the 2016-2017 National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Ms. Davis has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 40 years and was elected national president at the organization's 96th National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a member of Pat Tillman Memorial Unit No. 53 in DuPont, Washington and is an accredited service officer through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the American Legion and the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs. We join the Maine American Legion Auxiliary in welcoming Mary Davis to the State of Maine and send her our appreciation for her dedication and commitment to veterans and their families; (HLS 1755)

the Reverend Edith Ilene Stoops, of Augusta, as she celebrates her 95th birthday. Born on October 3, 1921 in Roodhouse, Illinois, Mrs. Stoops was married to Resal T. Stoops for 69 years before he passed away in 2007. She went back to school after her 5 children were raised and she received a bachelor of arts degree from Gateway College of Evangelism in St. Louis, Missouri in 1976. Mrs. Stoops received a master of science degree in education from Southern Illinois University in 1978 and also received ministerial credentials from the United Pentecostal Church International that year. She moved to Augusta in 2003 and is an active member of the First United Pentecostal Church of Augusta, where she serves as an Elder. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her 95th birthday; (HLS 1756)

Stanley E. Powell, of Carmel, for his 70 years of American Legion service. We extend to Mr. Powell our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 1757)

Jeannette Beckwith Morrill, of Shirley, on her induction into the University of Maine at Presque Isle Sports Hall of Fame and her receiving the university's Distinguished Alumni Award. We extend to Ms. Morrill our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1758)

Adelaide Cooke, of Falmouth, who as a Falmouth High School junior won the individual titles in the girls discus and shot put events at the 2016 Class A State Outdoor Track and Field Championships and was named the *Maine Sunday Telegram* Athlete of the Year in girls outdoor track and field. We extend to Adelaide our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1759)

Caroline Denoia, of Falmouth, a senior at Falmouth High School, who received the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award at the 30th Annual Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism. We extend to Ms. Denoia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1760)

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Joey Han, of Falmouth, who as a junior at Falmouth High School won the Gold Medal in Comic Art at the 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards program is the largest and longest-running scholarship and recognition program for creative teens in the country. The awards are presented annually by the Alliance of Young Artists and Writers with support from Scholastic, Inc. We extend to Joey our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1761)

the Falmouth High School baseball team, the Yachtsmen, of Falmouth, which won the 2016 Class A South Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1762)

Olivia Jones, of Old Town, who was crowned Ms. Maine 2017 at the Maine Academic Scholarship Pageant. She won the Casual Wear Model competition and was presented the Bronze Presidential Service Award. We extend to Ms. Jones our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1763)

the Honorable C. Martin Berman, of Naples, a former member of the 99th and 100th Legislatures, a prominent attorney and member of his community. Mr. Berman was born in Lewiston and was a graduate of Edward Little High School, the University of Maine and Boston University School of Law. Mr. Berman joined the family law firm in Lewiston in 1954 and practiced with his father and uncle. In all, he spent 52 years as senior counsel at the Berman & Simmons law firm in Lewiston. Mr. Berman was past president of the Androscoggin County Bar Association, Beth Jacob Synagogue and the Lewiston-Auburn chapter of the American Red Cross. He also was past president and director for the Naples Golf and Country Club and was a founder and former director of the Lakes Environmental Association, as well as a former director of the Lewiston-Auburn Jewish Community Center and Bridgton Hospital. Mr. Berman also was a former incorporator of the Central Maine Medical Center and was a lifelong member of B'Nai Brith Lodge, Rabboni Masonic Lodge and Kora Temple. Mr. Berman will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and the communities he served so well; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1764)

Karleigh Lin Smith, of Levant, a third-grade student at Suzanne M. Smith Elementary School, who received the Gold-level Presidential Volunteer Service Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Karleigh has also received a September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance award and a Miss Maine spirit of pageantry award, and she has served as a page for the Maine House of Representatives. We extend to Karleigh our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1765)

Emma Langille, of Mapleton, who has been crowned 2017 USA National Miss Maine. Ms. Langille, who is a sophomore at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, also received the Sr. Division Congeniality Award, Sr. Division Casual Wear Award, Sr. Division Super Model title and 2017 USA National Miss Maine Role Model title. We extend to Ms. Langille our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1766)

Clare Mae Kilcollins, of Woodland, who has been crowned 2017 USA National Miss Maine Princess. We extend to Clare Mae our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1767)

Clara Kohlbacher, of Mapleton, who has been crowned 2017 USA National Miss Maine Jr. Teen. Clara is a freshman at Presque Isle High School and an active member of the Young Women, a youth organization and an official auxiliary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. We extend to Clara our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1768)

Linden Goodrich, of Sanford, who is celebrating his 60th Birthday on October 2, 2016. We extend to Mr. Goodrich our

congratulations on his birthday and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1769)

Dave's World, of Dover-Foxcroft, which has been named the Business of the Year by the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Dave's World our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1770)

the Mill Inn & Cafe, of Dover-Foxcroft, which has been named the New Business of the Year by the Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at the Mill Inn & Cafe our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1771)

Joyce S. Damon, of Edmunds Township, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on August 4, 2016. We extend to Mrs. Damon our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1772)

Arthur and Cynthia Carter, of Charlotte, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carter were married on September 22, 1956 in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1773)

R. H. Foster, of Hampden, which is the recipient of the 2016 Silver Collar Employer Award by the State Workforce Board Older Worker Committee. The Older Worker Committee promotes the value of Maine's older workers through advocacy, education, and policy development to meet the needs of workers and employers. The Older Worker Committee instituted this award to honor employers in Maine whose policies and practices match the needs of mature employees. We congratulate R. H. Foster on its receiving this award; (HLS 1774)

the Hinckley Company, in Trenton, which is the recipient of the 2016 Silver Collar Employer Award by the State Workforce Board Older Worker Committee. The Older Worker Committee promotes the value of Maine's older workers through advocacy, education, and policy development to meet the needs of workers and employers. The Older Worker Committee instituted this award to honor employers in Maine whose policies and practices match the needs of mature employees. We congratulate the Hinckley Company on its receiving this award; (HLS 1775)

Robert E. Welch, of Knox, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Welch was born in Knox in 1954. He loved woodworking and spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Welch will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 37 years, Kathryn, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1776)

Falmouth Middle School, in Falmouth, which has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students demonstrate high achievement or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. We extend to the students and staff of Falmouth Middle School our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1777)

Reeds Brook Middle School, in Hampden, which has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students demonstrate high achievement or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. We extend to the students and staff of Reeds Brook Middle School our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1778)

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October 10, 2016 as the 105th National Day of the Republic of China. The Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, became a nation on October 10, 1911 after over 2,000 years of imperial rule and was formally established as a republic on January 1, 1912. The Republic of China was the first republic in Asia and the first full-fledged democracy in Chinese history. It shares with Maine the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Taiwan as they celebrate this anniversary and we send them our continued best wishes; (HLS 1779)

Sea Road School, in Kennebunk, which has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students demonstrate high achievement or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. We extend to the students and staff of Sea Road School our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1780)

Gareth Blackwell, Sr., a native of Corinth, who is celebrating his 80th Birthday on October 10, 2016. We extend to Mr. Blackwell our congratulations on his birthday and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1781)

Waban Projects, Inc., of Sanford, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Waban Projects provides services to children and adults of all ages with developmental or other disabilities. What started as Camp Waban, where people with special needs could learn to swim and enjoy lakefront recreational activities, has become a community-based organization offering comprehensive services throughout York County. We extend to everyone at Waban Projects our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1782)

John "Jay" Selberg, Jr., of Cousins Island in Yarmouth, who is retiring as a Paralegal in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes within the Legislature after over 22 years of state service. Mr. Selberg began working at the Revisor's office in 1993, and from 1995 to 2005 he also worked part-time in the Office of the Maine Attorney General. Through the years, Mr. Selberg has coped with heavy workloads and long hours, and he has drafted thousands and thousands of legislative sentiments. His office coworkers and the many other employees of the Legislature will miss his work, and they will also miss him, especially his humor and his kindness. We acknowledge Mr. Selberg's dedicated service to the Legislature and the State of Maine, and we offer him our best wishes on the occasion of his retirement; (HLS 1783)

Paula Doughty, of Farmington, coach of the Skowhegan Area High School field hockey team, the Indians, on her 500th career win. Coach Doughty currently holds a 500-86-19 record over 36 seasons and has coached the Indians to 16 state titles. We extend to Coach Doughty our congratulations on her 500th victory and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1784)

Ken Brilliant, of Topsham, Chief of the Brunswick Fire Department, who has been named the Fire Chief of the Year by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. We extend to Chief Brilliant our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1785)

Jacob True, 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. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement; (HLS 1786)

Sean Gould, of Peru, 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. We extend our congratulations to Sean on this achievement; (HLS 1787)

Stanley and Patricia Ames, of Canaan, who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ames were married on October 27, 1956. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Ames our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1788)

Hancock Lumber, in Bethel and Casco, on its receiving the SHARP Award from the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. The award recognizes small employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems and is an achievement of status as a model of work site safety and health management. We extend our congratulations to Hancock Lumber on its receiving this award; (HLS 1789)

Christopher Dean Whittaker, of Woolwich. Mr. Whittaker worked in the seafood business during and after high school. He worked for Plant's Seafood for many years, as well as for J&A Seafood and Browne Trading. He loved being in the outdoors and fishing, especially for striped bass at Small Point. Mr. Whittaker will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1790)

Vicki Kimball, of Parkman, a teacher at Tri-County Technical Center in Dexter who was named the 2016 Teacher of the Year for the State of Maine by the Maine Association of Centers for Technical Education. Ms. Kimball is the Lead Instructor of the Commercial Truck Driving Program at the school. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1791)

Mary Ryan, of Wilton, who was honored at the 2016 Annual Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program Conference for her 30 years of service in monitoring the water quality of Wilson Lake. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to Ms. Ryan for her commitment to the environment and to her community; (HLS 1792)

Tamara L. Ranger, of Waterville, a seventh-grade and eighth-grade reading intervention teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School, who has been named the 2017 Maine Teacher of the Year. As the 2017 Maine Teacher of the Year, Ms. Ranger will travel throughout the state and country collaborating with other educators to support the efforts underway to prepare all students for college, work and civic life. We extend to Ms. Ranger our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1793)

Jack Scribner, of Falmouth, who has been selected as an All-American by U. S. Lacrosse, the sport's national governing body. U. S. Lacrosse describes All-Americans as players who exhibit superior skills and techniques and possess exceptional game sense and knowledge. They are among the best players in the United States while also embodying excellent sportsmanship. We extend our congratulations to Jack on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1794)

Catherine Quercia, of Nobleboro, who is celebrating her 95th Birthday on December 13, 2016. We extend to Ms. Quercia our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1795)

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the Town of Canaan, which has erected at the Canaan Public Library a memorial stone honoring veterans and the longstanding tradition of Canaan residents serving in the United States Armed Forces, from the Civil War to the post-Vietnam era. We join the good citizens of Canaan as they honor the service of veterans, and we extend to them our congratulations on the dedication of this memorial; (HLS 1796)

Bryce Roix, of Washburn, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 177, 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, Bryce revitalized the crash site of a World War II B-25, rebuilding the site's memorial, making new trails and providing a map for visitors to follow. We extend our congratulations to Bryce on this achievement; (HLS 1797)

Errol F. Clement, of Benton, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Clement was born in Smithfield and attended schools in Smithfield and Fairfield. He served in the Army during World War II. On October 21, 1949, he married Caroline Haskell. Mr. Clement worked in various jobs, including 15 years of service with School Administrative District No. 49. Mr. Clement was a member and two-time Commander of Fairfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6924. He was also a member of Fairfield American Legion Post No. 14. Mr. Clement will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1798)

the Honorable Edwin H. Pert, of Georgetown, a noted public servant of Maine, who served his community and State with distinction. Mr. Pert was born in Bath and graduated from Morse High School in 1950. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maine in 1954. Mr. Pert served for one tour of duty in Korea as a public information officer for the United States Army, and upon his return home worked as a reporter for the *Bath Daily Times* and as news director for WMMS/WJTO radio. He served in the House of Representatives representing Bath in the 99th Legislature, in addition to serving as executive director of the Maine Democratic Party. Mr. Pert spent several years as executive director of the Maine chapters of the March of Dimes and the Arthritis Foundation. He worked as Secretary of the Senate from 1965 to 1966 and he also served 18 years as the Clerk of the House of Representatives, from 1974 to 1992. Mr. Pert moved to Georgetown in the mid-1960s and was named the Georgetown Citizen of the Year in 2003. He served his town in numerous capacities, including serving as the town moderator and as a member of the board of selectmen, the planning board, the town-owned property management board, the recreation commission and committee and the financial advisory committee. Mr. Pert will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and colleagues and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1799)

Dr. Carol Eckert, of Windsor. Dr. Eckert was born in Rutherford, New Jersey. She graduated from Douglass College in 1975 and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1979. In 2007, she earned a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of New England. From 1982 to 2013, she had a practice at Sheepscot Valley Health Center in Coopers Mills. She then worked as a float physician for HealthReach Network. Dr. Eckert also served as medical director of the Maine Community Accountable Care Organization and was a medical consultant for Social Security disability services. She went on many medical missions to the Dominican Republic with the University of Southern Maine nursing program and worked at harvest season health clinics with the Maine Migrant Health

Program. She also worked at the Maine Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Maine Labor Group on Health, the Windsor school board and the Maine Board of Pesticides Control, as well as with many other organizations. Dr. Eckert will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 42 years, Jeff, and her family, friends, colleagues and patients; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1800)

Connor Miholovich, of Newport, 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. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1801)

the Sanford-Springvale YMCA, in Sanford, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. The Sanford-Springvale YMCA promotes the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility in order to help build healthy spirits, minds and bodies and works to improve the quality of life for all residents of Sanford and Springvale and the surrounding communities. We extend to everyone at the Sanford-Springvale YMCA our congratulations on this anniversary; (HLS 1802)

Willard and Joan Douglas, of Wilton, who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were married on October 28, 1951. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1803)

Dick Willette, Sr., of Fairfield, who is retiring as director at the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen in Waterville. Mr. Willette has served at the soup kitchen for 36 years, with 20 years as director. We extend to Mr. Willette our appreciation for his service to others and offer him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1804)

Marie Rankins, of Pittston, who is retiring from the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives after 30 years of service in the House and Senate. We thank Marie for her long service to the Legislature, and we extend to her our congratulations on her retirement and offer her our very best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1805)

Gordon Hamilton, of Orono, a University of Maine professor and a researcher with the Climate Change Institute. Professor Hamilton was a physical glaciologist, and he was working on White Island in the Ross Archipelago in Antarctica when he died. He began working at the University of Maine in the late 1990s teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. His work at the Climate Change Institute, for which he received support from many national organizations, including the National Science Foundation and NASA, made him a valued member of the institute. Before coming to the University of Maine, Professor Hamilton was at the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center and the Norwegian Polar Institute. He earned his doctorate at the University of Cambridge in 1992. Known as a gifted researcher and science communicator and a very talented field scientist, Professor Hamilton also cared deeply about students and educating and training the next generation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1806)

the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, of Skowhegan, which won the 2016 Class A North Championship. This is the team's 16th straight Class A North Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1807)

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the Oak Hill High School Field Hockey Team, of Wales, which won the 2016 Class C State Championship. This is the team's first Class C State Championship victory. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1808)

the Go Green Committee at The Highlands, in Topsham, which has achieved certification as an Environmental Leader from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for its adoption of environmentally sustainable practices. The Go Green Committee has identified numerous initiatives to continue improving sustainability at The Highlands. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for future success to the Go Green Committee at The Highlands; (HLS 1809)

Adiele and Caroline Ibeneme, of Hallowell and Abia State, Nigeria, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Ibeneme our congratulations on their anniversary and offer them our best wishes; (HLS 1810)

Steven Douglas Emery, of Detroit, Chief of Police of the Town of Pittsfield. Chief Emery served as Chief of Police for over 22 years. He was known as having a calm demeanor and for being able to talk to anyone. He was initially hired as a sergeant for the police department in 1982 and served in that capacity until 1987. Beginning in 1991, he served as a sheriff's deputy with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, and in 1994 he was appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Pittsfield. In 2013, he was presented with a certificate of service for his actions in saving the life of a woman whose car had crashed into the Sebec River. He was also involved with Hooked on Fishing in the school system, and he was a member of the Sebec Valley Elks Lodge No. 2713 for many years. Chief Emery will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1811)

Edward S. Crosby, of Richmond. Mr. Crosby was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Richmond Sportsman Association, and he was a member of the Bowdoinham Masonic Lodge. He was also a Shriner and received an outstanding Shriners award in 2013. He was an honored Richmond Citizen of the Year 2004. Mr. Crosby will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 65 years, Phyllis, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1812)

Dr. Mary Nash, of South Berwick, who has been named Maine Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association. Dr. Nash, Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative District No. 35, was nominated by the chair of the school board and selected by a committee of her peers, including former Superintendent of the Year recipients, Maine School Superintendents Association officers and presidents of Maine's superintendent regions. She will represent Maine at the American Association of School Administrators national conference in New Orleans. We congratulate Dr. Nash on her receiving this award and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1813)

Adam D. Harville, Esquire, of Skowhegan. Mr. Harville graduated from Skowhegan High School, and after college in Massachusetts and Maine he received a law degree from Syracuse University. He then practiced law in Skowhegan for several years before forming the firm Fowler & Harville with his mentor, Dan Fowler. Known for his great sense of humor and his tireless work ethic, Mr. Harville will be sadly missed by his coworkers and clients, as well as by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1814)

the Orono High School girls soccer team, the Red Riots, of Orono, which won the 2016 Maine Class C State Championship. The Red Riots have now won the title for two consecutive years.

We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1815)

Pauline Cockerille, of Old Orchard Beach, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 27, 2016. We extend to Ms. Cockerille our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1816)

Joseph Atkinson, of Dresden. Mr. Atkinson was educated in the Orono school system and graduated from the University of Maine in 1971. He worked for General Electric as a construction supervisor, for Central Maine Power as a purchasing manager and for Maine Yankee as a purchasing manager. He was both a York Rite Mason and a Scottish Rite Mason of the 33rd Degree and was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association. Mr. Atkinson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 45 years, Deborah, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1817)

Susan Oliver, of Woolwich, who won the Grand National Amateur Park Saddle Class and the World Championship Amateur Park Saddle Class at the 37th Annual Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The competition is one of the country's premiere horse shows, and Ms. Oliver won both classes unanimously. We extend to Ms. Oliver our congratulations and offer her our best wishes; (HLS 1818)

Philip Paul Mancini, of Scarborough. Mr. Mancini was born and raised in Pennsylvania and attended Quigley Catholic High School. He graduated from The Catholic University of America and received his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law. He moved to Maine in 1988 and practiced law as a trial litigator for 28 years, including 16 years as a partner at Drummond & Drummond, LLP in Portland. Mr. Mancini was a devoted attorney who treated his clients with empathy and compassion. He served on the Board of Governors of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association and was a member of the American Association of Justice. He also was a proud Eagle Scout, former member of the Knights of Columbus and 2-time president of the Rotary Club of Scarborough. Mr. Mancini will be sadly missed by his wife of 29 years, Colleen, and his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1819)

Pennell Woodard, of Auburn, who was inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame. The YMCA Hall of Fame recognizes members of the community who have made extraordinary and tangible contributions to the YMCA. We extend to Mr. Woodard's family our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1820)

Stephen B. Austin, of Auburn, who has been inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame. The YMCA Hall of Fame recognizes members of the community who have made extraordinary and tangible contributions to the YMCA. We extend to Mr. Austin our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1821)

James D. Lawler, of Auburn, a retired executive director of the YMCA, who has been inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame. The YMCA Hall of Fame recognizes members of the community who have made extraordinary and tangible contributions to the YMCA. We extend to Mr. Lawler our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1822)

Muriel Bureau, of Auburn, who has been inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame. The YMCA Hall of Fame recognizes members of the community who have made extraordinary and tangible contributions to the YMCA. We extend to Ms. Bureau our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1823)

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Dr. William F. Frank, of Sanford, upon his retirement from medical practice. Dr. Frank earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College in 1973 and attended Georgetown University School of Medicine from 1973 to 1977 before interning and completing his residency at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center. From 1980 to December of 2016, Dr. Frank practiced family medicine in Sanford. Dr. Frank served as medical examiner for the State of Maine from 1983 to the present; as a member of the state Victims' Compensation Board from 1993 through 1999, serving as chair in 1999; as a physician at and a Board of Directors member of the Biddeford Free Clinic; and as vice-chair of Goodall Hospital's Board of Trustees. In 1999, Dr. Frank won Harvard Pilgrim's Outstanding Physician Award, and in 2008 he was named Outstanding Volunteer at Goodall Hospital. We extend to Dr. Frank our congratulations on his retirement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 1824)

the Calais High School Lady Blue Devils Volleyball Team, of Calais, which won the 2016 State Class B Championship. Members of the team include players Olivia Huckins, Josie Marsanskis, Alyssa Rocha, Emma Seelye, Faith Tirrell, Julia Edgerly, Kelly Delaney, Kelsey LaCoote, Riley Sluzenski, Kayli Doten, Mackenzie LaPointe, Abby Condon, Kylie Donovan and Katie Erskine; managers Kassidee Ramsey, Marisa Mitchell, Cassidy Johnson and Elizabeth Harjo; assistant coach Kati Grass; and head coach Anne Scott. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1825)

the Bangor Christian Schools Boys Soccer Team, of Bangor, which won the 2016 Class D State Soccer Championship. Members of the team include players Matthew Chretien, Jonathan Cormier, Christopher Golding, Samuel Jones, Joshua Palmeter, Christian Boone, Luke Chandler, Erik Gorczok, J. Dean Grass, Austin Keib, Micah Martin, Tyler Welch, Jackson York, Nicholas Collins, Robert DeRoche, Tyler Lehman, Jeremiah McNally, Cody Porter, Samuel Remington, Parker Shaw, Seth Jones, Judah McNally and Danny Palmeter, and coach Aaron Wilcox. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1826)

the Town of Skowhegan police, fire and highway departments, which have received the organization Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone in the Town of Skowhegan police, fire and highway departments our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1827)

Linda Dunbar, of Canaan, who has received the citizen Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Dunbar our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1828)

Cathe Jencks-Ayres, of Madison, who has received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Ms. Jencks-Ayres our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1829)

Maine Fire Equipment Company, of Skowhegan, which has received the Small Business of the Year Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Maine Fire Equipment Company our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1830)

Sappi North America, of Skowhegan, which has received the Large Business of the Year Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to everyone at Sappi North America our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1831)

Patricia A. Dickey, of Skowhegan, former Town Manager of Skowhegan, who has received the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Alton W. Whittemore Award for her outstanding

service. We extend to Ms. Dickey our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1832)

Jen and Ed Goff, of Skowhegan, owners of Butler's Car Wash, who have received the business Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Goff our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1833)

Joseph Bussiere, of Turner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 187, 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, Joseph improved Leavitt Area High School's cross-country trails by updating trail signs, clearing debris, improving drainage and repairing erosion. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this achievement; (HLS 1834)

Alice Fellows, of Durham, who celebrated her 99th Birthday on November 14, 2016. We extend to Ms. Fellows our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1835)

John Richard Harvey, Jr., 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. For his Eagle Scout project, John planned and managed the creation of an Oxford County Food Drive for the Oxford County Food Pantry in Norway. We extend our congratulations to John on this achievement; (HLS 1836)

C. Pearlina "Perch" Walker, of Canaan, who is celebrating her 90th birthday on December 11, 2016. We extend to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1837)

the Brunswick High School Football Team, of Brunswick, which won the 2016 Class B State Championship. This is the team's first state championship in 53 years. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1838)

Robert H. SeeHusen, of Skowhegan, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. SeeHusen was born in Kennebunk and graduated from Deering High School in Portland in 1956. He served in the Air Force from 1957 to 1961. He retired from Verizon after over 24 years of work in central office equipment installation and central office repair from Skowhegan to Jackman. He was a member of the Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge #2531 for 36 years, and he was an avid outdoorsman and a registered Maine guide. Mr. SeeHusen will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of over 49 years, Marilyn, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1839)

Roger Morrison, of Lincoln, who celebrated his 90th birthday on May 2, 2016. Mr. Morrison served in World War II with the United States Navy in the Philippines. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1840)

Sandy Bickford, of Topsham, a STEM teacher at Mt. Ararat Middle School, who has received the 2017 Teacher Excellence Award from the Technology and Engineering Educators Association of Maine and the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association. We extend to Ms. Bickford our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1841)

the Windham U12 Girls Soccer Team, of Windham, which won the SoccerMaine State Championship. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1842)

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Dorothy S. Manson, of Eliot, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 8, 2016. We extend to Dot our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1843)

Bill Reilly, of Brownfield, who was recently inducted into the Maine Running Hall of Fame. Mr. Reilly is the longtime cross-country and track coach at Fryeburg Academy. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1844)

Jessica Jones, of Bridgton, who has been named the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. Ms. Jones is the owner of Firefly Boutique. We congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1845)

Larry R. "Butch" Pelletier, of Ellsworth, a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Pelletier graduated from Ellsworth High School, the University of Maine at Farmington and the University of Maine. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. For six years, Mr. Pelletier taught kindergarten and first grade. He later joined the family business, Larry's Pastry, and he and his younger sister, Launa Picard, became co-owners of the bakery. He continued baking until this past fall at Friends and Family Market. Mr. Pelletier will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 35 years, Maureen, and his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1846)