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the Town of Sweden and the restoration of the Sweden Town Hall during the Sweden Town Hall Days celebration. The town hall was built in 1861 and has been recently restored using funds from a grant and money raised by the Sweden Heritage Fund. The newly restored town hall is now handicapped accessible and houses new public facilities. We acknowledge the dedication of the town in preserving its heritage and we extend our congratulations on this occasion; (SLS 1)

Scott W. Cukierski, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 83 of Penobscot, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (SLS 2)

Dorothea Tozier, of Sherman Mills, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, February 22, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 3)

Norman B. Moody, of Windsor, who was known as Windsor's oldest living resident. Mr. Moody was the oldest member of the Windsor Fair Association. He served as deputy fire warden for the state forestry department and also served briefly as fire chief for the town of Windsor. Mr. Moody was an active member of his community. He played in Bibber's Military Band and later had an orchestra called "Moody's Melody Men." He was an active member of the Windsor Grange, East Kennebec Pomona, Jefferson Grange and Lincoln Pomona. He will be greatly missed by family and friends; (SLS 4) (in memoriam)

Christopher Cyll, of Buxton, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Christopher on this achievement; (SLS 5)

Thomas H. E. Quimby, of Brunswick, who was active in the Lincoln County and Maine Democratic parties. He was a member of the Bristol Lion's Club and was instrumental in founding the Maine Chapter of the United Nations Association. He served with the Peace Corps from 1961 to 1968. He was a visiting scholar at Resources for the Future, administrative assistant for Congressman Vender Veen of Michigan and director of Southern African Affairs for the Agency of International Development. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (SLS 6) (in memoriam)

Helen Park, of Orono, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, September 1, 1998. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 7)

Dorothy Scammon, of Orono, on the occasion of her 101st Birthday, November 24, 1998. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 8)

Monticello Grange on the occasion of its 100 years of incorporation. The Monticello Grange members are involved in a number of civic activities, including the holding of traditional Town Meeting suppers and the sponsoring of an annual community Christmas party. Many members serve as town officers and volunteer in many community groups. The Monticello Grange Hall has been an integral part of the community, serving as Town Hall, and as a facility for school plays, graduations, basketball games and meetings of other organizations; (SLS 9)

Carolyn I. Gamage, of Southport, a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, who worked for 30 years for the Newagen Post Office and served the Town of Southport as deputy treasurer and town treasurer from 1976 to 1990. She was an active member of the community and the church. She will be fondly remembered by her family and friends; (SLS 10) (in memoriam)

Gerard R. Genest, of Sanford, a prominent businessman and developer who was devoted to his family and enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing and bicycling. He was a director and board member of the Springvale National Bank, now Key Bank, a trustee of Goodall Hospital, a founding member of the Industrial Development Corporation and Vale Developers. He was also a communicant of Holy Family Church; (SLS 11) (in memoriam)

William Smythe, of Presque Isle, who has won IGA Inc.'s 1998 International Retailer of the Year Award. Mr. Smythe, the owner of Smythe's IGA Plus, is one of only 6 IGA retailers in the world to earn this award. Mr. Smythe was the past president of the Presque Isle Rotary Club, the Northern Maine Fair Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Presque Isle Industrial Council. He is the current chair of the Aroostook Medical Center, director of the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club and member of the Presque Isle Elks Club. In addition Mr. Smythe volunteers his time to teach business and marketing classes at the local high school and technical college. We extend our congratulations upon his receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 12)

Angie Morse, of Oxford, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 13)

Emugene H. Staples, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 14)

Alice D. Tyner, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 15)

Myron McAllister, on the occasion of his 103rd birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (SLS 16)

Seth Walker, of Windham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (SLS 17)

John Bodger, of Whitneyville, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, December 15, 1998. We send our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Bodger on his birthday; (SLS 18)

Arthur N. Gouin, Jr., of Norway, who completed the requirements for Eagle Scout in August of 1944 but, due to a call to serve his country in the military, he was never formally presented the coveted Eagle Scout award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Gouin for his achievement in attaining the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout; (SLS 19)

Frederick A. Goodwin, of Silver Ridge, who will celebrate his 90th Birthday on January 3, 1999. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Goodwin on this special occasion; (SLS 20)

Irene Shevenell, owner of The Children's Shop in Biddeford, upon her retirement after 44 years of operating a clothing store in downtown Biddeford. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 21)

Nancy Ouellette, of Biddeford, who is the recipient of the 1998 Maine Adult Education Distinguished Service Award. She has been a teacher with Biddeford Adult Education for 14 years and was selected from a field of educators based upon her dedication and commitment to providing adult education services

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in her community. We extend our congratulations to her; (SLS 22)

Alice D. Tyner, on the occasion of her 103rd birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 23)

Myron McAllister, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (SLS 24)

Sarah S. Noyes, of Orrington, a social worker for many years, for her dedicated years of service to the March of Dimes, including her role as a member on the Executive Board. We acknowledge her commitment to the March of Dimes and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 25)

A. J. Walton, a student at Biddeford High School, who has been named to the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Academic Team; (SLS 26)

Chris Lauzon, a student at Biddeford High School, who has been named to the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Academic Team; (SLS 27)

Craig Welton, a student at Biddeford High School, who has been named to the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Academic Team; (SLS 28)

Pete Toner, a student at Kennebunk High School, who has been named to the 1998 Campbell Conference All-Star Team; (SLS 29)

Bill Russell, a student at Kennebunk High School, who has been named to the 1998 Campbell Conference All-Star Team; (SLS 30)

Nick Pulire, a student at Kennebunk High School, who has been named to the 1998 Campbell Conference All-Star Team; (SLS 31)

Pat Myters, a student at Kennebunk High School, who has been named to the 1998 Campbell Conference All-Star Team; (SLS 32)

Jon Foley, a student at Kennebunk High School, who has been named to the 1998 Campbell Conference All-Star Team; (SLS 33)

Rita Michaud Cannan, who is the 1998 recipient of the Greater Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions of time and effort for the welfare of the people of the St. John Valley. Mrs. Cannan is a member of the University of Maine Foundation, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Club Francais, the Comprehensive Zoning Planning Board and the Eagle Lake Shore Land Owners Association. She is the President of the Can-Am Crown Sled Dog Race and Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Cannan and her husband, Brian, are the founders and owners of Bee-Jay's. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Cannan on this occasion; (SLS 34)

Matt Simard, of Biddeford High School, who has been named as a defensive back on the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Conference Football Team; (SLS 35)

Randy Forcier, of Biddeford High School, who has been named as a wide receiver on the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Conference Football Team; (SLS 36)

Keith Ruel, of Biddeford High School, who has been named as a linebacker on the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Conference Football Team; (SLS 37)

Roland Pelletier, of Biddeford, who has been named as the 1998 Volunteer of the Year by the City of Biddeford for his

outstanding contributions to the city. We acknowledge his dedication and support and extend our congratulations to him; (SLS 38)

Susan Deschambault, of Biddeford, who has been named as the 1998 Volunteer of the Year by the City of Biddeford for her outstanding contributions to the city. We acknowledge her dedication and support and extend our congratulations to her; (SLS 39)

Ollie Etta Worster, of Williamsburg, on the very special occasion of her 90th Birthday, February 5, 1999. She has 6 children, 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 40)

Michael J. Morin, of Randolph, a member of Boy Scout Troop #672 in Gardiner, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 41)

la municipalite de Ste. Agathe, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary and in extending our best wishes to the citizens of that town as they celebrate in memory of the town forefathers and leaders who forged and shaped the community. We further extend best wishes to the good citizens of Ste. Agathe as they gather to celebrate their Acadian heritage and pride in the "Prettiest Town South of the Border," or "Le Plus Beau Village au Sud de la Frontiere; (SLS 42)

Pauline Y. Smith, of South Paris, on her 80th birthday, February, 26, 1999. She has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 43)

Travis Marquis, of Gardiner, who won the 103-pound wrestling division at the 1999 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Tournament and who won first place at the 1999 State Class A Championship, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievements; (SLS 44)

Elijah McKay, of Gardiner, who won the 135-pound wrestling division at the 1999 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Tournament and who won first place at the 1999 State Class A Championship, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievements; (SLS 45)

Jake Cotnoir, of Gardiner, who won the 125-pound wrestling division championship at the 1999 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Tournament, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (SLS 46)

Lindsay Waller, of Dexter, who has earned the high honor and distinction of receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouts. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 47)

Jonathan Mathieu, of Greene, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 48)

Donald Poirier, of the Biddeford Fire Department, on receiving the York County Firefighter Association's "Award for Public Service." With 30 years of service as a firefighter, Captain Poirier is one of the most respected senior firefighters in the State as well as an excellent example for young firefighters. We extend our congratulations to him for receiving this award; (SLS 49)

the Reverend Nelson Elliott, of the Sanford Fire Department, on receiving the York County Firefighter Association's "Award for Public Service." Reverend Elliott has dedicated his entire life to

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public service and firefighting. He is also responsible for starting the chaplain's section of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association. We extend our congratulations to him on his award; (SLS 50)

Minnette Cummings, of Portland, Sorrento and Newport, our well respected colleague and community leader, who served as a member of the House of Representatives during the 104th, 105th and 106th Legislatures and served as a member of the Senate during the 107th and 108th Legislatures. She was the first woman to be elected assistant majority leader in the Maine Senate. She helped create the Inter-Library Loan System and was also appointed by Governor Edmund Muskie to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education. She was an active member of the Friends Meeting of Portland, served on the boards of the Portland Museum of Art, the Portland String Quartet, the Nature Conservancy, the Maine Women's Fund and Witness for Peace. She will be remembered as a caring and dedicated citizen who provided sound leadership to the State of Maine. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her; (SLS 51) (in memoriam)

the Ashland Water District, for being one of two communities that have the Best Tasting Drinking Water in the State of Maine. The taste test was sponsored by the Maine Rural Water Association, with Senator Pingree as one of the panelists. We extend our congratulations to the Ashland Water District on receiving this honor; (SLS 52)

Engine Hose Company #2, of Cape Elizabeth, on the 75th Anniversary of service to the community, March 17, 1999. We acknowledge the exceptional dedication of the men and women of Engine Hose Company #2 over the years and we extend our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (SLS 53)

Suzanne Marie Pitcher and John Henry Brown, of Etna, on the special occasion of the assembling of a time capsule, to be opened on the event of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, March 6, 2024. We extend our congratulations to them and extend our very best wishes for a happy and healthy future together; (SLS 54)

the Gray Water District, for being one of two communities that have the Best Tasting Drinking Water in the State of Maine. The taste test was sponsored by the Maine Rural Water Association, with Senator Pingree as one of the panelists. We extend our congratulations to the Gray Water District on receiving this honor; (SLS 55)

the St. Dominic Regional High School Hockey Team, of Lewiston, who won the 1999 State Class A Hockey Championship, the first high school hockey team to go undefeated for the season in 26 years. We extend our congratulations and very best wishes to them on this achievement; (SLS 56)

George B. Bubar, of Etna. He was a founder of Etna Furniture Stores and was a director of Etna-Dixmont schools for a number of years. He also served on the district building committee. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (SLS 57) (in memoriam)

Herbert and Delana Graves, of Etna, on the very special occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, February 14, 1999, and in extending our congratulations and warmest wishes to them; (SLS 58)

Daniel Rochette, of Boy Scout Troop #313 in Berwick, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We

send our congratulations to Daniel on this accomplishment; (SLS 59)

Jason Parent, who has been named the Greater Madawaska Area Citizen of the Year by the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce. As the immediate past Executive Director of the chamber, he is credited with increasing community involvement and the number of events sponsored by the chamber. He is the President of the Madawaska Optimist Club, President of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council and was a founder of the very successful International Snowmobilers Festival. We send our congratulations to Mr. Parent on this occasion and extend our best wishes to him in all his endeavors; (SLS 60)

Wayne Morin, of Valley Paper, LLC, who has been named the Greater Madawaska Area Business Person of the Year by the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Morin created 15 new jobs and invested more than 1.2 million dollars in the Madawaska economy by recycling wastepaper from Fraser Paper Incorporated and selling it to national and international markets. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Morin on this occasion; (SLS 61)

Scott Carter Drew, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop #301, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 62)

Caitlin Crowe, of York, who was chosen to have 2 of her poems appear in an issue of Creative Kids, a national magazine written by and for children. Her poems were among works submitted by more than 3,000 students from around the world, earning her the distinction of being one of America's most creative and talented students. We extend our congratulations to her on this achievement; (SLS 63)

Audrey J. Brooks, a lifelong resident of Berwick and a longtime employee of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where she was a computer programmer supervisor. Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Berwick United Methodist Church and was an accomplished seamstress. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends; (SLS 64) (in memoriam)

Julia A. Bidlen, of Kittery, beloved wife of George J. Bidlen. Mrs. Bidlen taught school at Portsmouth High School, York Harmon Hall and Traip Academy. She was also an instructor at McIntosh College. Mrs. Bidlen was an active member with the Manpower program and was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (SLS 65) (in memoriam)

Robert Stevens, who has been named Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Stevens has been principal of York High School for 21 years. Mr. Stevens received the award for his willingness to take risks to improve student learning, his ability to anticipate and solve problems, his success in engaging the community with students and teachers and his leadership in creating a caring, collaborative and safe learning environment. We extend our congratulations to him on receiving this award; (SLS 66)

Caroline Payson, of York, a bicycle racing referee who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from New England Cycling for her contributions to the sport. Caroline is the first woman and the first official to receive this coveted award and we extend our congratulations to her; (SLS 67)

Byron Rogers, of Westbrook, on his retirement as Fire Chief of the Westbrook Fire Department after 41 years as a firefighter.

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Chief Rogers is part of a fire-fighting family. He is the son of a firefighter, has 3 brothers who served as firefighters and has 3 sons who currently serve as firefighters in the area. He holds an associate degree in fire services from Southern Maine Technical College and has served 2 terms on the Westbrook City Council. He is a member of numerous professional organizations and is the current president of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his profession and to his city and state. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him and his wife Phyllis for many enjoyable years of retirement; (SLS 68)

the descendants of Jacques Gueret dit Dumont, the first Dumont known to settle in North America. They will hold their family reunion in Madawaska, June 24-27, 1999, to celebrate their family heritage. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (SLS 69)

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council #1936, on the special occasion of its 80th Anniversary, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to its members; (SLS 70)

John Curley, on his 50th Anniversary of membership in St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council #1936, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 71)

Harry MacDonald, on his 50th Anniversary of membership in St. Peter's Knight of Columbus Council #1936, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 72)

Louis Morin, on his 50th Anniversary of membership in St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council #1936, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 73)

Robert Bartlett, of Littleton, who was named as the 1999 Farmer of the Year by the Maine Potato Board at its 12th Annual Meeting in Presque Isle. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 74)

Thomas Quint, of Hodgdon, who has been named the 1999 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Southern Aroostook Soil and Conservation District. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his award; (SLS 75)

Ted R. Inman, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as the custodian at the Orono Barracks of the Maine State Police for the past 10 years. Mr. Inman is well known for his leadership in his community, his church and with youth groups. We send our congratulations to Mr. Inman on his retirement; (SLS 76)

Danielle Hotham, of Presque Isle, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Danielle on this accomplishment; (SLS 77)

Amy James, of Chapman, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Amy on this accomplishment; (SLS 78)

Amanda Adams, of Presque Isle, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Amanda on this accomplishment; (SLS 79)

Erin Dwyer, of Presque Isle, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Erin on this accomplishment; (SLS 80)

Erin Dee Soucie, of Presque Isle, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Erin on this accomplishment; (SLS 81)

Herbert and Claire Short, of Buxton, on the special occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, March 11, 1999, and in extending our congratulations and warmest wishes to them; (SLS 82)

the following members of the Mt. Blue High School Girls Basketball Team, who won the 1999 State Class A Basketball Championship: Rachel Yates, Brandy Sloan, Kristy Kiernan, Kiley Maguire, Heather Ernest, Megan Woodcock, Michel Vining, Amanda James, Andrea Tuttle, Amber Alexander and Wendy Rollins; Assistant Coaches Stella McLean, Rachael Austin, Jon Berry and Staci Pinkham; Manager Susan Hastings and Head Coach Chandler Woodcock. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (SLS 83)

the following members of the Calais High School Girls Basketball Team, who won the 1999 State Class C Basketball Championship: Elizabeth Churchill, Rachael Clark, Lindsay Goodine, Katie Churchill, Brielle Daggett, Angela DeWitt, Erin Foster, Jennifer Russell, Kari Redding, Julie Reynolds, Sarah Ludington, Morgan Drew, Nancy Feck, Katie Frost, Lanna Martin; Coach Bob McShane, Assistant Coach Brenda Batson and Manager Paul Storey. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (SLS 84)

the following members of the Shead High School Girls Basketball Team: Laura Davis, Morgan Seeley, Judy Suddy, Rebecca Lingley, Kristy Calder, Sara Ricker, Charla Lingley, Jamie Green, Shauna Neptune, Natalie Smith, Lindsey Camick, Karla McPhail, Cassandra Ricker, Kristy McPhail and Mindy Preston and Coach Dean Preston, Assistant Coach Todd Albert and Managers William Wentworth, Joel McGarvey, Melissa Green and Jamie Diffin, winners of the State Class D Girls Basketball Championship. We extend our congratulations to them on this accomplishment; (SLS 85)

Heidi Esping, of Machias, who has attained the high honor and distinction of being the recipient of the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 86)

James Totman, who was chosen as the 1999 Citizen of the Year by the Bath-Brunswick Chamber of Commerce. We acknowledge his four decades of exemplary and dedicated service to the Town of Phippsburg. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievements; (SLS 87)

Zella V. Silver, of West Paris, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, April 4, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 88)

Vivian Ross, of Auburn, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, April 8, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (SLS 89)

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Nathan D. Tanguay, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop #51, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 90)

Erica Page, of Lamoine, who received the Distinguished Finalist medallion in the Presidential Spirit of Community Awards. Erica was recognized for exemplary volunteer service for her efforts in founding Ellsworth High School's Student AIDS Team which conducts awareness and prevention activities to benefit people living with HIV/AIDS. Erica's leadership activities have enriched her school and her community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (SLS 91)

Harold Violette, upon his retirement after 30 years of dedicated and loyal service as an enthusiastic and visionary leader at the Fraser Federal Credit Union. He also has been very involved in his community and served on the Maine Credit Union League Board and various other committees. We extend our best wishes to him on his retirement; (SLS 92)

Ruth Melvin, of Fort Kent, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Ruth on this accomplishment; (SLS 93)

Governor Angus S. King, Jr., on the occasion of his 55th birthday, March 31, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (SLS 94)

the Reverend Gerald Weary, of Newcastle, on being named as the 1999 Outstanding Tree Farmer of Maine. A recipient of this same honor in 1980, Reverend Weary has managed his 272-acre farm along the Sheepscot River since 1950. The Weary Tree Farm has hosted many forest management activities and has provided opportunities for hiking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievements; (SLS 95)

the Gardiner Regional Middle School, sole recipient of the Margaret Chase Smith Quality Award. The award was given to the school for its commitment to provide a "world class education" for its students. We extend our congratulations to the school upon receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 96)

the Boys Varsity Basketball Team of Upper Kennebec Valley Memorial High School, who won the Class D State Basketball Championship for the 2nd consecutive year. We send our congratulations to Coach Dwight Littlefield; Assistant Coaches Sean Watson and Luke Robinson; Managers Casey Dugas, JaHann Lowe and Ryan Atwood and Team Members Gavin Robinson, Wade Morrill, Lucas Cates, Terry Nichols, Chris Willer, Chris Ingersoll, Phil Nichols, Nick Pelotte, Luke Hartwell and Jason Hartwell; (SLS 97)

Mellory Giberson, of Upper Kennebec Valley Memorial High School, who was named the Individual Gymnastics All Class Champion for the State of Maine for the 2nd consecutive year. We send our congratulations to Mellory on this accomplishment; (SLS 98)

the Freeport Lioness Club on its 20th Anniversary Celebration, April 10, 1999. We acknowledge the club's selfless dedication in bringing aid to the needy, improving educational standards for area children and opening up new avenues of communication for the blind and the deaf and extend our congratulations to the club on its anniversary; (SLS 99)

Raymond R. Lupo, of Hampden, a dedicated leader of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who has displayed meritorious distinction and has stood ever ready to support and defend those rights and entitlements of the veterans of Maine. For providing the needed leadership as the 1998-1999 State Commander of the Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars, we extend our appreciation; (SLS 100)

the Volunteers at the Biddeford Free Clinic, on their tireless efforts to provide free general medical and dental care and prescription drugs to people without health insurance or who cannot afford health care. The clinic was the first free medical clinic to be established in Maine and we acknowledge their commitment and dedicated service to their community; (SLS 101)

the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. The club, whose motto is "We Serve", now has over 40 members serving the people of the community by helping with projects, functions and athletic activities. We thank the club for their service to the Cape Elizabeth community and extend our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (SLS 102)

Anna Ruby Poore, of East Boothbay, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. She worked as a nanny and worked at the State School for Girls. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; (SLS 103) (in memoriam)

the staff of the Maine Tuberculosis Control Program within the Bureau of Health and the staff and volunteers of the American Lung Association of Maine for their public health expertise and work dedicated to the prevention and control of infectious tuberculosis in our State. We extend our gratitude and congratulations on exceeding the Year 2000 goal of 3.5 cases per 100,000 people; (SLS 104)

Anna M. Marin, of Benton, a student at Kennebec Valley Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to her on being selected for this honor; (SLS 105)

Christopher Paquet, a senior at Biddeford High School, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this accomplishment; (SLS 106)

Rebekah Devino, of Bangor, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Rebekah on this accomplishment; (SLS 107)

Raymond W. Charloux III, of Boy Scout Troop #323, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Raymond on this accomplishment; (SLS 108)

Dean Matthew Wilber, of Boy Scout Troop #63, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Dean on this accomplishment; (SLS 109)

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James D. Blackwell, of Oxford, a student at Southern Maine Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor; (SLS 110)

Lou Chantigny, owner of T.J.'s Pizza in Biddeford with his wife, Denise, who was named the Business Person of the Year by the Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations to Lou on this occasion; (SLS 111)

Bob Parisien, a student at Biddeford High School, who received the Dave Allen Award and was named to the 1998 Southern Maine Activities Association All-Conference and All-Academic teams. Bob is also the recipient of the 1998 James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy, which is given to the best high school football player in the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 112)

Hazel B. Emerson, of Corinna, devoted wife and mother. Mrs. Emerson was a member of the Corinna Methodist Church where she was very active. She was the wife of Senator Jerome Emerson. They were married 62 years. We extend our heartfelt regret to her family; (SLS 113) (in memoriam)

Roland J. LaVallee, of Eastport, a student at Washington County Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor; (SLS 114)

Charles M. Sawyer, of Pembroke, a student at Washington County Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor; (SLS 115)

Jonathan Beaver, a member of Boy Scout Troop 375, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jonathan on this accomplishment; (SLS 116)

the following for their many hours of service as volunteers at the Cary Medical Center: Melvin Adler, 1400 hours; Erwin Bengtson, 1100 hours; Maxine Berry, 1700 hours; Walter Burgoyne, 7000 hours; Lorraine Cox, 1000 hours; Edna Edgecomb, 1000 hours; Norman Guthrie, 1400 hours; Robert Henderson, 1100 hours; Jacquelyn Krug, 2000 hours; Lois Learnard, 3000 hours; William Madigan, 2500 hours; Richard Ouellette, 1200 hours; Theresa Ouellette, 1100 hours; Ruth Silsbee, 1100 hours; and Allen Voisine, 3000 hours. Their valuable contributions and faithfulness to the hospital are greatly appreciated. Their untiring efforts to help hospital personnel fulfill their mission of providing high quality health care to the surrounding communities will not be forgotten. We join the Center in acknowledging their dedication to the Center and consider all of them to be valuable assets to the Center's team; (SLS 117)

Christian J.D. Johnson, of Presque Isle, a student at Northern Maine Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor; (SLS 118)

Amy L. Good, of Presque Isle, a student at Northern Maine Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to her on being selected for this honor; (SLS 119)

Mary T. Chenard, of Biddeford, beloved wife of Ralph T. Chenard, loving mother and grandmother and a teacher in Biddeford and Saco for 28 years. Mrs. Chenard was a member and officer of the Biddeford Teachers Association, was the past President of the York County Retired Teachers Association, was an active member of St. Mary's Church and was also active in several other professional organizations. Mrs. Chenard will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (SLS 120) (in memoriam)

Andrew C. Frechette, of Biddeford Pool, beloved husband of Jeannine Frechette, father, grandfather and educator. Mr. Frechette taught in the Caribou school system and served as the superintendent of schools in Fort Kent, Winthrop and Biddeford. He also served as the financial director of Thornton Academy and was a York County commissioner for 3 years. Mr. Frechette was the recipient of the Paul Harris Award from the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club and was a member of the Biddeford-Saco Country Club and St. Andre's Church. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (SLS 121) (in memoriam)

Louie Luchini, of Ellsworth High School, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to him on receiving this award; (SLS 122)

Nancy Garland, of Deer Isle-Stonington High School, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to her on receiving this award; (SLS 123)

Megan Lane, of Sumner Memorial High School, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to her on receiving this award; (SLS 124)

Aaron Nutt, of George Stevens Academy, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to him on receiving this award; (SLS 125)

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the Connors-Emerson Jazz Band, of Bar Harbor, upon winning first place in the Maine Jazz Band Festival. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the jazz band on this occasion; (SLS 126)

Daniel G. Craft, of Lewiston, a student at Central Maine Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor; (SLS 127)

Travis C. Wade, of Turner, a member of Boy Scout Troop #187, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Travis on this accomplishment; (SLS 128)

Francis J. Kleeman, M.D., Chief of Urology at Southern Maine Medical Center, for his tireless efforts and dedication to the creation of the Biddeford Free Clinic. Founded in 1993, the clinic has served over 16,000 patients and has provided a needed resource to the uninsured and under-insured population. We send our appreciation to him for his commitment and dedicated service in addressing the medical and dental needs of the people of the York County area; (SLS 129)

Muriel Elinor Chick, beloved wife of Representative Howard A. Chick, of Lebanon, a supporter of local 4-H activities and a member of the Lebanon-North Berwick Baptist Church where she sang in the choir for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Lebanon-North Berwick Baptist Society, the Riverside Grange and the York Pomona, state and national granges. Mrs. Chick was also a member of the Ladies Aid Society of Little River Falls Village and was active at the Senior Dining Center in East Lebanon. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (SLS 130) (in memoriam)

Joanne Palombo-McCallie, coach of the University of Maine Black Bears women's basketball team, and in extending our congratulations to her on a terrific 1998-99 basketball season which included a first round win in the NCAA Women's Basketball tournament. Coach Palombo-McCallie has distinguished herself as an extraordinary coach and has won the respect of players and coaches throughout the State and nation. Beginning with her days as an All-State Basketball player at Brunswick High School and continuing throughout the years as the recipient of numerous coach-of-the-year awards, Joanne Palombo-McCallie has brought renewed excitement to the game of basketball and pride to the citizens of Maine; (SLS 131)

child care providers throughout the State in appreciation of their dedication and commitment to the care of our children and in acknowledging their dedicated efforts on the occasion of the 4th annual National Provider Appreciation Day, May 7, 1999; (SLS 132)

Vaughn and Jean Peters, of Mattawamkeag, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 30, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (SLS 133)

Sam Michaud, of Island Falls, a senior at Southern Aroostook Community High School, who recently scored his 1,000th career point in basketball for the Southern Aroostook Community School Warriors. We extend our congratulations to Sam on this accomplishment; (SLS 134)

Maine State Trooper Mark E. Nickerson, who was honored at a White House Ceremony by President Clinton for work in removing drunk drivers from Maine's highways. Trooper Nickerson has arrested a record 1075 drunk drivers during his 21-year career, saving countless lives and injuries and averting much anguish for many Maine families. We extend our appreciation to Trooper Nickerson as he continues in his efforts to protect the people of this State; (SLS 135)

Kathryn Morgan, of Hudson, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (SLS 136)

Thomas P. Fritzsche, of Kennebunk High School, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition for a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to him on receiving this award; (SLS 137)

Keith Patten, on the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Camden National Corporation, after four decades in banking. Mr. Patten began his career as a bookkeeper with Depositors Trust Company in 1959, joined Canal National Bank and then worked for Camden National Bank where he became president in 1979. In 1984, Camden National Corporation was formed and Mr. Patten was named President and CEO and elected to the corporate board. We extend our congratulations and very best wishes to him on his retirement; (SLS 138)

George A. Orestis, of Camden, a student at Kennebec Valley Technical College, who was selected as a member of the All-Maine Academic Team and represented Maine as a nominee to the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior College students. This international program recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. We send our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor; (SLS 139)

Barbara Moore, on her retirement from the York School System, after 22 years of teaching. Mrs. Moore began her teaching career in 1961, raised a family, started The Little Elves Nursery School, was an aide at the Wells Elementary School and taught first and third grades at York Elementary School, now called Village Elementary School. We acknowledge her dedicated service to her profession, to her students and to her community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 140)

Charles S. Yentsch, who received the 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Limnology and Oceanography. Mr. Yentsch was recognized for sustained and innovative contributions in the fields of phytoplankton pigments and productivity, optical properties and remote sensing and for establishing and sustaining oceanographic initiatives and programs. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Yentsch on his receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 141)

Ronald Gobeil, a teacher at Biddeford High School, who has the distinction of being nominated for Maine's Teacher of the Year 2000, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 142)

Estelle R. Beauchesne, of the St. James School in Biddeford, who has the distinction of being nominated for the

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Maine Teacher of the Year 2000, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 143)

Kristin Vekasi, of Mt. Desert Island High School, who has been selected to receive the 1999 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to her on receiving this award; (SLS 144)

Alan Rhoades, of Kittery, beloved husband and father. Mr. Rhoades served in the U.S. Navy specializing in intelligence for 22 years and retired as a lieutenant commander. While in the service, he received the Joint Services Commendation Medal and 2 Navy Commendation Medals. He also served many years as chair of the Kittery Planning Board, was a member of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and served as an historic interpreter at Strawberry Banke. He will be sadly missed by family and friends; (SLS 145) (in memoriam)

Mark D. Gearan, commencement speaker for the 1999 graduating class at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and honorary degree recipient. Mr. Gearan, the Director of the Peace Corps since September 1995, has worked to create new opportunities for Peace Corps volunteers in South Africa, Jordan, Bangladesh and Mozambique. He has traveled worldwide to visit volunteers and oversaw the return of the Peace Corps to Haiti in 1996 after a 5-year absence. He also launched the Crisis Corps, a program within the Peace Corps that allows volunteers to provide short-term assistance to communities during humanitarian crises and natural disasters. We send our greetings and best wishes to Mr. Gearan on this occasion; (SLS 146)

Paul J. Bouchard, upon receiving the Distinguished Service Award at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Mr. Bouchard will retire in June as the Director of the St. John Valley Technology Center, in Frenchville, after 36 years of service in public education. Mr. Bouchard has also been very active in his community, having served on the Fort Kent Town Council and as a member of the Fort Kent Development Corporation. He was appointed to the UMFK Foundation in 1996 and was elected its secretary in 1997. In 1997, he was appointed as a member of the UMFK Board of Visitors. Mr. Bouchard is also currently serving as a member of the Northern Aroostook Regional Airport Authority. We send our congratulations to Mr. Bouchard on this occasion and extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service; (SLS 147)

Arthur Michaud, of Bingham, husband of Laurette (Ayotte) Michaud. He was the father of Jacqueline Stevens and Albin Michaud and grandfather of Scott Michaud, Robert Stevens and Kathleen Hartman. He was born in Daigle, the son of Octave and Marie (Paradis) Michaud and was married on May 2, 1935. He worked at Quimby Venus Company for 35 years. He will be missed by his family and friends; (SLS 148) (in memoriam)

Eric Ayotte, of Boy Scout Troop #130 in South Paris, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 149)

Laura Hoovler, of Old Town, who has been selected as the 1999 Cherry Blossom Princess and will represent Maine at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Laura on this occasion; (SLS 150)

Danielle Hall, of Bar Harbor, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Danielle on this accomplishment; (SLS 151)

Everett Libby, of Calais, on the occasion of his retirement as an instructor at Washington County Technical College, a position he held beginning in 1978. Mr. Libby was involved in technical education for more than 30 years. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (SLS 152)

John Winkin, head coach of the University of Maine baseball team from 1975 through 1996, upon having his jersey retired. Wearing jersey number 5, Coach Winkin led the Black Bears to College World Series appearances in 1976, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1986. His squads finished as high as 3rd in the nation twice, advanced to 11 NCAA Regionals and led UMaine teams to 19 postseasons. Coach Winkin earned 6 regional Coach of the Year honors and has been elected to the Maine Baseball, ABCA and Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Coach Winkin is the 3rd member of the baseball program and the 2nd coach to have his number retired. We extend our congratulations to Coach Winkin on this very special occasion; (SLS 153)

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred O'Roak, of Sherman Mills, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 12, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (SLS 154)

South Hiram Elementary School for receiving the 1999 "Exemplary School of Excellence for Healthy Youth and Children through Health Education" Award from the Maine Department of Education. This award recognizes the strong commitment exhibited by the school's administrators, teachers and students toward health education and health promotion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all involved in earning this award; (SLS 155)

Dr. Robert Allen, of Orono, upon being named the winner of the 1999 Distinguished Service Award from the Northern New England Chapter of the American College of Cardiology. We send our appreciation to Dr. Allen for his decades of caring for patients in central, eastern and northern Maine; (SLS 156)

Dr. Edward "Sandy" Ives, on the occasion of his retirement after 44 years as a member of the Anthropology faculty at the University of Maine. Dr. Ives is well known for his quick wit, somewhat irreverent sense of humor and his genuine concern for his students. He is a cofounder of what is now known as the Maine Folklife Center. Throughout his career, he collected folklore from all parts of the State and logged thousands of miles researching, recording and collecting folklore material in some of the most remote areas of Maine, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Ives on his retirement; (SLS 157)

David Lisnik, of Orrington, a student at Bangor High School, who was named to the 1998-1999 First Team All-State Maine "A" Hockey Association in the forward position. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his accomplishments; (SLS 158)

the students of the 8th grade class at Marshwood Junior High School, on raising almost \$4,000 to benefit the refugees in Kosovo. The effort was a combination of work by students and staff as they served hundreds of customers in the school gymnasium at the school's annual "Coffee House" fund-raising

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event. We applaud these students for the consideration and concern they have for others; (SLS 159)

Jay Merrill, of North Berwick, who was chosen as Southern Maine Technical College's Student of the Year. Mr. Merrill works full-time Friday through Sunday as a machine operator at Pratt & Whitney and, from Monday through Thursday, commutes an hour to school to study integrated manufacturing technology. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Merrill on receiving this recognition; (SLS 160)

Joyce Tugel, a teacher at Marshwood High School, on receiving a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The prestigious national award is the nation's highest honor for K-12 mathematics and science teachers and is administered by the National Science Foundation. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Tugel on receiving this award; (SLS 161)

Hazel Dillingham on her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service to Oxford County. She started working at the age of 16 for the Registry of Deeds and worked there until 1975 when she took a position as legal secretary in the office of the District Attorney. We extend our appreciation to Hazel and wish her the best in her retirement; (SLS 162)

Megan Shannon-Winterson, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Megan on this accomplishment; (SLS 163)

Stephanie Ellen Westcot, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Stephanie on this accomplishment; (SLS 164)

Nathan Tivnan Pelletier, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Nathan on this accomplishment; (SLS 165)

Odin Olson, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Odin on this accomplishment; (SLS 166)

Dana Litchfield, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Dana on this accomplishment; (SLS 167)

Tracy Huff, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Tracy on this accomplishment; (SLS 168)

Susan Fernandez, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Susan on this accomplishment; (SLS 169)

Eric Martin Cressey, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Eric on this accomplishment; (SLS 170)

Caroline Coffey, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Caroline on this accomplishment; (SLS 171)

Natasha Bowdoin, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High

Honors. We send our congratulations to Natasha on this accomplishment; (SLS 172)

Allen Bergeron, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors. We send our congratulations to Allen on this accomplishment; (SLS 173)

Thomas P. Fritzsche, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors and will present the Valedictory Address during the graduation ceremony. We send our congratulations to Thomas on this accomplishment; (SLS 174)

Gregory Mulkern, a member of the 1999 graduating class at Kennebunk High School who has earned the distinction of High Honors and will present the Salutatory Address during the graduation ceremony. We send our congratulations to Gregory on this accomplishment; (SLS 175)

the Norway Paris Kiwanis Club as it reaches a real milestone this year--75 continuous years of service to the communities of the Oxford Hills Region. The Norway Paris Kiwanis Club has played a unique role in making the community a better place to live, work and play. We extend our appreciation to the Norway Paris Kiwanis Club for its commitment to the people of this State; (SLS 176)

Alice Emery, of Kittery Point, on her retirement after 27 years as a teacher for the Kittery school system. She is well known for her excellence in teaching and her kind and gentle manner, which has been a benefit to the children. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Emery for her commitment to the community of Kittery; (SLS 177)

that May 20, 1999 is Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Day in Maine. We acknowledge the generosity of those who have donated in the past and those who will offer donation in the future to give countless people a second chance at life. We send our appreciation to the people who dedicate their time to making it possible for an organ and tissue bank to be available for people in need of a transplant; (SLS 178)

the Bangor High School Math Team, winner of the Class A 1999 Annual Maine State Math Meet, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to the team; (SLS 179)

the Bangor High School Jazz Choir, who won the 1999 Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival, Division I Jazz Choirs, on April 10, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (SLS 180)

Multiple District 41 of the Lions Clubs International on the occasion of its 70th convention. Lions International is the largest service organization in the world today, with over 1.5 million members. District 41 includes Maine, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador. The organization earned in excess of \$150,000,000 in a 3-year period and the money is being used to eliminate preventable causes of blindness. We send our greetings to the members of Multiple District 41 and extend our appreciation for their dedication and service to all people; (SLS 181)

David R. Sullivan, of Performance Product Painting, Incorporated, who has been named a "Small Business Person of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The business, located in Auburn, specializes in the coatings of industrial parts and metals. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Sullivan on being selected for this honor; (SLS 182)

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Scott MacDonald, of Boy Scout Troop #58 in Millinocket, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Scott on this accomplishment; (SLS 183)

Pamela Green, upon her retirement after 25 years of teaching at the Willard School in Sanford. We wish her well and thank her for many years of dedicated service to the people of Sanford; (SLS 184)

Annette Michaud, upon her retirement after 16 years as the school nurse at the Willard School in Sanford. We wish her well and thank her for many years of dedicated service to the people of Sanford; (SLS 185)

Dorothy Fortier, upon her retirement after 29 years as a Special Education Teacher for the Town of Sanford. We wish her well and thank her for many years of dedicated service to the people of Sanford; (SLS 186)

Richard O. Stutzman, of Sangerville, on the occasion of his retirement from the railroad after 25 years of service. Mr. Stutzman worked for 20 years for the Canadian Pacific Railroad and 5 years for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. During his career, he was promoted to Engineer and later worked in management. We also acknowledge his 10 years of dedicated public service on the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Sangerville. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (SLS 187)

Charles Chase, of Gardiner, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 672, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Charles on this achievement; (SLS 188)

Fredrick E. Campbell, who has been honored as "Mason of the Year" for the 20th Masonic District at King Hiram Lodge in Dixfield on May 22, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 189)

Mrs. Stanley King, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, May 27, 1999. Mrs. King, who was the first person of her generation in her family to go to college, became a high school English teacher. She left teaching to raise her children, one of whom grew up to be Governor of this State. Mrs. King continues to volunteer weekly to read to children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 190)

Denis Litalien, volunteer Executive Director and past President of the Maine Professional Drivers Association, who was named a Highway Angel by the national Truckload Carriers Association in honor of successfully extinguishing a small car fire on the Maine Turnpike. Mr. Litalien is a driver for Clifford Perham, Incorporated and was a founder of the Maine Professional Drivers Association. He has competed in numerous truck driving competitions and is a member of the Maine Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board. We send our appreciation to him for his years of dedication to highway safety; (SLS 191)

the Southern Maine Youth Percussion Ensemble, who have won First Place at the Winterguard International World Championship. The Ensemble, composed of 24 students aged 14 to 21, also won First Place at the regional competition in Rochester, New York, in March. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them and to staff members Phil Verrill, Marty Joyce, Anthony Marro, Scott Trach and Sandy Portmann; (SLS 192)

Tony McLaughlin, of Wilton, who is retiring as Director of Admissions at the University of Maine at Farmington after 27 years of dedicated service. Through his outreach efforts, Tony has raised the aspirations of countless Maine students and has assisted Maine families in realizing their dream of higher education. We extend our appreciation to Tony and our best wishes on his retirement; (SLS 193)

Charles Hess, professor of physics, who has received the Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award at the University of Maine. We send our congratulations to him on this occasion; (SLS 194)

Brenda Power, professor of literacy education, who has been named the University of Maine General Alumni Association 1999 Distinguished Maine Professor. We send our congratulations to her on this occasion; (SLS 195)

Keith Hutchison, associate professor of biochemistry and cooperating associate professor of forest resources and biological sciences, who has received the Presidential Teaching Award at the University of Maine. We send our congratulations to him on this occasion; (SLS 196)

George Jacobson, director of the Institute for Quaternary Studies, professor of botany and quaternary studies, and cooperating professor of wildlife, who has received the Presidential Public Service Achievement Award at the University of Maine. We send our congratulations to him on this occasion; (SLS 197)

John A. Alexander, Ph.D., P.E., on the occasion of his retirement as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Maine at Orono. Dr. Alexander came to the university in 1970 as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering and became a full professor in 1981. He served as chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering from 1978 to 1991 and was appointed Dean of the College of Engineering in 1994. In 1997, he was selected for his current position. He has served on numerous statewide committees and advisory boards and has authored several publications relating to civil engineering, materials and transportation. We send our appreciation to Dr. Alexander for his years of dedicated service to the State and offer our best wishes for a wonderful retirement; (SLS 198)

the Town of Brownville on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary. Brownville, known as the town of slate, rails and men, was incorporated on February 24, 1824. The town has 21,320 acres of land and a population of 1,535 people. This Piscataquis County town has been noted for its slate quarries, the first of which was opened in 1843, and, in 1876 at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, the slate was adjudged to be the finest roofing slate in the country. We send our best wishes to the good citizens of Brownville as they celebrate this special anniversary year; (SLS 199)

Heather Stevens, of Fort Kent, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Heather on this accomplishment; (SLS 200)

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

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our congratulations to Shawna on this accomplishment; (SLS 201)

Michelle Madore, of Fort Kent, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Michelle on this accomplishment; (SLS 202)

Lea Stedt, of Fort Kent, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Lea on this accomplishment; (SLS 203)

the following top 10 graduating students in the Sanford High School class of 1999: Sophorn Chip; Christopher B. Doiron; Michael J. Faulkner; Angela C. Frank; Heidi Hanson; Carla M. Mastraccio, Salutatorian; Vanessa A. Nason, Valedictorian; Andrea Palladino; Elizabeth A. Pennell; and Marin M. Tockman. We send our congratulations to them on their achievements; (SLS 204)

Roland Cote, on his retirement as an educator at Sanford High School after 28 years of dedicated service. Mr. Cote served as a teacher and coach during his tenure at Sanford High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (SLS 205)

Amber Zuchara, a student at Sanford High School, who has been selected to receive the D.A.R. Good Citizen Award and the Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Amber on these honors; (SLS 206)

Roland C. Gagne, on his retirement as an educator at Sanford High School after 27 years of dedicated service. Mr. Gagne served as a teacher, advisor and department chair during his tenure at Sanford high School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (SLS 207)

Karolina Pierko, a senior at Biddeford High School, who won her 4th straight State Girls Singles Tennis Championship. Karolina's high school tennis career includes an impressive 69 consecutive match victories. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Karolina on this occasion; (SLS 208)

Downeast Horizons, Incorporated, of Hancock County, for 25 years of dedicated service in helping people of Maine live independent and productive lives. We send our appreciation to the many dedicated individuals throughout the organization's history who have been courageous and faithful in the pursuit of a better life for others and extend our best wishes to the organization for its continued success; (SLS 209)

Robert P. Ho, Executive Director of the Maine Rural Development Council, who is the recipient of the 1999 United States Department of Agriculture Secretary's Honor Award, in the "reinventing government" category. This honor is being given for providing leadership that resulted in significant council accomplishments during 1997-98. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (SLS 210)

Benjamin Shean, of Boy Scout Troop #648 in Brunswick, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 211)

Kurt Thomas, of Caribou, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (SLS 212)

the Dr. Levesque School, which has been selected as a 1998-99 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. This prestigious award distinguishes the school for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement and community support. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the students, teachers, staff members and parents of the Dr. Levesque School on this occasion; (SLS 213)

David Kuhns, of Cumberland Center, who is the recipient of the 1999 International Humanitarian Physician Assistant of the Year Award. He is one of two physician assistants in the country who have been recognized by the American Academy of Physician Assistants with the award and a \$2,500 prize and matching contribution to Doctors Without Borders, sponsored by Eli Lilly and Co. Mr. Kuhns spent six months as the medical coordinator for a project in war-torn Somaliland in Somalia and he fought a cholera outbreak in neighboring Djibouti, often putting his own life on the line. We gratefully acknowledge his commitment to humanitarian service and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 214)

Tim James, a wrestler from Wiscasset High School, who finished the current wrestling season with a 38-0 record. Tim won 5 tournaments, including the Class C State Championship. He has earned the honor of being the all-time "winningest" wrestler in Wiscasset High School history. We send our congratulations to Tim on these accomplishments; (SLS 215)

Kristen Jewett, a wrestler from Wiscasset High School, who has become the first female wrestler to place in the State Championships with a 4th place finish. Kristen won her regional meet to become the first female in the State to win a regional championship. She is only the 3rd female in the nation to have placed in a state championship. We send our congratulations to Kristen on these accomplishments; (SLS 216)

John D. Chester, of Wiscasset, for his diligence in completing historical research and restoration for the benefit of the Town of Wiscasset. For three years, he researched and restored Wiscasset's town cannon and has chronicled his efforts in a manuscript, "Wiscasset's Town Cannon." He discovered previously unrecognized artifacts and facts concerning the role of the town and its citizens during the Civil War. His efforts have helped national cannon experts and have brought recognition to Fort Edgecomb and the Civil War soldiers of Lincoln County. We extend our congratulations to him; (SLS 217)

Nicky A. Ouellette, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Honor Essayist of the 1999 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We extend our congratulations to Nicky on this accomplishment; (SLS 218)

Sonia J. Lavoie, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We extend our congratulations to Sonia on this accomplishment; (SLS 219)

Michelle L. Derosier, of St. Agatha, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 1999 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We extend our congratulations to Michelle on this accomplishment; (SLS 220)

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Tim Boestch, a 4-time State Champion wrestler from Camden-Rockport High School, who placed 4th in the National High School Wrestling Championships and is now the highest-placed wrestler ever from the State of Maine, also earning him the title of All-American. We send our congratulations to Tim on his accomplishments; (SLS 221)

Ralph Stanley, of Southwest Harbor, who has been named one of 13 National Heritage fellows by the National Endowment for the Arts. The award recognizes Mr. Stanley's achievements as a boat builder and is considered the most prestigious honor in the folk and traditional arts. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (SLS 222)

H. Donald DeMatteis, of Litchfield, on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, where he served as Superintendent of Banking for 20 years. During his tenure, Maine's financial institutions grew stronger, providing quality financial services to Maine consumers and small businesses. Under his direction, the Universal Bank Charter was developed to ensure that Maine-chartered banks are positioned to compete in the global financial marketplace. We acknowledge and recognize his extraordinary commitment to public service and extend our best wishes for future endeavors; (SLS 223)

Daniel Ginn, of Windham, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class of Windham High School. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this accomplishment; (SLS 224)

Katharine Swetz, of Windham, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 1999 graduating class of Windham High School. We extend our congratulations to Katharine on this accomplishment; (SLS 225)

Michael Baiocchi, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 1999 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (SLS 226)

Michael Baker, of Gray, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class of Gray-New Gloucester High School. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (SLS 227)

Gary Berg, of Eliot, who is retiring from the Kittery Police Department after 20 years of service. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 228)

Willard Hillier, principal of Earl C. McGraw School in Hampden, who is retiring on June 12, 1999. Mr. Hillier has had a 39-year association with Hampden as a teacher and principal. He began in 1960 as a teacher at George B. Weatherbee School, where he taught for 6 years. He was principal of that school for 3 years before he became principal of Earl C. McGraw School in 1970. We acknowledge his longtime dedication to the schools and to the community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (SLS 229)

John Hwalek, a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Maine, and his team of student engineers, who won first place at Energy Challenge '99, a national competition sponsored by the United States Department of Energy. The university team designed, constructed and demonstrated a kayak made entirely of paper. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to John and to the students on this achievement; (SLS 230)

Christopher Whitelaw Murdoch, Jr., 22, of Orono, who died after a valiant battle with cancer. He was an honor graduate of Orono High School and attended the University of Maine and Clarkson University on a United States Air Force ROTC scholarship. He was a Life Scout of Boy Scout Troop #478 in Orono and was an avid hockey player. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (SLS 231) (in memoriam)

William and Helen Thon, of Port Clyde, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary, June 3, 1999. Mr. and Mrs. Thon have lived in the house they built by the sea for 50 years. They treat each other with kindness, warmth and wit. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Thon on this very special occasion; (SLS 232)

Ursula Levesque, on the occasion of her retirement from service to Maine's elderly. Ms. Levesque was hired by the Office of Maine's Elderly in 1972 under the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program. She later was assigned to work in the SSI Outreach effort and eventually was transferred to the Aroostook Area Agency on Aging, Inc. where she remained for more than 26 years. During her career she has assisted more than 6,000 senior citizens. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated service and extend congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (SLS 233)

Frank Fuller Dunton, recipient of the World War II Victory Medal and the American Theater of Operations Medal. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dunton on this occasion; (SLS 234)

the Coast Guard Auxiliary on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a civilian organization that assists the Coast Guard in promoting recreational boating safety and marine environmental protection. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the auxiliary on this special anniversary year; (SLS 235)

Peter Vaillancourt, of Scarborough, who has been honored for being the first Portland Arts and Technology High School student in 23 years to receive a perfect score on the school's performance tests. Peter is a student in the electrical program and prior to graduation earned a Maine State Electrician Helper's License. We congratulate Peter on these accomplishments and extend our best wishes to him for continued success; (SLS 236)

Barbara Smith, a family and consumer sciences educator at Biddeford Middle School, who has been selected as the 1999-2000 Educator of the Year by the Maine Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Association. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Smith on this achievement; (SLS 237)

Thomas and Catherine Bucci, of Portland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 25, 1999. Mr. Bucci was employed by the Portland School Department for 25 years as an instrumental music teacher and eventually as City Music Director. He is currently employed by the University of Southern Maine as a piano instructor. Mrs. Bucci was a first grade teacher for 28 years at Lyseth School in Portland and continues to serve that school as a substitute teacher. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bucci on their 50 years of marriage and send them our appreciation for their years of dedicated service as educators for the youth of the City of Portland; (SLS 238)

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Robert Flynn, who received a citation for valor from Maine Maritime Academy for assisting in the rescue of two urchin divers. Mr. Flynn used national weather data and calculated the likely drift speed of the small craft carrying the two men to determine its location. The Coast Guard was notified and the two men and their vessel were found at the location Mr. Flynn plotted on the chart. As a result of his efforts, Robert Flynn was honored with placement upon Maine Maritime Academy's Wall of Valor; (SLS 239)

Reverend Robert Sullivan, who is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by Eastern Maine Healthcare in recognition of his 2 decades of service as a Catholic chaplain at the Eastern Maine Medical Center, in Bangor. Reverend Sullivan has had an adventurous life since being ordained a Jesuit priest on June 22, 1940. He studied anthropology in Alaska and spent much of his career in Iraq, teaching and serving as principal of Baghdad College. He joined the pastoral staff at St. John's Catholic Church, in Bangor, 22 years ago, where he currently celebrates Mass 5 mornings a week in addition to his other pastoral duties. We send our greetings to Reverend Robert Sullivan on this occasion; (SLS 240)

Denise C. Ducharme, of Madison, Abandoned Property Manager of the Maine State Treasury, as she steps down as the President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA). Denise has proved invaluable on both the State level as she has assisted individuals and businesses regarding abandoned property and on the national level as president of NAUPA. We acknowledge her exceptional abilities, exemplary leadership and dedication to her work and to her State, and we extend our congratulations and very best wishes to her; (SLS 241)

Cathy Melanson, of Saco, a special education teacher at the Dayton Consolidated School, who was named Teacher of the Year by her colleagues in the Saco School System and who was also named the Special Education Teacher of the Year for the State of Maine. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Melanson on this occasion; (SLS 242)

Sheena Coffin, a student at the Beech Hill School in Otis, who is a winner in the 1999 Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award Program. The award program honors 8th-grade students for their civic awareness, scholastic achievements and community service. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Sheena on this achievement; (SLS 243)

Mary E. Stacy, for 20 years of dedicated service as Deputy Treasurer for Lincoln County. She served under 6 treasurers, always putting in the extra effort that was needed for carrying out the duties of her office. She was committed to serving the citizens of Lincoln County. We extend our thanks to Mary for her dedication to the people of Lincoln County and to the State; (SLS 244)

Donald H. Bennett, a well-known business and civic leader and beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Bennett worked for his father's business, Oakhurst Dairy, after serving in the Navy Seabees during World War II, was president from 1953 until 1983 and was chair until his death. During Mr. Bennett's tenure, Oakhurst Dairy became the largest independent dairy company in northern New England. He served on the Maine Turnpike Authority from 1963 until 1976 and was chair from 1974 until 1975. He was instrumental in the

development of Riverside Industrial Park, the International Ferry Terminal and, as board chair, the Cumberland County Civic Center. He was a member of the YMCA's board of directors and was a member of the Cumberland Club and the Portland Yacht Club. He will be missed by family and friends; (SLS 245) (in memoriam)

Jane H. Root, of Falmouth, wife, mother, sister and grandmother, who, with Ruth Colvin, founded Literacy Volunteers of America. Mrs. Root was president for 3 years and wrote the first set of tutor training programs for the group. Mrs. Root was active in the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, the League of Women Voters and was on the board of the Preble Street Youth and Family Outreach. Mrs. Root will be sadly missed by family and friends; (SLS 246) (in memoriam)

John A. Anderson, of Falmouth, retired United States Marine Corps Colonel, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, June 20, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Anderson on this special occasion; (SLS 247)

Aquellidio M. Rodrigues, founder and director of Focus International, an organization dedicated to developing programs that foster understanding and sharing between different cultures. He was presented with an award as Cultural Ambassador of International Goodwill for his 7 years of diplomatic efforts that have helped to achieve and maintain better relations between the United States and Russia. He was honored in St. Petersburg, Russia at a reception aboard the Maine Maritime Academy ship "State of Maine." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 248)

Bern Roy Albert, on the occasion of her retirement after teaching in Frenchville for 33 years and in Madawaska for 11 years. We send our appreciation to Ms. Albert for her years of service to the youth of our State; (SLS 249)

Angelique Bourgoin, who is the 1999 Greater Miss Madawaska Scholarship Pageant winner. Angelique is the daughter of Valmont and Denise Bourgoin and is a senior at Madawaska High School. She is involved in the Catholic Youth Ministry and is a Core Group leader and an athlete, playing basketball and volleyball. Angelique is an honor student and likes to sing, dance and write. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Angelique on this occasion; (SLS 250)

Denise Thibodeau, who has earned the distinction of being named Third Honor Recipient of the 1999 graduating class of Van Buren District Secondary School. Denise is the daughter of Galen and Guilda Thibodeau and has been very active in her school and community. She held the office of class treasurer for 3 years, was Project Graduation co-vice president, is a member of the HOPE Team, served on the yearbook staff, was secretary of the Crusader Chapter of the National Honor Society, participated in the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest and received the Maine Scholars Achievement Award. Denise has participated in the Catholic Youth Ministry and as a tutor to her peers. We send our congratulations to Denise on this occasion and wish her continued success with her future educational pursuits; (SLS 251)

Jessica Morin, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class of Van Buren District Secondary School. Jessica is the daughter of Gerard and Jean Morin. She is a member of the Crusader Chapter of the National Honor Society and the HOPE Team. She represented her peers in the Crusader Student Senate and

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served as Class President during her freshman and sophomore years. She was named a Maine Scholar and received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Society of Women Engineers Award. Jessica was a 4-year member of the Girl's Varsity Soccer Team and also lettered in softball, volleyball and tennis. She has also been a member of the Who's Who for the past 3 years. We send our congratulations to Jessica on this occasion and wish her continued success with her future educational pursuits; (SLS 252)

Sister Jacqueline Ayotte, of St. Agathe, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after 37 years of teaching in New York, Virginia and most recently at the Madawaska Elementary School. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated service; (SLS 253)

Viola Daigle, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 years of teaching in the St. John Valley. We send our appreciation to her for her years of dedicated teaching and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (SLS 254)

Claudette Paille Picard, on her retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to the members of the LaVallee Federal Credit Union in Madawaska. Claudette was a source of inspiration and optimism to coworkers and the people she served. We congratulate her on this occasion and offer her our best wishes for a well-deserved retirement; (SLS 255)

Marc Michaud, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of teaching and coaching at Madawaska High School. We send our appreciation to him for his many years of dedicated teaching and extend our best wishes to him on his future endeavors; (SLS 256)

Tracy A. Ouellette, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 1999 graduating class of Van Buren District Secondary School. Tracy is the daughter of Michael and Greta Ouellette. She is a member of the Crusader Chapter of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Class of 1999 and a member of the local French Club and was a participant in the French Speech Competition and One Act Play Competitions. She is a member of the HOPE Team, a church lector and a volunteer with the Special Olympics. Tracy also placed second in the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest. We send our congratulations to Tracy on this occasion and wish her continued success with her future educational pursuits; (SLS 257)

Charles S. Yentsch, of Boothbay Harbor and Key West, Florida, upon receiving the 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography for his contributions in the fields of phytoplankton pigments and productivity, optical properties and remote sensing and for establishing and sustaining oceanographic initiatives and programs. The award was initiated in 1994 to recognize and honor major, long-term achievements in research, education and service to the scientific community and to society. We extend our congratulations to him on receiving this award; (SLS 258)

Bigelow Laboratory, of West Boothbay Harbor, on its 25th Anniversary. Bigelow is Maine's largest oceanographic research institution and a key contributor to the economic health of the region. Bigelow has earned an international reputation for innovative research on the biological productivity of the oceans and attracts marine scientists and students from around the world to work and study at the laboratory. Bigelow has achieved a national reputation for its work in water column research on productivity. In 1981, Bigelow became the repository for the

world's largest collection of living marine phytoplankton. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bigelow Laboratory and its employees on this special occasion and wish them continued success; (SLS 259)

Frank Soares, Director of the Bureau of Veterans Services, who has been named the Veteran Small Business Advocate by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Soares on being selected for this honor; (SLS 260)

Richard C. Peterson, President of Employment Trust, Incorporated, who has been named the National Welfare to Work SBA Associate by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Peterson on being selected for this honor; (SLS 261)

Carl L. Chatto, CPA, an accountant with Baker Newman & Noyes, who has been named the New England Regional Accountant Advocate by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Chatto on being selected for this honor; (SLS 262)

Shepard Lee, owner of Lee Auto Malls, who has received the Entrepreneurial Success award by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Lee on being selected for this honor; (SLS 263)

Debbie Metzler, Micro-Enterprise Specialist for Eastern Maine Development Corporation, who has been named the Financial Services Advocate by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Metzler on being selected for this honor; (SLS 264)

M. Jane Searles, Regional Manager for the Maine Centers for Women, Work & Community, who has received the Women in Business Advocate award by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Searles on being selected for this honor; (SLS 265)

R. Stephen White, President of New England 800 Company, who has been named the Welfare to Work Small Business Owner by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. White on being selected for this honor; (SLS 266)

Wendy K. Rose, Project Developer for the Maine Centers for Women, Work & Community, who has received the Women in Business Advocate award by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Rose on being selected for this honor; (SLS 267)

Joyce A. McClure, of Management Directions, who has been named the Media Advocate by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. McClure on being selected for this honor; (SLS 268)

Keith Rollins, Client Services Coordinator for the City of Portland Economic Development Center, who has been named the Minority Small Business Advocate by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Rollins on being selected for this honor; (SLS 269)

Gabrielle Melchionda, President of Mad Gab's, who has been named the Young Entrepreneur by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Melchionda on being selected for this honor; (SLS 270)

Rachel Carignan, President & Chief Executive Officer of Winderosa Manufacturing & Distributing Company, USA, Incorporated, who has received the Exporter award by the U.S.

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Small Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Carignan on being selected for this honor; (SLS 271)

Lea Sullivan, owner of Katie's on the Cove, who has been named the Welfare to Work Entrepreneur by the U.S. Small Business Administration. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Sullivan on being selected for this honor; (SLS 272)

the Reverend Samuel G. Henderson, of Thomaston, who left a successful career in entertainment and broadcasting to become an Episcopal priest. He was vice-president of Guy Gannett Broadcasting Services when, at the age of 50, he left to enter a seminary and 2 years later became a priest. He served at parishes in Farmington, Skowhegan, Palmyra, Gorham, Portland, Newcastle, Camden, Rockland and Jefferson. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his parishioners and his many friends; (SLS 273) (in memoriam)

Philip Pelletier, member of the 1999 Farm Family of the year. In addition to farming, Phil was a Frenchville Selectman for 9 years and served on the LaVallee Federal Credit Union Board of directors and is President of Mid Valley Sales. He is married to Sherene Thibeault and has 2 daughters, Sheila and Tammy, and 3 grandchildren, Christopher, Courtney and Cassidy. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to him for his contribution to farming in Maine; (SLS 274)

James Pelletier, member of the 1999 Farm Family of the year. Jim is the president of Edwin Pelletier Farms, Inc. He has also served as director of Maine Potato Growers. The farming operation was started in 1938 in Frenchville by his parents, Edwin and Etienne. In 1977 Edwin passed away, and sons Jim, Phil and Dan took over the farm. The farm has grown to almost 2000 acres. Jim is married to Barbara Levesque, and they have 3 children, Debbra, James and Jessie, and a granddaughter, Sadie. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to him for his contribution to farming in Maine; (SLS 275)

Danny Pelletier, member of the 1999 Farm Family of the year. He has been involved in every aspect of farming all his life. Dan was voted runner-up in the Jaycee's 1984 Outstanding Young Farmer Contest. He is also a Frenchville firefighter. He is married to Monique Corriveau and has 4 children, Jacob, Jeffrey, Jessica and Jeremy. We extend our very best wishes and congratulations to him for his contribution to farming in Maine; (SLS 276)

Adam Hall Gahagan, of Presque Isle, a member of the Washburn Boy Scout Troop #177, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Adam on this accomplishment; (SLS 277)

Donn Fendler, who will be celebrating the 60th anniversary, July 26, 1999, of finding his way out of the Maine woods. Mr. Fendler, at the tender age of 12, was lost on Mount Katahdin. For 9 days, he wandered the woods in hopes of finding his way out. His ordeal is compellingly recounted in his book, Lost on a Mountain in Maine. In more recent years, Mr. Fendler has volunteered countless times in classrooms and libraries and for church groups and senior citizen groups and other organizations to answer questions presented to him by those who are curious about his wilderness experience. We extend our best wishes to him on this anniversary and we send our appreciation to Mr.

Fendler for his contributions and attentiveness to the people of the State; (SLS 278)

Lawrence and Irene Albert Ayotte, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. They are recognized as the longest-married couple in St. Agatha and will be honored as part of the centennial celebration. They are the parents of Thérèse, Joanne, Jacqueline, Lorraine, Judy, Doris, Clarence, Mary Ann, John and Larry. They have 9 grandchildren: Dwayne, Keith, Dale, Randy, Benjamin, Danielle, Elyse, Jesse and Nicole. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 279)

Mervyn Harriman, of Rockland, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, July 8, 1999. Mr. Harriman worked for the Maine Coast Railroad as a conductor for the Rockland line. He continued to work as a conductor for the summer excursion train of the Maine Coast Railroad into his 80s. The railroad named a passenger car after him. When he was not conducting for the Maine Coast Railroad, he was conducting at home on his treasured model trains. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this very special occasion; (SLS 280)

the Eden Baptist Church on the 200th anniversary of the organization of the church. During its long history in Salisbury Cove, it has been the site of many historic occasions and is a living symbol of the community's pride in its past. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the church and its members on this very special occasion; (SLS 281)

Aurie Morrison, for her outstanding work in helping to preserve Maine history by maintaining the database for the 1999 Dyer Family Reunion, being held in Belfast. We acknowledge her genealogical contributions and we extend our best wishes to her; (SLS 282)

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Paula Thompson Gough, of Calais, a Naval Intelligence Specialist, on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Navy on July 1, 1999 after 20 years of distinguished service. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the nation and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 283)

Adam Eugene Tanguay, of Bethel, a member of Boy Scout Troop #565, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (SLS 284)

Angela Bull, of Herman, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Angela on this accomplishment; (SLS 285)

Sara Agouab, of Brewer, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Sara on this accomplishment; (SLS 286)

Michelle McLaughlin, of Brewer, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Michelle on this accomplishment; (SLS 287)

Kaitlin Coffin, of Brewer, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development,

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leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kaitlin on this accomplishment; (SLS 288)

Jodie Comer, of Brewer, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jodie on this accomplishment; (SLS 289)

David Hodgdon, of Porter, a member of Boy Scout Troop #375, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to David on this accomplishment; (SLS 290)

Sister Elizabeth Ann Dorsey, R.S.M., of Fort Fairfield, on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, August 7, 1999. We appreciate her dedicated service to the people of this State as a teacher, friend and spiritual advisor. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 291)

John M. Nutting, of Leeds, on the occasion of his 50th birthday, August 29, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to John on this very special occasion; (SLS 292)

Beverly Zahner-Hoonhout, of Friendship, who has concluded 9 years of invaluable service to the town as Town Clerk. We extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (SLS 293)

the Southern Aroostook Warriors, of Dyer Brook, who won the 1998-1999 State Class D Baseball Championship. This is their fifth Class D championship and we extend our congratulations and very best wishes to them on this achievement; (SLS 294)

the Maine Children's Cancer Program for its dedication to providing quality care to infants, children and adolescents with cancer and their families throughout Maine and northern New Hampshire. We extend our appreciation to the administration and staff of the program for maintaining their original philosophy of providing medical treatment, supportive services and clinical research activities in a family-centered environment; (SLS 295)

Jessie Mellott, of Brewer, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to her on receiving this highest award in Senior Girl Scouting; (SLS 296)

Claud and Patricia (Dubay Madore, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, April 19, 1999. They were married at St. Bruno's Roman Catholic Church in Van Buren and are the parents of eleven children, Lorne, Glen, Claudette, Philip, David, James, Lawrence, Rodney, Donna, Brenda and John Patrick. They have 12 grandchildren, Christy, Chad, Vicki, Nicole, Anthony, Amanda, Craig, Phillip, Chantel, Kyle, Danielle and Jonathan. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (SLS 297)

James Pouravelis, a longtime member of the Bonny Eagle Middle School staff, on the occasion of his retirement. We congratulate him on his 40 years of experience as an educator, 39 of them in MSAD #6. During his tenure as Assistant Principal, he worked with 9 superintendents and 6 principals. Mr. Pouravelis possesses an unparalleled amount of enthusiasm, optimism and love for children, which earned him recognition as Maine Assistant Principal of the Year in 1996. We acknowledge

his dedicated service to his profession and we extend our best wishes on his future endeavors; (SLS 298)

Thomas Joseph Evans, of Boy Scout Troop #156 in Naples, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. Thomas is the first Eagle Scout from this troop, which was organized in 1995. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 299)

Edward Chappell, of Boy Scout Troop #149 in Bridgton, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout. Edward is the 3rd-generation Boy Scout in his family and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 300)

Alexander Small, of Boy Scout Troop #436, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 301)

Delphin and Genevieve Beaumont, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 11, 1999, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (SLS 302)

Todd L. Fields, of Biddeford, who was named Maine Teacher of the Year 2000 by the Maine Department of Education. Mr. Fields is a drafting teacher at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; (SLS 303)

the Wiscasset Public Library, of Wiscasset, on the occasion of its 200th birthday. The library was founded in 1799 by the townspeople of Wiscasset Point and was known as the Wiscasset Social Library. The library today still has books that were kept in the original library. The library's name was changed to the Wiscasset Public Library in 1920. The library continues today in the Lincoln and Kennebec Bank Building with over 30,000 volumes and five librarians. The library is maintained with endowment funds, with contributions from the towns served: Wiscasset, Alna, Edgecomb, Sheepscot and Westport. We join the townspeople in celebrating this very special occasion for the Wiscasset Public Library; (SLS 304)

John H. Gordon, Jr. and Frances A. Gordon, of Bingham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 16, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 305)

Sylvia B. Haraden, of Bar Harbor, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Haraden was born in Bar Harbor on October 22, 1899 and is now its oldest resident. She is a Golden Member of the Garden Club and has been active in the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Haraden was frequently seen on her daily walk to the Shore Path and was easily identified by her perfect posture and her trademark red coat and hat. She is known for the glorious stand of peonies on her lawn on Cottage Street. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 306)

Mary Alice Siegel, formerly a long time resident of Thomaston, now of Camden, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, October 14, 1999. Mrs. Siegel was born in England and came to this country in 1913 on a boat that was torpedoed soon after while it served as a troop transport. She went to work at a young age and, after her husband died in 1945, she raised 2 children by herself. She has 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this centennial occasion; (SLS 307)

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Jeffrey R. Morin, of Boy Scout Troop #672 in Randolph, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 308)

Burleigh "Bud" Melvin Richards, Jr., of Buxton, beloved husband of Katherine Stevens Richards, veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War, former Sheriff of York County and active member in his community including serving on the SAD 6 School Board and as a volunteer firefighter, a state warden, a selectman for the Town of Buxton and a town moderator for more than 25 years. Mr. Richards also enjoyed looking out for people and is best known for his volunteer work in the community; (SLS 309) (in memoriam)

Kristen Connolly, of Corinth, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on receiving this highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting; (SLS 310)

Rachel and Rick Sparkowich, of Kittery, who are the recipients of the America's Award for personifying the American character and spirit for their work with Operation Blessing. They are among 10 people in the nation to be honored for their work, which is a Christian ministry that offers needy families food, clothing and household goods upon request. America's Awards was created by author and evangelist Norman Vincent Peale and has been called the Nobel Prize for Goodness. We acknowledge the good works done by Rachel and Rick and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (SLS 311)

Hodgdon Yachts, of East Boothbay, on the launching of the "Antonisa" on August 28, 1999. The "Antonisa," a 124' wooden sloop, is the product of 4 years of work by more than 60 local craftsmen. The Hodgdon family has been building boats in East Boothbay since 1816. We acknowledge the contributions of Hodgdon Yachts to Maine's nautical heritage and extend our congratulations on the successful launching of the "Antonisa;" (SLS 312)

David Dysart, of Dixmont, who was famous for his trucking, industrial and restaurant operations. David Dysart left an enduring mark on the people of the transportation industry and will be long remembered for his friendship and support throughout the Northeast United States and eastern Canada. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (SLS 313) (in memoriam)

St. James' Episcopal Church, of Old Town, for 150 years of ministry. The parish was organized on November 6, 1849. The present church building was designed by noted architect Henry Vaughan and constructed in 1894 on the same site in Old Town that the parish had occupied since 1853. We acknowledge St. James' Church for its long and continuing service to the community and we extend our best wishes and congratulations to the congregation on this esteemed anniversary; (SLS 314)

the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, of Bangor, on its 15th Anniversary. The Center focuses on serving all women, regardless of age, ability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or economic status. The Center provides educational, clinical, reproductive and sexual health services to women. The Center takes strong public stands advocating for women's rights. We extend our congratulations to the Center and extend our

appreciation for all the extraordinary services they offer to the women in this State; (SLS 315)

Mabel Sine Wadsworth, of Bangor, on the occasion of her 89th birthday. Mrs. Wadsworth founded the Family Planning Association of Maine and was its first president. She co-founded the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center and remains active with many of its programs. She remains active in many community organizations. Her volunteerism, passion, politics and vision serve as guides for the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. She is the widow of Dr. Richard Wadsworth, has 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We appreciate all her efforts in the opportunities and programs she has provided to the women in this State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 316)

the Macrillis-Rousseau V.F.W. Post #8835, of Winslow, on the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Chartered in 1946, the Macrillis-Rousseau V.F.W. Post #8835 is named jointly after a World War I veteran and a World War II veteran. The Winslow Post is the 4th largest in the State and remains very active in veteran's affairs and in the community. We extend our appreciation for the continued service to the community by the Macrillis-Rousseau V.F.W. Post #8835 and our best wishes and congratulations to the Post on the 100th anniversary of its parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars; (SLS 317)

Edna H. Stewart, of South Portland, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, October 22, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 318)

the Hampden V.F.W. Post #4633, of Winslow, on the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Recognition of military service and remembrance of the sacrifices made in the nation's defense are among the major purposes of the organization. Through a nationwide network of V.F.W. service officers, the organization provides the assistance veterans need in order to obtain much deserved benefits. We extend our appreciation for the continued service to the community by the Hampden V.F.W. Post #4633 and our best wishes and congratulations to the Post on the 100th anniversary of its parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars; (SLS 319)

Donald and Evelyn Stilkey, of Freeport, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (SLS 320)

Maynard and Melva Smith, of Topsham, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (SLS 321)

Joyce Tugel, of South Berwick, who was awarded the Milken Family Foundation Educator Award for excellence in teaching. Ms. Tugel, who has been a chemistry teacher at Marshwood High School for the past ten years, is a strong supporter of technology in the classroom and has been active with the science issues in her community. We take this opportunity to acknowledge Ms. Tugel's contributions to her students and community and to congratulate her on winning this prestigious award; (SLS 322)

Kenneth P. Hayes, of Orono, who has been unanimously selected by Maine Common Cause to receive the organization's highest honor, the Uncommon Service Award for 1999. Dr. Hayes, retired Chair and Professor of Political Science at the

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University of Maine, is former chair and longtime member of Maine Common Cause. Active for most of his life in public affairs as a Marine Corps veteran, politician and State Senator, Dr. Hayes has long been a proponent and catalyst of political reform. We acknowledge Ken's lifelong work in the public's interest and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 323)

Chris Silverthorne, of Calais, who has attained the position of State President for the Maine Association of Student Councils. Mr. Silverthorne is the 6th State President to come from Calais high School, which is distinguished by having more students receive this honor than any other high school in the State. We congratulate Mr. Silverthorne for continuing the tradition for his school and achieving this prestigious position; (SLS 324)

Matthew Menard, of Freeport, a member of Boy Scout Troop #45, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Matthew on this accomplishment; (SLS 325)

Nung Teuk, of Brunswick, who has received the Presidential Student Service Award. Focusing on long-term volunteerism, the award was given to Nung for her instrumental efforts in making the summer food program in Brunswick a success. Having moved to the United States from Cambodia, Nung's involvement and commitment to her community extends far beyond the summer food program, with adults looking to her as a leader and children looking to her as a role model. We extend our appreciation to Nung for her service to the community and congratulations for receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 326)

the Piscataqua Chapter of the Chef and the Child Foundation, American Culinary Federation for all its efforts in the fight against childhood hunger. One of the foundation's commendable goals is to educate the public through awareness campaigns regarding all aspects of childhood nutrition. We extend our appreciation to the foundation for all they have done for the children of this State; (SLS 327)

Nicholas Blanchard, a member of Boy Scout Troop #37 in South Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on this achievement; (SLS 328)

the volunteers of Hospice of York for 20 years of service to the communities of Southern Maine. Hospice volunteers offer a unique kind of help to families in need by giving emotional support to the dying, their families and the bereaved. We extend our appreciation to the volunteers for all their efforts in supporting the families of Southern Maine; (SLS 329)

Louise J. Wickenheiser, of Madawaska, on the special occasion of her 50th birthday, November 20, 1999 and in extending our congratulations and very best wishes to her; (SLS 330)

David Fratello, a member of Boy Scout Troop #478 in Orono-Veazie, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to David on this achievement; (SLS 331)

the following members of the Madawaska High School Tennis Team, winners of the 1999 State Tennis Championship: Todd Levesque, T. J. Cowie, Chad Carter, Ben Bouchard, Ben Marshall, Justin Wood, B. J. Dufour, Doug Guerrette, Mark Ayotte, Travis Cyr and Brian Herbert and Coach Allen Guerrette. We extend our congratulations to them on winning their first state championship; (SLS 332)

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

Ashok Nalamalapu, of Portland, who has been selected as Minority Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration. Born in India and fluent in 3 languages, he successfully started and is president of CST2000, a company that is customizing software, providing Y2K solutions and software services and has shown strong, steady growth over the past 2 years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Nalamalapu on this accomplishment and best wishes for his business; (SLS 334)

Leo and Diane Flynn, of York, who have been named 1999 Citizens of the Year by the Yorks Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Flynn received the award in recognition of the work they have done for the community through their American legion post in York. We extend our congratulations to them and extend our appreciation for all the work they have done for the people of York; (SLS 335)

E. Ernest and Edna J. Michaud, of Benton, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 26, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 336)

Matthew Lewey, of Eddington, who has been selected as Minority Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration. He president is Coastal Environmental Corp., a full-service environmental and consulting company located in Bangor. Coastal Environmental Corp. is a well-seasoned, aggressive and well-run company that has shown significant growth in sales and profitability. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Lewey on this accomplishment and best wishes for his business; (SLS 337)

Wynona Aldrich, of Lincoln, on the special occasion of her 100th Birthday, November 18, 1999 and in extending our congratulations and warmest wishes to her on the Centennial celebration of her birth; (SLS 338)

Joey Lee Cote, a member of Boy Scout Troop #184 in Caribou, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joey on this achievement; (SLS 339)

the hardworking members and leaders of the Georges River Land Trust for their devoted work in land conservation throughout the Georges River watershed. Through their vision for the public benefit and recreation, they have made us aware of the irreplaceable treasure that is in all of our backyards; (SLS 340)

Victor and Eva Deeves, of Houlton, for receiving the Exemplary Older Persons Award given by the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services within the Department of Human Services. The award is given to volunteers who have improved the lives of people in their community and who personify independence, caring, participation, self-fulfillment and dignity. We extend our appreciation to Victor and Eva Deeves for their years of selfless care of the elderly and disabled and congratulate them on receiving this award; (SLS 341)

R n  and Rena Chamberland Lizotte, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, They were married at the Ste. Agathe Catholic Church on November 22, 1949. They are the parents of 4 daughters: Carol, Mary Ann, Jeannine and Susan.

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They are the grandparents of Lisa, Stacie, Becky, Monica, Jennifer, Craig, Travis and Jason. They have one great-grandchild, Brandon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 342)

Dr. Suzanne Tyler, of Glenburn, Director of Athletics at the University of Maine, who has been inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Dr. Tyler has a long and distinguished career in coaching athletics and has been named National Coach of the Year twice, as well as winning many other awards and titles. She was the second woman elected into the University of Maryland Hall of Fame. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her achievements; (SLS 343)

Mary Swift Quigley, of Randolph, on the special occasion of her 90th birthday. Mary was born in Chelsea on November 1, 1909. Mary has devoted her life to her husband and children. She worked outside the home, during a time when most women worked in the home, and raised 5 children, 4 daughters and one son. She and her husband enjoyed bowling. Mary's other hobbies include knitting, canning and baking. She has 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She is most admired for her health and stamina, having recovered from cancer at age 85. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 344)

Central Maine Power Company, on the occasion of the company's 100th Anniversary. Founded by Walter S. Wyman and Harvey D. Eaton, Central Maine Power Company began as a small hydroelectric company along Messalonskee Stream that provided power to Oakland and Waterville. Since then, the company has become the largest electricity supplier in the State, serving thousands of customers. This remarkable growth illustrates a Yankee ingenuity, business acumen and commitment to service that the company still embraces today. We extend our appreciation to Central Maine Power Company for its 100 years of service to the community and best wishes for the future; (SLS 345)

Heather Deschaine, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Heather on this accomplishment; (SLS 346)

Michelle Parent, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Michelle on this accomplishment; (SLS 347)

Kerri Ouellette, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kerri on this accomplishment; (SLS 348)

Kay Porter, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Kay on this accomplishment; (SLS 349)

Andrea Doucette, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development,

leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Andrea on this accomplishment; (SLS 350)

Laura Bingiel, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Laura on this accomplishment; (SLS 351)

Amanda Gagnon, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (SLS 352)

Crystal Gagnon, of Van Buren, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Crystal on this accomplishment; (SLS 353)

Curtiss D. Carter, of Holden, a member of Boy Scout Troop #16, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Curtiss on this achievement; (SLS 354)

Adam Levesque, of Farmingdale, a member of Boy Scout Troop #603, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (SLS 355)

Paul Levesque, of Farmingdale, a member of Boy Scout Troop #603, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (SLS 356)

the Mattanawcook Academy Football Team, of Lincoln, winner of the 1999 State Class C Football Championship, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (SLS 357)

Amy Vachon, of Augusta, for her dedicated service and commitment as a scholar and athlete, exemplifying the spirit of the University of Maine, the State of Maine and its citizens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (SLS 358)

Nicholas Robinson, of Millinocket, a member of Boy Scout Troop #58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicholas on this achievement; (SLS 359)

North Berwick Fire Department, which has received the 1998 Life Safety Achievement Award sponsored by the Residential Fire Safety Institute. The award is given to fire departments that record zero deaths in structural fires during the calendar year. The department's fire prevention activities that helped win the award include holding an annual fire prevention program for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade. We extend our appreciation to the North Berwick Fire Department for its exemplary record and our congratulations on receiving this distinguished award; (SLS 360)

Kathy Richardson, of Massabesic Adult Education, who has received the outstanding Teacher Award by the Maine Adult Education Association. A teacher of adult literacy and math, Kathy is known for her positive and helpful attitude and her willingness to become involved in a variety of projects, including

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at the York County Jail and with the York County Shelter. We extend our appreciation to Kathy for her years of dedicated service to the community and our congratulations to her on receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 361)

Leah Cummings, of Howland, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Leah on this accomplishment; (SLS 362)

Miranda Nicholson, of Passadumkeag, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Miranda on this accomplishment; (SLS 363)

Amanda Dube, of West Enfield, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (SLS 364)

Patricia Plourde, of West Enfield, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Patricia on this accomplishment; (SLS 365)

Heidi Dorrity, of West Enfield, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Heidi on this accomplishment; (SLS 366)

Aimee Babineau, of West Enfield, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Aimee on this accomplishment; (SLS 367)

Helen O'Brien Hegner, of Southport, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, November 6, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 368)

Leslie Minton, a teacher at the Manchester School in Windham, who has been awarded National Semiconductor's Internet Innovator Award. The award is given to teachers who use the Internet to creatively integrate their curriculum and the World Wide Web. Ms. Minton is one of 7 educators from 5 Maine schools to receive this award. We extend our congratulations to her on achieving this accomplishment; (SLS 369)

Deb Luce, a teacher at the Manchester School in Windham, who has been awarded National Semiconductor's Internet Innovator Award. The award is given to teachers who use the Internet to creatively integrate their curriculum and the World Wide Web. Ms. Luce is one of 7 educators from 5 Maine schools to receive this award. We extend our congratulations to her on achieving this accomplishment; (SLS 370)

Donna Morton, a teacher at the Manchester School in Windham, who has been awarded National Semiconductor's Internet Innovator Award. The award is given to teachers who use the Internet to creatively integrate their curriculum and the World Wide Web. Ms. Morton is one of 7 educators from 5 Maine schools to receive this award. We extend our congratulations to her on achieving this accomplishment; (SLS 371)

Joseph B. Campbell, of Augusta, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Campbell served 3 years in the Army Air corps during World War II and retired in 1968 after 24 years of active and reserve service as a colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He served as city solicitor and municipal court judge in Hallowell, Kennebec county attorney, a member of the Maine House of Representatives and President of the Maine Senate. He was a member of several civic and fraternal organizations and served as a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. Campbell will be missed by all who knew him; (SLS 372) (in memoriam)

The Legislature joins with St. Mary's Parish of Bangor in recognizing its oldest current member, Maria Sementelli, who turns 100 years old December 19, 1999. Maria Sementelli was born in Ceprano, Italy, moved to Bangor in 1925 and is the proud mother of 5 children, grandmother of 15 children, great-grandmother of 29 children, and great-great grandmother of 3 children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 373)

Carrie Caputo, of Belfast, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Carrie on this accomplishment; (SLS 374)

the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. The club was formed in December 1939. the club sponsors area Boy Scouts, offers scholarships to area students and distributes community calendars. We extend our appreciation to the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club for all its efforts in helping the people of this State; (SLS 375)

Benjamin Rubins, of Cumberland Center, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Benjamin on this accomplishment; (SLS 376)

Eric Booth, of Cumberland Center, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eric on this accomplishment; (SLS 377)

Ryan Anderson, of Cumberland Center, who has qualified for the National Boxing Championship based on his outstanding performance at the New England Championship Boxing Tournament. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ryan on this accomplishment; (SLS 378)

George Maschino, of North Yarmouth, upon winning a Gold Medal at the National Skeet Shooting Association's Junior World Shoot. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to George on this accomplishment; (SLS 379)

Mallett Hall, of Pownal, on it newly completed renovations and the dedication of its new addition. Built as the Town of Pownal's town hall in 1886, Mallett Hall has been significantly improved and has received a new addition with new wiring for power, computers and communications as part of a fundraising effort that began in 1990. We congratulate the Town of Pownal on its successful fundraising activities and its new town facilities; (SLS 380)

James Eaton, of York, who received the Melvin Jones Award from the Lions Club. Mr. Eaton, a 20-year member and past president of the York Lions Club, was honored for his contributions to the Lions International Youth Camp exchange program. The Melvin Jones Award is the most prestigious award

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given by the Lions Club and Mr. Eaton is only the 3rd member in the history of the York Lions Club to receive the award. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Eaton for his service to the community and congratulations on receiving this award; (SLS 381)

Robert B. McIntire, of York, beloved husband of Carole J. McIntire and Vietnam veteran who retired from the United States Naval Reserves in 1988 after 21 years of service. Mr. McIntire worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for 11 years and was dedicated to its future, serving on several groups and committees relating to naval shipyards. Mr. McIntire was also active in his community, serving as a member and chair of the board of selectmen for the Town of York, as a volunteer firefighter and with numerous community organizations and committees. He will be missed by his family and many friends; (SLS 382) (in memoriam)

Francis H. Vail, Jr., of East Stoneham, discovered of the Vail Palen-Indian Archeological Site at Aziscohos Lake in Oxford County. Mr. Vail served in the U.S. Navy with a P.T. boat squadron in World War II. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing and developed an interest in minerals and archeology. He was a member of the Stoneham Fire Department and the Stoneham Night Riders Snowmobile Club. He will be missed by all who knew him; (SLS 383) (in memoriam) not presented; (SLS 384)

Donald B. and Elizabeth J. Hall, of Dover-Foxcroft, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, December 8, 1999. They have had 3 children. Mr. And Mrs. Hall also have 9 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Mr. Hall worked at P.E. Ward Company in Dover-Foxcroft for 50 years and Mrs. Hall worked for Shop 'N Save. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this special occasion; (SLS 385)

Marc Bouthot, of Biddeford, who has been named 1999 Volunteer of the Year by the City of Biddeford for his outstanding contributions to the city. We acknowledge his dedication and support and extend our congratulations to him; (SLS 386)

Eugene Crockett, of Biddeford, who has been named as 1999 Volunteer of the Year by the City of Biddeford for his outstanding contributions to the city. We acknowledge his dedication and support and extend our congratulations to him; (SLS 387)

Charles R. Baker, Sr., of Pittsfield, beloved husband and father and a patrol deputy for the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. He was a part-time patrol officer for local police departments, a certified field-training officer and a member of the Maine State Sheriff's Association. He enjoyed going to the coast, his horses, carpentry and working around the house. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and to Somerset County on the occasion of this tragic loss; (SLS 388) (in memoriam)

Amanda Knight, of Cherryfield, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (SLS 389)

the Westbrook High School Marching Band, of Westbrook, which was named Best Band in Class A and Best Percussion Section overall at the Citrus Bowl Field Marching Band Competition in Orlando, Florida. The band's achievement is

even more impressive due to the absence of its director, George Bookataub, who was recovering from heart surgery and could not make the trip. The band made the director's absence an inspiration, however, and won the competition for him. We extend our congratulations to the Westbrook High School Marching Band on this major accomplishment and to Band Director George Bookataub for the winning spirit he imparted to his students; (SLS 390)

the Greater Bangor Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for holding the annual "Keeping the Dream Alive" breakfast at the University of Maine commemorating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We extend our appreciation to the Greater Bangor Chapter of the NAACP for honoring Dr. King and join in commemorating this great American; (SLS 391)

Marjorie and Roland Douglass, of Auburn, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, January 26, 2000. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 392)

Lieutenant Bernard Hill on the occasion of his retirement from the York Police Department. Mr. Hill retired in September after 22 years of dedicated service to the citizens of York. We extend our appreciation to him for his many years of service to the people of this State and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (SLS 393)

Edgar and Maxine Lake, of Kittery, on the occasion of their 69th Wedding Anniversary September 24, 1999. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 394)

Sergeant Thomas White on the occasion of his retirement from the York Police Department. Mr. White retired in April after 24 years of service to the citizens of York. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service to the people of this State and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (SLS 395)

Bruce Pulkkinen and Windham Millwork, Inc., of North Windham, for their valuable contribution to the renovation of the Senate Chamber. Each of the desks in the Chamber was crafted to very exacting design specifications in Windham Millwork's North Windham shop and installed by Windham Millwork's talented staff. We are proud that this fine example of Maine craftsmanship has become a permanent fixture in the Senate Chamber; (SLS 396)

Robert Gleason, of Dresden, who sold Green Point Farm in Dresden to the State for conservation purposes at a price significantly lower than the farm's market value. Green Point Farm, encompassing 432 acres at the head of Merymeeting Bay with frontage on both the Eastern River and Kennebec River, is prime habitat for migrating waterfowl and other wildlife and will play a vital role in the preservation of wetlands and lands in what will become part of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Gleason for his generous contribution and commitment to the State's wildlife preservation efforts; (SLS 397)

Ross Gray London, of Winslow, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 443, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ross on achieving this accomplishment; (SLS 398)

Joseph D. Silverman, of Portland, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, January 28, 2000. He and his wife Betty were

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married on December 23, 1934. He is the father of 4 children and has 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He established Century Tire Company in 1919, now the oldest family-run independent tire business in New England. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this very special occasion; (SLS 399)

Rose Louise Morancie, of Dexter, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, July 11, 2000. She is the mother of 3 sons, has 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 6 nieces and nephews, 10 grandnieces and grandnephews and 2 great-grandnieces. Rose enjoys sewing and is an avid reader. She is also an excellent cook and still enjoys cooking for her family when they all get together. As she celebrates her 90th birthday, her family and many friends look forward to celebrating many more such events with her. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special and joyous occasion; (SLS 400)

Andrew Clough, of Cape Elizabeth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 30, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew on achieving this accomplishment; (SLS 401)

Father Edwin Garrett, and his 27 years of service to the parishes of the Episcopal Church on Mt. Desert Island. Father Garrett is a serious student of the island and American history, and has served as a Town Councilor in Bar Harbor. His vigorous and encompassing ministry has extended beyond the comfortable confines of the church walls and reached out to all in need. He is a courageous spokesman for human rights; (SLS 402)

Ann and Warren Fernald, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, New Year's Eve, 1999. The Fernalds, their ancestors, children and grandchildren have been at the center of life on Islesford for generations and represent the endless chain of tradition of a Maine island fishing family. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (SLS 403)

John Reeves, Mount Desert Island YMCA Volunteer of the Year, whose leadership, enthusiasm and ceaseless energy led to a new YMCA facility that will serve residents of the island for the next century; (SLS 404)

the 35th Anniversary of the Maine Fishermen's Cooperative, which provides its industry members an opportunity to speak with a collective voice on issues important to the Maine fishing community. They have taken a leading role in testing and promoting fishing gear that reduces the take of bycatch and juveniles, and in developing programs for stock enhancement; (SLS 405)

the Silver Anniversary of the Maine Fishermen's Forum, which for 25 years has been gathering thousands of fishermen from Maine and beyond to study and debate issues critical to the Maine fishing community. The Forum provides a place to connect with almost anyone who fishes in Maine or provides a service to the industry; (SLS 406)

Lenny DeMuro, Mount Desert Island YMCA Employee of the Year, whose heart, soul and lungs have been behind every Mount Desert Island swimmer for over 20 years. He led a succession of hopelessly small teams of Sharks to fulfill impossibly big dreams. There was no kid too small, too shy or too scared to resist Lenny's relentless enthusiasm for swimming and for life; (SLS 407)

Janice McAllister, of Abbot, on the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of dedicated service as First Selectman for the Town of Abbot. Janice also served as road commissioner and, for 15 years, as tax collector, where, when she started in 1963, she worked from her house because a town hall did not yet exist. In addition, Janice provided her community with a large, loving family including 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We extend our appreciation to Ms. McAllister for her years of service to the community and our best wishes on her retirement; (SLS 408)

Anne Beaulieu, of Grand Isle, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 years of dedicated service with the Grand Isle Community Federal Credit Union. Anne was a dedicated employee and committed to the credit union movement and its members. She was instrumental in merging the Grand Isle Community Federal Credit Union with the LaVallee Federal Credit Union. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Beaulieu for her years of service and our best wishes to her on her retirement; (SLS 409)

Caitlin Libby, of Hampden, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caitlin on this accomplishment; (SLS 410)

Grant McGiffin, of Falmouth, on the occasion of his retirement after 8 years of dedicated service as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Falmouth. Having taught at every level from elementary school through graduate school in his 30-year career, Grant is an exceptionally qualified educator. He will be remembered fondly for his accomplishments, most notably for leading the town in its years-long effort to build a new high school, scheduled to be completed in July 2001. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McGiffin for his years of service and our best wishes to him on his retirement; (SLS 411)

Eva Smith, of Dover-Foxcroft, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, February 7, 2000. She has lived in the same house in Dover-Foxcroft since the 1920's. She has 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Eva for a wonderful birthday; (SLS 412)

Linda Cohen, who has been named by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks as a member of its Academy for Advanced Education. She was recognized by the institute for her high level of training and professional commitment. She was also recognized in September 1999 as the Clerk of the Year by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association. We extend our congratulations to her on this achievement; (SLS 413)

Paul Richard Vincent, of Steep Falls, beloved husband and father. He was a teacher at Rumford Junior High School, a teacher at Bryant Pond, principal at the Atwood Tapley School, principal at Buxton Elementary School, principal at Bonny Eagle Middle School, superintendent for the Bingham schools and assistant superintendent for SAD 6 before being named the superintendent for SAD 6. Mr. Vincent enjoyed skiing, gardening, hiking, the outdoors, cooking and carpentry. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and coworkers; (SLS 414) (in memoriam)

Philip Doerr & Company, of Lisbon Falls, who has generously donated the portion of carpet that is emblazoned with the Maine State Seal that now adorns the refurbished Senate

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Chamber. With roots dating back to 1846, Philip Doerr & Company creates rugs for some of the finest residences, offices and hotels in the United States. Designed and made in Maine by skilled craftspeople, each rug is created by hand and is a unique masterpiece. The Maine State Seal is an exemplar of fine Maine craftsmanship and we extend our appreciation to J. Philip Doerr and Philip Doerr & Company for this donation; (SLS 415)

the Auburn Running Club, which successfully defended its title at the Maine Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in the Summer of 1999. The club collected 514 points, one of the highest scores ever recorded for a team champion. Of particular note are club members who won double victories, including Matt Williams, Ben Cleveland and Matt Barlion; club member individual champions, including Vanessa Fereshetian, Sarah Gardner, Jackson Keene, Marcus Reny, Eric Prue and Cam Robichaud; and club members on first-place relay teams, including Ben Cleveland, Justin Fereshetian, Alex Wilkins, Denish Costlow, Cross Wilkins, Jeremy Richardson, Chris Pellicia, Sam Fletcher, Kristen Prue, Emily Blackwood, Emily Dodge, Rebecca Whitten, Katherine Frank, Gabe Worzella, Anna Eisenstein and Margaret Savignano. We extend our congratulations to the Auburn Running Club, its head coaches Tom Menendez and Carolyn Court and its assistant coaches Al Fereshetian, Jennifer Nickerson and Adam Thompson on this prestigious accomplishment; (SLS 416)

the Employees of the City of Auburn, who made it possible for the city to receive a Level I Margaret Chase Smith Maine State Quality Award in 1999. The Level I Award required the city to meet high standards in the performance categories of leadership, strategic planning, customer market and focus, information and analysis, human resource development and management, process management and business results. The City of Auburn won this award by fully integrating the principles of quality into the delivery of municipal services. Individual city employees who contributed substantially to winning the award include Sid Hazelton, Paul Niehoff, Gina Small, Moe Bolduc, Paul Fraser, Dick Keene, Debbie Grimmig, Jill Eastman, Tim Allen, Earl Edgerly, Lee Jay Feldman, Sally Fournier, Diane Freve, Tamara Grieshaber, Matt Irish, Carole Newton, Mike O'Brien, Leroy Walker, Cathy Zupancic and Dick Small. We extend our congratulations to the Employees of the City of Auburn and Patricia Finnegan, Auburn City Manager, on receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 417)

Edwina Marie Blanchette-Sanfacon, of Caribou, on her 80th birthday, January 20, 2000. Edwina was born in Caribou in 1920 and still resides there with her husband of 51 years, Adelard P. Sanfacon. She is the mother of Galen G. and Gary M. Sanfacon, memere of Lydia M. Christie and Matthew J. Sanfacon and mother-in-law to Bonnie A. Corriveau, all of Caribou. Edwina was employed for over 30 years by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and is a dedicated member of the Ladies of Ste. Anne at Holy Rosary Parish. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Edwina on this very special occasion; (SLS 418)

Dianne Colby Dean, of South Berwick, on the occasion of her retirement after a quarter of a century as the director of the Community Chorus of South Berwick. The Community Chorus "started out as a pretty simple project." Several church choirs wanted to perform a Christmas concert. After the first event, the chorus performed winter and spring concerts, performed the occasional special benefit or appearance and for years kicked off

the community's Strawberry Festival. We extend our best wishes to Dianne in her future endeavors as the music director of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth and the director of the Sandpipers, the Seacoast Children's Chorus; (SLS 419)

the Houlton Rotary Club, on the occasion of its 80th Anniversary. We extend our appreciation to the Houlton Rotary Club for its years of service to the community and our congratulations on this special anniversary; (SLS 420)

Earle Frisbie, on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of faithful service as sexton of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Wiscasset. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Frisbie in his future endeavors; (SLS 421)

Irene Rand, of Cape Elizabeth, on the occasion of her 75th Birthday, March 2, 2000. Mrs. Rand has lived most of her life in Maine, successfully raising her 8 children alone with good spirits and a strong sense of family. Irene Rand is a longtime, hardworking and well-liked employee of Pond Cove IGA. She is often seen taking her long walks in the South Portland and Cape Elizabeth area in all seasons and is known for her ready smile. She exemplifies the best in our communities and we extend our congratulations and warmest wishes to her on this special birthday celebration; (SLS 422)

Karen Marie Arel, of Kennebunk, Executive Director of the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce, who was named the 1999 Chamber Executive of the Year by the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. The award is based on the candidate's involvement with the chamber, involvement in the community and leadership abilities. We extend our congratulations to Karen on this accomplishment; (SLS 423)

Nate Thayer, a senior at Gardiner Area High School, who won the 152-pound weight class at the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Nate also placed first at the Eastern Maine Conference. We extend our congratulations to Nate on these accomplishments; (SLS 424)

Elijah McKay, a junior at Gardiner Area High School, who won the 145-pound weight class at the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Elijah also placed first at the Eastern Maine Conference. We extend our congratulations to Elijah on these accomplishments; (SLS 425)

Francis Hanley II, a senior at Gardiner Area High School, who placed 2nd in the 160-pound weight class at the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Francis also placed first at the Eastern Maine Conference. We extend our congratulations to Francis on these accomplishments; (SLS 426)

the University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H program. The program provides a wide variety of learning experiences for over 30,000 Maine youth ages 5 through 19. The program helps them build character, leadership, responsibility, respect and other essential life skills. We extend our appreciation to workers of the program for all their efforts in helping the youth of Maine; (SLS 427)

the members of the St. Dominic High School Cheerleading Squad, on winning the Class C State Cheerleading Championship. St. Dom's had the highest score at the regional meet. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 428)

the members of the Noble High School Girls Gymnastics Team, on winning their 2nd consecutive State Class A Gymnastics Championship. The team was undefeated in the

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regular season. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 429)

the members of the Noble High School Boys Wrestling Team, on winning their 2nd consecutive State Class A Wrestling Tournament. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 430)

David Boynton III, of Waldoboro, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 142, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to David on this accomplishment; (SLS 431)

Jonathan Stevens, of West Paris, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Jonathan on this accomplishment; (SLS 432)

the Penquis Valley High School Boys Basketball Team, upon winning the 2000 Eastern Maine Class C Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on this achievement; (SLS 433)

First Citizens Bank, of Presque Isle, on its 10th Anniversary in April 2000. Started in 1989 as the idea of a group of business people who knew banking, First Citizens Bank was established to give the citizens of Aroostook County local decision making and outstanding customer service. The Bank now has \$114 million in total assets, more than 19,000 customer accounts, 74 employees and an annual operating budget of \$10 million. The Bank is actively involved with local communities, economic development committees and regional organizations that are working hard to improve the economy of Northern Maine. We extend to First Citizens Bank our appreciation for its service to the community, congratulations on its 10th Anniversary and best wishes for future success; (SLS 434)

Warren E. Hedstrom, Jr., of Boy Scout Troop #478, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (SLS 435)

William Martin McKeon, of St. John, beloved husband of Susan Betsy (Reeve) McKeon, son of Martin and Mary (Vesseley) McKeon, loving father of William Connally and John and grandfather of Robbie. In addition to his family, Bill loved the Yankees, the Democratic Party and social justice. He believed in fair play and in not judging others but accepting people as they are. Bill had unconditional love and respect for every person he met. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends; (SLS 436) (in memoriam)

Michael James Dunn, of Buxton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 342, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (SLS 437)

Herbert Hopkins, on the occasion of his retirement from Brewer High School after 35 years as a Business Education teacher. Mr. Hopkins served as a faculty advisor to the student government organization and as the Executive Director of the Maine Association of Student Councils. He was named the Advisor of the Year by the Maine Association of Student Councils during 1994-95. Mr. Hopkins has been actively involved in his community and is a member of the Brewer Kiwanis, the Pollard Masonic Lodge #217 and the Anah Temple Shrine, where he serves as the Music Director of the Drum and Bugle Corps. We send our best wishes to Mr. Hopkins on his retirement; (SLS 438)

Dan Campbell on a successful career as a coach at Edward Little High School. Dan has lead his teams to 4 consecutive state titles within 4 successive seasons. Dan coaches the Boys Cross-country Team, the Boys Cross-country Ski Team and the Boys Outdoor Track Team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dan for continued success as a coach in the future; (SLS 439)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Girls Outdoor Track, which won the 1999 Class A State Championship: Jennifer Bailey; Chantal Bernier; Tiffany Black; Danielle Borden; Sarah Brooker; Nichole Brooks; Megan Bryant; Kimberly Cash; Ashley Cass; Maya Chapman; Cassie Coley; Erin Conant; Sarah Conant; Gwendolyn Downs; Tracy Doyon; Elizabeth Eddy; Emily Fletcher; Jenna Fleury; Monica Fleury; Angela Forgues; Kara Forgues; Michelle Fuller; Christina Gardner; Pamela Giasson; Anisa Griffin; Laura Harder; Michele Harvey; Gabrielle Hathaway; Kelly Hebert; Allyson Hill, State Champion; Ashley Jewell; Heidi Joyner; Elizabeth Kivus; Meghan Kohlmeyer, State Champion; Jill Lamontagne; Leslie Lavoie; Alison Lindkvist; Kelly Mailhot; Jamie Marston; Anne Martin; Andrea Mason; Kaitlin Morgan; Alicia Mulligan; Megan Myles; Heather Nason; Jessie O'Sullivan; Elizabeth Parker; Rebecca Pelchat; Laura Penley; Jennifer Pomerleau; Christina Rivard, State Champion; Christie Sprowles; Aimee St.Hilaire; Kimberly Verrill; Carly Wigginn; Managers Lyndsay Derocher and Bethany Snow; Coach Steve Robertson; and Assistant Coaches Ryan Laroche and Art Feeley. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (SLS 440)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Cross-country Ski Team, which won the 1999 State Class A Championship: Jeremy Akeley, Marc Amnott, Matthew Auger, Michael Berthiaume, Donald Bishop, Brian Hamilton, Jared Kuvaja, Evan Matzen, John Myers, Jeffrey Phillips, Stephen Phillips and Daniel Reed and Coach Dan Campbell. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (SLS 441)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Alpine Ski Team, which won the 1999 Class A State Championship: Jason Benner; Anthony Carrier; Richard Crowell; Nicholas DeFilipp; Nicholas Forrest; Thomas Hamilton; James "Joey" Miller; Brian Monzel, State Champion in Slalom and Giant Slalom; Adam Nelson; Matthew Tassinari; Matthew Zando; and Coach Scott Berube. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (SLS 442)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Boys Cross-country Team, of Auburn, who won the 1998 Class A State Championship: Jeremy Akeley; Marc Amnott; Matthew Auger; Ross Bartlett; Michael Berthiaume; Donald Bishop; Jeffrey Caron; David Cox; Nicholas DeFilipp; Ryan Douglass; Matthew Emery; Benjamin Fletcher, State Champion; Eamon Gallagher; Brian Hamilton; Matthew Hamden; Joel Hill; Jared Kuvaja; Joseph Kuvaja; Caleb Lander; Stuart Lander; Evan Matzen; Jeffrey Phillips; Stephen Phillips; Daniel Reed; D.J. Sipe; Jonathan Wallingford; Coach Dan Campbell; and Assistant Coach Bill Lelansky. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (SLS 443)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Boys Outdoor Track, which won the 1999 State Class A Championship: Stephen Adamson; Jeremy Akeley; Matthew Auger; Jacob Bilodeau; Donald Bishop; Rocky Brewer; Aaron

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Brown, State Champion; Christopher Campbell; Zachary Campbell; Jeffrey Caron; Adrien Chabot; David Cox; Brandon Davis; Travis Dow; Kevin Dubois; Matthew Emery; Benjamin Fletcher, State Champion; Eamon Gallagher; William Gove; Brian Hamilton; Joel Hill; Calvin Hunter, State Champion; Thomas Hunter, State Champion; Eric Jordan; Joseph Kuvaja, State Champion; Caleb Lander; Stuart Lander; Robert Liguori; Evan Matzen, State Champion; Seth Meyer; Jeffrey Phillips; Stephen Phillips; Michael Pullen, State Champion; Daniel Reed; Michael Richard; Brandon Robitaille; Donald "D.J." Sipe; Andrew Sloat; Christopher Tarmey; Jonathan Wallingford, State Champion; Adam West; James Wilkins; Ryan Wilson; Joshua Yates; Manager Bunphato Aekapon; Coach Dan Campbell; and Assistant Coaches Al Harvie and Jon Staples. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (SLS 444)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Field Hockey Team: Kristen Harvey, Ashley Russell, Sarah Brooker, Nikki Ritchie, Breanna Chabot, Pam Giasson, Kara White, Ellen Penley, Jennie Allen, Christy Gardner and Denise Minigell, winners of the Indoor Field Hockey Tournament. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 445)

the following members of the Edward Little High School Boys Cross-country Team, which won the 1999 State Class A Championship: Jeremy Akeley, Donald Bishop, Jeffrey Caron, Nathan Cleveland, David Cox, Ian Crouch, Benjamin Davison, Nicholas DeFilipp, Matthew Emery, Eamon Gallagher, Liam Gallagher, Justin Knight, Jared Kuvaja, Joseph Kuvaja, Caleb Lander, Stuart Lander, Jeff Libby, John Myers, Christopher Pelliccia, Jeffrey Phillips and Crossman Wilkins, and Coach Dan Campbell and Assistant Coach Bill Lelansky; (SLS 446)

Leta Kitchen Archibald, of Houlton, beloved wife of retired Maine Supreme Court Justice James P. Archibald. Mrs. Archibald was a member of the Houlton Unitarian Church, where she served as the superintendent of the Sunday school, was a member and past president of the Unitarian Alliance and was a member of the Peabody Group. She was also a member of the Houlton Garden Club, the Houlton Regional Hospital Women's Auxiliary and a life member of the Fidelity Chapter No. 32 of the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Archibald will be sadly missed by her many friends and family; (SLS 447) (in memoriam)

the University of Maine at Augusta on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary. The University of Maine at Augusta is a unique educational institution centered upon preparing Maine's work force for tomorrow. The university is the 3rd largest university in the State. The university has 3 formal campus locations in Augusta, Bangor and Lewiston-Auburn. We join the university, its alumni and students in celebrating 35 years of serving the entire State. We extend our best wishes to the University of Maine at Augusta on this very special occasion; (SLS 448)

the Town of Wiscasset, on the occasion of its 240th Anniversary of Incorporation. Originally part of ancient Pownalborough, the town was incorporated on February 13, 1760, and in 1802 it took its present Indian name, which is generally interpreted as meaning "the outlet." The Town of Wiscasset is the shire town of Lincoln County and is known as "the prettiest village in Maine". We extend our congratulations to

the good citizens of this community on this occasion; (SLS 449)

Katie Olson, a senior at Windham High School, who has been honored with the Principal's Award by the Maine Principals' Association for academic excellence, outstanding citizenship and overall exemplary high school performance. She is President of the Windham Chamber Singers, the National Honor Society and the Key Club; Secretary of the Leo Club; and a member of numerous clubs and organizations. Katie is also one of the Top Ten members of the Class of 2000 at Windham High School. We acknowledge her achievements and extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 450)

Sheldon F. Goldthwait, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company. Mr. Goldthwait worked for Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company for 29 years and served as its President since 1996. He was President of the Maine Bankers Association from 1996 to 1997. He was named 1993 Volunteer Banker of the Year by the Maine Bankers Association, was a Paul Harris Fellow in 1997 and was involved in many community activities. We thank him for his dedication to the people of Bar Harbor and wish him the best in his future endeavors; (SLS 451)

Glenna Howell, on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of service and leadership in the City of Gardiner, both as City Manager and Director of the Gardiner Public Library. Glenna is nationally recognized for her "Who Reads What" list and her advocacy in support of First Amendment rights. Glenna's common sense, vision and hard work have made her a valuable member of numerous community and service organizations and boards in Gardiner and statewide, including the Gardiner Rotary Club, the Maine Library Commission, the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Gardiner Economic Development Committee and the Gardiner Board of Trade. We will miss her as City Manager but know that she will continue her active participation in the community; (SLS 452)

the following members of the Maranacook Nordic Boys Ski Team: Ian Hagelin, Andrew Hunter, Aaron Shaw, Josh Smith, Joe Stevenson, Erik Thomas, Dan Westlake, Will Dominie, Jamien St. Pierre, Eric Webster, Reid Doiron, Andrew Dowler, Peter Liebling, Kyle Rogers, Stephen Hunter, Richard Peale, Devin Williams and Coaches Steve De Angelis and Brant Remington, winners of the State Nordic Ski Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 453)

Andrew Hunter, winner of the 2000 Classical and Freestyle Class B Individual Ski Championship. Andrew has won this title 3 years in a row. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this accomplishment; (SLS 454)

the Dirigo High School Girls Basketball Team, of Dixfield, which won the Class C 2000 State Basketball Championship and the Team Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations to the following members of the team: Captains Michele Gagnon, Tara Gagnon and Darci Holland, Peggy Gill, Nicole Turbide, Lyndsay Clark, Kendra Anderson, Sheena Weston, Amanda Young, Jill Gerrish, Ashley Stone, Alyssa Burns, Natalie Dupil, Jennifer Sayer, Monique Crawford, Samantha Averill, Coach Gavin Kane, Assistant Coaches Tim Kane, Mike Kane, Rebecca Fletcher and Kip Fletcher and Manager Craig Young; (SLS 455)

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Matthew R. Barnes, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 30 in Cape Elizabeth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment; (SLS 456)

Barbara Cooney, of Damariscotta, renowned author and illustrator of more than 100 children's books during her 60-year career, including such favorites as Miss Rumphius and Island Boy. Ms. Cooney's family had deep roots in Maine and she was a regular visitor to Maine during her childhood. She moved to Damariscotta 17 years ago. Her stories, many of which are set in Maine, have been translated into 10 languages and have helped to show the history and culture of Maine to the children of the world. Barbara Cooney was a winner of the National Book Award and twice the winner of the prestigious Caldecott Medal. She was named a Maine State Treasure by Governor Angus King on December 12, 1996, Barbara Cooney Day. Ms. Cooney became a benefactor of the Skidompha Public Library in Damariscotta, enabling the library to plan a new facility. She will be greatly missed by her loving family, her many friends and by the countless readers of her books; (SLS 457) (in memoriam)

the Maine McDonald's Owner/Operator Association, the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches and the sponsoring media for their support of the McDonald's Senior All-Star Basketball Games. This is the 20th year that the event has been held. Net proceeds from the games benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine. The games are a salute to the top senior student athletes, basketball standouts and coaches from Maine. During the two-day event more than 100 individuals are honored for their achievements both on and off the basketball court. We join the owners and operators of Maine's McDonald's restaurants in saluting the players selected for the Maine McDonald's All-Star Teams for their dedication to athletic excellence, sportsmanship and team spirit; (SLS 458)

the Bangor High School Boys Basketball Team, on the occasion of winning the Class A 2000 State Championship, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (SLS 459)

the members of the Herman High School Boys Basketball Team and their coach, Rich Sinclair, winners of the Eastern Maine Boys Class B Basketball Championship. The team's season record was 13-5. We salute the team on its display of outstanding sportsmanship and ethics during the games. We extend our congratulations to the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 460)

Sandra Cook Labaree, of Wiscasset, loving wife of Benjamin and mother of Christine. She was a volunteer and activist for the American Cancer Society for 24 years, for which she served on the New England Board of Directors and on the Quality of Life Committee. She helped develop the Wiscasset Regional Business Association and served on the Citizens Advisory Panel for the decommissioning of the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant. She shared her experience with cancer through a weekly column in the Lincoln County News, educated her community about the reality of living with cancer and the importance of living each day to the fullest. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends; (SLS 461) (in memoriam)

Dan Waite, who won the 171-pound weight class at the Class C State Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations to him on this accomplishment; (SLS 462)

Matt Waite, who won the 189-pound weight class at the Class C State Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations to him on this accomplishment; (SLS 463)

Zachary Grove, of Hampden, who won the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for the middle school level from the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company. We send our best wishes to Zachary on this occasion; (SLS 464)

Frank Forrest Pettingill, of Boy Scout Troop #156 in Naples, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Frank on this achievement; (SLS 465)

Nathan Bodwell, of Wiscasset, on winning the state level of the American Legion National Oratorical Contest on March 3rd. As part of the competition, Nathan presented a 10-minute prepared oration on a constitutional topic, which was followed by a 5-minute extemporaneous speech on one of 4 constitutional topics. Nathan will now progress to the national finals in Indiana, in the hopes of receiving a substantial scholarship from the American Legion. The son of K.D. and Roxanne Bodwell, Nathan is a junior at Wiscasset Christian Academy. We extend our congratulations to Nathan on this accomplishment; (SLS 466)

Marcy Torsch, of Old Town, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For her service project, she and 2 other Gold Award recipients built 7 picnic tables and benches for parks in Old Town, Alton and Bradley and planted 2 perennial gardens in memory of former Girl Scouts. We extend our congratulations to Marcy on this accomplishment; (SLS 467)

Renee Veilleux, of Old Town, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For her service project, she and 2 other Gold Award recipients built 7 picnic tables and benches for parks in Old Town, Alton and Bradley and planted 2 perennial gardens in memory of former Girl Scouts. We extend our congratulations to Renee on this accomplishment; (SLS 468)

Jillian Marcho, of Old Town, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting. The award is given in recognition of excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For her service project, she and 2 other Gold Award recipients built 7 picnic tables and benches for parks in Old Town, Alton and Bradley and planted 2 perennial gardens in memory of former Girl Scouts. We extend our congratulations to Jillian on this accomplishment; (SLS 469)

the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Maine on the 130th anniversary of its creation. Since 1869, the Black Bear Battalion has served the University of Maine, this State, the United States Army and our Nation by producing thousands of commissioned officers for the United States Army, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. We are proud to recognize the Black Bear Battalion for 130 years of faithful service; (SLS 470)

Judge Morton A. Brody, of Waterville, United States District Court Judge for the District of Maine and beloved husband of

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Judith Levine Brody. Judge Brody began his illustrious career in Washington, D.C. but returned to Maine to the firm of Levine, Brody and Levine in Waterville. In 1980, Governor Joseph Brennan appointed him to the Maine Superior Court. He served as chief of the Superior Court from 1985 to 1990, when he was asked by Governor John McKernan to serve on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. In 1991, President George Bush appointed Judge Brody to the United States District Court. Judge Brody was City Solicitor for the City of Waterville, was named Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1981 and was a member and past president of both the Waterville Bar Association and Kennebec County Bar Association. He was a member of numerous professional, business and charitable organizations and was a past president and member of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Congregation. We acknowledge the life of Judge Brody as one of dedicated public service to his community, his State and his Nation. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends; (SLS 471) (in memoriam)

Robert W. Hoffman, of Boy Scout Troop #349 in Buxton, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 472)

the Mayor, City Councilors, Administrative Staff and City Manager of the City of Augusta for the special consideration they accorded the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation while the committee utilized space at One City Center to hold legislative hearings during State House renovations. Everyone very graciously accommodated the committee. We especially note the quality of the maintenance staff of One City Center. We extend our appreciation to the City of Augusta and its staff for all their efforts on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation; (SLS 473)

the 240th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Lincoln County. Lincoln County, the 3rd county created in the territory of Maine, was named after Lincoln, England in 1760, 60 years before statehood. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of Lincoln County on this occasion; (SLS 474)

Ronald Speers, former Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A graduate of the University of Maine with a degree in Game Biology, he served as commissioner from 1963 to 1972. During his tenure there, he helped to reintroduce caribou into Maine, opened the Rachel Carson Coastal Bird Sanctuary and worked with paper companies to open salmon runs on the Penobscot and St. Croix Rivers. Mr. Speers served in the United States Department of the Interior under President Nixon. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his State and to his Nation; (SLS 475) (in memoriam)

the members and Coach Rick Pelletier of the Madawaska "Owls" Boys Ski Team, who won the State Class C Ski Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (SLS 476)

the following members of the Maranacook Community Middle School Science Olympiad Team: Kate Clements, Peter Bedard, Ben Batchelder, Mike Kozak, Megan Woodcock, Josh Edwin, Kyle "George" Jarius, Jason Giacomazzo, Shawn Boilard, Devin Widdoes, Kyle Severeance, Jen Gifford, Jaaron Shaw, Kate Wheeler, Ben Grimmnitz; and Coaches Irma Cushing,

Stephani Sawyer-Main and Pam Pierce, winners of the State Championship Science Olympiad. Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding student achievement in science. The team will represent the State at the National Science Olympiad competition in Spokane, Washington. We extend our congratulations and good luck to the team in the upcoming national competition; (SLS 477)

Jessica Arsenault, of Monmouth, a senior at Monmouth Academy, who has been selected to receive the 2000 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. Jessica has also been offered a full-tuition scholarship to attend the University of Maine. The scholarship, which is called the "Top Scholars Award," is given to reward the academic excellence of the State's very best students. We extend our congratulations to Jessica on her receiving these awards; (SLS 478)

April J. Frye, a senior at Hall-Dale High School, who has been selected to receive the 2000 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to April on receiving this award; (SLS 479)

Elizabeth Vennell, of Kennebunk High School, who has been selected to receive the 2000 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to Elizabeth on her receiving this award; (SLS 480)

Matthew Robert Morin, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 308, St. Joseph's Parish, Biddeford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment; (SLS 481)

Anneke Chewing, of Kennebunk High School, recipient of the 2000 DAR Good Citizen Award sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of a student's leadership, dependability, service and patriotism. We extend our congratulations to Anneke on her receiving this award; (SLS 482)

Lydia Cote, of Biddeford High School, recipient of the 2000 DAR Good Citizen Award sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of a student's leadership, dependability, service and patriotism. We extend our congratulations to Lydia on her receiving this award; (SLS 483)

Joshua Cincotta, a senior at Biddeford High School, who has been selected to receive the 2000 Principal's Award. The award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on his receiving this award; (SLS 484)

Diane Q. Gagnon, on the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of dedicated service with the City of Augusta, of which 24 years were as the Function Coordinator of the Augusta Civic Center. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Gagnon for her years of service and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (SLS 485)

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the Madawaska "Owls" Girls Ski Team, upon winning the State Class C Ski Championship. We extend our congratulations to the following members of the team on this achievement: Kristin Pelletier, Kristy Bellefleur, Emily Lavertu, Jamie Pelletier, Kristin Guerrette, Rosa Londono, Carrie Guerrette, Danielle Lavoie, Heather Bouchard, Denise Roy, Marada Cook, Crystal Damboise, Aimee Daigle and Coaches Rick Pelletier, Don Lavoie and Yvon Levesque; (SLS 486)

Robert Francis McMahan, of Caribou. Mr. McMahan served with the United States Air Force from 1950-1970 as a firefighter. He worked at the State Fire Marshal's office as an investigator and sergeant from 1971-1999 and was also employed by the Aroostook County Fire Marshal. He was an active member of the Caribou City Council, having served as a councilor, deputy mayor and mayor. He was a lifetime honorary member of the Van Buren Fire Department. He will be missed by his loving family and many friends; (SLS 487) (in memoriam)

William and Ruth Dauphinee, of Willimatic, on the special occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 9, 2000. They have 2 children, 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Together, they have been in the forest business most of their married lives. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them; (SLS 488)

George MacDonald, of Brunswick and the State Planning Office, for outstanding work on the Maine Compost Team in the field of composting and organic recycling. The team has been recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the International Compost Symposium in Australia. It also has been honored by the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and the Governor's Award for Special Teamwork. We extend our congratulations to George for his work with the team; (SLS 489)

Mark King, of Winthrop and the Department of Environmental Protection, for outstanding work on the Maine Compost Team in the field of composting and organic recycling. The team has been recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the International Compost Symposium in Australia. It also has been honored by the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and the Governor's Award for Special Teamwork. We extend our congratulations to Mark for his work with this team; (SLS 490)

Dr. William Seekins, of South China and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, for outstanding work on the Maine Compost Team in the field of composting and organic recycling. The team has been recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the International Compost Symposium in Australia. It also has been honored by the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and the Governor's Award for Special Teamwork. We extend our congratulations to him for his work with the team; (SLS 491)

Richard Verville, of Augusta and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, for outstanding work on the Maine Compost Team in the field of composting and organic recycling. The team has been recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the International Compost Symposium in Australia. It also has been honored by the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and the Governor's Award for Special Teamwork. We extend our congratulations to Richard for his work with the team; (SLS 492)

Pierrette Marquis Sirois, owner of Pierrette Florist, as the year 2000 Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. Mrs. Sirois and her husband Hermel, daughter Lisa and longtime employees Francoise Sirois, Beatrice Bernier, Julie Lang, Claudine Voisine and Lise Dufour have operated at 502 Main Street for 30 years. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this award; (SLS 493)

Clifford and Beverly (Fournier) Madore, who have been named the year 2000 Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year. Mr. and Mrs. Madore have worked tirelessly in the community with various organizations including the American Legion, the Madawaska Snowmobile Club and the Chamber of Commerce Christmas in the Park project. They are the parents of Danny, Debbie, Karen and Kim. We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Madore on this occasion; (SLS 494)

Wendy Newmeyer, of Maine Balsam Fir Products in West Paris, who has been named the Small Business Person of the Year. Maine Balsam Fir Products was started in 1983, and produces a fine line of fragrant balsam fir pillows in many sizes, shapes and designs. Originally marketing in gift shops throughout Maine, the business has grown to national distribution through trade shows and catalogues and currently sells in over 3700 stores throughout the world. Over the years, the business has employed as many as 26 individuals. The employee-friendly business allows for home production and flexible schedules. Sales have reached over \$500,000 per year. We send our congratulations to Ms. Newmeyer and her dedicated employees on receiving this honor; (SLS 495)

Dr. Jacqueline E. Poirier, of Auburn, one of the first female chiropractors in the State and a strong advocate for holistic health modalities. Dr. Poirier was a lifelong and active member of the Girl Scouts and the Womens' Business Development Corporation. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and served as president of the Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care Board of Directors. She also served as the chair of the Auburn Democratic City Committee and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lewiston-Auburn Abused Women's Advocacy Project. Dr. Poirier will be sadly missed by her many friends and those that she served in her community; (SLS 496) (in memoriam)

Leonard Daigle, of St. Agatha. He was the beloved son of Loulia (Labbe) and the late George Emile Daigle, beloved husband to Gert, wonderful father to Brian, Tom and Sam, grandfather to Joshua and Stephanie, and caring brother to Eva, Mary Alice, Lorraine, Debbie, Marie, Judy, Richard, Daniel, Emilien, Emile and Patrick. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (SLS 497) (in memoriam)

Senator Jane A. Amero, of Cumberland County, Minority Leader, for her dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 116th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to her; (SLS 498)

Senator Chellie Pingree, of Knox County, Majority Leader, for her dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 116th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to her; (SLS 499)

Senator Vinton E. Cassidy, of Washington County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of

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Maine during the 117th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 500)

Senator John W. Benoit, of Franklin County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 117th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 501)

Mark W. Lawrence, Senator of York County, President of the Maine Senate, on his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine. President Lawrence was unanimously elected to a 2nd term as President for the 119th Legislative Session and has served 4 terms in the Senate. He previously held the position of Minority Leader and also served 2 terms in the Maine House of Representatives. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 502)

Senator Robert E. Murray, Jr., of Penobscot County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 111th-112th Legislative Sessions in the Maine House of Representatives and the 118th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 503)

Senator Judy Ayotte Paradis, of Aroostook County, for her dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 113th-115th Legislative Sessions in the Maine House of Representatives and the 116th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to her; (SLS 504)

Senator R. Leo Kieffer, of Aroostook County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 116th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 505)

Senator Bruce W. MacKinnon, of York County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 118th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 506)

Senator Philip E. Harriman, of Cumberland County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 116th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 507)

Senator Richard "Spike" Carey, of Kennebec County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 103rd-108th Legislative Sessions in the Maine House of Representatives and the 116th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 508)

Senator James D. Libby, of York County, for his dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine during the 116th-117th Legislative Sessions in the Maine House of Representatives and the 118th-119th Legislative Sessions in the Maine Senate, and in extending our best wishes to him; (SLS 509)

the Maine Bankers Association, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary of service. Founded in 1900 by Maine's trust companies, the association provides consumers with a complete range of services. As an advocate for the industry and consumers, it has actively supported FDIC insurance coverage, the dual banking system, federal and state consumer protections, financial modernization and statewide economic development. The association has also worked with such groups as the Bureau of Elder Abuse in educating members in the prevention of exploitation as well as contributing hundreds of thousands of

hours of time to youth- and community-related organizations. During the last nine years, the MBA, through its administrating of the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation, has awarded over \$140,000 in scholarship grants. We acknowledge these and other accomplishments and join in honoring the Maine Bankers Association, and we extend our best wishes to the association as it continues its mission of providing advocacy, leadership, education and solutions for its members and the consumers of Maine; (SLS 510)

the Bangor High School Math Team, which has placed 1st in the 2000 Maine Association of Math Leagues winning the annual meet for the 5th year in a row, placed 4th out of 181 teams in the 2000 New England Mathematics League and tied for 28th out of 1,901 teams in the nation. We acknowledge their excellent record and extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on future endeavors; (SLS 511)

Zachary Beaulieu, 14, son of Raymond and Monica, brother to Eric and Amanda, who has overcome a severe accident that occurred at the age of 4 and is excelling in basketball and tennis. He is a member of the Boston Junior Celtics, a basketball team of wheelchair-bound teenagers, which placed 10th at the Nationals in Los Angeles. Zach is the only team member from Maine and the youngest player on the team. We acknowledge his courage, tenacity, athleticism and leadership. He is an inspiration to everyone and we extend our congratulations to him on his achievements; (SLS 512)

the following members and coaches of the University of Maine Hockey Team, the Black Bears, who made it to the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Hockey Semi-Finals: A. J. Begg, Ed Boudreau, Trapper Clark, Kevin Clauson, Niko Dimitrakos, Robert Ek, Captain Ben Guite, Barrett Heisten, Chris Heisten, Doug Janik, Martin Kariya, Dan Kerluke, Captain Cory Larose, Lucas Lawson, Captain Jim Leger, Robert Liscak, Cliff Loya, Anders Lundback, Magnus Lundback, Peter Metcalf, Mike Morrison, Justin Payson, Tom Reimann, Michael Schutte, Gray Shaneberger, Matthias Trattinig, Eric Turgeon, Captain Brendan Walsh and Matt Yeats; Assistant Coaches Grant Standbrook, Gene Reilly and Dave Bauer; and Coach Shawn Walsh. We acknowledge their excellence and extend our congratulations on their achievements; (SLS 513)

Romeo and Rita (Dubay) Bouchard, who have been named the 2000 Frenchville Citizens of the Year. They are the parents of Lillian, Philip, Linda, John Mark and David and the grandparents of Troy, Elise, Amy, Bruce, Helen, Paul, Craig and Chad. They are recognized for having the area's most decorated house for the holidays. They are directors of St. John Valley Associates and charter members of the Frenchville Historical Society, the Cross Country Ski Club and the Frenchville ATV Club. They served on the organizational committee of the 150th anniversary of Ste. Luce Catholic Parish and the 125th anniversary of the Town of Frenchville as well as having been scout leaders. We extend our congratulations to them on their receiving this award; (SLS 514)

Carina A. Ream, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class of Lewiston High School. We extend our congratulations to Carina on receiving this honor; (SLS 515)

Johanna Mathieu, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class of

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Lewiston High School. We extend our congratulations to Johanna on receiving this honor; (SLS 516)

George and Beverly McKenney, of Palermo, who have been named Citizens of the Year by the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. McKenney exemplify the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to their community. Over the years they have been actively involved in numerous organizations, including church, the Boy Scouts of America, the Fish and Game Club, the American Legion and Auxiliary and the Waldo County Extension. They are the parents of 5 children who are following in their parents footsteps as contributing members of their communities. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McKenney on this occasion; (SLS 517)

Roberta Laverty, who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Women in Business Advocate award for 2000. Ms. Laverty, a former program manager for the Women's Business Development Corporation, is a consultant serving the small business community and microenterprise regionally and statewide. She currently is project developer and facilitator for Incubator Without Walls, Piscataquis County. We send our congratulations to Ms. Laverty on receiving this award; (SLS 518)

Bradford H. Dudley, who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Young Entrepreneur award for 2000. Mr. Dudley, President and owner of Sign Graphix, Incorporated, in Kittery, started his business in 1997. The business specializes in the design, manufacture and installation of commercial signage. We send our congratulations to Mr. Dudley on receiving this award; (SLS 519)

the Miles Hospital League for its 70 years of service to the Lincoln County Community. Since 1930, the League has worked tirelessly to raise money for Miles Hospital in Damariscotta. The League's annual rummage sale raises thousands of dollars each year and has become an unforgettable Fall event for the community. In 1999, the League raised over \$80,000 for Miles Hospital. In recognition of their outstanding work, the Lincoln County Pomona Grange is awarding the League its 2000 Community Service Award. We commend the members of the Miles Hospital League for their years of service to their community and congratulate them on receiving this award; (SLS 520)

Evelyn Sawyer, Ph.D, President of Sea Run Holdings, Incorporated, in Arundel, who is the recipient of the Tibbets Award for Small Business Innovation Research. Ms. Sawyer started her company, which produces products used in the medical field, in 1979. She has been successful in obtaining phase 1, 2 and 3 Small Business Innovative Research grants to finance and commercialize her business. We send our congratulations to Ms. Sawyer on receiving this award; (SLS 521)

Alvin and Betty Adams, of Abbot, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Adams on their Golden Anniversary; (SLS 522)

Gary Roberts, of South Portland, who has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Maine Audubon Society. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Roberts on receiving this award; (SLS 523)

Jessica Harrington, of Dixmont, who is the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award given by the Maine Audubon Society.

We extend our congratulations to Ms. Harrington on receiving this award; (SLS 524)

Nancy Swanson, of Orrington, who is the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award given by the Maine Audubon Society. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Swanson on receiving this award; (SLS 525)

Evan Richert, of South Portland, who is the recipient of the Environmental Award given by the Maine Audubon Society. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Richert on receiving this award; (SLS 526)

Senator John Nutting and his wife Sandra of the Androscoggin Holsteins farm, the recipients of the 1999 Producer of the Year for Oakhurst Dairy. Oakhurst Dairy prides itself on the best quality milk in the State. John and Sandra have done remarkably well this past year. In 2 of the testing categories, Somatic Cell Count and Raw Count, they were in 1st place. They have an outstanding herd of about 45 Holsteins. Oakhurst Dairy is very proud of John and Sandra for all of their hard work and dedication. We extend our congratulations to them on this accomplishment; (SLS 527)

the following members of the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team for making the 2000 State Champion Speech Team: Justin Juskewitch, Mary Berry, Adam Chandler, Elizabeth Goodwin, Bridget McFadden, Zachary Michaud, Dylan Engler, Matthew Stanford, Evan Dewdney, Desiree Dow, Kelvin Brassbridge II, Heidi Laroche, Matthew Malek, Jaimee Garbacik, Tristan Dewdney, Elizabeth Charles, Jennifer Boyd, Darcia Thibodeau, Kate Gee, Elizabeth Reinholt, Phoebe Larkin, Erin McFadden, Matthew Isgro, Phoebe Sanborn, Maggie Sieleman, Amanda Guilford, Katelyn Hartford, Terri Thibault, Aliza Tenenbaum, Linda Plourde, Christie Susi, Audrey Schoenthaler, Amy Spofford, Coaches Robin Lisherness and Joanna Hopkins and Assistant Coaches Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rouse. We extend our congratulations to them on this accomplishment; (SLS 528)

the cast and crew of the Skowhegan Area High School Drama Club: Jeremy Chapman, Nathan Jones, Matthew Malek, Adam Cichocki, Kelvin Brassbridge II, Jeffrey Mukai, Alexander Hofmann, Matthew Stanford, Michael Laperle, Dylan Engler, Jesse Bosdell, Matthew Isgro, Zachary Crowe, Adam Gardner, Andy Mannett, Zachary Michaud, Andrew Spears, Desiree Dow, Heather Richards, Stephanie Browne, Kate Gee, Katelyn Hartford, Elizabeth Reinholt, Angel Rukan, Jaimee Garbacik, Jennifer Boyd, Kelly Melcher, Phoebe Sanborn, Bridget McFadden, Elizabeth Goodwin, Rachel Olsen, Elizabeth Charles, Marylena McDermott, Phoebe Larkin, Samantha Delorie, Amanda Guilford, Megan Spears, Mary Jane Wood and co-directors Robin Lisherness and Joanna Hopkins. The club has been selected by the Maine Principals' Association and the Maine Drama Council as one of 2 clubs at the State Drama Festival to receive the title of Outstanding Performance, which was given for its performance of "Ubu Roi" by Alfred Jarry. The club will represent the State at the New England Drama Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this accomplishment; (SLS 529)

John Martin, for 20 years of dedicated service to the students at the University of Maine at Fort Kent as the executive assistant to the President of the University. We extend our appreciation to him for his commitment to the people of this State; (SLS 530)

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Harvey Berman, recipient of a Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He has been the CEO of The Spurwink Institute in Portland since 1967 and has held educational posts at the University of Maine, Maine Medical Center and Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont. He is a licensed certified social worker and holds advanced degrees from Boston University and Tufts University. Mr. Berman is also involved in numerous civic and religious organizations. We acknowledge his excellence and extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 531)

Patricia Mullis, who is a recipient of the prestigious Distinguished Teachers Award from Bowdoin College. Ms. Mullis has been a teacher at Foxcroft Academy since 1975. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (SLS 532)

the Beloit Poetry Journal, edited by Marion Stocking, on its 50th Anniversary. The Beloit Poetry Journal has been the first to publish a number of now well-known poets, and is widely recognized for its uncompromising literary standards. We extend our congratulations to Marion Stocking, who has been editor since 1985, on the success and high standards of the journal; (SLS 533)

Albert Rand, Sr., of Brewer, beloved husband of Mary Rand, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, a longtime employee of Procter and Gamble and a well-known resident of the greater Bangor area. Mr. Rand, known as "Al" to family and friends, served his community through his leadership and membership in many civic organizations. Mr. Rand and his wife shared equally in their partnership in helping others in the community while raising their 4 children and becoming the proud grandparents of 7 children. For decades they organized and oversaw the annual Christmas party for hundreds of disadvantaged and handicapped children. He was the recipient of the National Humanitarian Award and the Jaycees' Outstanding Community Member Award, winner of the Jefferson Award and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also active in the Rotary and the Shrine, among many other organizations. Mr. Rand was a respected and friendly member of his community and he will be sincerely missed by all who knew him; (SLS 534) (in memoriam)

Clara Waterman, a most valued resident of North Haven, who is being honored by the community with its Boston Post cane, presented in recognition of her status as the town's oldest living resident. She grew up working at her father's and brother's store, Waterman and Company, which was the general store on the island of North Haven. She went on to study at Gorham Normal School, now known as the Gorham Campus of the University of Southern Maine. Her first career was as a 5th-grade teacher in Swampscott, Massachusetts. She went on to work another 18 years in Salem, Massachusetts where she introduced many to the joys of the Peabody Museum. Clara is perhaps best known for her love and knowledge of the monarch butterfly, of which she is a scholar. Clara, who has shared her enthusiasm and life experiences with generations of young people, is truly an island treasure and is a gift to all whose lives she has touched. We extend our congratulations to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 535)

Arnold Brewer, Jr., of Boothbay Harbor, beloved husband of Elizabeth Hill Brewer, former postmaster and member of the Maine House of Representatives during the 114th Legislature.

Well-known in his community and honored as the Boothbay Region Citizen of the Year in the mid-1950's, Mr. Brewer was actively involved in numerous church, civic, political and fraternal organizations, including the school board, the Charles E. Sherman Jr. American Legion Post, the VFW "Hump" Pilots Association, the Boothbay Region Country Club and the Boothbay Harbor United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the United States Army Air Corps. He was sent to India where he served more than 2 years "flying the Hump". He was chair of the Democratic Town Committee and was the first Democrat in 70 years to serve the Boothbay Region in the Maine House of Representatives. Mr. Brewer had an avid interest in athletics and enjoyed singing with the Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and loving family; (SLS 536) (in memoriam)

Carl and Lois Trafton, of Wellington, on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, June 24, 2000. They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 537)

Mark Crane, of Hodgdon, who has been named 1999 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District for being an excellent steward of the land and installing several conservation practices on his farm. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievements; (SLS 538)

Nathan R. Hardy, President of the Student Council and the Varsity Club at Southern Aroostook Community High School. He is a four-year letterman in baseball and basketball, and has served as team captain in both sports. This past season he scored his 1,000th point in basketball and is a consistent honor roll student. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 539)

Jed Blum Evitts, of Boy Scout Troop #205 in Patten, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout. Jed is the first Eagle Scout from this troop in Patten and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 540)

Troy James Chasse, of Boy Scout Troop #56 in Medway, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (SLS 541)

Belfast Area Children's Center, on Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, May 12, 2000. Out of 21 million children under 6 years of age in this country, 13 million of these children are in child care at least part time. We acknowledge the importance of high-quality child care services for all children and families in the State of Maine and we extend our congratulations to the Belfast Area Children's Center for its dedicated work in this field; (SLS 542)

Joseph Elichaa, President, and Suzan Elichaa, Vice-president, of Main Resource, Inc., who are the recipients of the Welfare to Work Small Business Owners award for 2000. Their program, Job Opportunities for Low Income Individuals, known as JOLI, is designed to enable low-income people to become economically self-sufficient while earning competitive wages. We send our congratulations to Main Resource on receiving this award; (SLS 543)

Robert P. Ho, Executive Director of the Maine Rural Development Council, who is the recipient of the Minority Small Business Advocate award for 2000. Mr. Ho leads the Maine Rural Development Council's initiatives in establishing sound

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working relationships between federal, state, local and nonprofit development practitioners and Tribal people. His work has resulted in the "Building Partnerships with the Wabanaki" conference and sending a large delegation from Maine to the First Nations "Oweesta" conference in Arizona. We send our congratulations to Mr. Ho on receiving this award; (SLS 544)

Jerry C. Jarrell, who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Financial Services Advocate award for 2000. Mr. Jarrell is the Vice-president of Commercial Lending for Merrill Merchants Bank. He is the most prolific SBA lender in the bank and is very dedicated to serving the credit needs of small business. We send our congratulations to Mr. Jarrell on receiving this award; (SLS 545)

Dennis E. Keaton, Sr., President of Bear Paw Lumber, Incorporated, in Fryeburg, who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Exporter award for 2000. Mr. Keaton began his wood harvesting career at Bear Paw Timber Corporation in 1971 and 6 years later started Bear Paw Lumber Corporation. The business has several lumber mills in northeastern United States and kiln operations in Virginia, Quebec and Canada and exports over 50% of its products. We send our congratulations to Mr. Keaton on receiving this award; (SLS 546)

Kathleen Brainerd, Director of the Family Service Center at Brunswick Naval Air Station, who is the recipient of the Veteran Small Business Advocate award for 2000. Ms. Brainerd manages the Transition Assistance Program Team for service members and their spouses to ease transition from military to civilian life. She has also been the recipient of the Navy Civilian Superior Service medal and was named Navy Family Advocate of 1998. We send our congratulations to Ms. Brainerd on receiving this award; (SLS 547)

P. James Nicholson, owner of Nicholson and Associates, CPA's, in Waterville, who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Accountant Advocate award for 2000. Mr. Nicholson is well-known for serving the unique needs of Maine's small businesses with innovate solutions. We send our congratulations to Mr. Nicholson on receiving this award; (SLS 548)

John M. Christie, Editor and Publisher for Maine Business Monthly Group, Inc., who is the recipient of the Maine Small Business Journalist Advocate award for 2000. The Business Monthly Group publishes 7 monthly business newspapers in central, eastern and western Maine. Mr. Christie's contribution of news and feature stories, editorials, columns and commentary help to increase public awareness and understanding of small business issues. We send our congratulations to Mr. Christie on receiving this award; (SLS 549)

Agatha Cabaniss, of Islesboro, for her many years of dedicated and faithful service to the community as publisher of the Islesboro Island News. Through the years, Agatha has shown an unceasing interest in the people of her community and has exemplified the best virtues in her own life and reporting. We acknowledge her dedication to the Islesboro community and to her profession and we extend our best wishes to her; (SLS 550)

Senator Georgette B. Berube, of Androscoggin County, for her dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the State of Maine from the 105th to the 110th legislative session in the Maine House of Representatives and from the 112th to the 117th legislative session and the 119th legislative session in the Maine Senate and in extending our best wishes to her; (SLS 554)

Joseph W. Charette, of Gardiner, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this accomplishment; (SLS 555)

John Fitzsimmons, President of the Maine Technical College System, for his work in promoting educational excellence and the pursuit of lifelong learning. John has led the Maine Technical College System through significant growth, with enrollment increasing by 54% over the last decade. He has been principle architect of programs such as Maine Career Advantage, Maine Quality Centers and the Community College Partnership of Maine to enhance opportunities for Maine adults and career-bound high school students. He has been a strong advocate for school-to-work and workforce quality efforts in Maine. Not only does he encourage and support professional and personal growth of all system employees, he has himself just been awarded the advanced degree of the Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University. We acknowledge his dedicated service to the field of education and to the people of the State of Maine and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to him. (SLS 556)

the following members of the Schenck High School Math Team, of East Millinocket, for winning the 2000 Division D Annual Math League State Meet: Troy Chasse, Dawn Rossignol, Jon Federico, Jo Hafford, Katie Faloon, Kate Davis, Emily Davis, Vaughn York, Alicia Cimon, Anna Faloon, Jason Majkowski and team advisor Richard Grant. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements; (SLS 557)

Rosemary Bamford, of Bucksport, a member of the University of Maine's education faculty, on receiving the university's annual Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. We extend our congratulations to Professor Bamford on her receiving this award; (SLS 558)

Douglas Allen, of Orono, a member of the University of Maine's philosophy faculty, on receiving the university's annual Distinguished Maine Professor Award. We extend our congratulations to Professor Allen on his receiving this award; (SLS 559)

Janice Kristo, of Orono, a member of the University of Maine's education faculty, on receiving the university's annual Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. We extend our congratulations to Professor Kristo on her receiving this award; (SLS 560)

Walter McIntire, of Bangor, a member of the University of Maine's education faculty, on receiving the university's annual Presidential Public Service Achievement Award. Professor McIntire is the director of the Center for Research and Evaluation in the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development. We extend our congratulations to Professor McIntire on his receiving this award; (SLS 561)

Owen Smith, of Bangor, a member of the University of Maine's art faculty, on receiving the university's annual Presidential Outstanding Teaching Award. We extend our congratulations to Professor Smith on his receiving this award; (SLS 562)

Lieutenant Alan Stormann of the University of Maine Public Safety Department, who has been presented with the Chief Robert Bell Award by the Maine Special Olympics. As the highest honor, the Chief Robert Bell Award honors law enforcement officers and was named in honor of the Bridgton police chief who started the Torch Run fund-raiser in 1985.

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Since that time, Maine law enforcement officers have raised more than \$1 million to support the Maine Special Olympics. Lieutenant Stormann has been active in the Maine Special Olympics since 1986 and was elected to the Maine Special Olympics Torch Run Hall of Fame in 1999. We extend our congratulations to Lieutenant Stormann on receiving this award; (SLS 563)

Jill S. Patterson, of Kennebunk, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Jill on this accomplishment;

Elizabeth A. Venell, of Acton, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Elizabeth on this accomplishment; (SLS 565)

Erin Tremblay, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Biddeford High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Erin on this accomplishment; (SLS 566)

Lydia Cote, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Biddeford High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Lydia on this accomplishment; (SLS 567)

Amanda J. Ragonesi, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (SLS 568)

Laura E. Ayotte, of Kennebunk, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Laura on this accomplishment; (SLS 569)

Katherine M. Lorenzen, of Kennebunkport, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Katherine on this accomplishment; (SLS 570)

Julia Wartenberg, of Kennebunk, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Julia on this accomplishment; (SLS 571)

Elsbeth H. Hannaford, of Kennebunkport, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Elsbeth on this accomplishment; (SLS 572)

Kelly C. Wischerath, of Kennebunk, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Kelly on this accomplishment; (SLS 573)

Scott T. Edmond, of Kennebunk, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in his class. We send our congratulations to Scott on this accomplishment; (SLS 574)

Ryan L. Lessard, of Kennebunk, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Kennebunk High School, who has earned the distinction of High Honors and is among the top ten students in her class. We send our congratulations to Ryan on this accomplishment; (SLS 575)

Kasie Lin Beal, of Cherryfield, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award in recognition of her excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to her on receiving this highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting; (SLS 576)

the 125th Anniversary of the Manchester Grange and in extending our appreciation to the members of the grange for their years of service and commitment to the community. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Manchester Grange as they celebrate this special occasion; (SLS 577)

Lisa M. Ouellette, of St. Agatha, a member of the 2000 graduating class of Wisdom High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Athletic Club and has participated as a member of the All-Aroostook Music Festival, playing first chair for the French Horn section. She has served on the yearbook staff and played soccer. She was named a Maine Scholar during her junior year. She is the daughter of Philip and Janice Ouellette. We send our congratulations to Lisa on this accomplishment; (SLS 578)

Aaron F. Desjardins, of St. Agatha, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Wisdom High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of his class. Aaron was a Dirigo Boys' State delegate, served on the yearbook and prom committees. He's a Maine Scholar and is active in his church's youth ministry program. He is the son of Francis and Fernande Desjardins. We send our congratulations to Aaron on this accomplishment; (SLS 579)

Kristy Dubois, of Frenchville, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Wisdom High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Pioneer Band and was instrumental in organizing the Youth Alive Group. Kristy was named a Maine Scholar during her junior year. She is the recipient of the Maine Principals' Association Principal's Award. She has been a leader in her church's musical group and volunteered countless hours for church activities. Kristy is the daughter of Joseph and Marsue Dubois. We send our congratulations to Kristy on this accomplishment; (SLS 580)

Jesse R. Levesque, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Wisdom High School, who has earned the distinction of being Honor Essayist of his class. He has participated in soccer, basketball and volleyball and has been a member of the Athletic Club. He is Secretary of the Senior Class. Jesse is a Maine Scholar and has been active in his church's youth ministry program. He is the son of Raymond and Nicole Levesque. We send our congratulations to Jesse on this accomplishment; (SLS 581)

Representative Ruel Cross, of Dover-Foxcroft, in appreciation of 8 years of distinguished service to the Maine Legislature; (SLS 582)

Jason Patrick Irish, of Boy Scout Troop #544, who has attained the high honor and distinction of Eagle Scout and in

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extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (SLS 583)

Matthew Yeram, of Acton, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this accomplishment; (SLS 585)

Kelly Dell'Aquila, of Cape Elizabeth, who was selected by American Mothers Incorporated as the Maine Mothers Association 2000 Mother of Young Children. We send our congratulations to her on receiving this honor; (SLS 584)

Lisa Gorman, of Yarmouth, who is the recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon Award. The award is presented to an individual who, through leadership, has motivated others to make changes resulting in the progress and enlightenment of the community. It is the highest honor given to an individual by the National Council of Jewish Women. We extend our congratulations to Lisa on receiving this award; (SLS 586)

Ryan Hale, of Lisbon, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment; (SLS 587)

Amy Appleton, of Etna, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Nokomis High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. She has also received the UMO Scholars Achievement Award. We send our congratulations to Amy on these accomplishments; (SLS 588)

Katharine Page, of Palmyra, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Nikomis High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of her class. Katharine has also been named National Woman in Sports High School Athlete of the Year in Maine. We send our congratulations to Katharine on these accomplishments; (SLS 589)

Suzanne Moulton, of Bangor, the recipient of the Division of Lifelong Learning Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Maine. Ms. Moulton, the mother of one daughter and 3 sons, is an administrative assistant in the Department of History, who graduated this year with a history major and French minor. She will begin work on a Master's degree in Canadian history this Fall. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Moulton on receiving this award; (SLS 590)

Nancy MacKnight, of Orono, on the occasion of her retirement from the University of Maine. Professor MacKnight came to the university as Assistant Professor of English in 1972. Since then, she has served as President of the Maine Council of English Language Arts, as Chair of the Department of English, as University Fellow, as Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the University of Maine and as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University of Maine System. She has been especially interested in ensuring equal access to an education for women students and in ensuring a rightful place in the curriculum for women in all disciplines. In these and many other ways, she has worked to enrich the academic lives of Maine students, faculty and citizens. We extend our best wishes to Professor MacKnight on her retirement; (SLS 591)

Will Manion, of Old Town, recipient of the 19th Annual Professional Employee Achievement Award from the University of Maine. Mr. Manion is a laboratory instructor and facilities manager in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He came to Maine in 1990 as the first graduate student to work on tire chips research. He also contributes his

skills and talents to his community. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Manion on receiving this award; (SLS 592)

Willow Wetherall, of Orono, who was named Outstanding Student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine. She received her bachelor's degree in international affairs, anthropology and women's studies, with a minor in German and an honors concentration. She plans to focus her career on international women's issues, beginning with preparing for a future documentary film project in Cyprus. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Wetherall on this accomplishment; (SLS 593)

Renee Michelle Belanger, who is Miss Maine 2000. She is a graduate of Washburn District High School and Bradford College where she earned a 3.3 grade point average. She was awarded Outstanding Academic Achievement by President Clinton. She was the 3rd highest female basketball scorer in Bradford's college history. She also was an academic tutor and teacher assistant at Bradford. She is the daughter of Herman and Bernice Arsenaault Belanger. We extend our congratulations to her on this achievement; (SLS 594)

Irving and Ruth Janke Lovell, of Eastport, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 18, 2000. Mr. Lovell is a veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreigns War and has been Legion Commander of the Fred Mitchel Post in Eastport for 9 years. Mrs. Lovell is very active with her church and the women's auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We extend our congratulations to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 595)

Jennifer St. Hilaire, of Lewiston, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment; (SLS 596)

the Onward Program at the University of Maine for its 30 years of service to low-income students, first-generation students and students with disabilities. The Onward Program is a small, supportive community that fosters intellectual and cultural awareness in its students. It also selects, trains and supervises undergraduate students as peer advisors, peer mentors and tutors, helping students help others and thereby improving those students' lives and their hopes for obtaining degrees. We extend our appreciation to the Onward Program and its alumni for the contribution of their energy and talents to the people of this State; (SLS 597)

Laura Bartlett, of Portland, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to Laura on this accomplishment; (SLS 598)

Melissa Deletetsky, of Portland, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to Melissa on this accomplishment; (SLS 599)

Christine Caron, of Portland, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send

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our congratulations to Christine on this accomplishment; (SLS 600)

Nicole Lamontagne, of Portland, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to Nicole on this accomplishment; (SLS 601)

Nicole Gilmore, of Richmond, 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 Nicole on this accomplishment; (SLS 602)

Erica Guse, a student at the Orland Consolidated School, who is the recipient of the 8th-grade Citizenship Award, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to her on this accomplishment; (SLS 603)

June 2000 as "It's My Fight, Too" month in support of the fight against breast cancer and in urging citizens throughout the State to recognize the need for emotional support that is so vital in the support of friends and loved ones whose lives are affected by the disease. We acknowledge and extend our gratitude to organizations such as the Northeast Health Care Quality Foundation, with its campaign of "It's My Fight, Too", the American Cancer Society, Maine Division, Inc., and other concerned groups that play such a critical role in understanding this disease and the impact that the disease has on the entire family; (SLS 604)

April Sprague, of Cushing, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to April on this accomplishment; (SLS 605)

Amanda Smith, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Camden-Rockport High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Amanda on this accomplishment; (SLS 606)

Theodosia Howell, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Camden-Rockport High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Thea on this accomplishment; (SLS 607)

Charlotte Withey, a member of the 2000 graduating class at Camden-Rockport High School, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of her class. We send our congratulations to Charlotte on this accomplishment; (SLS 608)

Ben Bowman, of Rockport, for his 15 years of dedicated service and leadership to the Rockport Democratic Committee, on which for 10 years he served as chair. Mr. Bowman is a longtime activist in the Town of Rockport. He is a strong advocate of good government and democratic principles, and he cares deeply about this State. He fosters inspiration with his hard work, humor and determination. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bowman for his commitment to the people of this State; (SLS 609)

Doris B. Makas, of Lewiston, who celebrated her 90th birthday on June 5, 2000. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (SLS 610)

Myles Ouellette, from Troop No. 196 in Van Buren, who at 14 years of age has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as one of the youngest scouts. He has earned 44 merit badges and is pursuing the world's record to get the most merit badges any scout has ever had. In addition to being a Life Scout and being Senior Patrol Leader, Myles excels in several sports, is an honor student, is a student council representative, is part of the Maine Educational Talent Search, is active in the Youth Ministry, and is a volunteer for the veterans, fire department, Town Borderview Nursing Home and the chamber of commerce. Myles is the son of Peter and Rona Quellet and the brother of Megan and Aaron. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Myles on this accomplishment; (SLS 611)

the York High School Boys Tennis Team on winning the 2000 Class B State Tennis Championship. We send our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (SLS 612)

Phinneas Makela Sprague, of Cape Elizabeth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 30, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Phinneas on this accomplishment; (SLS 613)

Charles Walter Miller, of Whitefield, who will celebrate his 75th birthday on July 8, 2000. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this occasion; (SLS 614)

Justin Davis, of Old Town, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this accomplishment; (SLS 615)

Philip H. Adams, of Kittery, known as "Bing," who founded the Kittery Trading Post in 1938 and operated that popular landmark until 1961. He was a former member of the Kittery Lions Club and was interested in fishing, hunting and collecting and restoring antique cars. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary, and his loving family and friends; (SLS 616) (in memoriam)

Marie France Belanger, of Augusta, celebrating her 80th birthday on June 20, 2000. Mrs. Belanger was born in Van Buren, one of 13 children. She raised three children after being widowed. She is the grandmother of eight and the great-grandmother of five. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Belanger on this occasion; (SLS 617)

Lieutenant Michael Collins, of Thomaston, who is retiring from the Rockland Police Department after over 28 years of dedicated service. We extend our appreciation to Lieutenant Collins for his service to the Community of Rockland and send him our congratulations and best wishes in his future endeavors; (SLS 618)

Elsie Morrison, of North Haven, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, July 5, 2000. Mrs. Morrison is a graduate of the North Haven Community School and has lived a life devoted to her family, community and church. For many years she volunteered and managed the Thrift Shop. A longtime mainstay of the Church Unity Guild, her potholders and fir pillows have been purchased at the annual summer sale and have ended up in homes around the country. She worked in the homes of many summer families. During the years her husband, Foster, fished for lobster, she was usually at his side running the boat or plugging the lobsters' claws. Elsie is happiest when she is helping out a friend or a neighbor. She and her late husband raised 3 daughters, and the family includes 4 grandchildren and

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5 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 619)

Jean Mattimore, Executive Director of the Center for Career Development, for her work in promoting innovative approaches to education and new pathways for students to pursue career choices. Jean has led the Center for Career Development and the Maine Career Advantage programs through their formative stages and has helped them become established as leading influences in the field of education. She has been and continues to be a strong advocate for school-to-work and work force quality efforts in this State. Among her many accomplishments, Jean was recently awarded the advanced degree of Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University. We acknowledge her dedicated service to the field of work force education and to the people of the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (SLS 620)

Fred Chase, of Falmouth, who has been named Citizen of the Year, the highest honor that the town can bestow on one of its residents. He served on the Town Council and on building committees for the Plummer Motz, Lunt and high school additions, for the West Falmouth fire station, for the office for the superintendent of schools, for 3 town hall additions and for the new high school. He is also involved in the library's annual antique car show. He is one of the most respected individuals in town. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Chase for his many years of dedication to the Town of Falmouth and its citizens. We send our congratulations to him on his receiving this honor; (SLS 621)

Michael Johnstone, of Rockport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 200, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this accomplishment; (SLS 622)

the members of the Matsubokkuri Naramachi Children's Chorus and director Atsuko Arai from Nara, Japan and the members of the Eden Children's Chorus and Ensemble and director Tom Wallace from Bar Harbor, Maine, United State of America for their joining together to promote international peace and friendship through music. We extend our best wishes for the continued success of this joint venture; (SLS 623)

the 5th annual Penobscot River Festival, a tribute to the significance of the river. The festival will be held in Bucksport on September 14th and 15th. The festival's theme this year is "Discover Your River." The river played a major role in transforming the area into the lumber capital of the world. The Penobscot River Festival is an educational event that focuses our attention on the scope of the river's resources, including its watershed, culture and heritage, and reminds us of our obligation to act as attentive and caring stewards of this significant natural resource; (SLS 624)

Beatrice Fitts, a longtime summer resident of the picturesque village of Waterford, who will celebrate the occasion of her 90th summer in this community. Miss Fitts, whose family is counted among the earliest settlers in this community, will celebrate this occasion with family and friends on August 13, 2000. We send our congratulations and best wishes to her as she celebrates this milestone anniversary; (SLS 625)

Sharon Eldridge, of Jackson, on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years as a teacher. Most of her career was spent in SAD 3 schools. Teaching is a tradition in Eldridge's family: her grandmother, mother, aunt, sister and nieces were or

are teachers. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her in her future endeavors; (SLS 626)

Amanda McFadden, of Liberty, who is the recipient of the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting. The award recognizes excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Amanda on this achievement and extend our best wishes to her for her continued success; (SLS 627)

Sherry Tibbetts, of Southport, in appreciation of her efforts on behalf of notary publics in Maine and her leadership of Informed Notaries of Maine; (SLS 628)

Charles Mertz III and Jean Kathryn Cullin Mertz, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 12, 2000. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz are cousins to Senator Neria R. Douglass of Androscoggin County. During Mr. Mertz's 21-year career in the U.S. Navy, he and his family lived in Maine on 2 occasions. In 1956, Mr. Mertz reported to the precommissioning detail as Gunnery Officer of the USS Barry (DD-933), which was being built at Bath Iron Works. In 1961, he was again stationed in Bath, Maine as the Executive on the USS Sampson (DDG-10). Mr. and Mrs. Mertz are the parents of 4 children: Charles, Victoria, William and Robert; and are grandparents to Jamie, Joni, Shannon, Bill, Kelly, Christina and Stephanie. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (SLS 629)

Ellen Rae Hurd Smith, of Orono, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, August 25, 2000. She has been very active in community organizations such as the Orono Public Library, the Esther Ayers Chapter of the DAR and a supporter of the arts at the University of Maine. Mrs. Smith is the mother of 4, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 7. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 630)

Colonel Freeman McGilvery Day, September 2, 2000, in Searsport. Colonel McGilvery is a Civil War hero who was a member of the Maine 6th Battery. The day, which is the 136th anniversary of the death of Colonel McGilvery, commemorates his life and the lives of other men and units from the area through living history demonstrations, Richardson's Civil War Round Table discussions and displays of local Civil War artifacts. We take this opportunity to join the good citizens of Searsport in honoring Colonel McGilvery and all the soldiers who gave their lives for freedom; (SLS 631)

the honored occasion of the restoration of the magnificent stained glass windows of the Second Congregational Church in Searsport, also known as the Harbor Church, and the dedicated efforts of the members of the Searsport Area Bed and Breakfast Association who took the church as its sole philanthropic project and whose campaign to repair the windows of this church was overwhelmingly successful. We send our appreciation to all the people throughout the country who generously supported this project, including the grandchildren of Eugene Pendleton Carver and his wife Clara Thurston Porter Carver whose ancestors were the founding family of this beautiful church built in the early part of the 19th century; (SLS 632)

Elmer Hector Violette, of Van Buren, beloved husband of Marcella Belanger Violette, Maine statesman, visionary conservationist and associate justice of the Maine Supreme Court. Judge Violette was a member of the House of Representatives during the 93rd Legislature and a member of the

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Senate during the 102nd, 104th and 105th Legislatures. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II. He held many elected and appointed positions, including Van Buren Municipal Court Judge, Maine Superior Court Judge and Maine Supreme Court Justice. He was a member of numerous professional, business and charitable organizations. He was an avid sportsman, with a love of both hunting and fly fishing. We acknowledge the life of Judge Violette as one of dedicated public service to his community, his State and his Nation. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, his colleagues and his many friends; (SLS 633) (in memoriam)

John David Moulton, of Boy Scout Troop #322 in West Newfield, who has earned the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to John on this accomplishment; (SLS 634)

Shawn Aaron Craig, of Boy Scout Troop #454 in Oakland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We send our congratulations to Shawn on this accomplishment; (SLS 635)

Clyde Hichborn, of Medford, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, August 29, 2000. We send our warmest wishes and congratulations to the Honorable Mr. Hichborn, our friend and former colleague; (SLS 636)

Mark Zuithoff, of Sterling, Illinois, who cycled across America to raise funds for Self Help Enterprises, a sheltered workshop for physically and mentally handicapped individuals. Mark rode nearly 4200 miles during his trek from San Francisco to Acadia National Park, with several places of interest along the way. He visited at least 14 states including national parks and forests and the province of Ontario in Canada. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mark on this truly inspirational and rewarding endeavor; (SLS 637)

Ian Crocker, of Portland, who has qualified for the United States Men's Olympic Team in the 100-meter butterfly trial; also setting a U.S. Trial Record of 52.78 seconds.. We extend our congratulations to Ian and wish him the best in the upcoming 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia; (SLS 638)

Adam Paradis, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 270 of Frenchville, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Adam on this accomplishment; (SLS 639)

Craig R. Michaud, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 270 of Frenchville, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Craig on this accomplishment; (SLS 640)

Darlene French, of Wiscasset, who has received the 1999-2000 Award for Excellence given by the Maine School Food Service Association. Ms. French is the food service director for the schools in the Boothbay Region. We extend our congratulations to Ms. French upon receiving this award; (SLS 641)

Ronald and Gladys Noyes, of Orono, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 17, 2000. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 642)

Earle and Monica Penney Moore, of Edgecomb, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on September 10, 1950 in Warren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (SLS 643)

the First Congregational Church, U.C.C., of Brewer, on the special occasion of its 200th Anniversary in 2000. The Church has a history of giving to its parishioners and participating in the community. We commend the church for its perseverance and in sustaining the spirit of Christ for so many years. We congratulate the First Congregational Church on its Bicentennial and we extend our very best wishes for the future to the church and its congregation; (SLS 644)

James W. Gallagher, of Damariscotta, on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years as Lincoln County Commissioner. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Gallagher for his commitment to the people of Lincoln County. We send our best wishes to him in his future endeavors; (SLS 645)

Luke H. Treadwell, of Acton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 320, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Luke on this achievement; (SLS 646)

the Town of Bucksport's Community Health Advisory Committee upon receiving the prestigious 2000 Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Crystal Award in recognition of the committee's diligent efforts to assess the needs of the area citizens for more than 5 years. The award provides \$100,000 for 2 years to assist the town with developing the infrastructure needed to implement a community health plan, establishing a coordinated school health program and instituting a service planning network of area health and social service providers to better serve the residents of Bucksport. We send our congratulations to the members of the committee and others who volunteered countless hours towards this effort; (SLS 647)

John "Doug" Harris, Town Manager of Falmouth, who has been named Manager of the Year by the Maine Municipal Association. We extend our congratulations to him on receiving this honor; (SLS 648)

Sister Theresa Therrien, who is the recipient of the prestigious Congressional "Angel in Adoption" Award. The award was created by the U.S. Congressional Coalition on Adoption to recognize the historic importance of adoption in the United States and is awarded to an individual who is dedicated to work for families and children. Sister Theresa has touched the lives of innumerable families and children through her devoted work at St. Andre Home, Inc. She has provided 27 years of professional social work in every county in Maine, serving disadvantaged children, senior citizens and women throughout the State in addition to her adoption work. Sister Theresa has played an instrumental role in helping St. Andre Home place more than 1,600 children in loving homes. We extend our appreciation to Sister Theresa for her devotion to the children of this State. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to her on receiving this prestigious award; (SLS 649)

Adam P. Lockhart, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 215, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Adam restored the Town of Searsport's first fire bell, which dates back to 1890. Adam is very active in his community as a lifeguard and is a good role model for other youth. He is the President of his junior class and plays soccer and basketball. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Adam on this achievement; (SLS 650)

the Oxford Telcom, of Buckfield, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. We extend our appreciation to the company for its dedicated service to the people of Buckfield; (SLS 651)

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Blanche "Minnie" Hartley, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, October 18, 2000. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (SLS 652)

Thomas J. Beatty, of Oxford, recipient of the Prudential Community Champions "Shining Star" Award for his exemplary volunteer efforts on behalf of the Oxford Hills Community Education Exchange Program. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Beatty on receiving this honor; (SLS 653)

Life Scout Shawn Morrissette, of Troop #410 in Vassalboro, who is being honored with the National Award of Heroism from the National Court of Honor, Texas Headquarters for the Boy Scouts of America, for saving a 10-year-old boy from drowning in below-freezing water on January 16, 1999. We send our sincerest appreciation to Shawn for his act of heroism; (SLS 654)

Clair Bradstreet, of Palermo, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, September 28, 2000. Mr. Bradstreet, a former selectman, has earned the respect and admiration of his friends and neighbors. He has been an active member of the community and remains a valuable asset to the town, Waldo County and the State. Mr. Bradstreet is a masterful cribbage player and maintains a wonderful flower garden. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this very special occasion; (SLS 655)

the Bremen Town House for its being listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Town House has served as a center for Bremen's community since it was built in 1874 for the Oak Lodge of the Good Templars. In 1877, the town began using the building for its annual meeting and it served as the Bremen town hall from 1884 through 1959. During its history, the Town House has housed the Bremen Library, extra classrooms for the Bremen school and a variety of public meetings, dances, fairs and lectures. The Bremen Town House remains a vital part of its community. We commend the Bremen Town House Committee for its dedicated work to repair and improve the building and to have the building recognized for its historical significance; (SLS 658)

George W. Pottle V, of Bristol, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 228, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations to George on this accomplishment; (SLS 659)

Ian Crocker, of Portland, as Maine's first Olympic swimming medalist by winning a Gold Medal in the 4 x 100 Men's Medley Relay at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. We are also proud to recognize and congratulate IAN for setting an American record in the Individual Men's 100-meter Butterfly; (SLS 660)

Elmer W. Hoffses, of Jonesport, beloved husband of Vivian (Polk) Hoffses and loving father of Pearley and Carleton. Elmer enjoyed being on the ocean, working his vegetable garden and being a good neighbor. He was known as a kind and giving person. In 1994, he was awarded the Good Neighbor Award by WABI-TV in Bangor. He was a member of the Jonesport Wesleyan Church. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends; (SLS 661) (in memoriam)

Dora Michaud, for her years of dedicated service and commitment to the VFW Auxiliary. Ms. Michaud joined the auxiliary in Millinocket in 1983 and later transferred to the

Waterville auxiliary. She has served the auxiliary in numerous capacities, including as its president, district president and district secretary. She is to be commended for her contribution of time, care and concern for all veterans. We send our appreciation to Ms. Michaud on this occasion; (SLS 662)

Art and Dot Howell, of Cary Plantation, on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, October 8, 2000. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Howell on their anniversary; (SLS 663)

John Malick, of Westbrook, a United States Marine during World War II, who was awarded the Purple Heart medal 56 years after being wounded in action. Mr. Malick lost his left arm on the Pacific island of Guam in 1944 and never received his medal for being wounded in action because he was in the hospital. We acknowledge his sacrifice and his devotion to duty and to his country. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (SLS 664)

the Honorable Carl B. Smith, of Island Falls, beloved husband of Annie Jane Smith, veteran of the Army Air Corps, a longtime barber and an active participant in local and state government. Carl served as the town clerk and as a selectman for the Town of Island Falls before serving the citizens of District 140 for 10 years as a member of the Maine State Legislature. During his legislative service he served on numerous committees related to fisheries and wildlife, agriculture and corrections. He also devoted himself to social issues related to poverty, health and aging. Carl was a member of the United Baptist Church of Island Falls and was a life member of VFW Post 7529. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and others that he met during his public service to his community; (SLS 665) (in memoriam)

Tracy Hansen, of Bangor, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to Tracy on this accomplishment; (SLS 666)

Dennis S. Damon, this year's recipient of the William I. Heartwell Award, a national award presented for significant and substantial contributions to the work force development system. Mr. Damon, a Hancock County Commissioner, helped to reorganize the structure of work force development governance in Maine, bringing together disparate groups and the various interests of the 16 counties in Maine. His efforts resulted in the successful reorganization of the State into 4 work force regions and his leadership brought a new level of collaboration to the work force development effort, making Maine a leader in this endeavor. We send our congratulations to Mr. Damon on this occasion; (SLS 667)

Amy Schick, who served the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as Management Plan Coordinator for Northern Atlantic species including lobster and shrimp. A talented and dedicated employee, Amy prepared much of the background work for the management boards, contributing significantly to the quality of their work. The Maine fishing industry owes her a debt of gratitude for her tireless efforts to base management decisions on sound information. We send our appreciation to Amy for her years of service and extend best wishes to her in her new national role in ocean studies; (SLS 668)

Nina Horner, who has been selected as Maine's School Nurse of the Year. Ms Horner previously worked in the

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Obstetrics Department of Mount Desert Island Hospital and has known many of her students literally from the moment of their birth. She has shown outstanding commitment to the students of Mount Desert Island High School, initiating a number of innovative programs and working tirelessly as an advocate for the students and their physical, emotional and mental health. We send our congratulations to Ms Horner on receiving this honor; (SLS 669)

Mary Harney, HIV Prevention Education Coordinator for the Down East AIDS Network, for her work with underserved populations in rural Maine. Mary has undertaken significant outreach efforts to jails, homeless shelters and to youth on the streets. She developed an HIV curriculum for homeless shelters in rural areas. As one of just 3 persons in DEAN's AIDS Service Organization, Mary helps to cover an area of 96,000 square miles; (SLS 670)

Sarah Guppy, of Brewer, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to Sarah on this accomplishment; (SLS 671)

the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. We take this opportunity to honor all veterans who have served during the wars. We join the citizens of Falmouth in remembering all who served the country, especially those who paid the ultimate price, who suffered as POWs and whose courage secured our freedom. May we always keep the memory of their sacrifice alive; (SLS 672)

Sara Belisle, of Bangor, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. We send our congratulations to Sara on this accomplishment; (SLS 673)

Bridgecorp, of Augusta, on the 125th Anniversary of doing business in the New England area. Bridgecorp was originally founded in 1875 by Amos D. Bridge, the great-grandfather of the current president, John Bridge, and the former treasurer, David Bridge. The construction firm, at one point called A. D. Bridges' Sons, continues to build roads and to perform sideline jobs, such as work at landfills, ski mountains and paper companies. We acknowledge the company's excellence and longevity and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to the family and employees of the company on this notable anniversary; (SLS 674)

Thomas Stanton, of Lisbon, a member of Boy Scout Troop #124, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout, and in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him on this achievement; (SLS 675)

Adam Marden, of Greene, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 113, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Adam on this accomplishment; (SLS 676)

Leonard Pelletier, son of Irene and Edith (Daigle) Pelletier on his 80th Birthday, November 26, 2000. He was married to Lucille Lozier on April 10, 1944. They have 3 sons: James Allan, Philip Leonard and Michael Paul. He is grandfather to Amy, Eric, Joshua, Marc and Lauren. We extend our best wishes to him on this birthday; (SLS 677)

Mary Molnar, of Bangor, who is the recipient of the Girl Scout Silver Award. The award is presented in recognition of

excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to Mary upon receiving this award; (SLS 678)