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the Mountain Valley High School Falcons Football Team, of Rumford, on its winning the 2010 Class B State Championship. This is the 4th Class B State Championship in the last 7 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 1)

John Christian Durland, of Rumford, a student at Mountain Valley High School, who won the 29th annual Bruce Campbell Award, presented to the most valuable player in the Class B division of the Campbell Conference. We congratulate Christian on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 2)

the following members of the Nokomis Regional High School Field Hockey Team, of Newport, on their winning the 2010 Class B State Championship: seniors Jordin McGinnis, Katelyn-Rose Chase, Allison Manson and Maria Adams; juniors Rebecca Boyce, Rebecca McGinnis, Brittany Dunton, Marissa Shaw and Leah Edmondson; sophomores Abigail Donaldson, Taylor Lovley, Courtney Gay, Morgan Fredette, Courtney Wilcox, Marina McCormick and Molly Smith; freshmen Lindsay Whitney, Kayla Braley, Amber Null, Kelsey Kerstetter, Taylor Shaw, Drew Graves and Kendra Underhill; and coaches Katie Thomson and Jackie D'Amato. We congratulate the team on this achievement and send the members our best wishes; (HLS 3)

the Falmouth High School Girls Soccer Team, on its winning the 2010 Class B State Championship. This is the team's second Class B State Championship in 3 years. We congratulate the members of the team on their well-deserved achievement; (HLS 4)

Mary Annis, of Dover-Foxcroft, for her dedicated efforts with Valley Grange No. 144 in Guilford, which led to the organization placing First in the Nation based on its recent community service report. More than 2,000 granges in 37 states competed for this honor. The members of Valley Grange No. 144 are involved with area schools and children through the following programs: Words for Thirds, Bookwork Readyng and Newspapers in Education. The organization also assists with numerous benefit suppers and collecting for food pantries. We congratulate Ms. Annis for her leadership contributions to Valley Grange No. 144 and for helping the grange receive this high honor; (HLS 5)

Stephanie Carter, of Fairfield, who was named the 2010 Health Education Teacher of the Year by the Maine Association For Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Ms. Carter has been teaching at Messalonskee High School in Oakland for 15 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in physical and health education from Keene State College and a master's degree in education from the University of Maine, as well as a master's degree in technology education from Thomas College. We congratulate Ms. Carter for her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 6)

Benjamin McGlenn Richardson, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 805, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Benjamin built a bird-watching platform at the Pringle Wildlife Preserve of the Windham Land Trust. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 7)

Leon Levesque, of Lewiston, on his retirement after 39 years as an educator. During his career, Mr. Levesque was a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent of schools and superintendent of schools. He is a member of several

professional organizations and the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Mr. Levesque received the Maine School Superintendents Association's Outstanding Leadership Award. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Levesque for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 8)

the following members of the Washington Academy Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, who have won the 2010 Class B State Championship: Molly Abrams, Kira Arnold, Kayleigh Bridges, Taylor Davis, Tatum McFadden, Felicia Pepin, Taylor Seeley, Elizabeth Stanley-Porter, Kirsten Taylor, Kara Graham, Katerina Graham, Secily Schmauderer, Kaitlyn Carl and Ginny Esford; manager Meghan Faulkingham; and coach Christine Davis. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 9)

Alan Hawkins, of South Portland, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 33 years as an educator. Mr. Hawkins taught in Millinocket and South Portland. He was principal at Small Elementary School, Kaler Elementary School and Memorial Middle School and was Superintendent of Schools in Wiscasset and Cape Elizabeth. He was president of the South Portland Teachers' Association, active in the Maine Education Association and was a member and president of the Cumberland County Superintendents' Association. Mr. Hawkins is a member of the South Portland Lions Club and the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club and enjoys genealogy, local history and collecting rare first edition books. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hawkins for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 10)

the Falmouth High School Golf Team, on its winning the 2010-2011 State Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 11)

William A. Haley, of Hallowell, on the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to the Maine State Legislature. Mr. Haley, a United States Navy veteran, first served the State of Maine in the Secretary of State's office in the elections division. On December 18, 1989, during the 114th Legislature, he joined the Office of the Revisor of Statutes as a Legislative Technician. In 2004, he began serving in an acting capacity as Supervising Engrosser. He became the Engrossing Supervisor in 2006 and has served with distinction in that position. Mr. Haley is known throughout the capital area for his photography and his prizewinning shots of the State House, as well as for his talents as an actor and theater director. He has earned the affection, trust and respect of all who have worked with him. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community, his State and his Nation, and we send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 12)

Wiscasset High School's Technology Education Department, on its being named the recipient of the 2011 High School Program Excellence Award. As part of this award, technology education teachers Robert Cronk and Henry Schwehm were honored for their continued hard work and dedication in maintaining an exemplary department where students thrive. We send our appreciation to Mr. Cronk and Mr. Schwehm for their commitment to teaching excellence and we congratulate Wiscasset High School for its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 13)

Charlie Tapley, of Millinocket, a member of the Stearns High School football team who led the Minutemen to its first Little Ten Conference title in 12 years, who was named the conference's 2010 Player of the Year. Charlie also was named a first-team All-conference fullback and defensive tackle. As a 4-year starter on

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both offense and defense, Charlie earned All-LTC honors at 4 different positions during his career: offensive tackle, fullback, defensive tackle and defensive end. We congratulate Charlie on his being named the Player of the Year; (HLS 14)

Ann C. Hughes, of Millinocket, a distinguished artist and sign painter. Mrs. Hughes was a 1944 graduate of Stearns High School and was married to her husband Thomas Hughes for 65 years. She worked briefly at Great Northern Paper Company, but her main occupation was sign painter, which kept her busy until she was almost 80 years of age. Her signs and lettering are still found around town and in trophy cases at the high school. Mrs. Hughes enjoyed doing make-up for the Millinocket Players and Studio One Dance Studio. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 15)

Richard Gilman, of Millinocket, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Richard on this achievement; (HLS 16)

Anton Zrioka, of North Yarmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 17)

Jacob Grandchamp, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 18)

Ralph E. Farnham, Jr., of Oakland, for his many years of service to the Town of Oakland. Mr. Farnham began serving on the town council in 1975 and has served as the chair. Over the years, he has advanced numerous community causes, including work for the Fire Department, the Library, veterans' issues, town worker issues, the subject of Oakland history and the new museum. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community and to the State and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 19)

Raymond Parent, of Sanford, on his retirement as Chief of the Sanford Fire Department, after 47 years of firefighting service. Chief Parent began his firefighting career after serving in the United States Navy. He was hired by the Biddeford Fire Department, worked his way through the ranks and served for 13 years with distinction, after 8 years as the assistant chief. Chief Parent was hired by the Town of Sanford in 1996. He also is the town's emergency management director and he served as interim town manager of Sanford in 2004. He is a former president of the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. He was named Maine Fire Chief of the Year in 2005 and was just named Citizen of the Year by the Sanford-Springvale Kiwanis Club. He was instrumental in bringing a veterans' cemetery to Springvale, serving as chair for 10 years on the committee that guided the cemetery project to completion. We acknowledge Chief Parent's remarkable commitment to his community, to veterans and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 20)

Richard Kimball, Jr., a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 202 in Island Falls, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his community service

project, Richard spent 70 hours building 2 large signs for the Island Falls Historical Society. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 21)

the Kennebunkport Consolidated School in RSU 21, serving Arundel, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport, on its being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. It is the only school in Maine awarded this honor out of 80 high-performing schools in the country. We acknowledge the Kennebunkport Consolidated School for its commitment to academic excellence and extend our congratulations to its students and staff on this achievement; (HLS 22)

Alexander Gregory Hooper, of Searsport, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Alexander is an active member of his community. He volunteers at his local food cupboard and church and helps clean up area roadways. We extend our congratulations to Alexander on this achievement; (HLS 23)

the following Farmington students of Cascade Brook Middle School's LEGO team, the Smokebusters, who won the 2010 statewide LEGO League science competition: Nicole Pires, Dylan Roberts, Mitch Guillaume, Alex Morrell, Grace Andrews and Ben Andrews. We congratulate them on this remarkable accomplishment and send them our best wishes; (HLS 24)

James F. Doughty School, of Bangor, on its receiving the United States Department of Education 2010 National Blue Ribbon School award. James F. Doughty School is one of more than 300 schools in the nation honored whose students perform at very high levels of academic achievement or have progressed significantly in achieving academic excellence. We also congratulate the staff of the James F. Doughty School and its surrounding supportive community on the school's receiving this high honor; (HLS 25)

Mary Morton Cowan, of Standish, who won a coveted 2010 National Outdoor Book Award for her latest children's book, *Captain Mac: The Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer*. As a young girl, Ms. Cowan had the chance to meet the famed explorer with his schooner *Bowdoin* in Boothbay Harbor. We congratulate Mary Morton Cowan on her receiving this distinguished and well-deserved award; (HLS 26)

Donald and Theresa Anderson, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson exchanged marriage vows on February 1, 1951 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Stockholm, Maine, with Father Gaston Auger officiating. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson on this anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 27)

Jason Wyman Grotton, of China, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Jason designed and constructed an improved food pantry at the China Community Food Pantry. We extend our congratulations to Jason on this achievement; (HLS 28)

Chris Preble, of Millinocket, who has been named the 2010 Little Ten Conference Coach of the Year. Mr. Preble coaches Stearns High School's football team, the Minutemen, which won its first Eastern Maine championship in a dozen years. This is the second year in a row that Mr. Preble has been named as the Little Ten Conference Coach of the Year, and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 29)

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Meldora Tompkins, of Belgrade, upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, December 4, 2010. Born Meldora Paul in Rumford, she was a 1929 graduate of Stevens High School and soon afterward married Alton Rathey. They had one daughter, Kathleen. In 1956 she married Harry Tompkins and over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins generously opened their home and their hearts to more than 14 children in need of a foster home. Mrs. Tompkins still resides in Belgrade, where she has lived for 54 years. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 30)

Frederick Bradley Lunt, Jr., of Clinton, for his years of service to the State of Maine and the agricultural fair industry. Mr. Lunt started his involvement with Maine's agricultural fairs when he took part in the annual Clinton Lions Club Agricultural Fair. He spent more than 40 years working within the industry, serving the past 12 years as the Agricultural Fair Coordinator. He spent many years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs, 2 of which were as President. He has also been a member of Maine's Board of Trustees for the Eastern States Exposition, most recently serving as the Treasurer. Mr. Lunt has contributed greatly to educating generations of children and young adults about the importance of agriculture to the State of Maine. His hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated by all and will be sorely missed in the years to come. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 31)

Judson M. "Bud" Grant, Jr., of Bangor, a successful commercial developer and businessman. Mr. Grant started his career working at Grant Trailer Sales, which was owned and managed by his father. He ventured into automobile and furniture sales and went on to build and manage many projects such as furniture stores, mobile home parks, restaurants, shopping malls and numerous other commercial developments. Mr. Grant was a United States Army veteran, serving in France, Belgium and Germany from 1945 to 1947. He generously gave back to his community by privately donating to many local charitable organizations. Mr. Grant was an active member of the YMCA's Triangle Club, a member of Anah Shriners, St. Andrews Lodge No. 83 AF and AM and Maine Consistory 32nd degree, and was a former member of the Board of Directors for James A. Taylor Osteopathic Hospital and corporate board member of Eastern Maine Medical Center. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 32)

Linda Cohen, of Portland, on the occasion of her retirement as City Clerk for the City of Portland. Ms. Cohen began her service as City Clerk in 2001 and has been credited with restructuring the department and greatly improving the administration of elections. In 2006, she became the second clerk in Maine to attain her Master Municipal Clerk status from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She also received the Lorraine M. Fleury Award from the Secretary of State and was named Maine Clerk of the Year by the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association in 1999. Ms. Cohen has been a Municipal Clerk for almost 21 years and has worked in the Assessor's Office and the Code Enforcement Department as well. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to her community, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 33)

the Honorable Donald Strout, of Corinth, on the occasion of his retirement as Town Manager, after 31 years of dedicated service to the town, from 1979 to 2010. Mr. Strout also served for 24 years in the Maine State Legislature from 1973 to 1996. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to his community and to the State, and we send him our appreciation for his many

years of service and our best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 34)

Gertrude E. Hesse, of Oxford, on the occasion of her 106th Birthday. Ms. Hesse was born January 11, 1905 and she was recently awarded the Boston Post Cane by the Town of Oxford for being the oldest citizen. We send Ms. Hesse our congratulations and best wishes to her on her birthday; (HLS 35)

Tristan Gardner, of Hampden, for his participation with Reeds Brook Middle School in the Modern Woodmen of America speech competition. Tristan delivered a 5-minute speech in answer to the question "If I were President..." The title of the speech was "Without a Face," which sought to put a human face on the issue of homelessness. Tristan won 1st Place in his class, grade, school, district and region. He went on to the national competition with 100,000 participants and earned 3rd Place. We congratulate Tristan on his remarkable achievement and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 36)

the Honorable Everett W. McLeod, Sr., of Lee, who passed away not long after being sworn in for his fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. Mr. McLeod was born in East Winn and was a graduate of Mattawamkeag High School in 1961. He attended the Mattawamkeag United Methodist Church, and he received an Outstanding Young Man of America Award in 1978. Mr. McLeod worked at Great Northern Paper Company, owned and operated a Sunoco Station in Lincoln and, for more than 35 years, traveled the State working in industrial sales. He was very active in the Town of Lee, serving on the school board and the board of selectmen for many terms. He had served in the Maine State Legislature as District 11 Representative for the past 6 years. We acknowledge his many years of dedicated service to his community and to the State. Mr. McLeod will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife, Sarah, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 37)

Leota B. Seaward, of Turner, who passed away just a few months after her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Seaward was born in Vassalboro and moved to Turner with her husband Elmer Wilson Seaward in 1929. She was a homemaker most of her life, running a large farm and raising 4 children. She also worked in a shoe shop in Auburn, the Priscilla Turner rug shop, the DeCoster hatchery and the Turner Village Post Office. Mrs. Seaward was the oldest resident of Turner and holder of the Boston Post Cane. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 38)

Craig W. Holland, a longtime resident of Bucksport. Mr. Holland was born in White Plains, New York and received his degrees from the University of Georgia. He worked for the Maine Department of Labor for over 25 years as a Senior Regional Area Economic Research Analyst, helping communities in Northern and Downeast Maine with his expert knowledge of the northern Maine economy. Over the years, his efforts to provide job seekers, businesses, local governments and economic and workforce development agencies with labor market information earned him the respect of his coworkers and the gratitude of the Maine Department of Labor. Mr. Holland was also widely known at the state and national level for his expert knowledge of the logging industry and was Coordinator for the annual Northeast Regional Woods Wage Survey for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 39)

the Greater Bangor Area Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on the occasion of its 15th annual "Keeping the Dream Alive" breakfast, January 17, 2011. The event commemorates the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We extend our appreciation to the

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Greater Bangor Area Chapter of the NAACP for its honoring Dr. King at these annual celebrations. We join the community in commemorating this great American; (HLS 40)

Howard and Zeta (Donnelly) Lello, of Limestone, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lello were married on December 5, 1940 at St. Denis Church in Fort Fairfield with Father Daniel Hagerty officiating. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lello on this anniversary and send our best wishes for future happiness; (HLS 41)

Rene and Rachel (Boucher) Levasseur, of Hamlin, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Levasseur were married on July 25, 1955 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada, with Monsignor Joseph W. Conway officiating. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Levasseur on their 55th anniversary and send them our best wishes for future happiness; (HLS 42)

Anne W. Cassidy, of Calais, on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years as the head nurse at St. Croix Regional Family Health Center in Princeton. Ms. Cassidy was the first employee hired by the center in 1991. We congratulate Ms. Cassidy on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 43)

Willard L. Monahan, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran and longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Monahan also served in the Army National Guard and was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and several fraternal organizations. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 44)

Jeremy Frey, of Indian Township Passamaquoddy community, a celebrated Maine Indian basketmaker, on his being named the recipient of a prestigious \$50,000 United States Art Fellows 2010 grant during ceremonies at Lincoln Center in New York City. The United States Art Fellows for 2010 are from 18 states and Puerto Rico and represent some of the most innovative and diverse creative talents in the country. The Ford, Rockefeller, Prudential and Rasmus foundations created the organization in 2005 as a way to invest in America's finest artists and illuminate their value to society. We congratulate Jeremy Frey on his receiving this well-deserved honor and thank him for his commitment to the art of making Passamaquoddy baskets; (HLS 45)

Cornell Knight, of Hallowell, on his retirement as Town Manager of Winthrop. Mr. Knight has devoted much of his time to Winthrop's Downtown Revitalization Plan. Mr. Knight also served as the Town Manager for Baileyville, Hallowell and Jay. He will be taking on the role of Town Manager of Topsham. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Knight for his many years of public service and offer our best wishes for his future endeavors; (HLS 46)

Rose Charette, of Fort Kent, who was named the 2010 Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for her numerous contributions to the community. Mrs. Charette, a graduate of the University of Maine at Fort Kent and a mother and teacher, has volunteered to help the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Boy Scouts of America and the Town of Fort Kent. We send Mrs. Charette our congratulations on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 47)

Victor Arnold Hanington, a longtime resident of Millinocket and co-owner for more than 25 years of P and H Auto, Inc. Mr. Hanington was a loyal and faithful member of the East Millinocket Living Hope Nazarene Church and received the Most Distinguished Service Award. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 48)

Lieutenant J. Darrell Ouellette, of New Sweden, on the occasion of his retirement as a Maine State Trooper after 33 years of dedicated service. A graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Lt. Ouellette was first assigned to the Van Buren area of Troop F and later transferred to the Caribou area after completing undercover work in southern Maine. In 1984, he was promoted to Detective, going on to earn the Meritorious Service Award in 1990. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant, and transferred to Aroostook County as patrol supervisor in Troop F. Lt. Ouellette became Commander of the northern Criminal Investigation Division in 1993. In 1997, Lt. Ouellette became head of the Missing Children Clearinghouse for Maine, and in 2002 he took over command of Troop F. We send Lt. Ouellette our appreciation for his dedicated service and commitment to law enforcement and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations to him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 49)

Catherine Frances Kincaid Rines, of South Gardiner, a former teacher and a leader in local music and political circles. Mrs. Rines was born in Leeds and educated in Gardiner, Texas and Nova Scotia schools. She was a graduate of Houghton College, earning a degree in fine arts, majoring in music. She was married to Fred Rines, and at the time of his death 4 years ago, they had been married 66 years. Mrs. Rines was social secretary to Governor and Mrs. Muskie, operating the Blaine House for the First Family. She also worked part-time as an assistant clerk at the Maine Superior Court before completing her requirements in music education at the University of Maine. She taught for almost 20 years in Richmond, Litchfield and Monmouth schools. Mrs. Rines was extensively involved in music in the community, giving private lessons and working in several churches. She was music director at Christ Church Episcopal in Gardiner for more than 10 years. Mrs. Rines was a past regent and life member of the Samuel Grant Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Mayflower Society and an alternate member of the Maine State Democratic Committee. We acknowledge her strong commitment and contributions to her community, the State and the Nation. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 50)

David Peter Marchant, of Newfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 30, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Service Project, David repaired 4 soccer benches, painted 4 soccer benches and constructed 6 new soccer benches for Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 51)

Richard Allan Folsom II, of Wells. Mr. Folsom taught history at Kennebunk High School for more than 25 years and was the adviser for the school's mock trial team. Throughout his career, Mr. Folsom touched the lives of many students with his encouragement and kindness. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and by the school's students, staff and surrounding communities; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 52)

Myles Henry, of Wells, co-owner of the Maine Diner. Mr. Henry was born in Biddeford and grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire. After graduating college, he began a renowned restaurant career. In 1983, Myles and his brother Dick became co-owners of the popular Maine Diner in Wells. Notably, Mr. Henry was recently honored as the 2010 Maine Restaurateur of the Year by the Maine Restaurant Association. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Trisha Wilson

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Henry, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 53)

Barbara Jean "Bobbie" Jordan, of Freeport, a beloved educator and leader. Ms. Jordan served as principal for the Leverett Elementary School in Massachusetts from 1985 to 1990, before coming to Maine to serve as principal of Williams-Cone School in Topsham, where she worked from 1990 to 2001, and later to Augusta, where she worked until her retirement in 2008 as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Augusta Public Schools. Ms. Jordan received her Ph.D. in Education in 2001 from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. While in Maine, she served as president of the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national organization for women educators. She was also involved in developing and supporting mentorship programs for new teachers and administrators in Maine. She traveled to Eastern Europe in 1999 as that area was opening to Western visitors as part of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, and she traveled to Japan in 2002 as part of the Fulbright Memorial Teachers Exchange Program. Ms. Jordan was a member of the Durham Friends Meeting, and she was a singer and an organizational leader with Women in Harmony, a local women's chorus for the past 15 years. After her retirement, she continued to work in Augusta, helping to create and direct an exceptional after-school program for children in need of additional support, the Augusta 21st Century Program. She also traveled to Kenya in 2008 to help provide a summer camp experience for AIDS orphans through the Friends of Kakamega. We acknowledge her exceptional life and work; she will be greatly missed and long remembered by her life partner of 29 years, Sarah Sprogell, her loving family and friends, and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 54)

Goody Gilman, of Newport, owner of Gilman Electric, which is receiving the Sebecook Valley Chamber of Commerce 2011 Business of the Year award. Gilman Electric is the largest electrical wholesale distributor in the State and is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Mr. Gilman supports Newport public schools through a scholarship program for Nokomis High School and the Cultural Center through the Sheila Gilman Children's Library. We congratulate Mr. Gilman on his receiving this award for his business; (HLS 55)

Steven Sherman, of Oxbow, on the occasion of his receiving the 33rd Degree at the annual meeting of the recent Scottish Rite Supreme Council in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A 33rd Degree Mason is a Master Mason who has exhibited knowledge, passion and sacrifice to his craft. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sherman on his receiving this honor; (HLS 56)

Kenneth and Winona (Harris) Ginn, of Caribou, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ginn were married on January 27, 1941 in the Town of New Sweden, with the Reverend O. C. Wieden officiating. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ginn on this special anniversary and send them our best wishes for future happiness; (HLS 57)

Craig Sickels, of Durham, longtime Freeport High School athletic director, who is one of 7 administrators around the country to earn a citation from the National Federation of State High School Associations at the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's national conference. Mr. Sickels is the second-longest-serving administrator in the Western Maine Conference and has been an athletic administrator for 27 years; he has been at Freeport since 1994. He is the president of the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and was its Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2009. We congratulate Mr. Sickels on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 58)

Elliot Schwartz, of Freeport, on the occasion of his 75th Birthday. Mr. Schwartz, who taught at Bowdoin College from 1964 to 2007, is a renowned composer whose works have been played and recorded throughout the world. He is active in many facets of the musical life of Maine. His most recent work, "Diamond Jubilee," is performed tonight, January 25, 2011, by the Portland Symphony Orchestra, a week after his birthday. We send Mr. Schwartz our congratulations on the performance of this work and the celebration of his life, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 59)

Jane Woodruff, of Pittsfield, who is the recipient of the 2011 Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the Sebecook Valley Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Woodruff is the former Mayor of Pittsfield and has, as a lifelong volunteer, served the community in numerous capacities. She is involved in the Keep Me Warm program, sponsored by local churches, and she has organized annual recycling days and worked with local children's programs in education and recreation. Ms. Woodruff has also been a volunteer with the Pinnacle Ski Club and helped to run the capital campaign for a new community pool. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 60)

Nicholas Ian Sucey, of Old Town, a 1997 graduate of Old Town High School who excelled at athletics and academics. Nick played baseball, football and hockey and served as team captain of the hockey and football teams his senior year. He majored in engineering at the University of Maine. Nick was a proud volunteer with Bangor Area Literacy Volunteers. Nick was known for his sense of humor, his quest for knowledge and his profound compassion and spirituality, as well as for the strength and determination he exhibited while battling his disability. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 61)

Joanne Cobb McIntosh, of Bangor, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, January 29, 2011. Ms. McIntosh has lived in Maine since 1954 and is the mother of 6 children. She was an Administrative Assistant in the Personnel Department with the City of Bangor and is now retired. She is an active volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her birthday; (HLS 62)

Jason Pangburn, of Bangor, a teacher at Vine Street School, who was named the 2011 Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Department of Education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Pangburn on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 63)

Doris Bunker, of Mount Desert, on her retirement from Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. Ms. Bunker began her career there as a volunteer in 1956, the year the hospital opened. She eventually became Executive Secretary to the Chief Executive Officer. We send her our congratulations on her well-deserved retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 64)

Zelda Harnden, of Strong, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane and plaque as the oldest citizen in town. Mrs. Harnden has a long history of community service. In May of 2011, she will become a centenarian. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Harnden on her receiving this honor; (HLS 65)

the Phippsburg Volunteer Fire Department, which has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation for community service. We send our appreciation to the volunteers

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who keep the fire department in operation throughout the year and congratulate the members on their receiving this award; (HLS 66)

Frank and Paulette Parker, of Bailey Island, Harpswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were married on December 30, 1960. We join their family in sending our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 67)

Oxford Networks and Julia Munsey, of Bangor, who are the recipients of the Business of the Year Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 68)

Glenn Mower, of Bangor, who is the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 69)

Gary Smith, of Bangor, who is the recipient of the Norbert X. Dowd Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 70)

the Hollywood Slots Waterfront Concert Series of Bangor, and Alex Gray, of Old Town, who received the Bion and Dorain Foster Entrepreneurship Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 71)

John Diamond, of Glenburn, who is the recipient of the Arthur A. Comstock Professional Service Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 72)

the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, on its 100th Anniversary of serving the greater Bangor area. We acknowledge its commitment to the community and we extend our congratulations to the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce on this centennial event; (HLS 73)

the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, which was named Nonprofit of the Year by the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Bangor Symphony Orchestra on its receiving this award; (HLS 74)

the Senior World League Series and Michael Brooker, of Bangor, who received the Community Service Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 75)

the Honorable John E. Baldacci, of Holden, former Governor of Maine, who is the recipient of the Catharine Lebowitz Award for Public Service from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 76)

KahBang and Tim Lo, of Bangor, on their receiving the Fusion Leadership and Vision Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving this honor; (HLS 77)

Philip G. Levesque, of Frenchville, on the occasion of his retirement as Town Manager of the Town of Frenchville after almost 30 years of dedicated service. Mr. Levesque initially worked in accounting for 12 years before becoming the town manager. He was the driving force behind the town's 125th anniversary celebration and was named the 1999 Frenchville Citizen of the Year. We acknowledge his commitment to his community and send him our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 78)

Ronald Dana Grant, of Hudson, a longtime volunteer firefighter. Mr. Grant played a key role in founding the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department in 1975, serving as its chief in 1990.

He was an auto body technician who, in his spare time, painted and helped maintain the department's vehicles. Mr. Grant is often best remembered for organizing firefighter musters over the years. We acknowledge his 36 years of commitment to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 53 years, Betty, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 79)

the Honorable Sawin Millett, of Waterford, who is the recipient of the 2010 Community Service Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Millett, a longtime legislator, is being recognized for his 40 years of selfless service to the Oxford Hills community and to the State. He will continue his service as the new Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Millett on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 80)

Peter Bolduc, of Mechanic Falls, who is the recipient of the 2010 Rising Star of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bolduc was recognized as being a true entrepreneur who generates jobs. Mr. Bolduc and his wife, Kathie, own Harvest Hill Farms, a real attraction for people who come to the Mechanic Falls area. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Bolduc on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 81)

Everett Parlin, of Norway, who is the recipient of the 2010 Employee of the Year Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Parlin has been the service manager at Bessey Motor Sales for 33 years. Mr. Parlin is credited for facilitating the successful growth of the service department and for maintaining the dealership's five-star rating for over 25 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Parlin on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 82)

Hannaford Bros. Supermarket, of Oxford, which was named the 2010 Business of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. The store was recognized for its generous support to local schools, businesses and community service organizations over the years. We extend our congratulations to Hannaford Bros. Supermarket on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 83)

Patrick Sockabasin, of Indian Island, who was named to the All-Downeast team, a list of legendary Washington County ballplayers who have contributed to Maine baseball history during the heyday of town team ball. Mr. Sockabasin grew up in Peter Dana Point near Princeton in Indian Township. With his brother, Clayton, Patrick played on the Peter Dana Point town team and in both the Border League and the Quoddy League. In 1969, Patrick and Clayton were recruited by the Milltown, New Brunswick entry in the New Brunswick Senior League and in 1970, the brothers played for most of one season in Bradenton, Florida for the Pirates Rookie League entry. They returned to Maine and continued to excel in the sport, which they played for almost 3 decades. We congratulate Patrick for his achievements and send him our best wishes; (HLS 84)

Clayton Sockabasin, of Indian Township, who was named to the All-Downeast team, a list of legendary Washington County ballplayers who have contributed to Maine baseball history during the heyday of town team ball. Mr. Sockabasin grew up in Peter Dana Point near Princeton in Indian Township. With his brother, Patrick, Clayton played on the Peter Dana Point town team and in both the Border League and the Quoddy League. In 1969, Clayton and Patrick were recruited by the Milltown, New Brunswick entry in the New Brunswick Senior League and in 1970, the brothers played for most of one season in Bradenton, Florida for the Pirates Rookie League entry. They returned to



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Maine and continued to excel in the sport, which they played for almost 3 decades. We congratulate Clayton for his achievements and send him our best wishes; (HLS 85)

Charles E. Jones, Sr., of Millinocket, a longtime prominent member of his community. Mr. Jones was born in Millinocket and was a 1946 graduate of Stearns High School. He served in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948 and worked as general manager for O.S. Gonya for 35 years from 1948 to 1983 and then for Dead River Company until 1993. During his working years, he was the last owner of the family business, Jones' Dairy. Mr. Jones was a member of numerous fraternal organizations as well as being a past member of the credit committee of the Katahdin Federal Credit Union. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 55 years, Gloria, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 86)

the Honorable Philip and Deanna Curtis, of Madison, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Representative and Mrs. Curtis were high school sweethearts and married on February 4, 1961 at the United Baptist Church in Madison. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 87)

Winston and Pat Gilbert, of Turner, as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were married on February 4, 1961. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 88)

James "Jimma" Totman, of Phippsburg, Fire Chief of the Phippsburg Fire Department, who is the recipient of the 2011 Fire Chief of the Year Award by the Sagadahoc County Fire Chiefs Association. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 89)

Lillian A. Caruso, of Millinocket, on her 100th Birthday, February 22, 2011. We send Ms. Caruso our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her birth; (HLS 90)

Clinton "Bud" Brackett, of Boothbay Harbor, a World War II veteran and longtime lobsterman. Mr. Brackett was born in New Harbor and spent his childhood on Monhegan Island. As a young man he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Camden and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He and his wife, Clara Reynolds Brackett, ran the A and B Cab Company, the Boothbay region's first taxi and bus service; he later took over his father's lobstering business, which he ran for 50 years before finally retiring at the age of 87. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 91)

the Boothbay Region Y-Arts performers, from the Boothbay Region YMCA, who have won a Freddie G Outstanding Production Award at the Junior Music Theater Festival in Atlanta, Georgia, the world's largest musical theater festival dedicated to groups working with elementary and middle school students. This is the third year in a row that the Y-Arts performers have won this competition. We extend our congratulations to the performers and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 92)

Gloria Debardino, of Portland, on her 75th Birthday, January 28, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 93)

Mariya Fisenko, of Portland, on her 85th Birthday, January 15, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 94)

Keith Burnell, of Portland, on his 80th Birthday, February 10, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on this special occasion; (HLS 95)

Betty Brown, of Portland, on her 75th Birthday, January 7, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special occasion; (HLS 96)

Norma Welliver, of Portland, on her 85th Birthday, January 19, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this occasion; (HLS 97)

Laurence E. Mackin, a longtime resident of Millinocket. Mr. Mackin was born in Millinocket in 1919, one of 19 children. He worked for several years for the Civilian Conservation Corps and served in the United States Army during World War II. He proudly received his GED from Stearns High School in 2003. Mr. Mackin worked for many years at the paper mill and for the Town of Millinocket. He worked as a custodian at Katahdin Avenue Elementary School for many years. He was also a member of the American Legion and enjoyed spending time on Ambajelus Lake. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 98)

Laurel and Beulah Richards, of Bucksport, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Richards were married on March 11, 1961 in Bucksport by the Reverend Mr. Brown at the parsonage of the Congregational Church. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 99)

James and Hazel Savoy, of Brewer, on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Savoy were married on December 18, 1945 in Brewer, when Mr. Savoy was on leave from the United States Navy. They have 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this occasion; (HLS 100)

Bath Police Chief Michael Field, who is the recipient of the Maine Association of Police's David W. Pickering Chiefs Award for his work with his department and his community outreach efforts. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chief Field on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 101)

Megan Wilson, of Levant, a senior at Bangor Christian Schools, who is a district winner for the high school level in the Voice of Democracy program, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We congratulate Megan on her winning this award and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 102)

James D. Ring, City Engineer of the City of Bangor, on his retirement after more than 36 years of service to the city. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to the community and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 103)

Angelina Buzzelli, of Charleston, a 7th-grade student at Bangor Christian Schools, who is a district winner for grades 6, 7 and 8 in a youth essay contest, Patriot's Pen, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We congratulate Angelina on her winning this award and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 104)

William E. A. Smythe, of Presque Isle, a longtime local businessman. Born in Calais, he was a graduate of Calais Memorial High School in 1971. After he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lowell Technical Institute, Mr. Smythe relocated to Presque Isle and went to work for Nissen Baking Company. In 1977, he began work with Milliken Tomlinson Company and was put in charge of retail marketing for all IGA stores south of Presque Isle. Mr. Smythe then purchased the First National Store in Presque Isle and opened it as North Plaza IGA Foodliner in 1980. Later it was relocated and renamed Smythe's IGA Plus. He eventually owned 3 Save-A-Lot stores in Caribou, Farmington and Brewer. Mr. Smythe was very active in his community and was a member and past president of the

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Presque Isle Rotary Club, the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Council and the Northern Maine Fair Association. Additionally, he was a member and vice-chairman of the Aroostook Medical Center and a member of the board of directors of the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club and the Aroostook County Federal Savings and Loan Association. In 1994 he was voted Presque Isle Citizen of the Year and was the recipient of the 1996 Presque Isle Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 105)

Waterville Police Sergeant Jeffrey Bearce, who is the recipient of the Maine Police Association's top award, the Larry Gross Cop's Cop Award. The award is based on nominations from the members of the association and recognizes an officer who is not only committed to law enforcement but to his fellow officers. We congratulate Sergeant Bearce on receiving this high honor and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 106)

Harold Webber, of Mt. Vernon, on the occasion of his retirement from employment with the State of Maine. Mr. Webber began his career with the State in 1965 at what is now known as the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. He began working at the Bureau of General Services in 1984, where he served with distinction until his retirement. Known for his good attitude, his work ethic and his knowledge, Mr. Webber always performed above and beyond the call of duty throughout his 45 years of service to the State. He will be missed by all who have worked with him. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 107)

Cody Jacques, of Livermore Falls, who has won the 2011 Class C Giant Slalom State Championship and 3rd place in the Class C State Championship Slalom race. During the season, Cody also competed and won 3rd place in the Mountain Valley Conference Giant Slalom championship. He earned 2nd place overall in the State "Shoot-Out," comprising the top 30 skiers from all classes to determine the State of Maine Team for the Eastern Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Cody on this achievement; (HLS 108)

Nicholas Joseph Hart, of Springvale, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 320, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Nick's Eagle Scout project was to paint the basement floor and refurbish chairs for the Shapleigh Baptist Church. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 109)

Dick and Carol Lally, of Bucksport, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Lally were married on December 9, 1960 at the former Promenade Inn on Verona Island. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 110)

Master Sergeant Kevin O'Connell, of Brewer, on the occasion of his retirement from the Maine Air National Guard after 24 years of service. As a member of the Maine Air National Guard's 101st Air Refueling Wing, Master Sergeant O'Connell spent time in many parts of the world, including Iraq. He has also given generously of his time in service to the city of Brewer as a member of the Board of Trustees and now the City Council. We acknowledge his exemplary commitment to his city, state and country. We extend our appreciation to Master Sergeant O'Connell for his many years of service and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 111)

the Town of Corinth, on its 200th Anniversary of Incorporation. Originally settled in 1792, the town was known as New Ohio to honor settlers who gave up their goal of going to

Ohio when they were so pleased with this area of Maine. On June 21, 1811, the name was changed to honor the ancient Greek city of Corinth and the town was incorporated. We congratulate the good citizens of Corinth on their bicentennial celebration and send them our best wishes; (HLS 112)

Chris Braley, of Newport, a junior at Nokomis High School, who earned his 1,000th career point in basketball on January 28, 2011. Chris excels at both athletics and academics. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on this accomplishment; (HLS 113)

Lara Cannon, of Presque Isle, who is the recipient of the 2010 Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award for her work with the Wintergreen Arts Center. Her efforts with the Presque Isle Recreation Department were instrumental in creating an after-school program that integrates a cross-section of fine arts with music, drama, literature and poetry. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Cannon on her receiving this award; (HLS 114)

MDL Inc., doing business as Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell, in Presque Isle, which has been named 2010 Business of the Year by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. Owners Milt, Linda, Derik, and Ellyn Smith have been owners for 3 decades and we commend them for their role in improving the quality of life in Presque Isle through financial contributions, volunteerism, and service on various boards and committees. We extend to the Smiths our congratulations on receiving this award, and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavor; (HLS 115)

Raynold A. Gauvin, of Mapleton, who is the recipient of the 2010 Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for his committed efforts in improving the quality of life in Presque Isle. Mr. Gauvin is a philanthropist, businessman, lifelong supporter of education and community activist. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Gauvin on his receiving this award; (HLS 116)

Stanley and Gail Maynard, of Woodland, owners of Orchard Hill Farm, which was named by the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District as the 2010 Conservation Farm of the Year. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Stanley and Gail Maynard on their receiving this award; (HLS 117)

Bull Run Tree Farm owners Arnold, Joyce, Robert and Kathy Davis, of Presque Isle, who have been named the 2010 Forest Landowners of the Year by the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving this award; (HLS 118)

Leigh Morrow, of Washburn, who is the recipient of the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District's 2010 District Service Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Morrow on his receiving this award; (HLS 119)

Sergeant Nathan McCray, of Whitefield, on his completion of 2 tours of military duty. Sergeant McCray enlisted in the Maine Army National Guard in 2005, prior to his graduation from Erskine Academy in 2006. He was first deployed to Iraq, and later to Afghanistan. Sergeant McCray's service has earned him many awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Between deployments, Sergeant McCray became the first soldier from the Maine Army National Guard to graduate successfully from the United States Army Ranger School, earning his "Ranger" tab. We send him our appreciation for his service to the State and Nation and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 120)

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Sergeant Joseph Emery, of Whitefield, on his completion of 2 tours of military duty in Afghanistan. Sergeant Emery joined the Maine Army National Guard in 2002, prior to graduating from Erskine Academy in 2003. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 and again in 2009. During his years in deployment, Sergeant Emery was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge and 2 Afghanistan Campaign Medals. We send him our appreciation for his service to the State and Nation and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 121)

Jean Houseman, of Portland, on the special occasion of her 90th Birthday, January 16, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this special birthday; (HLS 122)

Robert Joseph "Bob" McPhee, of Dixfield, on the special occasion of his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with the Medal of Courage award, the only recipient from New England ever to receive the award. Mr. McPhee, a longtime respected journalist, is the recipient of numerous awards and memberships into other sports Halls of Fame for his excellent work over the years in overcoming insurmountable challenges. He has spent most of his life using a powered wheelchair and is unable to speak, using a device known as the "ECO2" to communicate and conduct interviews covering sports news. We congratulate Mr. McPhee on his receiving the well-deserved Medal of Courage award and for his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; (HLS 123)

the Reverend David O. Sivret, of Calais, on the occasion of his retirement from both the priesthood and the Maine Army National Guard. The Reverend Sivret, who served in Iraq from 2004 to 2005 with the 25th Infantry Division, was wounded in a suicide bombing in Mosul, Iraq and is now disabled as a result of his wounds. He was ordained in 1989 and served at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Calais. We send him our appreciation for his dedicated service to his community, his church and his State and Nation, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 124)

Esther Miller, of Norway, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Ms. Miller was born on February 1, 1911. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 125)

the Honorable Henry Joy and Mary Joy, of Crystal, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Joy were married on February 18, 1961 in the Town of Macwahoc. They lived in Island Falls, where they raised their 4 children. Mr. and Mrs. Joy now live in Crystal, which Mr. Joy represented with distinction in the Maine House of Representatives for 8 terms. Mr. and Mrs. Joy enjoy spending time with their children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 126)

Ruth Tibbetts, of Norway, on the occasion of her 102nd Birthday. Ms. Tibbetts was born on February 2, 1909 in Paris, Maine and grew up in the Locke Mills area. She later lived in the towns of Peru and Mexico where she raised her family, worked in factories and farmed. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this celebration of her life; (HLS 127)

the following members of the Mt. Blue High School Nordic Ski team, of Farmington, which won the team and overall girls ski title in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference: Hannah Allen, Sarah Wade, Emily Ramsey, Addie Cullenberg, Emily Reed, Molly Fissette, Ruth Leopold, Deanna Richards, Emily Roberts and Anja Nordstrom, and coach David Nordstrom and assistant coach Patty Veayo. We congratulate the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 128)

Ethan Howatt, of Farmington, a student at Mt. Blue High School, who is the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award by the Colonial Daughters Chapter DAR of Farmington for his dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on his receiving this award; (HLS 129)

Eliza Richard, a student at Mt. Blue High School, of Farmington, who won First Place in the Girls Slalom ski race at the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 130)

Robert Stevens, of Freeport, who is the recipient of the 2010 Freeport Citizen of the Year Award. The award is based on nominations from town officials and citizens, and recognizes an individual who has substantively contributed to the quality of the town, the well-being of the citizens, the reputation of Freeport and for someone who has improved the circumstances of a significant number of townspeople. We congratulate Robert Stevens on receiving this high honor and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 131)

Raymond Young, of Corinna, for over 30 years of service as a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Young has dedicated thousands of hours to this service and has been a positive influence in the lives of hundreds of boys in the Town of Corinna and the surrounding communities. We send our congratulations to Mr. Young on his commitment to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America and we extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 132)

Marvin "Red" Lane, of Millinocket, a lifelong resident of the area. A 1947 graduate of Stearns High School, Mr. Lane served in the United States Army in Schwabisch Gmund, Germany and Neckarsulm, Germany from 1951 to 1954. He met his wife, Marianne Dosch, in Germany and, on their return to Millinocket, he worked as a papermaker for Great Northern Paper Company until his retirement after 29 years of service. Mr. Lane will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 54 years, Marianne, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 133)

Lois Moulton, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of her 101st Birthday, February 8, 2011. Mrs. Moulton is the mother of 5 children and, as the oldest citizen in town, is the holder of the Livermore Falls Boston Post Cane. We congratulate her and send her our best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 134)

the following team members of the Jay High School Robotics Team, which won the Southern Maine VEX Robotics Tournament in December 2010: James Douglass, Nate Purington, Edward Krupp and Travis Sturtevant. The team is coached by Jay High School Technology Education teacher Dan Lemieux. Eighteen schools participated in the event, whose major sponsor is Fairchild Semiconductor. We congratulate the members of the team and send them our best wishes; (HLS 135)

Gerard and Charleen Gilbert, of Jay, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were married at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Jay on March 15, 1951. Mr. Gilbert was deployed to Korea as an Infantryman in the United States Army, where he earned a Bronze Star for bravery in combat. He worked as a union carpenter and union millwright. Mrs. Gilbert, a homemaker and a wonderful cook, has prepared meals for the parish priests that served the area. Proud parents of 6 children, they have 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Mr. Gilbert is an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3335 and Mrs. Gilbert is a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Post No. 3335. We send them our congratulations on

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this special occasion and our best wishes for many more years of continued happiness; (HLS 136)

the Winthrop United Methodist Church, in Winthrop, on the occasion of its 200th Anniversary. Established in 1811, the church is celebrating its bicentennial throughout the year with special events. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Winthrop United Methodist Church on this important anniversary; (HLS 137)

Bill Lippincott, of Hampden, as he ends many distinguished years of serving the booklover community from his popular used bookstore, Lippincott Books, of Bangor. Mr. Lippincott moved to Maine in 1973 and in 1975 began selling the old and rare books he had been collecting by mail order. His first shop was in Bingham, which he moved to Hammond Street in Bangor in 1983. In 1994 Mr. Lippincott opened the Central Street location, which has been described as "equal parts retail shop and lovingly curated museum of the printed word." Through the years, Lippincott Books has been the site of countless book signings, readings and poetry recitals and has become a mainstay of Bangor's downtown cultural community. Although the store will close, he will continue to serve the bibliophile community through mail order and online services. We send him our appreciation for his contributions to the community and the State, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 138)

the Bangor High School Girls Varsity Swim Team, which has won the 2011 Class A State Championship. This is the team's 4th state title in 9 years. We congratulate the team on this achievement and send our best wishes; (HLS 139)

the Bangor High School Boys Swim Team, on its winning the 2011 Class A State Championship, the team's fifth consecutive state title in swimming and diving. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 140)

Thornton Academy, in Saco, on the occasion of its bicentennial. Thornton Academy's history began in 1811 when citizens petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature to establish an academy in Saco. The school opened with a student population of 50 and has since grown to serve about 1,430 students. We extend our congratulations to Thornton Academy's community of students, staff and alumni on the 200th Anniversary of its founding and we send our best wishes for continued educational excellence, growth and success; (HLS 141)

Andrew Davidson, of Yarmouth, for his receiving the annual Teacher Excellence award from the Technology Education Association of Maine and the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association. Now in his fifth year as a teacher at Scarborough Middle School, Mr. Davidson has proven himself to be a talented and dedicated educator. In addition to his outstanding work as a classroom teacher, Mr. Davidson also devotes extra time and energy organizing and leading student activities such as the Legorobotics club. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 142)

Dennis Dean, of Kittery, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 20 years as manager of the regional Special Olympics Maine program in York County. Mr. Dean donated his time, passion and commitment to Special Olympians in York County and throughout the State. He organized the annual Kittery Spring Games and increased regional participation in the statewide winter games at Sunday River and the summer games in Orono. We send him our appreciation and our congratulations on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 143)

Frank A. Clifford, of Sangerville, on his 90th birthday. Born on March 7th, 1921, Mr. Clifford had a long career working for General Electric Company and resided in various locations

throughout the United States. Eventually, Mr. Clifford returned to his native Sangerville where he currently resides. Mr. Clifford has 2 daughters and continues to be an active member of the Kiwanis Club. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 144)

Abbey Leonardi, of Kennebunk, on being named the 2010-2011 Gatorade Maine Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. This is the third time Abbey has received this honor and we acknowledge her outstanding athletic excellence, combined with high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character that qualify her for this award. We extend our congratulations to her and send her our best wishes for future success; (HLS 145)

the organizers and participants of the Crystal Lake Ice Fishing Derby, of Gray, for its successful fund-raising of \$55,000 for the USO, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Gray-New Gloucester school system. With 6,000 people in attendance, the fishing derby raised money for Maine military members, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Region A trout management, which includes the towns of Gray, New Gloucester and Pownal, and the local school system of Gray-New Gloucester. The fishing derby is notable for being the largest event in the history of the towns of Gray and Pownal, the largest fund-raiser in Maine history for the USO and the largest fund-raiser for the Gray-New Gloucester school system. We congratulate the organizers and participants of the Crystal Lake Ice Fishing Derby on this accomplishment; (HLS 146)

Alice E. Wadsworth, of Hiram, on her 100th Birthday, March 5, 2011. Mrs. Wadsworth was born in Madison, New Hampshire and moved with her family to a farm in Hiram in 1920. She worked with her father and his horses to help support the family at a young age. In 1934, she married John William Wadsworth and they worked on their farm together for more than 30 years. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 147)

Rebecca Hobart, of Dennysville, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, March 20, 2011. Ms. Hobart was born in Edmunds Township and at the age of 5, she and her family moved to the house in Dennysville where she still resides. She was a 1940 graduate of the former Washington State Normal School, now the University of Maine at Machias. She taught for 40 years in Lubec, first at the Ridge School, which was a one-room schoolhouse and then at the Hilltop School and the Elementary-High School, where she taught 4th grade until her retirement in 1981. Ms. Hobart is an active member of her community and has been a member of the Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church since 1936. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 148)

Shannon Folsom, of Saco, who was crowned Miss Collegiate America 2011 at the nationwide tournament in San Antonio, Texas on January 8, 2011. Shannon, a graduate of Thornton Academy in Saco, is a dean's list pre-med student at the University of Maine with a 3.9 grade point average. A singer, violinist and theater performer, Shannon displayed her poise, presence and communication skills to win the pageant, which focuses on contestants' academic and community service record. She is pursuing a career in kinesiology and has won a \$10,000 scholarship with her title. She is also a speaker for the Let's Go Maine 5-2-1-0 initiative to end childhood obesity by advocating for healthy eating and exercise habits. We welcome Shannon to the State House on March 8, 2011 to sing the National Anthem, and we congratulate her on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 149)

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Charles "Chris" Lowe, of Camden, a longtime firefighter and member of the business community. Mr. Lowe was born in Camden and was a 1969 graduate of Camden-Rockport High School. He received a degree from Husson College. For many years, he owned and operated Prince's Inc. furniture store in Camden and later in Rockland. A member of the Camden Fire Department for 37 years, he held various officer positions, served on many committees and was instrumental in the establishment of the Camden First Aid Access Team in 1987. Mr. Lowe was involved in numerous local committees, as well, and was dedicated to his community. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 150)

the memory of the late Natalie Mosher, of Temple, who served as the town clerk from 1950 until 1960 and passed away this year. She was a member of the Good Neighbor Club, the Temple Planning Board and the Congregational Church, where she served on the Board of Directors. The Town of Temple is dedicating its annual town report to her this year; (HLS 151)

the memory of Paul Scott Heath, of New Vineyard. A graduate of Farmington High School, Mr. Heath played on the local town baseball team. He served in the United States Army with duty in Berlin, Germany. In 1961, he began a 32-year career as the postmaster of New Vineyard, where he was active in the community. This year the Town of New Vineyard is dedicating its town report to his memory; (HLS 152)

Sister Mary Norberta, of Bangor, upon her recognition as one of 52 Women Hospital and Healthcare Leaders by the national publication *Becker's Hospital Review* for her leadership and accomplishment in the areas of improving patient care, development of relationships between providers and facilitation of organizational growth. We congratulate Sister Mary Norberta on her receiving this honor and send her our appreciation for her work in service to the people of Maine; (HLS 153)

Allen W. Lightbody, of East Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Lightbody was proud to have been actively involved in the planning and establishing of a new veterans memorial in East Millinocket. He was most recently employed as a caretaker at Oak Park Manor. He will be greatly missed by this family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 154)

Pauline M. Delahanty, of Millinocket. Mrs. Delahanty was born in Bristol, Connecticut and grew up in Lewiston. A 1943 graduate of Lewiston High School, she married Wallace M. Delahanty in 1951. She was a homemaker and mother, as well as having worked as a secretary in local schools. She and her husband ran the first municipal credit union in Millinocket from 1963 to 1966. She also worked in the business office of Millinocket Regional Hospital, retiring in 1988. Mrs. Delahanty was active in the community and will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 155)

the Central Aroostook High School Boys Alpine Ski Team, of Mars Hill, for winning the 2011 Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to team members Logan Brewer, Joshua Cook, Taylor Garrison, Spencer Stetson, and Kaine Kingsbury, as well as to Coach Dennis Larrabee, and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors. (HLS 156)

James T. Nahra, of Old Town, a longtime educator and coach. Mr. Nahra graduated from Old Town High School, Ricker Classical Institute and the University of Maine, Orono, with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. In 1970, he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy MacKenzie, and started teaching English at John Bapst Memorial High School. He retired in 2008 after 37 years in education and more than 20 years as the

chairman of the English department. While teaching at John Bapst Memorial High School, Mr. Nahra coached varsity baseball, junior varsity girls and boys basketball, girls and boys tennis and the golf team, as well as being an umpire for American Legion and high school baseball. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 157)

the following members of the Bangor High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Class A State Championship: Lorenzo Vola, Jacques Larochelle, John Szewczyk, Luke Hetterman, Nick Sherwood, Xavier Lewis, Tristan Thomas, Christian Corneil, Zach Blodgett, Sean Mackintosh, Brandon Thayer, Zach Campbell, Seth Freudenberger, Patrick Stewart and Josiah Hartley; head coach Roger Reed, assistant coach Joe Nelson; and managers Leland Graves, Noah Karam and Joe Brichetto. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 158)

the Falmouth High School debate team, which has won the 2011 State Championship. The team also received the Sportsmanship Award, which is awarded to the team receiving the most votes from other participants. The team's coach, Michelle LaFond, was named Coach of the Year, which is a tribute to team members' fine performance and their outstanding behavior; (HLS 159)

Gabriel D. Schenk, of Island Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 202, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Gabriel made picnic tables with protective coverings for the Island Falls playground. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 160)

Noah I. Mattress, of Benedicta Township, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 202 of Island Falls, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Noah repaired the grounds at the Silver Ridge Cemetery in Silver Ridge Plantation. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 161)

Melanie Morin, of Fairfield, a student at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, who has been named to the 2011 All-Maine Academic Team, recognizing Maine community college students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Morin on her receiving this remarkable honor and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 162)

the Ogunquit Playhouse, which has received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Theatre at the 59th Annual Convention of the New England Theatre Conference. Honored for being one of the most important cultural landmarks in New England, Ogunquit Playhouse, a nonprofit organization, is renowned for its production of the highest quality Broadway plays and musicals since 1933. We extend our congratulations to the Ogunquit Playhouse on this mark of distinction which confirms its identity as America's foremost summer theatre; (HLS 163)

Cody Jacques, of Livermore Falls, who has won the 2011 Class C Giant Slalom State Championship. During the season, Cody also competed and won 3rd place in the Mountain Valley Conference Giant Slalom championship. He earned 2nd place overall in the State "Shoot-Out," comprising the top 30 skiers from all classes to determine the State of Maine Team for the

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Eastern Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Cody on this achievement; (HLS 164)

Lindsey Jacques, of Livermore Falls, who has won the 2011 Class C Giant Slalom and Slalom State Championships. Lindsey's impressive season included an excellent performance in the Mountain Valley Conference Championships and 1st place in the State "Shoot-Out," which is comprised of the top 30 skiers from all classes to determine the State of Maine Team for the Eastern Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lindsey on this achievement; (HLS 165)

Alexander Rose, of Fayette, who has won the 2011 Class C State Slalom Championship for the 3rd year in a row, finishing an outstanding high school skiing career, which included 5 individual state titles. Earlier this season, he won the Mountain Valley Conference Giant Slalom and Slalom Championships. Alexander also earned first place in Giant Slalom and Slalom in the State "Shoot-Out," which is comprised of the top 30 skiers from all classes to determine the State of Maine Team for the Eastern Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievements; (HLS 166)

Alexandria Niedner, of Livermore Falls, who won the 2011 Mountain Valley Conference Skimeister Championship and who went on to win 4th place in the 2011 Class C Skimeister competition. We extend our congratulations to Alexandria on this accomplishment; (HLS 167)

Jack Tragert, of Naples, a student at Lake Region High School, who won the 2011 Class B State Giant Slalom Championship. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his achievement; (HLS 168)

Cody L. Clarke, of Canaan, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 169)

Martin W. Wiemert, of Saco, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 310, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle service project, Martin designed, constructed and installed a picnic pavilion with a picnic table at the Bass Pond on Foss Road in Saco. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 170)

Bonnie Pomeroy, of Farmington, who was the recipient of the Employee of the Year Award by the Farmington Police Department, an award given to full-time employees for outstanding job performance and contributions to the mission of the Farmington Police Department. Ms. Pomeroy is the secretary and dispatcher and is credited with securing grants for equipment and keeping training activity records. She was also recognized for her fund-raising activities for the Relay of Life. We congratulate Ms. Pomeroy on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 171)

the following members of the Caribou High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, winners of the 2011 Class B State Championship: Matt Coty, Ezra Duplissie-Cyr, Duncan Flynn, Christian Sleeper, Kevin Strid, Cody Charette, Nick Dobson, Marc Sturzl, Jesse Sandstrom, Kjetil Rossignol, Joshua Kovach, Caleb Chapman, Grahm Freme, Ron Lund, Alexander Murchison, Tyler Strid, Keith Draper and Ryan Washington, and head coach P.J. Gorneault and assistant coach Evan Graves. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 172)

Lionel Breau, of Greenville, for his patriotic service during World War II. Private First Class Breau served as 3rd Gunner in a mortar platoon of the 86th Infantry Division. He entered Europe through Le Havre, France in 1945, and fought in 6 major battles, earning the Bronze Star. His division battled across Europe between March 6 and May 8, 1945, engaging in action that saw 7 major rivers forced, including the Rhine and the Ruhr. During this action, Mr. Breau's division was credited with capturing 53,354 German prisoners and securing 220 miles of German territory. Following Victory in Europe on May 8, 1945, Mr. Breau and the 86th Division were reassigned to the Pacific Theater, where they were deployed to the Philippines in preparation for the invasion of Japan. He served 10 months in the Philippines as part of the United States Army occupation force. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Breau on his extraordinary and selfless service to his State and Nation as we celebrate Franco-American Day in Maine; (HLS 173)

Roger P. Auclair, of Rockwood, for his patriotic service during World War II. Master Technician Sergeant Auclair served as a communications noncommissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. Mr. Auclair's distinguished service encompassed 5 and a half years in the United States Marine Corps and included some of the most difficult amphibious landings of the war on Peleliu and Okinawa. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries suffered in combat. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Auclair for his dedicated and selfless service to his State and Nation as we celebrate Franco-American Day in Maine; (HLS 174)

Omer Servant, of Greenville, for his patriotic service during World War II. Technician Fifth Grade Servant served as an anti-aircraft artillery crew member stationed in Panama in 1943 in the United States Army and later as a medic in combat field hospitals in England, France, Germany and Austria. Mr. Servant's distinguished service in artillery and as a combat medic encompassed 3 years and 4 months in 5 different countries. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Servant and acknowledge his dedicated and selfless service to his State and Nation as we celebrate Franco-American Day in Maine; (HLS 175)

Jared Jensen, of Brunswick, who won the 2011 Maine Class A State Wrestling Championship for Brunswick High School in the 130 lb weight class. Jared trains at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham where his father is the wrestling coach, because Brunswick High School has no wrestling team. We congratulate him on his achievement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 176)

Rebekah Bryant, of Monmouth, who has won the 2011 Middle School Class A State Skimeister Championship. This is the second year in a row that Rebekah has won this honor, which is an all-around award for the top skier in classical and freestyle Nordic events, as well as the giant slalom and slalom Alpine events. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this achievement; (HLS 177)

the Honorable Susan M. Collins, of Bangor, upon her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. As a dedicated and experienced lawmaker, Senator Collins has continually acknowledged the lasting contributions women have made in shaping our nation's history, and has championed many issues in support of improving women's health and ensuring their equality in society. We send her our appreciation for all that she has done for the State of Maine and we extend our congratulations to Maine's junior United States Senator on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 178)

Kera Cummings, of Pittsfield, a student at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, who has been named to the 2011 All-Maine Academic Team, recognizing Maine community college students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Cummings on her receiving this remarkable honor and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 179)

David Arenstam, of Saco, who was selected as one of Maine's ten nominees for 2012 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Arenstam is an extremely innovative and dedicated teacher at Thornton Academy. He devotes his time between the Math and English Departments, where he creates a learning environment that integrates current trends and technology. His manner of teaching motivates students to understand how their education extends beyond the classroom and into the working world. Always one to lead by example, Mr. Arenstam is an active participant in the community. He is involved with the Speech, Soccer and Cycling Teams, plus the Outdoor Adventure Club. In the 2010-11 school year, his family hosted a Chinese student enrolled in Thornton Academy's homestay residential program and he will be leading a group of high school students to China for cultural and educational exploration. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 180)

the late Dr. Edward Martin, of Rumford, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Dr. Martin, who passed away in 2001, graduated from Colby College and the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He practiced medicine as a family physician for nearly 40 years, serving the community he loved, but it was in his study of Acadian history that Dr. Martin found his greatest passion. He founded the Acadian Society of the Mexico-Rumford Area and, with weekly Acadian Society meetings, Dr. Martin introduced a generation of people to the truth about the forgotten history of the Acadian people. He traveled extensively to visit the Acadian Homelands and for more than 20 years was a leader in Acadian history studies in Maine. He wrote a novel, *Thunder from the Mountains*, describing the similarities in the history of the Maine Wabanaki people and of the Acadians. We join Dr. Martin's community in remembering his outstanding contribution and commitment to the Franco-American community in this State; (HLS 181)

the Honorable Patrick Paradis, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Paradis, currently a city councilor and the Mayor of Augusta, served with distinction for 16 years in the Maine State Legislature and is an active champion of Franco-Americans. He grew up in the Franco-American enclave of Augusta known as "Sand Hill" and continues to live there to this day. For 8 years, Mr. Paradis served Kennebec County as its elected treasurer and is now serving his second 3-year term on the Augusta City Council. He has been an active member of Le Club Calumet since 1978. We acknowledge Mr. Paradis's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 182)

the late Sister Solange Bernier, Order of St. Ursula, on her posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Sr. Solange was a longtime teacher, head of the French Department at St. Dominic Regional High School, principal, prioress, religious instructor and goodwill ambassador for the Franco-American community. Sr. Solange was born in Lewiston and entered the novitiate of the Ursuline order of nuns in Waterville. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from St. Michael's College in Vermont, followed by her Master of

Arts degree in French and Theology from Notre Dame University in Indiana. Sr. Solange taught in Sanford, Springvale, Waterville, Winslow and for over 35 years in Lewiston-Auburn. She was chosen as Outstanding Secondary Teacher in America in 1975. In 1982, she was honored by Mayor Paul Dionne of Lewiston for her outstanding contributions to Franco-Americans. Among her many other awards, the French government named her an Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques, and St. Dominic Regional High School honored her with a scholarship in her name. We join her former students, family and friends in remembering her commitment and remarkable contributions to the Franco-American community; (HLS 183)

Theresa Marin Ouellette, of St. Agatha, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Ouellette received her teaching degree from the University of Maine at Fort Kent and a Master of Education degree from the University of Maine. Known as T.O., she was a beloved kindergarten teacher for 37 years in St. Agatha and Frenchville. A passionate student of local history from her youth, Ms. Ouellette has preserved artifacts, documents, writings and photographs of residents of the St. John Valley and has written and documented all the major families of St. Agatha. She is the president of the Ste-Agathe Historical Society, a member of l'Association Francaise de la Vallee St-Jean and a board member of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council. We congratulate Ms. Ouellette on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame and commend her for her tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State; (HLS 184)

Claire Lafrance Auger, of Sanford, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mrs. Auger was born in Sanford to French-Canadian immigrants and grew up speaking only French. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from St. Joseph's College and taught French at Windham High School before marrying Gilles Auger and raising 4 children. In the 1970s, Mrs. Auger started a French radio show that ran for 2 years and she became the first French teacher at St. Thomas School in Sanford. She taught French at Sanford Junior High School from 1977 to 2000. Mrs. Auger began French Heritage Night at St. Thomas School, now an annual tradition, and in 2007 created the Rusty French Club, a focal point in Sanford for those who want to brush up on their French or reminisce and celebrate French culture. We congratulate Mrs. Auger on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame and commend her for her tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State; (HLS 185)

Gilles Edouard Auger, of Sanford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Auger was born in Sanford and grew up speaking only French. He graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and taught French at Lubec High School from 1956 to 1957, and at Gould Academy from 1957 to 1960. From 1957 to 1963, Mr. Auger served in the United States Army Reserves. In 1960, Mr. Auger received his Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of Maine and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Sorbonne in Paris. He taught French at Sanford High School from 1960 to 1963 and was a Professor of French at Nasson College from 1963 to 1979. Mr. Auger worked for the State of Maine at the Department of Human Services from 1979 to 1997. He has been very active in his community during his professional career, including being a founding member of the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society and serving as the Voter Registrar for the Town of Sanford from 1963 to 2007. He also received the 2003 Lorraine Fleury Award for outstanding work in the voting process in Maine. We congratulate Mr. Auger on his induction into the

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Franco-American Hall of Fame and commend him for his tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State; (HLS 186)

Micah J. Rodgeron, of Patten, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 202, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Micah made signs for the Patten Lumbermen's Museum. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 187)

Mason Joseph Faucher, of China, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 479, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 188)

Chase Edward Drummond, of China, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 479, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 189)

Robert G. Martin, of Belgrade, a longtime and prominent member of his community. Mr. Martin lived in Belgrade with his wife, Dorothy, for over 50 years. Mr. Martin served on numerous local boards and committees and, in addition to his participation in local government, served as the Commander of the Belgrade Lakes American Legion Post #140, volunteered for the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program, volunteered with the Kennebec Valley District Boy Scouts for 40 years and was a charter member of the Maine Society of Professional Engineers. A well-known organic farmer, he was involved in many gardening clubs and, specializing in raising gladiolus, he developed a number of hybrids. His double "glad," named the "Dorothy S" after his wife, earned him national recognition by the American Gladiolus Society. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 190)

the following members of the Washburn High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Class D State Championship: Rebecca Campbell, Amanda Libby, Meghan Saucier, Sarah Sjoberg, Olivia Doody, Maegan Fitzpatrick, Rayah Saucier, Taylor Blackstone-Thompson, Carmen Bragg, Kennedy Churchill, Carsyn Koch, Nicole Olson and Breanna Roman; coach Michael Carlos; assistant coach Tammy Tatlock; and manager Owen James. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (HLS 191)

Paul R. Dionne, of Lewiston, on his retirement from the Maine Workers' Compensation Board after 17 years of dedicated service. He was the Executive Director of the Workers' Compensation Board for 15 years and, for the last 7 years, was also Chair of the Workers' Compensation Board. Under his leadership, Maine's workers' compensation system has become a model for other systems, both nationally and internationally. Mr. Dionne was also the Mayor of Lewiston from 1980 to 1984, during which time he, along with a few other dedicated individuals, brought a University of Maine campus to the Lewiston-Auburn area. He also served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968, including from 1967 to 1968 in Vietnam, and was awarded 2 United States Bronze Star Medals and 2 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry. We acknowledge his exemplary career in public service and send him our appreciation. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 192)

Brentwood Farms Community Garden, a community garden organized and created by the Deering Center Neighborhood Association of Portland, on its receiving the 2011 ecomaine eco-Excellence Award for the City of Portland. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication of board members Peter Dufour, David Grant, Norm Buttrick and Michael Ehringhaus; Deering Center Neighborhood Association president Naomi Mermin, vice president Harold Crabill, secretary Amy Bell Segal and treasurer Elizabeth Tarasevich; and benefactor Rocco Risbara. We congratulate Brentwood Farms Community Garden and send our congratulations for its contributions to the community; (HLS 193)

Robert H. Michaud, of Jay, Associate Law Librarian at the State Law and Legislative Reference Library, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to the State of Maine. With his masterful knowledge of legislative resources, Mr. Michaud has been a diligent compiler of legislative histories and an accomplished instructor in legal research to volunteer consumer complaint mediators and students in criminal justice programs, and he has ably and graciously assisted countless thousands of Legislators, legislative and agency staff and public patrons to find the law and legislative information to accommodate their needs. We acknowledge his outstanding work over the years and his commitment to his profession and to the State of Maine. We extend our appreciation to him for his dedicated service, and we congratulate him on his retirement. We send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 194)

Jane P. Cushing, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, March 23, 2011. Mrs. Cushing resides in Hermon with her husband, Andre E. Cushing, Jr. She has a long career of public service, having served her community as President of the Junior League of Bangor and the Bangor Chapter of the Altrusa Club and with the Jaycee Wives and the Shakespeare Club and with many years of dedicated service to the Republican Party as state committeewoman and a political activist. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this celebration of her life; (HLS 195)

the following members of the Central Aroostook High School Boys Basketball Team, on their winning the 2011 Class D State Championship: Joe Stiles, Steven Decker, Darrin Murray, Mike McClung, Ross Grass, Dan Brewer, Brendan York, Tyler Rusby, Sam Bennett, Caleb Kelly and Logan McLaughlin; head coach Tim Brewer; assistant coach Joe Levesque; and managers Mariah Brewer, Colleen Brewer and Chandler Brewer. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 196)

Whitney Jones, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan Area High School, who was nominated to the 2011 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team, one of 10 nominees in Maine and among 800 in the Nation. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 197)

Gail Lillace Hewett Merrick, of Skowhegan, who worked for the Town of Skowhegan. Ms. Merrick received an associate degree from the University of Maine and a medical dental assistant degree from Kennebec Valley Technical College. After receiving her degrees and raising her family, she worked for the Town of Skowhegan, her home away from home. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 198)

Mark Alan Sanborn, of Brownville and Ebeemee Pond, who was an active member of the Brownville and Penobscot Nation communities. He was born in Milo and graduated from Penquis Valley High School and the University of Maine at Machias. Mr. Sanborn received his Master of Education degree from the



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University of Maine. He was a proud member of the Penobscot Nation, and a tribal employee for 25 years. Mr. Sanborn touched many people with his intelligence, his wonderful sense of humor, his vast knowledge of and taste in music, and by sharing his love of Ebeemee Pond. He volunteered for Project Linus and was a member of the Penquis Valley High School Alumni Association. An instrumental leader in education for the Penobscot Nation and an exceptional and humble person, Mr. Sanborn will be greatly missed by the entire Penobscot Nation tribal community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 199)

the following members of the Nokomis Regional High School Girls Basketball Team, the Nokomis Warriors, of Newport, who have won the 2011 Eastern Class B Division Championship: Taylor Lovley, Stephanie Stone, Marissa Shaw, Emilee Reynolds, Kylie Richards, Kelsie Richards, Brittany Dunton, Anna Mackenzie, Julie Smith, Megan Perry, Taylor Shaw, Lindsay Whitney, Danielle Watson and Traci Carson; head coach Kori Dionne; and assistant coaches Lyndon Hopkins, Dan O'Connell and Teresa Bickford. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 200)

the Mountain Valley High School Wrestling Team, of Rumford, which has won the 2011 Class B State Championship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 201)

the following members of the Central Aroostook High School varsity cheering squad, who have won the 2011 Class D State Championship: Gabe Brewer, Kyle Donahue, Kellie Stitham, Whitney Klein, Patricia Donovan, Alexis Brewer, Laken Kingsbury, Alexis Bradbury, Brittany Drost, Colby Endy and Megan King; head coach Sami Allen; and assistant coach Janice Mosher. The cheering squad broke a school record by capturing a fourth consecutive title and a Class D record by winning a ninth championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 202)

Sean S. Robertson, of Presque Isle, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 179, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Sean on this achievement; (HLS 203)

Richard W. Bailey, of Dresden, in whose honor the Saint Joseph's College softball field is being renamed the Richard W. Bailey Field, in recognition of his many years of dedication to sports and to the college. Mr. Bailey served as longtime head coach as well as the Dean of Students for 16 years. He went on to coach the Colby College softball program for 13 years. In 1992, Mr. Bailey was named the District 5 Coach of the Year, and he was Coach of the Year for the Maine Athletic Conference in 1990 and 1995. We congratulate Mr. Bailey on his receiving this honor; (HLS 204)

Rob Taylor, of Jay, the Jay School Department's gifted and talented teacher and science educator, who was named a 2011 National Project Learning Tree Outstanding Educator, one of 5 recognized in the nation. Project Learning Tree, an environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation, selected Mr. Taylor for his commitment to environmental education, exemplary use of Project Learning Tree and exceptional teaching skills. Mr. Taylor was selected for his creativity in using nature and the outdoors to increase his students' understanding of science and engaging those students with opportunities for leadership in the community. We congratulate Mr. Taylor on his receiving this award; (HLS 205)

Northern Maine Community College, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of serving the greater Presque Isle community

as an educational institution and also in celebration of National Community College Month. Northern Maine Community College has a rich history in the area, having been established in 1961. The campus encompasses 87 acres and 37 usable buildings from the former Presque Isle Army Air Base. We extend our congratulations to the past and present students, faculty and administration on this anniversary and we send our best wishes for future success; (HLS 206)

Thomas and Mary Alice Standard, of Sumner, on the 56th anniversary of their marriage. They are the parents of 2 children and have 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Originally from the Deep South, Mr. and Mrs. Standard relocated to Maine to be near their daughter and grandchildren and have contributed greatly to their community. Mr. Standard is the Director of Emergency Management for the Towns of Buckfield, Sumner and Hartford and has secured numerous grants to enhance the safety and well-being of the residents of those towns. Mrs. Standard is the founder of the "Swap Shop" at the Buckfield-Sumner Solid Waste Transfer Station, where tons of useful items are available to be reused in the community. In addition they are both freelance reporters for the *Lewiston Sun Journal* and cover local meetings and activities in Oxford County. We congratulate them on their anniversary and send them our appreciation for their dedication to their community; (HLS 207)

Topsham Grange 37, which has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism for its school dictionary project and delivering gifts to nursing homes. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Topsham Grange 37 on its receiving this award; (HLS 208)

Chop Point Inc., of Woolwich, which runs a school and summer camps where young people do community service, and which has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Chop Point Inc. on its receiving this award; (HLS 209)

Kristine Schuman, of Topsham, who is the recipient of the 2011 Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year awarded by the United States Small Business Administration. As manager of the Base Realignment and Closure Transition Center at Brunswick Naval Air Station, Ms. Schuman is credited with the helping of hundreds of veterans, military spouses and civilians affected by the closure of the base to find retraining opportunities and new careers. We congratulate Ms. Schuman on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 210)

West Bath Historical Society, which has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism for restoring the historic Littlefield School. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the West Bath Historical Society on its receiving this award; (HLS 211)

the Georgetown Historical Society, which has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism for providing a museum, a library, youth programs and a festival. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of

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community service. We send our congratulations to the Georgetown Historical Society on its receiving this award; (HLS 212)

Friends of Doubling Point Light, of Arrowsic, which has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism for raising more than \$100,000 to repair and preserve the historic landmark. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Friends of Doubling Point Light on its receiving this award; (HLS 213)

Seth D. Knowlton, of Millinocket and Exeter. He was born June 2, 1977, in Bangor and attended Millinocket schools and was a graduate of Stearns High School, Class of 1996. Immediately after graduation he enlisted in the United States Army and served for 3 years as a combat engineer and combat lifesaver. He was honorably discharged in 1999. Seth then worked in home construction and repair. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 214)

W. Eugene Pease, of Millinocket, a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company and a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Pease was born in Buxton and was a 1949 graduate of Deering High School in Portland. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine in 1953, followed by a Master of Science degree in pulp and paper technology, as well as a certificate in pulp and paper management. Mr. Pease worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 34 years. He was involved in many aspects of the Masonic organization, holding several local, state and national offices. Mr. Pease will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 215)

Constance Mary Burleigh, of Millinocket, a longtime member of her community. Mrs. Burleigh was born in Randolph, grew up in Bangor and she and her husband, Dana, moved to Millinocket in 1948. She was a gifted musician, and while living in Bangor, was a singer with the Nat Diamond Orchestra. After moving to Millinocket, she continued to use her musical talents by becoming a charter member of the Millinocket Philharmonic and also sang regularly at church services at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, as well as at many special services, weddings and funerals. Mrs. Burleigh was also a past president of the Emblem Club and was a member of the Altar Guild at St. Andrew's. She worked for Millinocket School Department as a teacher's aide and also worked at Millinocket Middle School as secretary to the guidance office. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 216)

John M. Pheaney, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Pheaney worked for Great Northern Paper Company for more than 40 years, retiring in 1989. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 217)

Chester L. Pelkey, of East Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran. Mr. Pelkey worked for Great Northern Paper Company, where he cut wood for many years. He also worked for Carl Preble Oil Company before going back to Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket, from which he retired in 1990. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 218)

This sentiment is a duplicate of HLS 306 (HLS 219)

Richard L. Cote, Sr., of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II and a life member of the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Francis Elliott Post No. 4154, Millinocket. Mr. Cote worked at Great Northern Paper Company for many years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 220)

the members of the Fort Kent Community High School Girls Ski Team, who have won the 2011 Class C State Ski Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 221)

Erla O'Donal Merry, of Smithfield, who has had the 2011 Town Report dedicated to her for her services to the community. Mrs. Merry's family moved to Smithfield in 1928 and she attended high school in the area and worked at Bath Iron Works during World War II. She still has her welding gloves, of which she is very proud. She married her husband, John, in 1946 and they raised their 6 children in Smithfield. Mrs. Merry was the invited guest at the christening of the DDG 104 Destroyer Sterett at Bath Iron Works in 2007. We congratulate her on her being honored by her town; (HLS 222)

Wilbur "Sonny" Burnham, of Rome, a former constable and road commissioner for the Town of Rome. We acknowledge his commitment to his community, and he will be greatly missed and long remembered by the town and those who loved him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 223)

Andrew White, Sr., of Wade, who has received the Valor Award from the American Red Cross-Pine Tree Chapter for his demonstration of lifesaving bravery last summer. Mr. White put a trailer fire under control, saving the lives of a mother and baby inside. We commend him for his quick and selfless actions and send him our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 224)

Mary McCarthy, of Mapleton, who has received the Red Spirit Award from the American Red Cross - Pine Tree Chapter. Ms. McCarthy was honored for her actions in saving the life of a man who had fallen out of his boat into Hanson Lake on April 22, 2010. We commend Ms. McCarthy for her heroic actions and acknowledge her bravery and compassion, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 225)

Herbert and Brenda York, of Farmington, whose farm, Sandy River Farm, won 4 state awards in the 2010 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association at the annual Commodity Classic in Tampa, Florida. We congratulate Herbert and Brenda York on their receiving these prestigious awards; (HLS 226)

Drew Blanchet, of Farmington, who won the gold medal at the Maine Games Powerlifting Tournament in the 148-pound weight class for 16 to 17 year olds. Drew is 16 years old and qualifies for the State Games of America in San Diego, California in August 2011. We congratulate Drew on his achievement and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 227)

Charley Murray, of Farmington, who had the 2010 Town Report of the Town of Farmington dedicated to him for his contributions to the community. Mr. Murray has served on a large number of committees and boards for the Town of Farmington, Franklin Memorial Hospital, the public library and other local organizations. He was a selectman for 11 years and served 2 years as the board chair. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 228)

DaShawn Lamar Russell, of Limestone, who has won the title of Northern Star 2011. Mr. Russell became the first male winner of the Northern Star competition, a major fundraiser for the United Way of Aroostook, since the annual contest began, with his performance of *Ave Maria* and *You*. A 19-year-old student at Loring Job Corps Center, Mr. Russell is pursuing a career in the field of medical office administration. We congratulate him on his winning the Northern Star 2011 competition; (HLS 229)

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Patrick and Carlene Albert, of Grand Isle, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Albert exchanged marriage vows on May 1, 1956 at Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Catholic Church with Father Emile Robitaille officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on their anniversary; (HLS 230)

Mount Desert Island High School Girls Swim Team, which has won the 2011 Class B State Championship, the school's first title since 1989. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 231)

Rebecca Leamon, of Ellsworth, a teacher of English at Mount Desert Island High School, who was nominated to be the 2012 Maine Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Leamon on her receiving this honor; (HLS 232)

Edna May Jellison, of Southwest Harbor, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen in the town. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Jellison on her receiving this honor; (HLS 233)

David Holden, of Clinton, Vice President of Commercial Lending at Bangor Savings Bank, who was named the 2010 Outstanding Professional by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Holden, a 1990 graduate of Skowhegan Area High School and a 1994 graduate of Bowdoin College, is very active in community service and donates time to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter in Waterville and the Kennebec Valley Community College Advisory Board. We congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 234)

Kayla Burchill, of Portland, a student at Deering High School, who was named the 2011 Miss Basketball at the annual Maine McDonald's Senior All-Star Banquet at Husson University. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 235)

Andrew Cote, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Andrew planned, organized and completed the construction of a brick walkway and flower beds for the enjoyment of the patients and residents of the Brewer Rehabilitation and Living Center. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 236)

Daniel McDonald, of Orrington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Daniel planned, organized and completed the construction of picnic tables for the enjoyment of the patients and residents of the Bangor Ronald McDonald House. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 237)

the Ellsworth High School Show Choir, directed by Rebecca Wright, on its winning the 2011 Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival for its performance of "To the East." Choreographed by Jasmine Ireland, the production also won first place for choreography. This is Ms. Wright's sixth state jazz festival victory and the school's first back-to-back win. We congratulate the members of the Ellsworth High School Show Choir on this achievement; (HLS 238)

the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, based in Auburn, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary of protecting the water quality of Maine's lakes. Founded in 1971, the Volunteer Lake

Monitoring Program is America's first citizen organization to assume lake monitoring responsibilities on a statewide scale. The Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program has been cited as a national and international model and has repeatedly won state, regional and national recognition for its work. It recruits, trains and certifies volunteers to collect a wide range of information about the health of Maine's lakes. Throughout Maine, more than 1,000 of these volunteers donate many thousands of hours each summer to monitor the condition of several hundred lakes, as well as providing boats, equipment and their personal knowledge of the lakes they monitor. We extend our congratulations to the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program and its volunteers on this important milestone and send our appreciation for the work they have done these past 40 years; (HLS 239)

the following students of the Skowhegan Area High School Alpine Ski Team, who have won the 2011 Class A Boys Alpine Skiing State Championship at Big Rock Ski Area in Mars Hill: Konnor Therriault, Sebastien Dumont, Michael Pakulski, Michael Earle, Kyle Hancock and Ben Burke. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 240)

the following members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, who won the 2010 Class A State Championship: Holly Lupo, Zoey Gleason, Anne-Marie Provencal, Nicole Sevey, Logan LeBlanc, Mikayla Toth, Haley Holt, Allison Lancaster, Rachel Pratt, Mikayla Fitzmaurice, Corrine Anderson, Adriana Martineau, Ciera Labbe, Mikayla Bolduc, Jessica Skillings, Sarah Finnemore, Noelle Hancock, Gabrielle Tenan, Makaela Michonski, Erica Blake and Shelby Obert, and coaches Paula Doughty, Tammie Veinotte, Jane Bigelow and Megan Lowell. This was Coach Doughty's 400th career win in Class A Field Hockey. We congratulate the team on this achievement; (HLS 241)

George L. Hall, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Hall was born in St. Georges, Quebec, and moved to Maine with his family as an infant and grew up in the Moose River and Jackman areas, where he attended school. He started working for Great Northern Paper Company in 1934 as a timekeeper in the lumber camp. He worked for the paper company for 43 years. At the time of his retirement, he was a clerical supervisor for the woodlands department. From 1942 to 1945, Mr. Hall served as a radioman in the United States Navy in the European Theatre of Operations and was awarded the Purple Heart. In 1948, he married Susan Rush, and they moved to Millinocket, where they raised their family. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 80, Millinocket Lodge of Elks and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 242)

the members of the Millinocket Middle School Show Choir, who took first place in Division II at the Maine Vocal Jazz Festival. This is the second year in a row that the choir captured the Division II State Championship. Director Brenda Angotti praised the efforts of the students. This is the 3rd championship for Ms. Angotti. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the choir on their achievement; (HLS 243)

the members of the Unified Harmony Show Choir, who won the Division II State Championship at the Maine Vocal Jazz Festival under the direction of Matt Waite. This is the 4th state title for the group in the last 6 years. The group is composed of students from Stearns High School and Schenck High School and took the top spot with its performance of *Spiritual*. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the choir on a job well done; (HLS 244)

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Noah Brown and Liza Brown, of Millinocket, who won an Outstanding Musicianship Award for their rendition of *Sing Your Own Song* during the Millinocket Middle School Show Choir's performance of *Dear Edwina* at the Maine Vocal Jazz Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Noah and Liza on their receiving this award; (HLS 245)

the members of the Medway Middle School Show Choir, who wowed the judges during the Maine Vocal Jazz Festival and received a one rating for their performance of selections from *Seussical the Musical*. The choir is composed of more than 30 students in grades 5 through 8 and is under the direction of Mary Miller. The Medway Middle School Show Choir was one of 9 competing in Division II of the state finals. The choir placed 4th overall and earned the coveted one rating, which is the highest possible and means the choir received a judges' score of at least 88 points. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the choir on a job well done; (HLS 246)

Michael Cyr, a student at Scarborough High School, who won the 2011 Class A State Wrestling Championship in the 215-pound weight class. We send our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (HLS 247)

the members of the Lee Academy Boys Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Eastern Class C Regional Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 248)

the Scarborough High School Speech and Debate Team, on the occasion of its winning the Congressional Debate State Championship. The Congressional Debate category of the Speech and Debate tournament features a mock legislative assembly run by students who debate legislative bills written by student participants. This was the sixth straight Congressional Debate State Championship for the Scarborough High School Team. We extend our congratulations to the team for this outstanding achievement; (HLS 249)

Brimwin Peabody, of Scarborough, who is the recipient of the Red Cross Heroes Youth Community Service Award. Brimwin has successfully raised funds in the amount of more than \$500 for the people of Haiti. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 250)

Jenna Morrill, of Holden, a senior at John Bapst Memorial High School, in Bangor, who is the recipient of the 2011 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award by the Frances Dighton Williams Chapter for her dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. We extend our congratulations to Jenna on her receiving this award; (HLS 251)

Judith Fuller, of Liberty, for her more than 11 years of dedication to the Town of Liberty and her commitment to the community. During her 11-year tenure on the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Ms. Fuller served as second selectman and for 9 years as first selectman and is currently completing a term as third selectman. We send Ms. Fuller our appreciation for her dedicated service to the Town of Liberty and our best wishes; (HLS 252)

William Leo Lunser, of Sanford, who was a prominent member of the theater communities of Maine and New Hampshire. Mr. Lunser, known as Leo, was born in Duluth, Minnesota and arrived in the Sanford-Springvale area of Maine in 1972. He was an active member of the community and was the former owner and operator of L and B Variety Store. He later worked at Prime Time Video and then Servpro for more than 20 years. He performed in and directed local community theater productions throughout Maine and New Hampshire for more than 35 years and was an independent film producer. Mr. Lunser will

be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 253)

Renee Deschene, of Fort Kent, a senior at Fort Kent Community High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Renee on her receiving this award; (HLS 254)

Sandra Ouellette, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of her retirement after 37 and 1/2 years as an office manager in the Fort Kent Department of Health and Human Services. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Ouellette for her commitment to the citizens of Fort Kent and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 255)

Stanley Taylor Bennett II, of Falmouth, past President, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Strategic Planning of Oakhurst Dairy, who was a prominent and generous member of his community. Mr. Bennett was born in Portland and was a 1965 graduate of Deering High School. After graduating from Tufts University, he received his law degree from Boston University School of Law in 1972. Mr. Bennett worked for the family business, Oakhurst Dairy, which was founded in 1921 by his grandfather. Mr. Bennett became President of the company in 1983 and he became Chairman of the Board in 1999. Under his strong leadership, Oakhurst Dairy became the number one family-owned dairy business in northern New England. Throughout his life, Mr. Bennett supported many organizations and was committed to giving back to his community. Some of the most recent recipients of his attention were the Friends of Casco Bay, the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maine and the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Some of Mr. Bennett's other involvements included work with Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Maine Medical Center, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council, the International Dairy Foods Association and Greater Portland Landmarks. He was also twice a Republican Convention delegate and served on both the Falmouth Zoning Board of Appeals and Falmouth Planning Board. Mr. Bennett will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 256)

Alex Waller, of Millinocket, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Alex on this achievement; (HLS 257)

the following students of Thornton Academy, of Saco, who placed first in the Senior Division of Maine's National History Day, a distinction earned for offering the largest number of winning entries: Samantha Gardner, Timothy Morris, Mitchell Dehetre, Christopher Cassette, Gabrielle Capozzi, Alyssa McClellan, Andrew Libby, Cody Meserve, Alex Pickering, Robert Runnells, Zachary Greaton, Devin McGrath-Conwell, Raymond Ngo, David Parran, Kyle Strout, Christian Allaire, Jake Gregoire, Amber Grenier, Sophia Morin, Taylor Brilliant, Connor Mowatt, Nick Phillips, Christopher Benson, Britney D'Andrea, Kristin Cobleigh, Shelby DeAngelis, Mariah Fraser, Amber Grenier, Sam Hemenway, Lyssa King, Kyle Strout, Emily Lovejoy, Cody Lynn, Mira McKenney, Alexandria Muller, Nathan Zinck, Jessica Pearson, Kailey Prejean, Tom Walsh, Faith Welch, Lauren Whitney and Damion Taylor. They were led by teacher Seth Macomber. History Day is a national competition where students in grades 6 through 12 compete individually and in small groups

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by developing websites, performances, exhibits, documentaries and papers on various topics in history. The Thornton Academy students earned first place prizes in 5 out of the 7 categories in the competition. This year's theme was Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences. We congratulate the students and Mr. Macomber on achieving this high honor, and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 258)

Wesley McNair, of Mercer, a much-loved Maine poet, who has been named the new State Poet Laureate. Mr. McNair is a Professor Emeritus and Writer in Residence at the University of Maine at Farmington. He is the author of 18 books, including poetry, prose and edited anthologies, and he has also directed the Creative Writing Program. His honors include receiving the Distinguished Faculty Award and the Libra Professorship. We congratulate Mr. McNair on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 259)

Vera Francis, of Pleasant Point, who is the recipient of the 2010 People's Choice Award from the Natural Resources Council of Maine, for her work protecting Passamaquoddy Bay. The award is given to those whose actions have made a real difference at the local, regional or state level in the protection of Maine's environment. As a lifelong resident of Sipayik and a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Ms. Francis has an intimate knowledge of and attachment to her area, whose land and water hold tremendous cultural and spiritual significance to her, her people and the region. Her actions in protecting Passamaquoddy Bay resulted in a landmark court ruling giving rights and standing to tribal members as individuals. This ruling may be seen as setting an international precedent and gives voice to those whose concerns may otherwise be silenced. We congratulate her on her exemplary civic actions and send her our best wishes; (HLS 260)

William E. Maxwell, of Waldoboro, on his being selected to receive the Community Citizen Award by the Meenahga Grange. Mr. Maxwell has been an active citizen of Waldoboro for many years. Having contributed significant amounts of time to numerous organizations, he has distinguished himself as one of Waldoboro's most caring and conscientious individuals. Mr. Maxwell's involvements include his service of 25 years to the Waldoboro Fire Department, his membership in the Waldoboro King Solomon's Lodge Masons and the Meenahga Grange No. 555 and his contributions to local athletic teams. We extend our congratulations to William E. Maxwell on his receiving this well-deserved honor, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 261)

Richard Clarence Mattila, of Caribou, former city manager and contributing member to many local organizations, including the Caribou Jaycees, Caribou Rotary Club and Knights of Columbus. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. Mattila was a 1957 graduate of Pulaski High School and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Mr. Mattila was a United States Air Force veteran and had a career in banking that spanned nearly 3 decades, retiring as senior vice president of Bank of Boston. For 10 years Mr. Mattila served as city manager of Caribou. He was a 40-year member of Holy Rosary Church and served as president of the parish council. A past president of the Jefferson Cary Foundation, Mr. Mattila also volunteered at the area food pantry and delivered religious services and communion at the local veterans' home. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 262)

Elizabeth "Betty" Inman, of Glenburn, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to the Maine Workmen's Compensation Commission/Workers' Compensation Board and the people of the State. At the start of her public

service career in 1983, Ms. Inman single-handedly opened and established the Workmen's Compensation Commission's Bangor Regional Office. She worked as a Legal Assistant, Employee Assistant, Regional Administrator, Assistant Director of Regional Operations and Assistant Director of Regional and Mediation Services and retires as Deputy Director of Medical and Rehabilitation Services. While working, she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Leadership in 2005. The following year, she received the William Twarog Manager of the Year Award in recognition of her exemplary accomplishments as a manager. Despite the often turbulent and polarized nature of workers' compensation, Ms. Inman's professionalism and equanimity have earned her the trust of both labor and management, which helped to foster and facilitate their communication and cooperation. As the longest-serving member of the board's staff, Ms. Inman takes with her a wealth of institutional memory, the universal respect and admiration of the workers' compensation community and the heartfelt gratitude of the board, her colleagues and the people of the State. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Inman for her many years of tireless commitment to the State and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 263)

Elise Luce, of Carrabassett Valley, a student at Mt. Abram High School, who won the 2011 Class B State Giant Slalom Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Elise on her achievement; (HLS 264)

Claude Chabre, of Calais, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 48 years of service protecting the people of Maine. Mr. Chabre was drafted in 1962 into the United States Army, and he served until 1974, receiving many awards as a Green Beret in the Army Special Services. He served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. After leaving the Army, Mr. Chabre returned to his home town of Madawaska, and became a patrol officer for the Town of Van Buren, working his way up through the ranks to become Chief of Police. In 1984, Mr. Chabre became a patrol officer for the City of Calais, retiring as a Patrol Supervisor in November 2010. We acknowledge his longtime career in law enforcement and send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 265)

Jamie Steven, of Bethel, a senior at Telstar High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Jamie on her receiving this award; (HLS 266)

Amanda Kranich, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this achievement; (HLS 267)

Chad McKoy, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations to Chad on this achievement; (HLS 268)

Sandy Hartley, of Millinocket, who was recognized for Outstanding Choreography for Millinocket Middle School at the 2011 Maine Music Educators Association State Vocal Jazz Festival. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Sandy on her achievement; (HLS 269)

Elizabeth O'Donoghue, of Eliot, a longtime town leader and 2-term selectwoman. Mrs. O'Donoghue served on many of the Board of Selectmen's committees and helped the town make important planning decisions. She earned a doctorate in 1992 at Boston University and worked as a mental health counselor, specializing in geriatric counseling. She moved to Eliot 15 years ago and became involved in local and county politics. She will be

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greatly missed and long remembered by her family and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 270)

the following members of the Leavitt Area High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Maine Class B State Championship: Courtney Anderson, Abbey Randall, Sarah Frost, Amanda Jordan, Adrianna Newton, Kasidy Stevenson, Kristen Anderson, Jenna Cote, Mariah Treadwell, Desiree Tweedie, Kelly Pomerleau and Megan Dow; coach Tammy Anderson; assistant coaches Charlie Castonguay and Jolene Randall; and managers Rosie Delegarza, Cordell Albert and Dakota Duncan. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 271)

Ian Pelletier, of Deer Isle, a senior at Deer Isle-Stonington High School, who is the recipient of a 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for exemplary volunteer service. This award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. Ian raised \$30,000 to construct a storage building for a local elementary school and performing arts center. We congratulate Ian on his receiving this award and thank him for his dedication to his community and State; (HLS 272)

Gareth Warr, of Stonington, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Class of 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gareth; (HLS 273)

Kelsey Davis, of Deer Isle, who has been named the 1st Honor Essayist of the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Class of 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kelsey; (HLS 274)

Chrissy Martin, a senior at Vinalhaven High School, who spent February 19 through March 5, 2011 volunteering at the Bethel Daycare orphanage in Ghana, Africa. Chrissy volunteered through Project Abroad, an organization that specializes in facilitating volunteer opportunities for high school students, primarily in Central and South America, Africa and Asia. While at the orphanage, she worked with children 3 years of age and 4 years of age. We congratulate Chrissy on her exemplary volunteer work and contributions to humanity and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 275)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the K-6 division championship at the 2011 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championships: Addie McDonald, Colby Haskell, Mason Oliver, Kinsey Bartlett, Ashlin Savage, Avery Reynolds, Soozin Cha, Brendan Penfold, Orly Vaughn, Kylee Atwood, Tyson Rice and Oskar Mattes. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team and coach Dick Powell on this victory; (HLS 276)

Bethany Humphrey, a 7th grade member of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the title of Maine female chess champion at the 2011 Girls Scholastic Chess Championship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Bethany on her achievement; (HLS 277)

Philomena Mattes, a 7th grade student at Deer Isle-Stonington, who is the winner of the 2011 Hancock County Spelling Bee. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Philomena on her achievement; (HLS 278)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the K-3 division championship at the 2011 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championships: Kaylee Morey, Cameron Stewart, Cole Stewart, Rylee Eaton, Ben Penfold, Gifford Proper, Myles Brown and Andrew Pappianne. We send

our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this victory; (HLS 279)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the K-8 division championship at the 2011 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championships: Bethany Humphrey, Cameron Wendell, Isaac Vaughn, Alyssa Chesney, Krisford Melanio, Philomena Mattes, Reid Bartlett and Cody Eaton. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team and coach Dick Powell on this victory; (HLS 280)

Ian Pelletier, of Deer Isle, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Class of 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ian on this honor; (HLS 281)

Wanda Whitener, of Lamoine, a teacher of music to students in kindergarten through the 8th grade at Tremont Consolidated School, who was nominated to be the 2012 Maine Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Whitener on her receiving this honor; (HLS 282)

Sarah Eaton, of Deer Isle, who has been named the 2nd Honor Essayist of the Deer Isle-Stonington High School Class of 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah; (HLS 283)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington Odyssey of the Mind Team, who won first place in the Division II state finals: seventh graders Philomena Mattes, Allysa Chesney, Jadyne LaDeau, Cameron Wendell and Marvin Merritt IV and fifth graders Oskar Mattes and Amy Friedell. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program for students from kindergarten through college. The Deer Isle-Stonington team has been invited to compete at the World Competition at the University of Maryland. We congratulate the members of the team on their accomplishment and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 284)

the Scarborough High School Boys Indoor Track Team, the Scarborough Red Storm, which has won the 2011 Class A State Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their accomplishments; (HLS 285)

Bethany Moore, of Jay, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the Jay High School graduating class of 2011. We congratulate Bethany on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 286)

Britni Hutchinson, of Jay, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the Jay High School graduating class of 2011. We congratulate Britni on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 287)

Taylor Pelletier, of Skowhegan, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Taylor built picnic tables for Lake George Regional Park in Skowhegan and Canaan. We extend our congratulations to Taylor on this achievement; (HLS 288)

Christopher Parent, of Orono, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 478, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Christopher posted 10 signs in fishing areas in Orono educating the public on the differences between northern pike and pickerel. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 289)

Kennebec Valley Community Action Program, "KVCAP," which is the recipient of a 2011 Dirigo Award for Nonprofit Excellence. KVCAP, a nonprofit community action agency, was

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established in 1965 to serve the low-income residents of Kennebec County and Somerset County. KVCAP is now the second largest of the State's 10 community action agencies and its service area of 91 communities spans from the Canadian border in Jackman to the coast of Maine. We congratulate KVCAP on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 290)

Yvonne Theriault, of Caribou, for her 50 years of employment at Cary Medical Center. Ms. Theriault has been a contributing staffer in several departments of the hospital where she began her career in 1961, when it was known as Cary Memorial Hospital. She served in hospital supply, the recovery room, the surgical services department and, most recently, in Cary Medical Center's health information or medical records department. We acknowledge Ms. Theriault's commitment and dedicated service and congratulate her on her 50 years of commitment to the hospital and the community; (HLS 291)

Dustin Graham, of Mapleton, who was named Northern Maine Community College's 2011 Student of the Year and who will be honored at the 21st annual Maine Community College System Board of Trustees' Students of the Year Awards ceremony and luncheon. Mr. Graham receives a \$1,000 John H. Lapoint, Jr. Scholarship Award for Leadership in addition to this award. We join Mr. Graham's family, friends and peers in extending to him our congratulations for earning this noteworthy honor. We send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 292)

Cameron Huston, of Washburn, a senior at Washburn District High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Cameron on his receiving this award; (HLS 293)

the members of the Catherine McAuley High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Class A State Basketball Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 294)

Patricia Brennan Kfoury, of Oquossoc and Sanibel, Florida. Mrs. Kfoury attended Abbot Academy, now Phillips Academy, and was a graduate of Wheelock College. She was an outstanding educator, teaching and working with inner-city youth and making a positive impact on their lives. After her marriage to Edward Kfoury, she was a mother and housewife. During the summers, Mrs. Kfoury ran several businesses in Oquossoc and she lovingly restored the old Mooselookmeguntic House log cabins, campground and marina. Among her other many accomplishments, she helped start the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust and an outdoor camp for children called Ecoventure. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her many friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 295)

Sister Edward Mary Kelleher, of Portland, on her retirement as principal of Catherine McAuley High School after over 30 years of leadership of Maine's only Catholic girls high school. Sister Edward Mary will serve as principal emerita through the coming school year before retirement. She grew up in Bangor and entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1963. Sister Edward Mary earned her bachelor's degree in education at Saint Joseph's College in Standish and received a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Boston College. Before she became principal at Catherine McAuley High School in 1980, Sister Edward Mary had teaching and administrative positions in Catholic schools in Houlton, Lewiston and Portland. Known for "living the mission," Sister Edward Mary leads by

example and has touched the lives of many young women. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to her faith, her school and the communities in which she has served. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 296)

Stephanie J. Stone, of Corinna, a senior at Nokomis Regional High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Stephanie on her receiving this award; (HLS 297)

Christie May MacKenzie, of Plymouth, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, May 13, 2011. Mrs. MacKenzie was born in Plymouth and married Gerald MacKenzie. She is the mother of nine children: Linda, Brenda, Sharon, Gerald, Jr., Lorraine, James, George, Kris and Scott. She has served her community as a selectwoman and as a member of the school board. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her birthday; (HLS 298)

Sydney Gillingham, of Standish, a 9-year-old student at George E. Jack Elementary School, who received the Act of Kindness award from the Kind Acts Foundation. Sydney alerted an emergency medical technician, who was substituting in her school, about a student who had been injured on the playground. Her quick thinking allowed the student to immediately receive necessary medical care. Sydney is very active in her community. She volunteers at the Standish Food Pantry and Catherine's Cupboard and helps patrons with bagging and carrying their food choices. She is a Girl Scout and has participated in the annual food drive event, "scouting for food," for the past 3 years. Last year, Sydney won first place in the SAD 6 writing contest. We send our congratulations to Sydney for her commitment to her community and for her receiving the Act of Kindness award; (HLS 299)

the Franklin County Children's Task Force, located in Farmington, upon its receiving the Maine Children's Trust Community Organization Award, given to a local organization that actively works to support the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The award recognizes the excellence of the Franklin County Children's Task Force's programming, the leadership of its organization and the importance of its presence in the community. The task force has worked diligently to provide parent and school-based education on preventing bullying and teasing, as well as many other programs, and has played a vital part in increasing awareness in the areas of safety and the well-being of children in the Franklin County community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Franklin County Children's Task Force on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 300)

Marc Badeau, of Gorham, for his work in founding and leading Operation Tribute, a nonprofit organization that recently received the Maine's Outstanding Nonprofit Award, one of the Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism, which are administered jointly by the Maine Commission for Community Service and the Governor's Office. Mr. Badeau founded Operation Tribute in 2007, known then as Operation Holiday Cheer, to acknowledge the sacrifices made by children of military families in Maine and to offer the children a holiday gift. Since its inception only 3 years ago, the program has seen enormous success and garnered national recognition. Due to Mr. Badeau's tireless efforts, Operation Tribute has expanded its service to children of military families in New England, New York and New Jersey and has distributed over \$23,000 in holiday gifts. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Badeau for his work with

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Operation Tribute and send our best wishes for the program's continued growth and success; (HLS 301)

the following members of the Hampden Academy Broncos, the Girls Varsity Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Class A Eastern Division Championship: Katelyn DeRaps, Michaela Stephenson, Alex Winchester, Helene Sherburne, Jordan Maxwell, Ellie Webb, Ashley Danforth, Whitney Moore, Sarah Lambertson, Kate Parsons, Courtney Doyon and Julia Snyder; coach Chad Bradbury; assistant coach Dan Schaeffer; volunteer assistants Tricia Carver, Jared Whinery, Daryl Coullard and Don McDaniel; and managers Trevor Kohls, Cici Dube and Jessica Osborne. We congratulate the team members on this achievement; (HLS 302)

Jenny Lilieholm, of Hampden, a senior at Hampden Academy, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Jenny on her receiving this award; (HLS 303)

Dora C. Cousins, of Millinocket. Mrs. Cousins was born and raised in Limestone and during World War II worked as a welder at South Portland Shipyard. At the end of the war, she moved to Caribou, where she worked as a floral designer at a local florist's shop. She married her husband, Ralph Cousins, 63 years ago, and together they raised a son and a daughter. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening, traveling and reading good novels, and had a great sense of humor. Mrs. Cousins will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 304)

Wilfred J. Cyr, of Millinocket, a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II and longtime United States Postal Service employee. Mr. Cyr was born in St. Francis and participated in action on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands during the war. He was a member of Francis E. Elliott Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post No. 80 in Millinocket. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1990, and he also worked as a firefighter for the Millinocket Fire Department and as a constable for the Millinocket Police Department. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 305)

Harvey G. Neal, Jr. and Maxine E. Ferland Neal, of Millinocket, as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Neal were married at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Millinocket on February 23, 1941. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 306)

the Rotary Club of Scarborough on its 50th Anniversary. Granted a charter in 1960, the Scarborough Rotary Club is part of one of the largest service organizations in the world, which contributes to hundreds of projects and works to promote peace and understanding across the globe. Among the many programs and organizations that the Scarborough Rotary Club supports through financial donations and countless volunteer hours are the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon Team, the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, Crutches 4 Africa, the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership, Scarborough Little League and the Long Creek Air Tragedy Memorial. The Scarborough Rotary Club also assists with renovations and repairs, provides food and gifts for children, visits with and hosts outings for residents of local nursing homes, raises money for cancer research and treatment for children, sponsors athletic and extracurricular teams and fosters the academic and civic achievement of youth through leadership programs and scholarships. The members of the Scarborough Rotary Club have served on humanitarian missions and donated

funds for schools, hospitals and public drinking water well projects throughout the world. We extend our congratulations to the Scarborough Rotary Club on this occasion and send our appreciation to its dedicated members for their extraordinary efforts to better the local and international communities; (HLS 307)

Rebecca Sirois, of Winslow, a senior at Winslow High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Rebecca on her receiving this award; (HLS 308)

Ronald L. Vigue, of Berwick, who has been named the 2011 Berwick Citizen of the Year, for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Town of Berwick. Mr. Vigue is the second-longest-serving town moderator, with 23 years of service. He has also served on the Board of Appeals for 10 years and is the present commander of American Legion Post No. 79. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community, his State and his Nation; (HLS 309)

Jake Craig, of Farmington, a 2nd grade student at the W. G. Mallett School, who won the 10th Annual Gene Mills Eastern Nationals wrestling championship in Syracuse, New York. Jake is a 2-time Maine State Champion and a 2-time New England Champion, and has competed all around the country. We congratulate Jake on his remarkable achievements and send him our best wishes for future success; (HLS 310)

Ethan Howatt, of Farmington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 594, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on this achievement; (HLS 311)

Trooper Michael Johnston, of Hampden, who is the recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Recent Alumni Award from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. This award is given to graduates of the university who have been out of college between 2 and 12 years and have distinguished themselves through their careers or service to their communities. Trooper Johnston graduated as salutatorian of his class in 2001 and left the university with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He then attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 2002. Since that time, he has earned numerous professional certifications, completed extensive forensic and general training programs and represented the State Police on several committees relating to law enforcement. In 2005 and 2009, he was named Trooper of the Troop. He was a nominee for State Trooper of the Year in 2005 and 2008 and won the title in 2009. He is very active in community service, and he has also been a guest speaker in classes at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. He recently returned to the campus to represent the State Police at the university's Career Day event. We congratulate Trooper Johnston on his receiving this award; (HLS 312)

Dr. Robert C. Frederich, of Raymond, a longtime pastor and active member of his community. Dr. Frederich was raised in Maine and spent his early years in Rangeley. He joined the United States Navy and served until 1945. He was a graduate of Wheaton College and Fuller Theological Seminary, and he received his doctorate degree from Denver Seminary. Dr. Frederich served as pastor of many churches in the Midwest, then returned to Maine to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Portland for 8 years. After his retirement, Dr. Frederich started a ministry to pastors, serving as a pastor to many pastors in the State. Among his accomplishments outside the church, he



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worked with United States Senator Susan Collins to get Medicare to approve payments for patients with diabetes to have insulin pumps. Dr. Frederich was very aware of his civic responsibility and was a leader among many clergy in our State and Nation, encouraging all to stand up for the principles on which our country was founded. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and the many people whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 313)

Marie Clancy, a longtime resident of Springvale, who was very active in the community. Mrs. Clancy volunteered many hours of dedicated service to veterans and to her community. She volunteered at area Veterans Administration hospitals in Maine and New Hampshire and served as a life member on the National Executive Committee of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She was very involved in the development of the recently dedicated Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale; the main entrance roadway into the cemetery bears her name. She also served as the director of the Sanford Food Pantry for over a decade and volunteered numerous hours at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston. Mrs. Clancy was nominated for the WCSH Channel 6 Jefferson Award in 1998 and was recognized by the York County Area Chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance she provided during the ice storm of 1998. She was also the recipient of the 2005-2006 Citizen of the Year Award by the Kiwanis Club of Sanford. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 314)

Gerard J. Bourassa, a lifelong resident of Sanford. Mr. Bourassa was employed for many years by the Sanford Knights of Columbus. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 315)

Marcel Blouin, of Sanford, the Director of the Town of Sanford's department of Parks and Recreation and Public Property, who has been awarded the William V. Haskell Distinguished Professional of the Year Award by the Maine Recreation and Park Association. We send Mr. Blouin our congratulations and best wishes on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 316)

Robert Bouchard, of Walpole, on his retirement after 10 years as Superintendent of Central Lincoln County School System, AOS #93. Mr. Bouchard was named 2011 Maine Superintendent of the Year. Mr. Bouchard spent more than 25 years in School Union #113 as teacher, principal and superintendent. Throughout his career, Mr. Bouchard has remained enthusiastic and committed to providing an excellent education to the youth of the State. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bouchard for his many years of dedicated service to public education and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 317)

Robert H. Cox, Sr., of Medway, loving and beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Mr. Cox served in the Army National Guard for 6 years and worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 43 years, retiring in 2005. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time at camp, but most of all he loved spending time with his family. Mr. Cox will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 318)

George J. Bissonnette, of Millinocket and Portland, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Bissonnette served in the United States Army during World War II in the Pacific arena. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 38 years, retiring in 1985. Mr. Bissonnette was a member of St. Martin of Tours Parish and was very active in the church. He served on the Katahdin Federal Credit Union board of directors for 25 years.

Mr. Bissonnette will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 319)

Joshua William Deakin, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Schenck High School. We congratulate him and send him our best wishes on this accomplishment; (HLS 320)

Kristina Rose Jamo, of East Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Schenck High School. We congratulate her and send her our best wishes on this accomplishment; (HLS 321)

Michael C. Boutaugh, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran and longtime worker at Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Boutaugh was a 1967 graduate of Stearns High School and was a Vietnam era veteran. He was an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1521 and Donald Henry Post No. 80 American Legion. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 322)

Robert Field, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Robert organized and led a group of volunteers in the maintenance of a cemetery in Cumberland. Robert is a junior at North Yarmouth Academy and is the captain of both the cross-country and nordic ski teams. We extend our congratulations to Robert on this achievement; (HLS 323)

Brandon Thibeau, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon organized and led a group of volunteers to construct trail signs at Twin Brooks Recreational Facility in Cumberland. Brandon is a sophomore at Greely High School, a member of the Cumberland Rifle and Pistol Club and a Cumberland Explorer Firefighter. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this achievement; (HLS 324)

Cameron Morin, of Sabattus, a student at Oak Hill High School, who was selected to receive the 2011 Principal's Award. This honor is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in acknowledgement of a high school senior's academic excellence and citizenship. Cameron is a member of various school clubs, including the Future Business Leaders of America, the National Honor Society and the Oak Hill Legislative Assembly. He also participates in baseball, basketball and football. We extend our congratulations to Cameron and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 325)

Richard "Dick" Whitmore, of Waterville, on the occasion of his retirement as the head coach of the Colby College men's basketball team. Mr. Whitmore has spent 40 years as a coach at Colby College, and his impact on students and athletes throughout Maine cannot be understated. Mr. Whitmore began coaching basketball after completing a successful career as a player at Bowdoin College. His career as both a player and coach has had a significant impact on the State and on those students and colleagues with whom he has worked. During his 40-year career as coach, Mr. Whitmore's teams have reached the postseason 27 times, had 31 winning seasons, won several Colby-Bates-Bowdoin titles and reached the NCAA tournament 2 years in a row. Mr. Whitmore was named Maine's Coach of the Year on 6 separate occasions and was inducted into both the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall

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of Fame. In addition to his work as a coach, Mr. Whitmore is widely respected for being a mentor and friend to students at Colby College and for maintaining friendships with students long after they graduate. We send our appreciation to Mr. Whitmore for his dedication to the students of Colby College and for all of his contributions to the State of Maine throughout his distinguished career; (HLS 326)

Stanley E. Bamford, of Fayette, a longtime active member of his community. Born in Livermore in 1924, Mr. Bamford left Maine for his service in the United States Army. He was a member of the 672nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion, Company B, serving in the Philippines. He also participated in the liberation of the Los Baños Concentration Camp. In 1946, Mr. Bamford married Ardis Wilcox and the couple made their home in Fayette, where they raised two sons. Throughout his life, Mr. Bamford served his community in various ways, including helping to build State Route 17 and the Town of Fayette's first fire truck. For many years, Mr. Bamford served as Fayette's road commissioner and served several terms as a town selectman. The town honored Mr. Bamford's contributions in 2005 by dedicating the annual town report to him. Mr. Bamford will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, neighbors and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 327)

the following members of the Saint Dominic Academy Girls Ice Hockey Team, of Auburn, who won the 2011 Class A State Championship: Anna Desjardin, Emily Briggs, Emily Poulin, Faith Ide, Jenna Fongemie, Kate Lacombe, Kayla Gelinias, Kayla McLellan, Kelley McLellan, Lauren Ratsep, Lydia Martin, Marisa Zamrock, Meghan Hargreaves, Nicole Keaney and Sophie Goulet; head coach Don Boucher; and assistant coaches Paul Gosselin and Andrew Girouard. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 328)

Laurence and Sonja Clark, of Anson, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married April 29, 1961 in Madison at the Congregational Church and have lived in the Madison-Anson area their entire lives. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Clark on this very special occasion; (HLS 329)

Evan Merrill Arbour, of Winthrop, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Winthrop High School. We extend our congratulations to Evan on this achievement; (HLS 330)

Connor Chu, of Winthrop, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Winthrop High School. We extend our congratulations to Connor on this achievement; (HLS 331)

Donald Ernest Lipfert, a longtime resident of Woolwich. Mr. Lipfert was born in 1921 in Meriden, Connecticut and became a designing engineer with over 30 patents in his name. Although he worked on such projects as the development of a wire recorder for an early satellite and on one of the last mechanical calculators, Mr. Lipfert preferred working on things that improved the human condition, such as a mattress that prevented bedsores in quadriplegic patients. After 1963, he and his wife, Roberta, and their children moved to a 1780s house in Woolwich and he commuted weekly to his job in New York City. He retired in 1983. Mr. Lipfert and his wife were instrumental in founding the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and in the creation of the Common Ground Country Fair. He served his community on the Woolwich School Committee and worked on the Woolwich Comprehensive Plan, among many other state and local activities devoted to conservation, organic farming and town planning, and

volunteered at the Woolwich Historical Society and the Maine Maritime Museum. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife, Roberta, his loving family, his friends and neighbors and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 332)

Stanley M. Jordan, of Turner, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen in the town. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Jordan on his receiving this honor; (HLS 333)

Gail Bennett, of Minot, who was named Central Maine Community College's 2011 Student of the Year and who was honored at the 21st annual Maine Community College System Board of Trustees' Students of the Year Awards ceremony and luncheon. Ms. Bennett received a \$1,000 John H. Lapoint, Jr. Scholarship Award for Leadership in addition to this award. We join Ms. Bennett's family, friends and peers in extending to her our congratulations for earning this noteworthy honor. We send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 334)

Reverend James E. Knox, of Scarborough, on the occasion of his 60th anniversary of ordination as a Roman Catholic Priest. Ordained April 11, 1951 by Bishop Daniel Feeney, Reverend Knox has served at parishes throughout Maine. In 1967 he served as the first resident pastor at the newly established St. Gregory Parish in Gray, and in 1971 he became pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Brunswick; and it was during his time at the parish that construction of the current St. Charles Borromeo Church building took place. Reverend Knox has also served at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland and Holy Cross Parish in South Portland. Though he retired as pastor of Holy Cross Parish in 1996, he has continued to serve his community and the neighboring parishes in many capacities. Reverend Knox has also served the Church and the community as an advisor to the Bishop and the Diocese, as a member of the Priest Personnel Board, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clergy Benefit Plan, as a member of the Board of Catholic Education, as a member of the Priests' Council, as a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and as a dean in both Brunswick and South Portland. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Knox as he celebrates the anniversary of his ordination; (HLS 335)

Nathaniel W. Berry, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Nathaniel designed and built a wooden shed for storing the tools and gardening materials for those who farm community gardens at Wolfe's Neck Farm. We extend our congratulations to Nathaniel on this achievement; (HLS 336)

Christopher M. Fitzgerald, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Christopher designed and built 2 multi-level shelters for the cats at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. We extend our congratulations to Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 337)

the Scarborough High School Girls Indoor Track Team, the Scarborough Red Storm, which has won the 2011 Class A State Championship. This is the 7th state championship in a row for the team. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 338)

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Nancy True, of Gray, who has raised over \$20,000 for the Homeless Veterans Project this year. Ms. True is the President of the Maine American Legion Auxiliary and has held other statewide offices in the auxiliary. She is a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 86, which she joined in 1993 through her husband, Daniel True, a Vietnam veteran. Ms. True has been active in the Homeless Veterans Project and, along with Brian Danforth, has been working and traveling throughout the State speaking about the Homeless Veterans Project. The goal of raising \$10,000 this year has been far exceeded. Some of the funds have been used to purchase housewarming baskets and gift cards. Funds have also gone to Operation Stand Down and to the Homeless Veterans Project to help homeless veterans with housing, fuel and basic necessities. We send her our appreciation for her selfless efforts in fund-raising for our veterans. We congratulate her on her success and send her our best wishes; (HLS 339)

Commander Kevin Schofield, who managed the Criminal Investigations Division, records and communications dispatch of the Brunswick Police Department, and who is leaving his position to become the Chief of Police for the Town of Bridgton. Commander Schofield was with the Brunswick Police Department for nearly 21 years and has been in law enforcement for 25 years. We send our appreciation to Commander Schofield on his commitment to law enforcement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 340)

Emma Crieg, of Windham, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Windham High School. We extend our congratulations to Emma on this achievement; (HLS 341)

Benjamin Richardson, of Windham, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Windham High School. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this achievement; (HLS 342)

Nancy Cook, of Kennebunkport, on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of teaching in York schools. In addition to teaching science, Ms. Cook shared with her students her love for activities such as knitting, quilting and snowshoeing and incorporated them into her everyday classroom curriculum. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Cook for her dedicated service to her profession and to the youth of the State and we send our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 343)

Tyler J. Myers, of Mechanic Falls, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Poland Regional High School. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 344)

the following top honor students of the 2011 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School, in Standish: Devin Rheaume, Valedictorian; Andrew Szatkowski, Salutatorian; Nathan Martel; Morgan Costa; Morgan Roy; Pauline Adams; Sara George; Lorrynn Carter; Joseph Collins; Catherine Patchell; Paige Emery; Ryan Cook; Cara Kinney; Alison Clift; Meaghan Kane; Kelly Piecuch; Erin Glennie; and Lindsey Carter. We congratulate the top honor students on their achievements and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 345)

Barbara Moore, of Dover-Foxcroft, on the occasion of her retirement after 29 years of service to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft as the town clerk. We send her our appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the community and to the State and send our best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 346)

Vanessa Cousins, of Dover-Foxcroft, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals'

Association. We extend our congratulations to Vanessa on her receiving this award; (HLS 347)

Pine Tree Hospice, in Dover-Foxcroft, on its 25th Anniversary. Pine Tree Hospice offers comfort with dignity to people of any age living with a progressive life-limiting illness, as well as educating and supporting its volunteers and staff to maintain a high standard of care. Pine Tree Hospice also responds to caregiver, family and community needs for continued bereavement support. Pine Tree Hospice has 80 trained volunteers, who provide many services, including respite, companionship, grief support, education, assistance in the preparation of advanced care directives and ethical wills and help in procuring needed resources, and serves an area of over 3,900 square miles in Piscataquis, Penobscot and Somerset counties. We extend our appreciation to Pine Tree Hospice on its valuable contributions to the people of the State of Maine and we congratulate all the members on this important anniversary; (HLS 348)

Lucas L. Fortier, of Skowhegan, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Skowhegan Area High School. We extend our congratulations to Lucas on this achievement; (HLS 349)

the following top students of the Class of 2011 at Telstar Regional High School: Valedictorian Jamie Anne Steven, Salutatorian Elek Price Pew, Emily Anne DeCarolis, Timothy John O'Connor, Morgan Joy Lee, Victoria Dyan Forkus, Ashley May Sabins, Katelyn Ann Sumner, Simon Foster Smith, Joshua Michael Bellinger and Kimberlei Autumn Dean. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 350)

the student members of the Falmouth Middle School "Iron Twinkies" Jazz Band, who won the 2011 Maine State Jazz Band Championship in Division I. The band, under the direction of music teacher Jerry Barry, scored 98 out of 100 possible points. It is the 10th time in 11 years the school's band has been named the Maine State Jazz Band Champions. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the band on this remarkable achievement; (HLS 351)

the Town of Falmouth, which was named Top City to Live and Learn by Forbes Magazine and GreatSchools, in the second annual national study ranking cities across the United States. The Falmouth schools earned an education quality score of 100, earning the only perfect score, and consistently outperforming state and national averages in achievement. We congratulate the Town of Falmouth on its achieving this honor and send the town our best wishes for continued excellence; (HLS 352)

Danielle Colson, of Hudson, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Central High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Danielle; (HLS 353)

Taryn Pineo, of Corinth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Central High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Taryn; (HLS 354)

the following members of the York High School girls varsity ice hockey team, winners of the 2010-2011 Western Maine Class B Championship: Macki Hill, Hannah Keating, Ellie Giles, Nicci Heroux, Caroline Hird, Julia Hird, Carly Lee, Cari Posternak, Sammy Stocks, Gabby Boualavanh, Olivia Drew, Olivia Leroux, Tori Stocks and Rachel Yorke and coach Kevin Banfield. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 355)

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Haley Hayden, of Hartland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Haley; (HLS 356)

Kennebec Valley Community College, for its receiving the Aspen Institute's designation as one of the top community colleges in the country. Kennebec Valley Community College earned this honor for placing in the top ten percent of community colleges nationwide and was congratulated by United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Dr. Jill Biden, Executive Director of the Aspen College Excellence Program Joshua Wyner and former United States Secretary of Education Richard Riley. We congratulate Kennebec Valley Community College on its receiving this well-deserved designation and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 357)

Eric Scott Wiese, Jr., of Brunswick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 648, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Eric on this achievement; (HLS 358)

the members of the Lewiston High School Cheerleading Team, winners of the 2011 Class A State Championship with a record-setting performance. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this achievement; (HLS 359)

Meghan Hughes, of Pittsfield, a senior at Maine Central Institute, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Meghan on her receiving this award; (HLS 360)

Edward and Carol Barski, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Barski on this very special occasion; (HLS 361)

Richard and Anita Langelier, of Lewiston, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Langelier on this very special occasion; (HLS 362)

Roger and Marcienne Beaulieu, of Lewiston, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu on this very special occasion; (HLS 363)

Robert and Lucille Leclair, of Auburn, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leclair on this very special occasion; (HLS 364)

Ovide and Madeleine Menard, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Menard on this very special occasion; (HLS 365)

Charles Roop, Jr. and Mary Jane Roop, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 366)

Gerard and Monique Pratt, of Auburn, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pratt on this very special occasion; (HLS 367)

Roland and Rosalie Pomerleau, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pomerleau on this very special occasion; (HLS 368)

Elwyn and Elizabeth Hutchins, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins on this very special occasion; (HLS 369)

Alfred and Dorothy Galgovitch, of Lisbon Falls, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Galgovitch on this very special occasion; (HLS 370)

George and Louise Ruby, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ruby on this very special occasion; (HLS 371)

Holly Marie Thomas, of Freeman Township, who has earned the honor of being named co-Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mt. Abram High School. We extend our congratulations to Holly on this achievement; (HLS 372)

Wren Josephine Tooker, of Phillips, who has earned the honor of being named co-Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mt. Abram High School. We extend our congratulations to Wren on this achievement; (HLS 373)

George and Marie Andrews, of Temple, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 29, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were married at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Farmington. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews on this very special occasion; (HLS 374)

the Wildwoods Band, of Lincoln, on its winning numerous awards at the North American Country Music Association, International awards ceremony at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on March 13, 2011. The Wildwoods Band, with members Ron Rines, Rich Nye, Doug Danforth, Cathy Severance and the Honorable Rod Carr, former member of the Maine House of Representatives, won First Place as Traditional Country Band of the Year, First Place as Traditional Country Music Vocal Group of the Year and Second Place for Traditional Country Duet of the Year, which featured members Cathy Severance and Rod Carr. In addition, the band won numerous honors at the Down East Country Music Awards Show in November 2010, including Band of the Year, Vocal Group of the Year and Vocal Duet of the Year. We congratulate the members of the Wildwoods Band on their extraordinary success their first year in competition, and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 375)

Dee Jay Gendreau, of Madawaska, a student at Madawaska High School, who scored his 1,000th career point in basketball. We congratulate him on his achievement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 376)

Lindsey Blackstone, of Perham, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations to Lindsey on this achievement; (HLS 377)

Cameron Huston, of Washburn, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations to Cameron on this achievement; (HLS 378)

Mitchell Clyde Thomas, of Durham, for his many years of dedicated community involvement and volunteer work. Mr. Thomas is a music minister in the United Methodist Churches in Auburn and Lewiston. For more than 25 years, he has directed Music-Theatre camps for youth at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, and he is the longtime Music Director for the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Mr. Thomas is the Communications Director at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine, a mentoring agency serving children in Cumberland and York counties, and he is an adjunct professor

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at Central Maine Community College. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Thomas; (HLS 379)

Verna E. "Bonnie" Brooker, of Bangor and Orrington, devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Brooker was an active member of her community and was employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company for 29 years, retiring as a department manager. She enjoyed cooking, reading, crafts, traveling and the outdoors. She was a member of Essex Street Baptist Church and participated in Sunshine Class and with missionaries at the church. She had a zest for life and welcomed her many friends to her home with open arms and a cheery smile. Mrs. Brooker will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 380)

Gordan "Nels" Kramer, of West Enfield, who is the recipient of the 2011 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. Mr. Kramer has been a Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife fisheries biologist for nearly 30 years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Kramer on his receiving this honor; (HLS 381)

Frederick James Moore, Jr., of East Millinocket, loving son, husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Moore graduated from Schenck High School in 1973 and joined the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of lance corporal. Mr. Moore spent 30 years as a papermaker and member of PACE International Union, where he served as the union's financial secretary. He was a member of the Schenck High School Booster Club, the school board and the local planning board. He was a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans, where he served as commander of Chapter 22. Mr. Moore was a man of many smiles, laughs and hugs, and a friend to all who encountered him. He always put others first. Mr. Moore will be deeply missed by his loving family, many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 382)

the following top ten students of the Class of 2011 at Lewiston High School: Jared R. Bourgoin, Abigail J. Campbell, Cody S. Dussault, Rebecca-Marie Lessard, Brittany A. Martin, Jonathan D. McDonough, Cameron P. Poussard, Jonathan R. Soucy, Susannah Wong and Amy Yeung. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 383)

the following top ten students of the 2011 graduating class of Carrabec High School: Ashia Jepson, Valedictorian; Rebecca Ellis, Salutatorian; Courtney Turner; Rebecca Bergeron; Marisa Murray; Kara Hebert; Ashley Libby; Raymond Wacome III; Zachary White; and Nathan Adley. We congratulate the top ten students on their achievements and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 384)

the following members of the Village Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Technical Team, of Gorham, on their first place Division 1 finish at the 2011 Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament: Grant Hawkes, Nathan Bachner, Max Harvey, Abbie vanLuling, Hayley Bickford, Autumn Heil, coach Karen Hawkes and coach Carolyn Bickford. The team won for the technical problem they solved called "As Good as Gold...berg." They solved their technical problem by creating a device with a complex series of components that performed a real-life task. We extend our congratulations to the Village Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Technical Team on this achievement and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 385)

the following members of the Village Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Vehicle Team, of Gorham, on their first place Division 1 finish at the 2011 Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament: Andrew Sharp, Trevor Gava, Dawson Smith, Simon Roussel, Kiera Emerson, Jade Wu, coach Beverly Gava

and coach Angie Muhs Sharp. The team won for the vehicle problem called "Extreme Mouse Mobiles." By using a mousetrap and string to power their vehicle made from the body of a Pinewood Derby car and erector set wheels, the team creatively solved their problem. We extend our congratulations to the Village Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Vehicle Team on this achievement and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 386)

Allison Matthews, of Gorham, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Gorham High School. We extend our congratulations to her on her achievements and send her our best on her future endeavors; (HLS 387)

Sydney Butler, of Gorham, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Gorham High School. We extend our congratulations to Sydney on her achievements and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 388)

the following members of the Gorham High School Drama Club, who won first place for Class A schools at the 2011 Maine Drama Festival with their production of *The Elephant Graveyard*: Emma Alden, Lucia Alexandrin, Karen Bombaro, Adam Bourgault, Eric DeLuca, Katelyn DiLorenzo, Nathaniel Dombek, Stefanie Farrington, Nicole Gile, Chloe Gray, Lincoln Gray, Ian Hawkes, Sarah Kennedy, Joseph Lambert, Kevin Lombard, Raisa Luck, Megan Mitchell, Max McNally, Kristin Nelson, Quincy Owens, Tyler Patten, Josh Plummer, Merrill Porterfield, Hannah Pratt, Molly Stewart, Ellyn Touchette, Lia Van de Krol and Collin Young. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the drama club on this achievement; (HLS 389)

Adam Hutchinson, of Winslow, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 433, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Adam on this achievement; (HLS 390)

Holden Cookson, of Fairfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 433 in Winslow, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Holden on this achievement; (HLS 391)

Jacob Merson, of Falmouth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 392)

United States Army Private First Class Buddy McLain, of Peru, who died on November 29, 2010 as a result of enemy fire in Afghanistan. Private McLain was born in Portland and was a 2006 graduate of Mountain Valley High School. He served with the 2nd Squadron, 61st Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. He was a member of the Napoleon Ouellette Post 24, American Legion and Rumford Falls Aerie 1248, FOE. We acknowledge Private First Class McLain's dedicated military service, and we recognize the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and his grateful Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 393)

Raymond Earl Shibley, of Fairfield, a longtime local businessman and United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Shibley was born in Fairfield and was a 1929 graduate of Lawrence High School and a 1935 graduate of Colby College. He proudly served in the Army Air Corps during the war,

flying on many missions as a bombardier. He manned the power turret and was the gun sight mechanic on the infamous B-26 Marauder Eagle. Mr. Shibley owned and operated an oil and gas distributorship for many years, which he and his wife, Elthea, built up into a prosperous business. After many years of hard work, he retired at the age of 50, and he and his wife traveled extensively. Mr. and Mrs. Shibley were very civic-minded, and they sponsored Shibley's Police Athletic League football team, carrying on the tradition for 30 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 394)

James Pershken, of Albion, a senior at Lawrence High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to James on his receiving this award; (HLS 395)

Erik K. Holmsen, of Oakland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 436, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Erik on this achievement; (HLS 396)

Benton S. Purnell, of Oakland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 436, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Benton on this achievement; (HLS 397)

Ben Ward, of Rockland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 206, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Ben on this achievement; (HLS 398)

Kevin W. Berry, of Madison, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 481, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Kevin removed and replaced old stairs at a local church. We extend our congratulations to Kevin on this achievement; (HLS 399)

Kady L. Esty, of Skowhegan, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Skowhegan Area High School. We extend our congratulations to Kady on this achievement; (HLS 400)

the 2010-2011 Bowdoin College field hockey team, for its third NCAA Division III Championship in 4 years. This championship team has made the Polar Bears one of the most successful in Division III field hockey history. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 401)

Jim Wellehan, of Auburn, who was named Auburn Business Association Citizen of the Year. The owner of Lamey-Wellehan Shoes, Mr. Wellehan has been involved in local political, business and community associations for more than 3 decades. He is well known for his participation in Boy Scouting and Auburn's recreation department sports programs, as well as for his passion for environmentally conscious business practices, including his help in creating a city energy committee and his work with the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce developing programs to make local businesses more energy efficient. We congratulate Jim Wellehan on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes; (HLS 402)

the members of the Hall-Dale High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2011 Class C State Championship, the school's first girls basketball title since 1986. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 403)

Jon Marshall, of Ellsworth, the Fire Chief of the Ellsworth Fire Department, on his retirement after 30 years as a professional firefighter and a 5-year tenure as fire chief. He joined the department 40 years ago as a 16-year-old volunteer. We send our appreciation to Fire Chief Marshall on his dedicated commitment to firefighting, his community and the State. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 404)

the following members of the Nokomis Regional High School Jazz Ensemble, who are the 2011 State Champions of Division II schools at the Maine Music Educators Association Jazz Festival: Lindsay Mower, Katie Webber, Erin Taylor, Becca Boyce, Britany Seale, Nick Reynolds, Mitchell Mendonca, Sabrina Gustin, Jared Woodbury, Janica Barrows, Sara Packard, Ellery Goode, Alex Lawler, Courtney Taylor, Alyssa Taylor, Matt Mower, Stephen Sacks, manager Tyler Jones and director Stanley Buchanon. We congratulate the ensemble on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 405)

Irene T. Hamilton, of Skowhegan, a longtime and distinguished educator. Mrs. Hamilton was born in Grand Isle and was a 1928 graduate of Good Will High School in Hinckley. She received her bachelor's degree from Colby College in 1932 and her master's degree from the University of Maine in 1953. Mrs. Hamilton started her teaching career at Freedom Academy and then taught at Telstar High School in Bethel and Skowhegan High School, where she taught French, Spanish and geography and received the Frank M. Gilley Scholarship. She moved to Portland and taught at Deering High School, where she became the chair of her department. After her retirement from Deering High School, she taught Spanish at Catherine McAuley High School in Portland for three years and retired in 1979. Mrs. Hamilton was a former member of the American Association of Teachers of French and the Portland Chapter of L'Alliance Francaise. For many years, she was a member of the Maine Education Association, the Somerset Retired Teachers Association and the Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was also president of the Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma while teaching in Portland. Mrs. Hamilton loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family, friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 406)

Lucas Fortier, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan Area High School, who has been selected to receive the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Lucas on his receiving this award; (HLS 407)

Cordell Lawrence Welcome, of Starks, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 481, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Cordell built shelves for the local Town of Starks food cupboard. We extend our congratulations to Cordell on this achievement; (HLS 408)

Conrad Mitchell Welcome, of Starks, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 481, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal

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growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Conrad constructed benches for the local Frederic Cemetery in the Town of Starks and planted a winter squash garden to grow produce for the Town of Starks food cupboard. We extend our congratulations to Conrad on this achievement; (HLS 409)

the following top ten students of the 2011 graduating class of Wiscasset High School: Yvette Nicole Alexandrou, Ashton Wayne Benn, Crysta Cassandra Brown, Brian Thomas Campbell, Ross Thomas Hanley, John Emery McLeod, Rebecca Margaret Slack, Paige C. E. Teel, Lauren Elisabeth Trudeau and Ryan Michael Urquhart. We congratulate these students on their achievements and send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 410)

Yvette Alexandrou, of Alna, a senior at Wiscasset High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Yvette on her receiving this award; (HLS 411)

Linda Bleile, of Wiscasset, principal of Wiscasset Middle School, on being named Maine's Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Bleile has spent her entire 38-year career in education at the Wiscasset Middle School, with 9 years as its principal. In presenting the award, the Maine Principals' Association cited Ms. Bleile's effective leadership, commitment to academic excellence, high expectations and standards and her creation of a culture that supports learning. A former president of the Maine Principals' Association, she is also active in her community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bleile on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 412)

Thomas Bizier, of Livermore, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Livermore Falls High School. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on this achievement and wish him well in his future college and career endeavors; (HLS 413)

Michael Ancil, of Livermore, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Livermore Falls High School. We extend our congratulations to Michael on this achievement and wish him well in his future college and career endeavors; (HLS 414)

the Honorable Frank H. Farren, Jr., of Cherryfield, who was a member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1986 to 1994. Mr. Farren was a 1953 graduate of Cherryfield Academy. He took courses through the University of Maine at Augusta and served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960 at Fort Hood, Texas, and in Germany. Mr. Farren held a variety of jobs, among them working in the woods, driving trucks, selling cars and as a bookkeeper. He worked for the Department of Conservation in Augusta from 1970 to 1986 and began the snowmobiling program for the State of Maine. Mr. Farren was a lifetime member of the Maine Snowmobile Association and a member of the Narraguagus Snowmobile Club, and was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Minnesota in 1997. We acknowledge his longtime dedicated service to his community and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 415)

P. Ryan Mancini, of Scarborough, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Scarborough High School. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on this achievement and wish him well in his future college and career endeavors; (HLS 416)

the members of the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon Team, on the occasion of their winning the 2011

Academic Decathlon Maine State Championship: Susan Rundell, Rebecca Mitchell, Samantha Couillard, Seth Albert, Chris DeFilipp, Jacob Wakem, Mike Hall, Mike Bamford and Justin Gagnon. The Academic Decathlon is a multidisciplinary academic team competition that tests students in ten categories: art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social science and speech. In winning the 2011 State Championship, Scarborough High School continues an outstanding record of success for its Academic Decathlon Team and earned the team the honor of competing at the 30th United States Academic Decathlon National Competition, where they placed 12th in the nation and 4th in their division and 4 team members received individual honors. We extend our congratulations to the team and send the members our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 417)

Jeremy Vroom, of Bangor, a student at Bangor High School, who has won the Congressional Art Competition within the Second Congressional District. We congratulate Jeremy on his accomplishment and send him our best wishes; (HLS 418)

the snow team at Bangor International Airport, which received the Balchen/Post Award at the 2011 International Aviation Snow Symposium in Buffalo, New York for excellence in snow and ice control. The team was selected to receive the award by a committee of experts from the Air Line Pilots Association, the United States Department of Defense, the Regional Airline Association, the National Business Aviation Association, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Air Transport Association. The purpose of this award is to promote better snow and ice control and to recognize outstanding performance. We extend our congratulations to the snow team at Bangor International Airport on its being recognized for excellence and outstanding performance; (HLS 419)

John Morton, of Vinalhaven, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Vinalhaven High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to John on this achievement; (HLS 420)

Tyler Chilles, of Vinalhaven, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Vinalhaven High School. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 421)

Andy Turner, of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the under 1200 chess championship at the 2011 Maine State Scholastic Chess Tournament. Andy is the first student from the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team ever to win in this category. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his victory; (HLS 422)

Dewey Martin, of Hampden, who has been named Business Person of the Year by the Hampden Business Association. Mr. Martin is a certified public accountant and a professor at Husson University. He is being recognized for his community service, volunteering for Hampden Business Association, Hampden Children's Day and youth athletics and recreation. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Martin for his commitment to his community and congratulate him on his receiving this well deserved honor; (HLS 423)

the top ten students of the Class of 2011 at Oak Hill High School: Valedictorian Joseph Turcotte, Salutatorian Cameron Morin, Shawn Adams, Rebecca Belaire, Brian Bradstreet, Benjamin Daggett, Samuel Hatch, Brittney Marshall, Krystal Poulin and Dylan Richards. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 424)

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Andrew Walker Babbitt, of Hampden, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 425)

Bill Sawtell, of Brownville, on the occasion of his retirement from 29 years of dedicated volunteer service to the students of Brownville Elementary School. The students and staff of Brownville Elementary School honored Mr. Sawtell with Bill Sawtell Day, observed on April 8, 2011. Mr. Sawtell has enriched the lives of students and staff by sharing his knowledge of the community through the over 200 talks he has given to students, as well as visiting local historical spots with the students. Students and staff of Brownville Elementary School have also benefited from Mr. Sawtell's support of school projects, such as the library and the building of the new playground. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Sawtell for his civic involvement and our congratulations on his being recognized with Bill Sawtell Day at Brownville Elementary School; (HLS 426)

Taryn R. Pineo, of Corinth, a senior at Central High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Taryn on her receiving this award; (HLS 427)

Jeremy Lamson, of Indian Island and of the Penobscot Nation, who was honored as the 2011 Maine Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club and is the recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship from Tupperware Brands Corporation. Jeremy was first named Youth of the Year for Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club, and he credited the club and his mother for his strength and success. Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys and Girls Club member can receive; the award recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys and Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. Jeremy will represent Maine in the Northeast Region Youth of the Year competition. We extend our congratulations to Jeremy on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes in all his future endeavors; (HLS 428)

Annette Girardin, of Jay, who has been named a 2011 Teacher of the Year by the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation. Ms. Girardin teaches mathematics at Jay High School and was nominated by a former student. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Girardin for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this well deserved honor; (HLS 429)

Nicholas Phinney, of Damariscotta, a junior at Lincoln Academy, who was selected to tour with the Sousa International Honors Band on its annual Concert Tour of Europe. Students are chosen to participate in this tour based on a demonstrated excellence in performance. Notably, Nicholas, a tuba player, was the only student selected for this tour from Maine. He was also selected to attend the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands - New England region, the All Eastern Music Festival and the Maine District III High School Honors Festival. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas Phinney on these outstanding accomplishments and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 430)

Kayla Jade Turner, of Norway, a senior at Oxford Hills Technical School, who is a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award for her dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. We extend our congratulations to Kayla on her receiving this award; (HLS 431)

Montana Mawhinney, of Paris, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of

Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Montana is also the recipient of the 2011 Maine Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Montana; (HLS 432)

Sarah Smith, of Oxford, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah; (HLS 433)

Wayne Farrington, of Gray, on the occasion of his retirement from teaching. A standout student and athlete at Jay High School, Mr. Farrington went on to graduate from Farmington State Teachers College and began teaching in 1966. His career began with a 6th-grade class in Farmington and took him to a variety of public and private schools in Maine and New Hampshire, as well as abroad to Venezuela. In more than 4 decades as an educator, Mr. Farrington taught an impressive array of courses at the high school and middle school levels, from history to science to foreign languages. Since 1992, he has taught Spanish and French at Lawrence Junior High School in Fairfield. Mr. Farrington also spent 15 years as a successful high school boys basketball coach. His wide-ranging, expansive knowledge, his humble and patient manner, his cheerful disposition and his compassion have enriched the lives of thousands of students, many of whom have become his good friends. We send our appreciation to Mr. Farrington on his exemplary teaching career and his commitment to the youth of his community and our State. We congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 434)

Alexander Colville, of Scarborough, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Scarborough High School. We extend our congratulations to Alexander on this achievement and wish him well in his future college and career endeavors; (HLS 435)

J. Michael Wilhelm, Ed.D., of Casco, Superintendent of Schools of M.S.A.D. No. 75, on the occasion of his retirement. Over two decades, Dr. Wilhelm led the District in preparing several thousand graduates for citizenship and lifelong learning. Under his leadership M.S.A.D. No. 75 initiated KinderStart, providing the six elementary schools' youngest children with a stronger start and leading the way for many other districts. The District invested in energy efficiency, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs. The District also led the way in providing comprehensive, school-based health services to students, as well as enhanced technology access including but not limited to one-to-one computing at the high school level. Dr. Wilhelm led the construction of state-of-the-art facilities at Bowdoin Central School and Mt. Ararat Middle School and championed the capital upgrade for Mt. Ararat High School. He inspired hundreds of teachers to their personal best with his annual "welcome back" performances, worked with 78 citizens and 18 student members of the Board of Directors, and served on numerous local boards and committees to foster school readiness, public health, and a stronger community. Dr. Wilhelm was named Maine Superintendent of the Year in 2003. We send him our appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to his profession, to the community and to the youth of our State. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 436)

Tyler McFarland, of Rockport, a member of the Camden Hills Regional High School Basketball Team, who was named "Mr. Maine Basketball," the most prestigious high school basketball award in the State. This is the first time a member of the Windjammers has won this title. Tyler led the team to 2



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undefeated State Class B championship seasons in 3 years. He also was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Player of the Year for the second straight season in 2010-2011 and earned his third straight Eastern Class B tournament Most Valuable Player award this winter, being the first to capture the award for 3 straight years. We congratulate Tyler on his receiving this well-deserved honor and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 437)

the Camden Hills Regional High School Boys Basketball Team, ably led by Coach Jeff Hart, on its winning the 2011 Maine Class B State Championship for the second time in 3 years. This was the seventh state title for the Windjammers. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 438)

Brandon Ouellette, of Van Buren, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Van Buren District Secondary School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brandon on this achievement; (HLS 439)

Patrick Vaillancourt, of Van Buren, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Van Buren District Secondary School. Patrick is the recipient of the 2011 Maine Principal's Award given by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Patrick on this achievement; (HLS 440)

Ashley Hebert, a Madawaska native, who is starring in the seventh edition of *The Bachelorette* on the ABC television network. She also appeared on the ABC show *The Bachelor*, which filmed an episode in Madawaska, and she has helped to increase positive recognition of northern Maine. Ms. Hebert graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science in biology. She was Maine's 2002 Junior Miss and went on to compete in America's Junior Miss pageant, where she received a scholarship for the fitness portion of the competition. Ms. Hebert was the captain of the dance team at the University of Maine. She worked in an after-school program teaching dance and she still teaches dance. Since the fall of 2007, Ms. Hebert has attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and will graduate this year with the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine. We congratulate Ashley Hebert on her remarkable accomplishments and send her our best wishes; (HLS 441)

Katarina Rydlizy, of Ellsworth, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Ellsworth High School. We extend our congratulations to Katarina on this achievement; (HLS 442)

Holly Wadman, of Ellsworth, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Ellsworth High School. We extend our congratulations to Holly on this achievement; (HLS 443)

Katrina Harris, of Ellsworth, who has earned the honor of being named 2nd Honor Essayist of the 2011 graduating class at Ellsworth High School. We extend our congratulations to Katrina on this achievement; (HLS 444)

the top ten students of the 2011 graduating class of Madison Area Memorial High School: Krysta Moulton, Valedictorian; Lindsey Kandiko, Salutatorian; Renee Boudreault; Jennifer Brown; Alexis Cote; Luke Klinker; Mickella Laney; Casey Nickerson; Jacqueline Rich; and Michael Serbis. We congratulate the students on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 445)

Lauren Pierce, of Alfred, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to Lauren on this achievement; (HLS 446)

Hannah Hopkins, of Shapleigh, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to Hannah on this achievement; (HLS 447)

Lily Van Steenberg, of Union, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Lily on this achievement; (HLS 448)

Hannah E. Emery, of Houlton, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Greater Houlton Christian Academy. We congratulate Hannah on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 449)

Grace Kiffney, of Portland, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Deering High School. Grace is a dedicated artist and has been a summer art camp counselor, worked part-time at Portland Pottery's ceramics studio and interned at the Portland Museum of Art. Grace is also an accomplished violinist. Grace has also volunteered extensively in her community. A nearly fluent Spanish speaker, she traveled to Ecuador during April break to teach English to schoolchildren. We congratulate Grace on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 450)

Siena Butterfield, of Portland, who has earned the honor of being named the Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Deering High School. Siena is a creative writer and has served as editor of the school newspaper and as a leader of the debate team. She is a recipient of the Brown University Book Award and is a National Merit Semifinalist. Siena is active in her community, a committed mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and a core contributor to the Peer Mediation program. We congratulate Siena on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 451)

Braden Kell, of Ellsworth, who has earned the honor of being named 1st Honor Essayist of the 2011 graduating class at Ellsworth High School. We extend our congratulations to Braden on this achievement; (HLS 452)

the Penobscot Marine Museum, of Searsport, the museum of Penobscot Bay, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary of incorporation, September 3, 2011. The museum, known for being "where Maine and the sea make history," is celebrating the anniversary with music and crafts and a featured exhibit of 75 of the most important, valuable, beautiful, rare and interesting items from the museum's vast collections. We extend our congratulations to the Penobscot Marine Museum on this important celebration of its history and we send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 453)

the Anah Shriners, on the occasion of their Summer Ceremonial Parade, in Belfast, June 18, 2011. The Anah Temple in Bangor, with 7 regional Shrine Clubs, has nearly 4,000 members and is known for its charitable organization, the Shriners Hospital. The Illustrious Potentate of Anah Temple is William L. Dawson, Jr., of Belfast. We join the good citizens of Belfast in celebrating the Anah Shriners' Summer Ceremonial Parade and send our best wishes; (HLS 454)

Benjamin MacLean, of York, who won the 23rd annual National Geographic Bee for Maine. Benjamin is a 7th-grade student at York Middle School. He will represent Maine in May in the national competition at the National Geographic Society's Washington, D.C., headquarters. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin and wish him luck at the national competition in Washington; (HLS 455)

Thomas Edward Flynn, Jr., of Hancock, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class

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at John Bapst Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on this achievement; (HLS 456)

Molly Parent, of Warren, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Molly on this achievement; (HLS 457)

Dr. Morton B. Panish, of Freeport, a physical chemist and a member the United States National Academy of Science and the United States National Academy of Engineering and Laureate in Advanced Technology in Electronics, on the 10th anniversary of his being awarded the Kyoto Prize in Advanced Technology. The prize is a Japanese award similar in intent to the Nobel Prize that recognizes outstanding works in the fields of philosophy, the arts, science and technology and those who have contributed to humanity with their work. Forty-one years ago, on June 1, 1970, Dr. Panish achieved the collaborative, scientific breakthrough discovery of room temperature, injection laser technology. This significant achievement was described as an "epoch-making development" that advanced the world of optoelectronic device research and "paved the way for the practical use of semiconductor lasers." These undertakings with his colleague Isuo Hayashi were among the many that Dr. Panish stated gave him great satisfaction because he believed he was doing something to advance mankind's knowledge. Dr. Panish is quick to point out the importance of collaboration and the achievements of predecessors and contemporaries. Upon retirement, Dr. Panish was invited by the National Research Council to assist with monitoring the work of NASA scientific programs. In addition, he has been an active member of the Committee on Human Rights of the United States National Academies and is involved with and contributes to his community and the State of Maine. We acknowledge Dr. Panish's significant contributions to science and our world and congratulate him on his remarkable achievements; (HLS 458)

Amanda Thurlow, of Burlington, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Amanda on this achievement and wish her well in her future college and career endeavors; (HLS 459)

Jina Libby, of Chester, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations to Jina on this achievement and wish her well in her future college and career endeavors; (HLS 460)

the Saint Croix Island International Historic Site, on the opening of a new ranger station. In 1604, Saint Croix Island became the site of one of the earliest European settlements in North America, when 79 French colonists, led by Samuel de Champlain, spent the winter there. In 1949, the island was designated Saint Croix Island National Monument by the United States Congress and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. It was named the Saint Croix Island International Historic Site on September 25, 1984, a unique designation in the National Park System of the United States. Since 1968, the historical sites on the island have been managed by the United States National Park Service, in consultation with Parks Canada, which maintains a viewing and interpretation site on the New Brunswick side of the river. We congratulate the International Historic Site on the special occasion of the ribbon cutting in honor of the opening of a new ranger station at the site; (HLS 461)

Carol Ann (Whited) McElwee, of Caribou, who has received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Caribou Chamber of Commerce. A retired educator, Ms. McElwee was raised in Fort Fairfield and has contributed much to her community through her

selfless volunteerism. During her 35-year teaching career, she was an advisor for Caribou High School's chapter of the National Honor Society and she also taught numerous courses at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, at Husson University and at Northern Maine Community College. She worked with the regional gifted and talented program, along with the Upward Bound Program. Ms. McElwee has contributed her talents to many civic organizations, including the Caribou Kiwanis Club, the Aroostook Retired Teachers' Association, the Nordic Heritage Sports Center Volunteer Committee, the Board of Trustees for the Nylander Museum, as well as the Aroostook County Republican Committee and the community sorority, Beta Sigma Phi. In addition, Ms. McElwee spent countless hours volunteering during Caribou's sesquicentennial celebration, specifically in helping to organize the Queen's Tea. We join Ms. McElwee's family and friends in extending to her our congratulations for her receiving this award and send our appreciation for her contributions to her community; (HLS 462)

Hight Chevrolet, of Skowhegan, Farmington and Madison, the oldest continually operated car dealership in the State, on its 100th anniversary. Walter Hight started the family business in 1911 selling Model T Fords. The business has been passed down through 4 generations of the family, which now owns 4 dealerships. In 1944 Kirby Hight took over ownership of the business, but Walter Hight came to work every day until he was in his 90s. Today Kirby Hight's son Lou runs the business, but Kirby remains on the job at 95 years of age and reviews the statements every month. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Hight family on this special occasion and wish them success in the future; (HLS 463)

Brittany Sherman, of Palermo, a senior at Erskine Academy, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Brittany on her receiving this award; (HLS 464)

Rachel Heard, of Freedom, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mt. View High School. We extend our congratulations to Rachel on this achievement; (HLS 465)

Margaret Clark, of Montville, who has earned the honor of being named the Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mt. View High School. We extend our congratulations to Margaret on this achievement; (HLS 466)

Katherine L. Sivret, of Calais, a student at the University of Southern Maine, who won the 2011 Miss International Pageant and the 2011 Miss International Talent Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 467)

Crystal Annis, of Baileyville, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Woodland High School. Ms. Annis has been very active in school and in her community, and was also named Miss St. Croix Valley 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 468)

Hannah Sivret, of Calais, who won the 2011 Teen Miss Eastern Maine pageant and the 2011 Teen Miss Eastern Maine Talent Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 469)

Roy Hussey, Jr., of Augusta, a member and past president of the Augusta Kiwanis Club, who was recently honored by the organization for his 54 years of service to Kiwanis. Mr. Hussey has achieved a perfect attendance record by his presence at 2,828 meetings. We send Mr. Hussey our congratulations on his many years of dedicated commitment to Kiwanis and to his community; (HLS 470)

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Sheila M. Bearor, of Augusta, Principal Law Librarian for Technical Services at the State Law and Legislative Reference Library, on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of dedicated service to the State of Maine. Prior to coming to the Legislature, she served at the University of Maine at Farmington's Mantor Library, spending 7 1/2 years as Head of Technical Services. While there Ms. Bearor played an important role in developing technical standards for URSUS, the University of Maine's collaborative online library system, in which the State Law and Legislative Reference Library participates. Since her arrival at the Legislature in 1990, Ms. Bearor has overseen the development of the library's online catalog, which enables library patrons to research its unique collections from anywhere on the Internet. Over the past 21 years, she has been a leading force behind the State Law and Legislative Reference Library's transition into the age of electronic information. Whether working behind the scenes or at the reference desk, Ms. Bearor, through her analytical approach to technological and research challenges, has earned the respect of her colleagues and the gratitude of those of us who have benefited from her labors. We send her our appreciation for her outstanding work and her commitment to her profession and to the State of Maine. We congratulate her on her retirement and send our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 471)

Annah Kathleen Houston, of Kingfield, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mt. Abram High School. We extend our congratulations to Annah on this achievement; (HLS 472)

Jan Whitworth, of Bethel, who is the recipient of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce 2011 Public Service Award for her commitment to the health and well-being of her patients and community. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Whitworth on her receiving this award; (HLS 473)

the top ten students of the 2011 graduating class of Edward Little High School: Valedictorian Alexander Smith, Salutatorian Nathan Fairchild, Emily Grund, Benjamin Armstrong, Luis Rovayo, Brenna Rasmussen, Zachary Olstein, Deseree Tanguay, Michael Weber and Samuel Cullen. We congratulate the students on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 474)

Peter Geiger, of Lewiston, who is the recipient of the Maine Principals' Association's Service to Maine Youth Award. The award is given annually to recognize adults who have made an outstanding contribution to the youth of Maine through education or the general welfare of Maine youth. A local business owner, Mr. Geiger has formed and nurtured a partnership between Geiger Brothers and the Montello Elementary School in Lewiston. One of the highlights of the partnership is the annual "Night of the Stars," in which students at Montello Elementary School are recognized and rewarded for excellence in writing. Mr. Geiger has done much to encourage high achievement and high aspirations in the students of Montello Elementary School. Geiger Brothers provides job shadowing opportunities, funding of transportation for community service projects, mentoring experiences and a scholarship fund. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Geiger for his commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate him on his winning this well-deserved award; (HLS 475)

Tyler Jones, of Newport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Nokomis Regional High School. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes; (HLS 476)

Elmer Fred Degon, Jr., of Augusta, former Director of Public Works for the City of Augusta, known for his love of family, enthusiasm for life and joy in learning. Mr. Degon was a graduate of Cony High School and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Honorably discharged, he was drafted in 1944 and returned to active duty. He held several jobs in different careers, such as teaching at a school of navigation, co-authoring a book, owning and operating Maine Pool Company and working in the construction field. Mr. Degon took courses at the University of Maine at Augusta and received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in public administration. He was Director of Public Works for more than 20 years for the City of Augusta and also taught part-time at the University of Maine at Augusta. Mr. Degon will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 477)

Mid-Coast Energy Systems, in Damariscotta, on its 35th anniversary of commitment to energy conservation. Founded in 1976 by Bob Hardina when he bought a well-established plumbing and heating company, the company has been dedicated to the education and promotion of energy efficiency and conservation. By employing the most modern and efficient technologies, Mid-Coast Energy Systems has established its leadership in the industry. We extend our congratulations to Mid-Coast Energy Systems on this anniversary and send our best wishes for its future success; (HLS 478)

Sarah's Cafe, of Wiscasset, which has been in business for 30 years. Owned and operated by Sarah Heald, her sons Clayton and Matthew and her employees, Sarah's Cafe is a family restaurant providing the public with home-cooked food. First establishing Sarah's Country Candies in 1980, Ms. Heald later started a pizza delivery business, and she was soon able to open a small cafe in Boothbay Harbor, which quickly expanded. In 1987, she moved the business to Wiscasset. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Heald, her sons Clayton and Matthew, her loyal employees and their customers on the 30th anniversary of this landmark establishment; (HLS 479)

Jerry W. Closson, Sr., of Boothbay Harbor, who was very active and much loved in his community. Mr. Closson was born on Mount Desert Island and was in the United States Navy Reserves in 1956 and 1957 and then in the United States Navy for 2 more years, serving during the 1958 Lebanon Crisis. Mr. Closson worked at local boatyards and for the State of Maine as a mechanic. He also had a small engine repair shop at home. Mr. Closson served on numerous local boards and committees and as a volunteer firefighter for Boothbay Harbor. He was on the town's Port Committee, Budget Committee and Fish Pier Committee. Mr. Closson was one of the first volunteers for the local YMCA, and in 2007 he was awarded a plaque for his many hours of dedication to the Boothbay Region fire and police departments. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and the community he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 480)

Donald and Nora Brewer, of Southport, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, April 15, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 481)

Ruth Rhoads Lepper Gardner, of Southport, renowned artist, mapmaker and local personality. Ms. Gardner was born in Norwood, Massachusetts and attended Pembroke College in Brown University, the Rhode Island School of Design and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. As a young

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woman, Ms. Gardner traveled the world and, as an early Southport summer visitor, she nurtured a lifelong devotion to Maine. She and her husband Cornelius moved permanently to Southport in 1947. When they met, she held a job as a draftsman for the United States Navy, where she developed her love of mapmaking. Ms. Gardner was able to combine her extraordinary artistic skills with mapmaking as she designed and produced dozens of unique illustrated maps featuring the history of Maine. Ms. Gardner was a talented watercolor artist and an accomplished cellist who enjoyed playing in orchestras. Ms. Gardner received a Distinguished Achievement Award for her life's work from the University of Southern Maine. Ms. Gardner will be greatly missed and long remembered by her family and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 482)

Patty Joyce, of Wilton, on her retirement as an election clerk for the Town of Wilton after over 30 years of civic service. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the community and to the State, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 483)

Jean Rand, of Wilton, on her retirement as an election clerk for the Town of Wilton after over 30 years of civic service. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the community and to the State, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 484)

Claire Fitzpatrick, of Wilton, on her retirement as an election clerk for the Town of Wilton after over 30 years of civic service. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the community and to the State, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 485)

Erzebet Nagy, of Fairfield, a student at Lawrence High School, and Griffin Davis, of Winslow, a student at Winslow High School, who won first place in their division at the Maine State Science Fair for their project, "Equine DNA Analysis." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievement; (HLS 486)

Paul Elish, of Presque Isle, a senior at Presque Isle High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Paul on his receiving this award; (HLS 487)

Franka Bickford, of Wilton, on her retirement as an election clerk for the Town of Wilton after over 30 years of civic service. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the community and to the State, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 488)

Sandra L. Ritchie, of Smithfield, who is the recipient of the 2011 Award of Meritorious Service from the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society. This award is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to wildlife conservation and the wildlife profession, and have demonstrated a commitment to wildlife resources and the wildlife profession that exceeds normal expectations of performance and responsibility in their position. Ms. Ritchie is a 1980 graduate from the University of Maine with a degree in wildlife management. She began her career with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Bangor in the Wildlife Resources Assessment Section and is now a Senior Policy Analyst focusing on habitat conservation. We send our appreciation to Ms. Ritchie on her commitment to her profession and to the State of Maine and send her our congratulations on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 489)

Mid-State Machine Products, of Winslow and Waterville, which has received a Governor's Award for Business Excellence for its commitment to its community, to its employees and to manufacturing and service excellence. Mid-State Machine Products is a globally competitive precision manufacturer of

complex components. We congratulate Mid-State Machine Products on its receiving this award; (HLS 490)

the top ten students of the Class of 2011 at Orono High School: Philip Benoit, Siobhan Harrity, Mengting Guo, Sarah Bishop, Nikolai Renedo, Aimee Co, Nicholas Peterson, Avery Cole, Alexander Introne and Jessica Richards. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 491)

Chris Morris, of Readfield, who has earned the honor of being named the Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Maranacook Community High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chris on this achievement; (HLS 492)

Seldon Porter, of Lincoln, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations to Seldon on this achievement; (HLS 493)

Emily Knight, of Wells, for her selfless tribute to the Gold Star Families of Maine. Ms. Knight took on the task of designing Maine's Gold Star Family license plate, commemorating the sacrifice of those Maine citizens who died in military operations. An outstanding student at Wells High School, Ms. Knight cheerfully donated her time and unrelenting energy to this project. It is through her efforts we have a distinguished and well-designed symbol to honor our Gold Star Families. We send our appreciation to Ms. Knight for her generous contribution to our fallen service men and women and their loved ones; (HLS 494)

Ruthena Brasslett, of Glenburn, on her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the Town of Glenburn as its town clerk, registrar of voters and deputy town treasurer. Mrs. Brasslett grew up in Bradford and moved to Glenburn in 1969. She and her husband built a house near the municipal building in town, and she started her multiple roles with the town in October 1974. We send her our appreciation for her 36 years of dedicated commitment to her community and to the State and send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 495)

Treworgy Family Orchards, of Levant, which has received a Governor's Award for Business Excellence for its commitment to its community, to its employees and to manufacturing and service excellence. Treworgy Family Orchards is a family-owned farm that has been in operation since 1995 and is focused on promoting agricultural tourism. It has expanded and now provides a petting zoo, pick-your-own apple orchard, corn maze, horse-drawn farm tours, cafe and full-service ice cream bar. We congratulate Treworgy Family Orchards on its receiving this award; (HLS 496)

Emelda Michaud Dubois, of Fort Kent, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, June 6, 2011. Mrs. Dubois and her husband Walter raised 5 children on the family farm. She remains active, driving herself to do errands and visit with her family. She enjoys knitting, gardening and volunteering at various events and functions and is a member of the St. Louis Parish, the Ladies of St. Anne and the Fort Kent Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Dubois has 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Dubois on this very special occasion; (HLS 497)

the following students at Acton Elementary School, who won second place at the state competition for Odyssey of the Mind: Nicole Tremblay, Kaylee Nickerson, Jennifer Calnan and Amanda Whitten. The team will compete against teams from all over the world at the University of Maryland. We send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 498)

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Evan P. Kendall, of Durham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 92, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Evan built an outdoor information kiosk at a small community park in Yarmouth. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 499)

the top honor students of the 2011 graduating class of Mt. Abram High School: Brooke Lee Gilchrist, Annah Kathleen Houston, Renae Eliza Ladd, William Matthew London, Molly Reuter McCafferty, Clayre Ashley Plog, Elise Miranda Presby, Taylor N. Puleo, Colleen M. Shields, Danielle D. Smith, Holly Marie Thomas, Wren Josephine Tooker and Nicholas S. Vickers. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 500)

Andrew Szatkowski, of Buxton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We congratulate Andrew on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes; (HLS 501)

Devin Rheau, of Limington, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We congratulate Devin on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes; (HLS 502)

Violet Pease, of Hollis, a well-known community leader and political activist. Born in Levant, Mrs. Pease attended Higgins Classical Institute and Farmington State Teachers College, where she met her husband Allen Pease. She taught home economics at the high school level in Maine and Ohio before she began to raise her family of 3 children. The family moved throughout Maine and eventually settled in Buxton and then in Hollis in 1966. In Buxton, Mrs. Pease became interested in community service and political activities. She was president of the Buxton Parent Teacher Club. In 1966, she ran as a Democratic candidate for state representative and although she lost that election, she and her family lived in Augusta for 8 years while Mr. Pease served as chief administrative assistant to Governor Kenneth Curtis. Mrs. Pease was chair of the Hollis Democrats for many years and for 30 years was a member of the York County Democratic Committee. She was elected as a delegate to state Democratic conventions from 1964 to 2002 and she was the first woman to be elected as chair of the Maine Democratic Party. She was the recipient of numerous honors for her contributions and was referred to affectionately as "Mrs. Democrat." Mrs. Pease was a member and vice-chair of the Association of State Democratic Chairs and served on other national committees. She enjoyed family life, close friends and her community. Mrs. Pease will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 503)

Marie Boudreau, of Rumford, secretary of the Chisholm Ski Club, who is retiring after more than 50 years of volunteering. Mrs. Boudreau was the captain of her high school ski team, class of 1951, and her love of the sport and the outdoors has kept her and her family enjoying the snow for generations. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the sport of skiing and to her community and send her our best wishes; (HLS 504)

Betty Latham, of Weld, a literacy teacher in the Rumford school system at both Rumford Elementary School and Meroby Elementary School, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years in the former SAD 43 and now RSU 10. Ms. Latham earned her bachelor of science degree in special education from the University of Maine at Farmington and her master of science degree in literacy education from the University of Maine. She

taught special education for 19 years at every age level from kindergarten through grade 12 and has been a literacy teacher for kindergarten through grade 2 students for the past 9 years. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to her profession and to the children of the community, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 505)

Nora Downs, of Rumford, an education technician at Rumford Elementary School, on her retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to the community. Ms. Downs had worked in local nursery schools for 8 years and taught religion at St. John's School for 4 years before beginning her career at Rumford Elementary School. We send her our appreciation for her many years of commitment to the children of Rumford, and we congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 506)

Mark Palmer, of Rumford, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame for his lifelong contributions and devotion to the sport. Mr. Palmer, a graduate of Mexico High School, began playing in the Pine Tree League in 1970 and played until 1995, winning championships in 1973, 1974, 1985 and 1987 with teams in both Rumford and Mexico. He and his younger brother Matt ran the Mexican Sombreros for several years. Mr. Palmer formed the Rumford entry in the Senior League, won the 2000 championship and continues to play and pitch for the Rumford Expos. He also has an extensive coaching career, including work with the Greater Rumford Community Center, winning 11 championships since 1988 in Little League and Babe Ruth, with the American Legion and as assistant coach with Mountain Valley High School and Mount Abram High School. We acknowledge Mr. Palmer's dedicated commitment to the sport of baseball and his contributions to baseball in Maine. We congratulate him on his being inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame; (HLS 507)

the staff and the Board of Directors of Black Mountain of Maine, a ski area in Rumford, on their successful hosting of the 2011 U.S. Cross Country Ski Championships, from January 2 to January 8, 2011. We send our appreciation to the staff and board for their hard work in ensuring that the races went off without a hitch. We congratulate the staff and board of Black Mountain of Maine on their exemplifying Maine hospitality in extending a warm welcome to their guests; (HLS 508)

Roger and Barbara Sabin, of Andover, who will both retire from their teaching positions at Andover Elementary School after many years of dedicated commitment to the children of the community. Together they represent two-thirds of the teaching staff at the school. Mr. Sabin began his 35-year teaching career in Andover in 1976 and teaches grades 4 and 5. Mrs. Sabin began teaching in Andover in 1975 and taught the primary grades for 36 years, mostly at the Andover school, with some years at Crescent Park Elementary School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sabin have served as teaching principals over the years. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Sabin on their joint retirement, and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 509)

Diane Mitchell, of Rumford, who is the recipient of the St. George Award, the highest honor bestowed by the American Cancer Society. The award is presented to an outstanding volunteer in recognition of distinguished service to the community in support of the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives from cancer. Mrs. Mitchell participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, walking in memory of her sister-in-law. She started a Relay For Life in her hometown and was instrumental in bringing the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery and Reach to Recovery programs to the Rumford area by recruiting her neighbors as Reach volunteers while

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coordinating the Road program and volunteering as a driver. She also e-mailed senators and congressmen to ask them to support cancer research and was twice a Celebration on the Hill Ambassador. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Mitchell for her commitment to her community and congratulate her on her receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 510)

Dacie Manion, of Old Town, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Old Town High School. We congratulate Dacie on her accomplishments and send her our best wishes; (HLS 511)

Andrea Cashon, of Old Town, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Old Town High School. We congratulate Andrea on her accomplishments and send her our best wishes; (HLS 512)

Lexie Hartung, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of service to the Millinocket School Department. Ms. Hartung was a kindergarten educator, reading recovery teacher and literacy coach. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Hartung for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 513)

Judy Michaud, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years with the Millinocket School Department. Ms. Michaud started as a clerical education technician at Granite Street School, worked in the library at Stearns High School and served as a clerical education technician and a secretary for the principal at the high school. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Michaud for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 514)

Cadet Marc C. Beaudoin, of Chelsea, who is serving as First Captain of the United States Military Academy's Corps of Cadets for the 2010-2011 academic year. First Captain is the highest position in the cadet chain of command. Cadet Beaudoin is a 2006 graduate of Cheverus High School and was chosen to serve in this position based on his exceptional leadership skills. As First Captain, he is responsible for the overall performance of the approximately 4,400 members of the Corps of Cadets. We extend our congratulations to Cadet Beaudoin on this outstanding achievement and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 515)

Hardwood Products Company, of Guilford, which is the recipient of a Governor's Award for Business Excellence for its commitment to its community, to its employees and to manufacturing and service excellence. Hardwood Products Company is a leading manufacturer of wooden food stick products. Its affiliate company, Puritan Medical Products, was formed in 2002 and is a global leader in the design and manufacturing of medical swabs for wound and forensic applications. The company began as a toothpick manufacturer in 1919 and today employs 400 people. We congratulate Hardwood Products Company on its receiving this award; (HLS 516)

JSI Store Fixtures, Inc., of Milo, which has received a Governor's Award for Business Excellence for its commitment to its community, to its employees and to manufacturing and service excellence. Founded in 1990, JSI Store Fixtures, Inc. manufactures custom displays for several of the nation's largest supermarket chains, including Hannaford and Whole Foods. It ships 95% of its products out of Maine, and it is estimated that the company will generate \$20 million in sales in 2011. The company employs 112 people. In 2004, JSI Store Fixtures, Inc. was named the Maine's Small Business of the Year by the Small Business Administration. We congratulate JSI Store Fixtures, Inc. on its receiving this award; (HLS 517)

Tara Cavanaugh, of Phippsburg, who has been named Miss Teen Maine United States 2011. As the reigning Miss Teen

Maine, Tara hopes to raise awareness and funds for research for Crohn's disease. We extend our congratulations to Tara on her winning this title; (HLS 518)

Rosemarie Perry, of Harpswell, who was named Southern Maine Community College's 2011 Student of the Year and who was honored at the 21st annual Maine Community College System Board of Trustees' Students of the Year Awards ceremony and luncheon. Ms. Perry received a \$1,000 John H. Lapoint, Jr. Scholarship Award for Leadership in addition to this award. We join Ms. Perry's family, friends and peers in extending to her our congratulations for earning this noteworthy honor. We send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 519)

Richard Frederick Higgins, Sr., of Bangor, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Higgins was born November 20, 1929, the 10th child of Thomas and Catherine Steel Higgins. He graduated from John Bapst High School, where he met his wife, Valerie. He worked for Maine Central Railroad for 47 years. He was an avid sports fan and a fan of all things Irish. Mr. Higgins was also a member of the Knights of Columbus for almost 20 years. Mr. Higgins will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 520)

the Brewer Middle School Jazz Band, on its winning the 2011 Division II Maine State Middle School Jazz Competition. With many of the members of the band only in their first year, this is a remarkable achievement and speaks to the dedication and musical talent of the students. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Brewer Middle School Jazz Band on this achievement; (HLS 521)

Brewer's State Street School Destination Imagination Team, who won 1st place at the state competition in the "Versus Foiled Again" challenge. The team is the first from Brewer to win this honor and advance to the global Destination Imagination competition. In order to reach this level of achievement, a Destination Imagination team must demonstrate an extraordinary ability to think quickly, work together and display creativity. The Brewer team was required to build a structure made only from foil, wood and glue. The structure the team created held 605 pounds, although it weighed only 20.4 grams. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team and wish them our best as they compete in the global competition in Knoxville, Tennessee in May; (HLS 522)

the Mountain Valley Middle School wrestling team, the Hawks, of Mexico, which has won the 2011 Pine Tree League Wrestling Championship. The Hawks won the league championship for the second year in a row and produced 4 state champions in Caleb Austin, Ethan Boucher, Nathaniel Boucher and Brandon Gill. Brandon completed his middle school career by going undefeated for three years in a row. We congratulate the members of the Hawks on their winning this championship; (HLS 523)

Norma Loretta Ricker Pooler, of Bingham, who is being honored as the oldest citizen of the Town of Bingham. Mrs. Pooler was born January 3, 1915 in Wellington and graduated from Harmony High School in 1935. She and her husband Charles were married June 15, 1935. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Pooler on her receiving this honor; (HLS 524)

the Bingham Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. The Bingham Fire Department was formed after a block fire engulfed a large portion of Main Street in July, 1911. The town's first fire department consisted of a hook and ladder company, a hose company of 15 men and a Board of Directors of 3 fire engineers. We extend our congratulations to the Bingham Fire Department on this very special occasion; (HLS 525)

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Francis Anthony Tschida, of North Yarmouth, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Tschida enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965 and was on active duty until he retired in 1985. Mr. Tschida's service included tours of duty in Southeast Asia in 1968 and 1971. He enjoyed piloting hot air balloons, small aircraft and sailboats, liked cooking and was a history buff. He was also an active member of the North Yarmouth Town Republican Committee. Mr. Tschida will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 526)

Polly Holman Drown, of Leeds, on the occasion of her being awarded the Hebron Academy Cup. The Hebron Academy Cup is awarded to a high school senior who represents the finest spirit of scholastic effort, a high degree of excellence in athletic competition and a commendable spirit of devotion, high ideals, friendliness, endeavor and responsibility. Throughout her years at Hebron Academy, Polly has been involved in music and theater programs and Alpine skiing, as well as being named a commended student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. We extend our congratulations to Polly and send her our best wishes on her future college and career endeavors; (HLS 527)

Ryan Fish, of Wayne, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Maranacook Community High School. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on this achievement and wish him well in his future college and career endeavors; (HLS 528)

Rosalyn S. Bernstein, of Portland, on her retirement from the Board of Trustees of the Portland Museum of Art after 47 years of dedicated service. Ms. Bernstein has been a member of the board since 1964. She served as President of the Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1981 and cochaired the steering committee for the campaign to raise funds for the construction of the museum's Charles Shipman Payson Building. As Chair of the Collection Committee, she has been an integral part of all collection acquisitions for the past 3 decades. Ms. Bernstein will be appointed as a lifetime Honorary Trustee of the Portland Museum of Art for her exceptional service, devotion and contributions to the museum. We send her our appreciation for her many years of commitment to the community and send her our best wishes; (HLS 529)

Peggy L. Osher, of Portland, on her retirement from the Board of Trustees of the Portland Museum of Art after 50 years of dedicated service. Ms. Osher has been a member of the board since 1961. She served as a member of the Architect Selection Committee for the museum's Charles Shipman Payson Building and was founder of the Friends of the Collection at the Portland Museum of Art. She served as chair of the Education Committee for more than a decade and will be appointed a lifetime Honorary Trustee of the Portland Museum of Art for her exceptional service, devotion and contributions to the museum. We send her our appreciation for her many years of commitment to the community and send her our best wishes; (HLS 530)

John McNaughton, of Portland, on the occasion of his retirement after 25 years as Finance Director for the Town of Falmouth. Mr. McNaughton was hired by the Town of Falmouth in 1986 as the town's planner and code officer and became its Finance Director in 1988. He handles all of the daily financial transactions and investing for the town. He received a GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for each of the last 19 years. Mr. McNaughton is Chair of the Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust, a member and former president of the Maine Chapter of the American Society for Public

Administration, a member and former president of the Maine Government Finance Officers Association and a member and former president of the University of Southern Maine Alumni Association. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McNaughton for his commitment to the people of the Town of Falmouth and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 531)

Caroline Jacobs, of Berwick, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caroline on her receiving this honor; (HLS 532)

the dedication on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, of the marker to honor General Andrew Pepperell Fernald, of Eliot, who served during the Revolutionary War. The Eliot Historical Society organized this ceremony to commemorate this native son of Eliot who, born in 1753, commanded a company of Massachusetts troops along the Hudson River against the British. After the war, General Fernald embraced the life of a public servant, militia commander, farmer, husband and father. He was instrumental in the separation of Eliot from Kittery and served as town clerk, selectman and representative to the Massachusetts Court. General Fernald died in 1821, after Maine achieved statehood, and is buried in the town, where his descendants still live. We join the good citizens of Eliot in celebrating the memory of General Andrew Pepperell Fernald during this important dedication; (HLS 533)

the following members of the Marshwood High School team, who advanced to the national We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition: Amy Bates, David Blass, Luke Beausoleil, Tom Brinkman, Noah Chadwick, Rebecca Day, Nick Draper, Molly Dunkelberger, Ryan Fallon, Will Hofacker, Sarah Leathe, Betsy Manero, Holly Nisbett, Elijah Ober, Sam Richardson, Jill Riendeau, Griffin Roberge, Matt Robida, Chris Roy, Connor Thomas and Sophie White and coach Matt Sanzone. We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and is a yearly competition for American high school students. We commend the team for their enthusiastic and concentrated study of the structure and operation of the American political system and the vital role of the citizens within it and congratulate them on their achievement; (HLS 534)

Scott Carpenter, of Calais, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Calais High School. We extend our congratulations to Scott on this achievement; (HLS 535)

Kirby McPhail, of Perry, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Shead High School. Kirby has been active in student government, the National Honor Society and the yearbook. She is a 4-year member of the soccer team, tennis team and basketball team. She is the assistant basketball coach at the elementary school and worked on the Red Cross blood drive. Kirby plans to attend Thomas College. We extend our congratulations to Kirby on this achievement; (HLS 536)

Tyler Searway, of Robbinston, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Calais High School. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this achievement; (HLS 537)

Sophie Ouellette, of Frenchville, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Wisdom Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Sophie on this achievement; (HLS 538)

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Sarah Albert, of Frenchville, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Wisdom Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Sarah on this achievement; (HLS 539)

Hayley Cyr, of Frenchville, who has earned the honor of being named Honor Essayist of the 2011 graduating class at Wisdom Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Hayley on this achievement; (HLS 540)

Samuel Whitney, of Jonesboro, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Machias Memorial High School. Samuel was class president and president of the National Honor Society and was a recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award and participated in the Early College Program. He played basketball, soccer and baseball. Samuel will be attending Husson University. We congratulate Samuel on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes; (HLS 541)

Patricia Johnson, of Eastport, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Shead High School. Patricia participated in band, life drawing sessions, art shows and the camera obscura workshop. She has done community service as a volunteer for the community garden and bible camp. Patricia will be attending the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire. We extend our congratulations to Patricia on this achievement; (HLS 542)

Lucy Webster, of Bucksport, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Bucksport High School. We extend our congratulations to Lucy on this achievement; (HLS 543)

Mary Hunt, of Bucksport, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Bucksport High School. We extend our congratulations to Mary on this achievement; (HLS 544)

Mary Ellen Tapley, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after 37 years of service to the Millinocket School Department. Ms. Tapley was a Title I teacher and also taught 1st, 3rd and 4th grades. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Tapley for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 545)

Roland A. Hughes, of Millinocket, a longtime member of the community. Mr. Hughes was a 1949 graduate of Stearns High School and married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jane Perry. They were married for nearly 41 years until she passed away in 1992. Mr. Hughes studied at Connecticut Technical Institute in Hartford and received a diploma in refrigeration. He was the proprietor of Refrigeration and Appliance Hospital and Rollie's Pet Shop for many years. Mr. Hughes was a retired firefighter and emergency medical technician with Millinocket Fire Department and served many years in various capacities, including assistant fire chief and interim fire chief. He was also a member of the Elks and Shriners. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 546)

Mary Kittrick, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after many years of service to the Millinocket School Department. Ms. Kittrick was a Title I Teaching Assistant, a 4th, 6th and 7th grade teacher, a summer school teacher and a tutor. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Kittrick for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 547)

Jordan Porter, of Whiting, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Washington Academy in East Machias. Jordan played varsity basketball, soccer and tennis and was chosen for the PVC All-Star 2nd team in tennis and the All Academic PVC All-Star team in basketball.

He is Vice President of the school's National Honor Society, President of the Senior Class and participated in Beyond Belief Youth Group, Students Teaching About Respect, art club and prom committee. Jordan has contributed to Washington Academy's literary publication, the *Silver Quill*, the Young Writer's Symposium and Teen Ink. He received the Maine Principals' Award and will be attending the University of New England. We extend our congratulations to Jordan on this achievement; (HLS 548)

Heather Anderson, of Jonesboro, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Machias Memorial High School. Heather is a recipient of the Maine Principals' Award. She has participated in the Early College program, the Maine Youth Leadership program, the drama club, Model State and Close Up and is Vice President of the school's National Honor Society. Heather was active in sports, both as a player and a manager. She will be attending the University of Maine at Orono. We congratulate Heather on her accomplishments and send her our best wishes; (HLS 549)

Colleen McLaughlin, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years of service in the field of education. Ms. McLaughlin was a Title I teacher, education technician and resource teacher and taught 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. We extend our appreciation to Ms. McLaughlin for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 550)

Lucille Jane Poulin Jordan, of Augusta, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Mrs. Jordan worked as a volunteer with the Girl Scouts of America. She was one of the founders of the Orland School Library and served on its board and was also one of the founders of a volunteer health transportation group for seniors in Castine. She was active in the Bagaduce Volunteer Ambulance Corps in Castine and taught at the Maine Maritime Academy ships medicine seminars. Mrs. Jordan served on the AARP State Legislative Committee's senior mobility task force and was an active member of the Waterville Area Art Society and a coleader of the China Lake Conference Center Healthy Hearts Stretch and Walk Program for Seniors. While residing at Granite Hill Estates, she was active in the Art For Life and Garden Committee and Grounds Committee. She was also actively involved in her church. Mrs. Jordan will be sadly missed by her loving family, friends and all those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 551)

Towle's Hardware and Lumber, of Dixfield, on its 100th anniversary of doing business. In 1911, Charles H. Towle bought the Stockbridge Hardware Store on Main Street in Dixfield and opened C. H. Towle's Hardware. Four generations later, the family also runs Towle's Corner Store as well as the original store, now known as Towle's Hardware and Lumber. We join the good citizens of Dixfield in sending our congratulations to Donna and Butch Towle for their commitment to the community and we send them our best wishes for continued success with Towle's Hardware and Towle's Corner Store; (HLS 552)

Thelma M. Buck, of Corinna, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, June 17, 2011. Ms. Buck worked at the Snowflake Canning Factory and was a farmer. We congratulate her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 553)

the top ten students of the 2011 graduating class at Lee Academy: Valedictorian Aubrie Kasserman, Salutatorian, Chen-Wei "Jason" Chiu, Robert Hickey, Laughton Longo, Xing "Xerxes" Yan, Emilee Parker, Seung Hyun Song, Emma Richford, Rodney Banks and Josiah Thurlow. We extend to them our congratulations and best wishes in their future endeavors; (HLS 554)



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the top ten students of the 2011 graduating class of Gould Academy in Bethel: Erin Smith, Valedictorian; Elyse Barnard, Salutatorian; Nolan Dumont; Yujin Lee; Gianna DeJoy; Devin Moore; Yongkang Dong; Taylor Reis; Jake Dorval-Hall; and Samantha Southam. We congratulate the top ten students on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 555)

Rachel Ann Ventrella, of Fayette, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at the University of Maine of Orono. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Ventrella on her achieving this distinction; (HLS 556)

Dana O. Stevens, of Belgrade. Mr. Stevens served his Nation in the United States Army and his community as a member of the Oakland and Belgrade volunteer fire departments. He helped to maintain the grounds at Christie's Campground in Newport and worked many years for Blue Rock Industries and Tilcon, Inc. Mr. Stevens will be sadly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 557)

the top ten students of the 2011 graduating class at Lisbon High School: Nichole Marie Conrad, Forrest Taylor Cornell, Michael Allan Degou, Allicyn Nicole Fitzgerald, Taylor Reed Haines, Bailey Rae Keating, Jacqueline Elizabeth Knowles, Michael James McNamara, Tara Lynn Metzger and Taylor MacKenzie Stevens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 558)

Matthew Bryant, of Monmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 654, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew repaired the Monmouth Academy Cross Country Trail. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 559)

Wrandi London, a senior at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, who won the indoor track and field State title for the shot put. We congratulate Wrandi on his accomplishment; (HLS 560)

McKenzie Gary, a junior at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, who won 3 state titles in indoor track and field, the 55-meter race, the 200-meter race and the long jump. We congratulate McKenzie on these achievements; (HLS 561)

William Curtis, of Owl's Head, on the occasion of his retirement from Camden Hills Regional High School after 39 years of teaching Latin. Mr. Curtis has written 6 books published by the American Classical League and since his second year of teaching has run the Latin Club. He also has coached baseball and served as a basketball referee. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to the students and to his profession and our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 562)

William Records, of Kennebunk, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the Kennebunk High School graduating class of 2011. We extend our congratulations to William on his outstanding achievement and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 563)

Rachel Magalski, of Kennebunk, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the Kennebunk High School graduating class of 2011. We extend our congratulations to Rachel on her outstanding achievement and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 564)

Gretchen Kimball, of Hartford, a teacher at Buckfield Junior Senior High School, who is a recipient of the Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award from the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the

Classroom Consortium. She has also been named as one of the 2011 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Teachers of the Year. Ms. Kimball, along with fellow teacher Annette Caldwell, directed the establishment of a 1.2-acre garden managed by students throughout the year. We congratulate Ms. Kimball on her receiving these distinguished awards and send her our best wishes; (HLS 565)

Annette Caldwell, of Turner, a teacher at Buckfield Junior Senior High School, who is a recipient of the Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award from the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium. She has also been named as one of the 2011 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Teachers of the Year. Ms. Caldwell, along with fellow teacher Gretchen Kimball, directed the establishment of a 1.2-acre garden managed by students throughout the year. We congratulate Ms. Caldwell on her receiving these distinguished awards and send her our best wishes; (HLS 566)

Patricia "Patty" Vashon, of Waterville, on the occasion of her retirement after 36 years in the field of education. Ms. Vashon taught at St. John's Catholic School and Winslow Junior High School. During her career, Ms. Vashon was involved in a variety of school activities, including the Winslow Education Association, the Flower Fund, Ski Club and "We Care" trips. She brought her love of language and foreign cultures to students in her classroom in unique ways. Students in Spanish classes learned to dance the salsa and French students prepared foods of French cuisine. She was an integral part of the high school drama program. Ms. Vashon also shared her talent for flower arranging at many school events. The 1984 graduating class at Winslow High School voted her their commencement speaker. She will be missed by her colleagues and students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Vashon for her many years of dedicated service to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 567)

Mikhaila Rose Fogel, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Portland High School. We congratulate Mikhaila on her accomplishments and send her our best wishes; (HLS 568)

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, of Deer Isle, as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of its award-winning campus. Originally located in Montville, the school was forced to move due to highway construction. The noted architect Edward Larrabee Barnes designed the campus that opened in 1961 in Deer Isle to house the school's progressive programs in craft education. It was recognized as an outstanding example of Modernist architecture by the American Institute of Architects in 1994 with the presentation of the organization's Twenty-five Year Award. It is one of only forty-two buildings in the country to achieve this distinction. We congratulate Haystack Mountain School of Crafts on this anniversary and send our best wishes for future success of the school; (HLS 569)

Marc Solomon Korobkin, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Portland High School. We congratulate him on his accomplishments and send him our best wishes; (HLS 570)

Vaughn R. and V. Marcella Sturtevant, of Waterville, on the occasion of their 65th Anniversary. Dr. and Mrs. Sturtevant were married on June 4, 1946 by the Reverend John Ward Brown in Martinsburg, West Virginia. We congratulate them on this special anniversary and send them our best wishes; (HLS 571)

the Friends of Evergreen, of Portland, on its 20th anniversary of caring for Evergreen Cemetery, the second-largest cemetery in Maine. Evergreen Cemetery was established in 1852 with 55 acres of land and was modeled after Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It combines park-like elements with burial grounds and since its establishment has grown to encompass 239 acres. The Friends of Evergreen began preserving the cemetery in 1991, helping to place it on the National Registry of Historic Places, helping to restore the Wilde Memorial Chapel and establishing walking tours of the verdant expanse. The Friends of Evergreen recently concluded a 3-year effort to create informational signs guiding visitors around the historic and beautiful site, which were made possible with a \$20,000 grant from the Quimby Foundation. We send our appreciation to the dedicated members of the Friends of Evergreen for their commitment to their community, and we congratulate them on their accomplishments; (HLS 572)

Joy Knowles, of Holden, on the occasion of her retirement after 43 years of serving the students of the State as an elementary school teacher. Throughout the 4 decades of her career at Holden Elementary School, Mrs. Knowles has been an enthusiastic and inspiring presence in the classroom. She began teaching in Holden after graduating from the University of Maine and student teaching at the Mary Snow School in Bangor. In 1972, Mrs. Knowles earned a master's degree in Literature from the University of Maine. In addition to her extraordinary classroom work, Mrs. Knowles has also contributed to the school community through her role in creating the Holden Community Learning Nature Trails. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Knowles for her many years of dedicated service to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 573)

Ida McNally, of Stacyville, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, January 2, 2011. Mrs. McNally is the youngest of 5 sisters. She is the mother of 5, grandmother of 17, great-grandmother of 39 and great-great-grandmother of 15. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. McNally on this very special occasion; (HLS 574)

Linda P. Jellison, of Wilton, on the occasion of her retirement as Town Clerk of the Town of Wilton, after 23 years of serving the community. During her tenure in municipal government, Ms. Jellison also served as deputy excise tax collector and deputy registrar. We send her our appreciation for her many years of distinguished service and commitment to her community and to the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 575)

Sarah Verville, of Monticello, for her many contributions to her community through various service projects, including making cards for soldiers, volunteering for the "pantry pig project" and working at an animal shelter. Ms. Verville has been an example to others and she has been able to recruit additional volunteers to work alongside her. A senior at Houlton High School, Ms. Verville joined 4-H seven years ago, and her 4-H experience in raising and showing rabbits has enabled her to start her own business in raising and selling show rabbits. For her commitment to her community, she has received a postsecondary education scholarship from the Pine Tree State 4-H Foundation. As a former Daisy Scout and current Girl Scout, Ms. Verville has earned both her bronze and silver awards and is currently pursuing her gold award. We acknowledge her selfless volunteerism and send her our appreciation for her dedicated service and we wish her continued success as she goes on to study pharmaceuticals at Husson University; (HLS 576)

Joey Buzzell, of Kenduskeag, a student at Central Middle School in Corinth, who is a recipient of the Secretary of State's

Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joey on his receiving this honor; (HLS 577)

James McCurdy and James Lynch, of Hermon, who have received the 2011 Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Maine District Office of the United States Small Business Administration. Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Lynch are the owners of Maine Commercial Tire, Inc. and have overseen the growth of the company from 18 to 59 employees over the last 2 decades. Maine Commercial Tire, Inc. has locations in Hermon, Augusta, Lewiston and Scarborough. We send our congratulations to Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Lynch on their receiving this award and send our best wishes for their company's continued success; (HLS 578)

Norris Nickerson, of Holden, who has been the principal of Bangor High School for more than 2 decades, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Nickerson has spent his entire professional career in the Bangor school system, starting out in 1962 as an English and science teacher and coach at Bangor High School. Mr. Nickerson was chosen as assistant principal in 1974 and after 15 years in that position, he was promoted to principal. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to the youth of his community and to his profession. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 579)

the members of the Maine road racing teams the Maine-iacs and the Maine Road Hags, who won the 2011 Cabot Trail Relay Race on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. The Maine-iacs won the 185-mile relay race with a time of 16 hours and 33 minutes. This is the 5th win for the Maine-iacs relay team. The Maine Road Hags won the female division with a time of 20 hours and 13 minutes. This is the 4th time the Maine Road Hags relay team has won their division in the Cabot Trail Relay Race. Each team must field runners to complete the 17 legs of the race, which cover difficult terrain and are run throughout the night. The Maine-iacs were led by coach Brian Hubbell of Bar Harbor, and the captain of the Maine Road Hags is Margaret Capehart of Bangor. We extend our congratulations to the members of both teams on their achievement; (HLS 580)

Monica Kantor-Churchill, of Boothbay, who has been named 2011 Music Educator of the Year by the Maine Music Educators Association. Ms. Kantor-Churchill is a music teacher at the Plummer-Motz School in Falmouth. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Kantor-Churchill on her receiving this honor; (HLS 581)

Robert Brennan, of Gorham, who is being featured in the Remember ME project of the Maine Health Care Association. This project recognizes pioneering, innovative and interesting Maine citizens who have made a difference for their families, communities, state and country. A United States Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Brennan was committed to assisting and advocating on behalf of veterans returning home from war. He helped establish and build the VFW Post in Bangor. Mr. Brennan was also active politically and was invited to attend President Johnson's inaugural ball. We congratulate Mr. Brennan on this recognition and extend our gratitude for his service and best wishes to him; (HLS 582)

Norbert Gallant, of Mexico, for his 45 years of dedicated service to the Lions Club, the world's largest service organization, as he is made a lifetime member. Mr. Gallant was a charter member of the Mexico Lions Club, joining in 1966 and serving on the committee formed to find a suitable location for the club.

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Through the years of his membership, he has served on numerous committees and as an officer of the club. We send our appreciation to Mr. Gallant for exemplifying the best that the Lions Club has to offer, helping where help is needed. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 583)

Raymond A. Wacome III, of North Anson, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 481, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Raymond worked in conjunction with the Anson Historical Society in restoring the historic Bailey Farm windmill. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 584)

Gerry Durgin, of Gorham, on his retirement. Mr. Durgin has served 38 years in education, including 31 years as a high school athletic administrator. For the last 18 years he has served at Gorham High School as the school's athletic administrator. He has dedicated over 25 years to the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and over 20 years to the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Mr. Durgin has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his career, including the Award of Merit and the N.I.A.A.A. Distinguished Service Award, both presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and the Athletic Administrator of the Year Award, presented by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. In addition, his outstanding leadership in his profession led the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association to create the Gerry Durgin Leadership Award in his honor. We acknowledge Mr. Durgin's dedicated commitment to his profession and to the students. We send him our appreciation and best wishes for his many years of service to his community and to the State; (HLS 585)

BreAnna Lea Beal, of Beals Island, who was named Miss Eastern Maine 2011. We extend to BreAnna our congratulations on her achievement and our best wishes; (HLS 586)

Nancy Jordan, of Long Island, who is the recipient of the Francis "Tiny" Murphy Civic Award from the Long Island Civic Association for her contributions to the Town of Long Island. Ms. Jordan has worked tirelessly for the town, starting with cochairing the Town of Long Island Research Committee. She has spent many years as an active parent and school volunteer, serving on the school board and serving as chair. She has served on the board of the Long Island Civic Association and as the Town Treasurer; she was a Finance Committee chair and is the Library Board chair. Ms. Jordan was instrumental in the founding of the library and, with her gift of fund-raising, helped raise funds for the Long Island Learning Center. We join the Town of Long Island in acknowledging Ms. Jordan's dedicated commitment to her community, and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 587)

the Honorable Cushman Anthony, of North Yarmouth, who is the recipient of the 2011 Justice Louis Scolnik Award from the Maine Civil Liberties Union for his advocacy for over 50 years for principles of justice, fairness and equality in roles as diverse as attorney, mediator, director, activist, state legislator and teacher. Mr. Anthony served in the Maine House of Representatives from 1986 to 1992. He was first and foremost an attorney and mediator, specializing in family law throughout most of his career. He became a professor at and was the first director of the Clinical Practice Program at the University of Maine School of Law. Later he founded the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, which aids low-income individuals with legal cases. In 1971, Mr. Anthony was

elected the 3rd President of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. He also served for 7 years as Director of Advocacy at Portland's Community Counseling Center, working to improve the State's social service programs. His service to his community is widely recognized, and he is the recipient of numerous community service awards, including the National Association for Community Mediation's 2003 Volunteer Mediator of the Year award. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Anthony on his receiving this well-deserved award from such a distinguished organization; (HLS 588)

Hana Hoyt, of Scarborough, who qualified in 6 events at the Maine State Swimming Championships held in March 2011, giving her the opportunity to be one of only 10 students from Maine in the 10-and-under category to compete in the Eastern Zone Swimming Championships held in Rochester, New York. While competing in New York, Hana was an outstanding representative of Maine and achieved 2 personal best times. We extend our congratulations to her on this achievement and send her our best wishes on her future success; (HLS 589)

Matthew Howard Nickerson, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew organized and led a group of volunteers to clean out, replant and landscape a garden at the North Yarmouth Town Office. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 590)

OOB 365, a community organization composed of the citizens and business owners of Old Orchard Beach, on its contributions to the community. Its mission is to develop regularly scheduled quality activities in the community to promote interest and commerce in Old Orchard Beach on a year-round basis. Working in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce, the Bar and Restaurant Association and the Town of Old Orchard Beach, OOB 365 exemplifies the community's sense of pride and energy. Among the events OOB 365 has organized are a First Night New Year's Celebration, the Autumn Festival and the Taste of Old Orchard Beach. We send the members of OOB 365 our best wishes for future success; (HLS 591)

Earl L. and Cecelia R. Cummings, of Stacyville, on the occasion of their 59th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were married at St. Benedict Church in Benedicta. They raised 7 children and are grandparents to 17 and great-grandparents to 4. We congratulate them on their anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 592)

Chloe Barnett, of Dennysville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Washington Academy in East Machias. Chloe has been involved in the art club, youth government, the Latin club, Envirothon and the varsity swim team. She is Treasurer of the school's National Honor Society and represented Washington Academy at the American Legion Girls State program. She is a talented writer and has contributed to Washington Academy's literary publication, the *Silver Quill*, Washington County High School Writers Symposium and Teen Ink. In 2010 Chloe attended the Stonecoast Writers' Conference. We congratulate her on her accomplishments and send her our best wishes; (HLS 593)

Dr. Edmund Ervin, of Waterville, a longtime and prominent member of the community. Born in Waterville, he attended local schools and graduated from Colby College in 1936. He received his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1940. He enlisted in the United States Navy during

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World War II and served as a flight surgeon, serving in the South Pacific for several years and attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. After his discharge from the Navy, Dr. Ervin decided to be a pediatrician and studied under Dr. Emmett Holt at New York University and became an instructor and a fellow. In 1948, he returned to Waterville, where he established a pediatric practice. When his own daughter was born with special needs, Dr. Ervin helped to found Ken-a-Set Association for the Retarded, now known as Skills, Inc. His concern for all his patients will be remembered by many. He was the recipient of numerous awards, honors and commendations, including an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Colby College and a citation for pioneering efforts for the developmentally disabled from the American Academy of Pediatrics. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Hilary, his family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 594)

the C. Fayette Staples American Legion Post No. 57, of Old Orchard Beach, for its outstanding financial support to the community. This year, the members of the post have raised funds to support over 41 community organizations, including Special Olympics, hospice centers, local schools, Meals on Wheels, scholarships and a host of other agencies and causes. We send our appreciation to Commander Irvin Merited, First Vice Commander Luring Newcomb, Second Vice Commander Bill Schlatterer, Finance Officer Mike Filosa, Adjutant Roger Boucher, Chaplain Richard Guillet, Service Officer Jerome Plante, Americanism Officer Frederick Rice, Historian Ralph Pettingill, Sergeant-at-arms Lionel Bernier, Judge Advocate Robert Kelley and Executive Member-at-large Lionel Bernie; (HLS 595)

Jeanne Bailey McGowan, of Georgetown, who was chosen as the 2010 Citizen of the Year for her years of commitment to the town. As Outstanding Citizen of Georgetown, Ms. McGowan is being honored for her years of service, including serving as a member and as chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee in 1990 and 1993, serving as Assistant to the Selectmen for 4 years and serving as Town Treasurer for a year. She also served on the Board of Appeals for 5 years and has been a ballot clerk since the early 1990s. Ms. McGowan has been active with the Fire Department Auxiliary's annual auction for more than 20 years, and she started the Auxiliary's annual Memorial Day weekend plant sale. One of the projects of which she is proudest is working with many others to expand and relocate the Lindsey Crosby Memorial Garden. We commend Ms. McGowan for her exemplary role in town affairs, and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 596)

Normand Bureau, of Lewiston, retired state trooper and former Androscoggin County Sheriff, who is the recipient of the Legendary Trooper Award from the Maine State Police, the highest award for retirees given. Mr. Bureau, a Korean War veteran, joined the Maine State Police in 1958 and retired in 1979. He was the Maine State Police's first trooper devoted to car theft and he excelled in the investigation of forgery and tampering of bills of sale. Mr. Bureau's son and grandson, Tom and Joe, both went on to be members of the Maine State Police, as well. We send Mr. Bureau our appreciation for his many years of dedication to law enforcement and we congratulate him on his receiving this distinguished award; (HLS 597)

the Honorable Robert L. Couturier, of Lewiston, a longtime attorney, Androscoggin County Judge of Probate, former mayor of Lewiston and former member of the Maine State Senate. Mr. Couturier was born in Lewiston and earned a bachelor of arts degree in government from Bates College. He received his law degree from the University of Maine School of Law in 1970. Mr. Couturier taught school for 4 years, was elected Alderman of

Ward 5 in Lewiston in 1964 and went on in 1965 to become the mayor of Lewiston, the nation's youngest mayor at the time. In 1967, he was elected to the Maine State Senate. Mr. Couturier also served 10 years as Lewiston Police Commissioner. Mr. Couturier was serving his 3rd term as Androscoggin County Judge of Probate at the time of his passing. For many years Mr. Couturier was involved in the Franco-American community of Maine, serving as General Counsel and Secretary General for L'Association Canado-Americaine and as a member of Le Conseil de la Vie française en Amérique. In addition, he was recognized by the government of France by being named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. We acknowledge his dedicated commitment to his community, to his heritage and to the State of Maine. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 598)

Elaine Helen Choate, of Augusta, former committee clerk for the Maine State Legislature. Mrs. Choate was born in New York and received a degree from the Katharine Gibbs School. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. In addition to being a homemaker, she worked in a number of interesting jobs, such as a secretary for *Mademoiselle* magazine in New York City and an activities aide at a nursing and rehabilitation center. Mrs. Choate will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and her friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 599)

the Top Ten students of the 2011 graduating class of Brewer High School: Delaney G. Turner, Evan M. Nadeau, Kate E. Wypyski, Kristen E. Kelley, Spencer D. Warmuth, Lucas W. Lamond, Emily M. Cox, Samantha E. Hand, Kathleen M. Vallance and Erin E. Helfen. We congratulate them on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 600)

Officer Wayne Drown, of Gorham, for his work as a School Resource Officer with the Gorham School Department and the Sebago Educational Alliance Regional Day Treatment Program. Employed with the Gorham Police Department since 1984, Officer Drown, known as "Pooch," has spent almost 20 years of his career working with youth in Gorham schools. He has become well-known for his determination to assist all students and advocate on their behalf. His understanding of the needs of youth and adolescents has made him an invaluable resource, especially for those students facing challenges and adversity in their lives. Officer Drown's ability to build trusting relationships with youth and their families has made him a vital asset of Gorham schools in their efforts to promote healthy student behaviors and increase youth safety. We send our appreciation to Officer Drown for his continued efforts in working above and beyond the call of duty to support Gorham schools, children and families; (HLS 601)

Nancy Kelley, of Old Orchard Beach, for her work and efforts in supporting and encouraging people who have suffered the loss of a loved one who died while serving our Nation. Mrs. Kelley, whose son, Army Captain Christopher Scott Cash, was killed in Iraq in 2004, and her husband, Bob, have reached out through the Hugs of Love-Remember Our Troops program to touch the lives of countless military men and women serving in foreign lands and returning home to loved ones. In 2005, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley conducted the first Captain Christopher Scott Cash Memorial 5K Run and 2.5 Mile Walk to benefit the Captain Christopher Scott Cash Scholarship Fund, which has benefited students from 3 local high schools. Mrs. Kelley is a proud volunteer of the Veteran's Memorial Park Committee in Old Orchard Beach and is a member of the American Legion Post No. 57 and the Ladies Auxiliary. The chaplain for Gold Star Mothers of Maine, she was very involved in the Gold Star license

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plate legislation that will provide a special license plate to Gold Star families. We send Mrs. Kelley our appreciation on her commitment to her community, the State and our Nation and congratulate her for all the work she has done for military service people; (HLS 602)

Martel's Ice Cream, of Saco, on its 25th Anniversary. Owned by John Martel of Saco, Martel's Ice Cream opened on June 13, 1986 and has since become renowned as a destination for ice cream, as well as other summer interests with the addition of a miniature golf course. We extend our congratulations to the owner and employees on this occasion and offer our best wishes for continued business success; (HLS 603)

Harold Radochia, of York, for his many years of selfless and dedicated service to the community. Mr. Radochia received the York Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award in 1998, the same year he served as grand marshal of the annual Festival of Lights Parade. During his more than 20 years of residence in York, Mr. Radochia has been active in volunteering with the area Parks and Recreation Department, initiating the planting of perennials, grasses, trees and other plants around the local traffic islands and road dividers. Mr. Radochia remains a committed volunteer at York Hospital, while the Old York Garden Club continues to benefit from his devoted efforts. We acknowledge Mr. Radochia's civic involvement and send him our appreciation for his efforts; (HLS 604)

Bernon J. and Suzanne M. Madore, of Arundel, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Madore were married on June 17, 1961 in Limerick and went on to raise their family in Arundel. They are the parents of 4 children and have 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Madore are the owners of Arundel Ford and Weirs Motor Sales in Arundel. We congratulate them on their Golden Anniversary and send them our best wishes for future happiness; (HLS 605)

Mila Kofman, of Augusta, for her dedication in serving Maine people as the Superintendent of Insurance for the past 4 years. A former Associate Research Professor and Project Director at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Ms. Kofman worked during her tenure at the Maine Bureau of Insurance as a steadfast advocate for Maine consumers and small businesses. She instituted a formal claim enforcement process and reorganized consumer services to make assistance more accessible. Ms. Kofman earned national recognition for her consumer protection efforts and her work to ensure the solvency and health of the insurance marketplace. We send our appreciation to Ms. Kofman for her commitment to the people of Maine and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 606)

Russell Harry Ladd, 93, of Brownville, for his 65 years of dedicated service to Bernard Jones American Legion Post 92. Mr. Ladd is the oldest member of the American Legion post and is a veteran of World War II. He moved to Brownville from Barnard as a young boy of 4 years of age in a horse and buggy. He owned and operated a filling station and garage with his father until he became postmaster, a position he held for 25 years. He is a Mason and a member of the Brownville School Board, the Library, the Brownville Junction High School Alumni Association and Brownville Community Church. Mr. Ladd and his wife Ruth have been married for 67 years and have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He is considered a treasure to his community, and we send him our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to Bernard Jones American Legion Post 92 and to his community; (HLS 607)

Richard Meserve, of Falmouth, a teacher at the REAL School on Mackworth Island, who is the recipient of a \$24,000 fellowship

from the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation in Washington, D.C. This fellowship will enable Mr. Meserve to pursue a master's degree in a social studies program that includes a concentration in the history and principles of the United States Constitution. Mr. Meserve is a special education teacher at the school, which is a regional program for students in grades 7 to 12 with severe behavioral, emotional or learning disabilities. Last year Mr. Meserve was the recipient of a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award. We congratulate Mr. Meserve on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 608)

Grace Pouliot, of South Berwick, a student at Marshwood Middle School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Grace on her receiving this honor; (HLS 609)

Jeanne Crocker, of Scarborough, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after 35 years of dedicated commitment to education. She has been with the South Portland school system for 28 years. Ms. Crocker is a 1976 graduate of Colby College and started teaching English and Spanish that year at Waterville High School. In 1977 she began teaching language at Windham High School, where she worked for 7 years. She came to the South Portland school system to teach French and Spanish at South Portland High School. In 1993, she served one year as interim Assistant Principal. Ms. Crocker served as Acting Principal in 1998, which became a permanent position. In 2003, Ms. Crocker was honored as the Maine High School Principal of the Year. She has served as President of the Maine Principals' Association and as regional coordinator for the National Association of Secondary School Principals and was a founding member of Women Administrators of Cumberland and York County. We send her our appreciation for her many years of service to the children of her community and the State of Maine. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 610)

Nathan Lipfert, of Woolwich, Senior Curator at Maine Maritime Museum, on his 40th anniversary of collecting, preserving and interpreting Maine's maritime history. During the past 40 years, more than a million people have visited the museum and thousands have visited the museum's library. Mr. Lipfert is well-known for his scholarship and expertise in all things pertaining to Maine's maritime history and for his generosity in freely sharing his knowledge. We send him our appreciation for his commitment and dedication to his profession and to the State. We congratulate Mr. Lipfert on his 40th anniversary and send him our best wishes; (HLS 611)

John "Jack" Murphy, of Eliot, who is the recipient of the 2011 Fabyan Drake Award presented by the American Legion. Known as the American Legion Good Citizen Award, the Fabyan Drake Award is given in recognition of a person who "has conducted outstanding deeds above that which could be expected of the average citizen." Mr. Murphy is very active in his community, having served on the town planning board for over 16 years; he was the chair of the board for all but 4 of those years. He has also served as a Selectman and served as chair of that board, has been on numerous town commissions and is a member of the Eliot Historical Society. We send him our appreciation for his dedicated service to his community and to the State, and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 612)

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the 2011 Whoopie Pie Festival of Dover-Foxcroft, on the occasion of the whoopie pie's being designated as the Official State Treat. We congratulate the good citizens of Dover-Foxcroft as they celebrate this festival; (HLS 613)

Philip and Jacqueline Doak, of Woodland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Doak were married June 21, 1961 at Holy Rosary Church Rectory in Caribou with Father Valmont Gilbert officiating. We, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, join the family of Mr. and Mrs. Doak in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 614)

Gavin Lee Nadeau Dixon, of Newfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 329, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Gavin built new, repaired old and reinforced existing shelving units at the Newfield Town Library. We extend our congratulations to Gavin on this achievement; (HLS 615)

Kristen Long, of Blaine, a senior at Central Aroostook Jr./Sr. High School, who is the recipient of the 2011 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Kristen on her receiving this award; (HLS 616)

Duratherm Window Corporation, of Vassalboro, which has received a Governor's Award for Business Excellence for its commitment to its community, to its employees and to manufacturing and service excellence. Founded by Phil Cole and incorporated in 1967, Duratherm Window Corporation manufactures finely crafted custom wood windows and doors for use in commercial, residential and institutional buildings. It has contributed pieces to some of the nation's most notable buildings, including Phillips Exeter Academy, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and the Pro Golf Hall of Fame. Over the past 5 years, Duratherm Window Corporation has donated over \$50,000 to local organizations. We congratulate Duratherm Window Corporation on its receiving this award; (HLS 617)

Lieutenant John Allen, of Wiscasset, on his retirement after 25 years of dedicated service with the Wiscasset Police Department, the last 4 as its top-ranking official. Lieutenant Allen will be remembered for his dedication to the Wiscasset Police Department, his compassion for the people of the Town of Wiscasset and his determination to do his job to the best of his ability every day. We extend our appreciation to Lieutenant Allen for his many years of service to his community and the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 618)

Francis Boynton, of Durham, on his retirement after 37 years in education. Mr. Boynton has served as a teacher at Millinocket Middle School, as superintendent of School Union 132 in Windsor and as superintendent of Maine School Administrative District No. 40. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Boynton for his dedication to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 619)

Robert E. Hanson, of Ogunquit, a prominent member of his community. Mr. Hanson was a 1963 graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. He accepted a position at the Manned Spacecraft Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston, Texas. While in the Lone Star State, Mr. Hanson met his future wife, Karen, and they eventually returned to Connecticut where he worked as an electrical engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. In 1971, Mr. Hanson relocated to Wells, beginning a career in the hospitality industry. He and his wife would eventually own and operate the Sea View Motel in Ogunquit.

After selling that business, the Hansons built the Juniper Hill Inn and subsequently acquired the Milestone and Gorges Grant Hotel. During his operations of these various ventures, Mr. Hanson obtained both his real estate broker and surveyor licenses. Mr. Hanson was active in his community and served on the Planning Board, the Board of Assessment Review, as well as the Ogunquit Appeals Board. He was an advocate for local land conservation, an outdoor enthusiast and proud member of the American Tree Farm System in Maine. We acknowledge Mr. Hanson's dedicated commitment to public service. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 620)

Albert "Pete" C. Martelle, of Hermon, a longtime firefighter with the Bangor Fire Department. Mr. Martelle was born in Gainesville, Florida and grew up in a military family living in the United States, the Far East and Europe. He spent his working career with Bangor Fire Department, retiring as a captain in 1993. Mr. Martelle was an avid sports lover, enjoying local men's softball, the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Bruins and the New England Patriots. He also enjoyed working for many years at Bangor Auditorium during the high school basketball tournaments. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Jeanette, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 621)

Gregory Oakes, of Industry, a bus driver for the Mt. Blue school system, on the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of service. We send him our appreciation for his dedication and our best wishes on his retirement. (HLS 622)

United States Marine Corps Sergeant Kevin Balduf, of Nashville, Tennessee, whose wife and children live in Richmond, who died while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Balduf was a radio operator assigned to the 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and was the recipient of the Bronze Star in his first deployment. He and the former Amy Sutherland, of Richmond, were married at Sugarloaf Mountain in 2006 and are the parents of Stephanie and Eden. Sergeant Kevin Balduf will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and his grateful Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 623)

the top honor students of the Class of 2011 at Leavitt Area High School: Valedictorian Morgan Hill, Salutatorian Nicole Smith, Courtney Anderson, Macey Berube, Mykaila Carver, Kelvin Liriano, Carolann McClellan, Abbey Randall, Kayla Richardson, Karli Soracco and Elliott Wiegman. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 624)

Spencer Traylor, of Brownville, who was selected to receive a 2011 Principal's Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given to acknowledge a high school senior's academic excellence and citizenship. Spencer is involved in many extracurricular activities, including Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society and Track and Field. He served as President of the Eastern Region Student Council in 2010, and achieved success at the 2010 Track and Field State Championship. Spencer is also active in Seeds of Peace and serves as the student representative to the MSAD #41 School Board. We extend our congratulations to Spencer and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 625)

Mildred Covell, of Greene, who was honored at the State House at the Maine Women Veterans dedication ceremony. In October 1943 Ms. Covell joined the V-10 program of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) and served as a Pharmacist First Class in the United States Naval Reserve.

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She was discharged in 1946, just after V-J Day. She taught at Lewiston High School and was the Head of the Home Economics Department and also taught night school, training Certified Nursing Assistants and child care aides. We send her our appreciation for her many years of service to the community, the State and the Nation; (HLS 626)

the Troy Howard Middle School Science MAINEiacs, who took first place at the State Middle School Science Olympiad Tournament held at the University of Maine at Orono. The team won 9 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 4 bronze medals in 18 events. The National Science Olympiad program is dedicated to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, creating a technologically literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by students and teachers. Gold medal winners are: Jordon Bickford and Patrick Groening in the Awesome Aquifers event; Lucie Bonneville and Leander Andrews in the Fossils event; Rick Wyman and Peter Spectre in the Road Scholar event; Andrew Goguen in the Tower Building event; Leander Andrews and Patrick Groening in the Dynamic Planet event; Katy King and Jessica Clapp in the Crime Busters event; Peter Spectre and Andrew Goguen in the Anatomy event; Caleb Wallace and Taran Evans-Moran in the Trajectory event; and Zane Bielenberg and Nolan Woods in the Battery Buggy event. Silver medal winners are: Lucie Bonneville and Hannah Greene in the Can't Judge a Powder (chemistry) event; Hannah Greene and Rick Wyman in the Meteorology (severe storms) event; and Rick Wyman and Peter Spectre in the Bottle Rocket event. Bronze medal winners are: Caleb Wallace and Taran Evans-Moran in the Solar System event; Lucie Bonneville and Hannah Greene in the Ecology event; Katy King and Jessica Clapp in the Microbe Mission event; and Katy King and Leander Andrews in the Optics event. The victory has qualified the team to represent Maine at the National Science Olympiad Tournament in May at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. We extend our congratulations to the students on a job well done and wish them luck at the nationals; (HLS 627)

James Violette, of Waterville, a German studies major at Colby College, who was awarded a fellowship from the Fulbright Program to teach in Innsbruck, Austria. The Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious academic awards programs worldwide and operates in over 155 countries to increase understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries through the exchange of knowledge and skills. We congratulate Mr. Violette on his receiving this high honor and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 628)

Meredith Fast, of Wilton, a German studies major at Colby College, who was awarded a fellowship from the Fulbright Program to teach in Mattersburg, Austria. The Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious academic awards programs worldwide and operates in over 155 countries to increase understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries through the exchange of knowledge and skills. We congratulate Ms. Fast on her receiving this high honor and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 629)

Theodore "Ted" Moccia, of Norway, Principal of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who was named the 2011 High School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Mr. Moccia received the award for his professionalism, his focus on the importance of relationships and his leadership in high school reform. Mr. Moccia's work shows an unwavering commitment to student learning and increasing student

achievement. Mr. Moccia will attend the Principals' Institute in Washington, D.C. to be honored as a 2011 State Principal of the Year, and will be considered for the 2012 National Principal of the Year Award. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 630)

Dr. James O. Ortiz, of South Portland, President of Southern Maine Community College, on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of commitment to education. Dr. Ortiz began his education with a 2-year degree from Queensborough Community College in New York and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Hunter College, a master's degree in social work from New York University and a doctorate in educational policy and administration from Boston University. Dr. Ortiz became president of what was then Southern Maine Technical College in February of 2002. Under his leadership, the college became a comprehensive community college and has been the fastest growing community college in New England, growing from 2,850 students to over 7,000 students. Over the past several years, Dr. Ortiz has worked to establish a new Southern Maine Community College midcoast campus in Brunswick at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. We send our appreciation to Dr. Ortiz for his leadership, energy, innovation and commitment to Southern Maine Community College, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 631)

the top four students of the 2011 graduating class at Bangor High School and Charles E. French medal recipients: Keji Xu, Leila Musavi, Melissa Howard and Jacques Larochelle. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their achievements; (HLS 632)

the members of the Greenville High School Baseball Team, who won the 2011 State Class D Baseball Championship. Throughout the year, the Lakers played with unselfish dedication, honed by a commitment to hard work and teamwork that demonstrated the heart, intensity and sportsmanship of true champions. Team members Kyle Bartlett, Tony DiAngelo, Zach Labrecque, Jeremy St. Louis, Kevin Stafford, Steve Bilodeau, Bryce Breton, Nate Fenn, Colby Harmon, Shawn Mills, Chris Munroe, Corey Henderson, Henry Hersey, Tristan Richards, David Shea, Matt DiAngelo and Howard Stone and coach Tyler Muzzy, assistant coach Chris Fenn and managers Victoria Nacey and Abby Woodstead were the pride of their classmates, teachers and community. The performance of the Lakers reflects great credit on the team, the school leadership, the parents, the teachers and coaches and the supportive communities of School Union 60. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievement; (HLS 633)

Gwenyth Fraser, of Litchfield, who has won the 2010 Good Citizenship Medal awarded by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Burnt Meadow Chapter. Gwenyth, a student at Oak Hill High School, has established herself as a committed citizen with community service, including serving as the student representative on the Maine Alliance for the Arts in Education board of directors, participating as a member of the Maine Arts Commission Education Committee, participating in the Open Book Players of Gardiner and the Monmouth Community Players. Gwenyth is also very involved with numerous school clubs, including the Oak Hill High School jazz band, concert band, choir and drama club. We extend our congratulations to Gwenyth on the occasion of her receiving the Good Citizenship Medal; (HLS 634)

Albert N. Vining, of Falmouth, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, July 30, 2011. Born in Biddeford, Mr. Vining grew up in Portland and attended Portland schools. He left Portland High School early but later earned his GED. At the age of 15, he

started working on the railroad and had a lifelong interest in trains, becoming a member of the Railroad Club. He worked numerous jobs in his life, among them selling Royal typewriters and working for a dental company, and during World War II, Mr. Vining worked for Curtis-Wright at Southworth, which made parts for Curtis-Wright. He was a quality control inspector because he was one of the few people who could read the blueprints. He married Mary Landry and built their home in Falmouth, where they raised 2 sons. Mr. Vining is well known as a storyteller and has been active all his life, with his motto being: "you've got to keep moving." We join his family and friends in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Vining on the centennial celebration of his life; (HLS 635)

Charles Almon Wilbur, of Phillips, a lifelong resident of Phillips, who has had the 2011 Town Report of Phillips dedicated to him for his contributions to the community. Mr. Wilbur lives with his wife, Evelyn, in the house he was born in, which has seen 5 generations of the Wilbur family. He took up dairy farming at the age of 19, starting out with 6 cows and an old barn. In his lifetime he added more acreage to the farm, built 2 barns and at times had nearly 100 head of cattle. He served 16 years as a selectman and sometimes as the moderator. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his family, to his farm and to the Town of Phillips. We congratulate him on his having the town report dedicated to him; (HLS 636)

the members of the Scarborough High School Red Storm Girls Lacrosse Team, on the occasion of its winning the 2011 Class A State Championship: captains Kelsey Howard, Laura Przybylowicz, Jill Deering and Meghan Quirk; players Jess Meader, Maiti Kent, Kat Gadbois, Dani Foster, Maggie Smith, Taylor LeBorgne, Mary Scott, Maddie Palmer, Breanna Goode, Sarah Martens, Shauni Cowan, Lindsay Dobecki, Sam Nablo, Cassidy Regan, Erica Meader, Avery Pietras, Ashley Ronzo, Meg Kirsch, Tara Buckley, Hadlee Yescott and Ainsley Jamieson; and coaches Marcia Wood, Stephanie Messer, Caitlin Albert, Lisa Goldberg and Lindsay Bruneau. We congratulate all members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 637)

the members of the Scarborough High School Red Storm Boys Lacrosse Team, on the occasion of its winning the 2011 Class A State Championship: captains Mark Pearson, Will Lynch, Charlie Doe, Nate Hopkins and Peter Moore; players Nathan Provencer, Tim Smith, Dylan Price, Doug Pitts, Brett Leighton, Drew Harvey, Mike Kelley, Kevin Pitts, Ryan Pallotta, Jonathan Blaisdell, Logan Mars, Garrett Hazelwood, Andrew Jones, Nick Mercer, Luke Erwin, Kellen Smith, Jeffrey Oddy, Erik Anson, John Wheeler, Jurien Garrison, David Pearson, Mitch Summerson, Dalton Finley, Scott Kostovick and Austin Doody; head coach Joe Hezlep; assistant coaches Zach Barrett and Jonathan Dubois; athletic director Mike Legage; and athletic trainer Joe Davis. This is the school's 4th State Class A Lacrosse Championship in 6 seasons. We congratulate all members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 638)

the members of the Scarborough High School Red Storm Softball Team, on the occasion of its winning the 2011 Class A State Championship: captains Alana Peoples and Lauren Aceto; players Katie Elliott, Mo Hannan, Hannah Freeman, Erin Giles, Paige Moore-Haskell, Abby Rutt, Grace Farnkoff, Dominique Burnham, Chelsea Damon, Megan Murrell, Alyssa Williamson, Carolyn Bennett, Brenna Kent, Marisa O'Toole and Rene Quinn; head coach Tom Griffin; assistant coaches Charlie Andreson, Skylar Duncanson and Heather Carrier; athletic director Michael Legage; and athletic trainer Joe Davis. This is the Red Storm

Softball Team's 3rd State Championship in 5 seasons. We congratulate all members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 639)

Marlene Bryant, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of dedicated service for the Jay School Department. Ms. Bryant taught 3rd grade, was a Title I reading teacher and educational technician and worked in Migrant Education at Jay Elementary School. She was also the Catechetical Director at St. Rose Church in Jay and worked at Norland's Living History Center. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Bryant for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 640)

Donato Iannucci, of Jay, on the occasion of his retirement after teaching English in the same classroom for 37 years at Jay High School. Mr. Iannucci was the advisor for the National Honor Society for 3 years. He started the beautification project at Jay High School in 1980 and helped the students plant and care for the shrubs, trees and perennials around the school. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Iannucci for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 641)

Stephen Hamilton, of Jay, on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years in education. Mr. Hamilton taught social studies and science at Livermore Falls Middle School and was a substitute teacher, a teacher assistant and a history and psychology teacher at Jay High School. He coached basketball at Jay High School, was named Coach of the Year by the Mountain Valley Conference and was a McDonald's All-Star Coach. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hamilton for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 642)

Donna Hamilton, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement after 29 years in education. Mrs. Hamilton taught 3rd grade at Livermore Falls Grammar School and was a Special Educational Technician III for the Jay School Department. She was a contract negotiation member on the Certification Committee for the 1st Educational Technician contract. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Hamilton for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 643)

Myrtle Taylor, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of service for the Jay School Department. Mrs. Taylor taught Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Taylor for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 644)

Pamela Bergeron, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of service at Jay High School. Mrs. Bergeron has been secretary to 5 principals during her time at Jay High School. She was secretary to the Jay High School Boosters and served on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation team. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Bergeron for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 645)

Robert P. Fitzgerald, Sr., of Jay, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 36 years of service at Jay High School. Mr. Fitzgerald was the Mathematics District Curriculum Chair and head of the Mathematics Department at Jay High School. He was a member and chair of the accreditation team for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and President of the Jay Education Association. He was a mentor to student teachers and was in Who's Who in Education. Mr. Fitzgerald also was very active in sports. He was a baseball umpire and the Director of Jay Recreation and helped coach the AYS Baseball Team; he was the coach for the Jay Basketball Travel Team, junior varsity and freshmen baseball coach and a



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junior varsity and varsity basketball coach, the director and president of the Turner Highlands Golf Association, as well as president of the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches and district representative to the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Mr. Fitzgerald was the Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year and was in Who's Who in Coaching. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Fitzgerald for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 646)

Michael Townsend, of Hampden, a student at Reeds Brook Middle School, who is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Citizenship Award. This award is given to honor outstanding eighth-grade students chosen for their civic awareness, scholastic achievement and community service. Michael received this award for his volunteer service with civic organizations and fund-raising activities for those with mental disabilities and other health challenges. In school, he served twice as student council president, has been part of the civil rights team and helped support a staff member serving in Afghanistan and another battling cancer, all while maintaining an excellent academic record and participating in 3 sports. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Michael on his receiving this honor; (HLS 647)

the Waterville Senior High School baseball team, on its winning the 2011 Class B State Championship. This is the school's second year in a row that the baseball team has won the State Championship. We send our congratulations to the members of the team and send them our best wishes; (HLS 648)

the Waterville Senior High School Boys Track Team, on its winning the 2011 Class B State Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 649)

the Waterville Senior High School Girls Track Team, on its winning the 2011 Class B State Championship. This is the 5th year in a row that the Waterville Senior High School Girls Track Team has won the State Championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 650)

Brenda Angotti, of Millinocket, on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of service to the State. For 2 years, Ms. Angotti brought music to 11 schools in Washington County. Following that, she worked for the Millinocket School Department for 36 years. She was the vocal music educator for students in kindergarten to 8th grade, the performing arts department head and the fall musical producer. Ms. Angotti won 4 Division II State Show Choir championships. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Angotti for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 651)

Margaret Bond, of Millinocket, who is retiring as a school teacher after many years of dedicated service. Ms. Bond taught first grade at Katahdin Avenue School from 1972 to 1976. From 1976 to 2001, she worked as a substitute teacher and from 2001 to 2011, Ms. Bond taught 7th grade at Millinocket Middle School. We send her our appreciation for her service to teaching and send her our best wishes; (HLS 652)

Gabriel D. Schenk, of Island Falls, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Greater Houlton Christian Academy. We congratulate Gabriel on his achievements and send him our best wishes; (HLS 653)

Mia Rapolla, of Gorham, on being named Maine's female high school Athlete of the Year by the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram*. Mia is a tri-sport athlete, participating in Gorham High School's girls basketball, cross country and lacrosse teams. She was named the high school's Most

Valuable Player for girls lacrosse in 2010 and 2011, scoring a combined 198 goals in those 2 seasons for the Gorham Rams. In addition, Mia placed 11th in the Class A state cross country meet in the fall of 2010 and was an all-state shooting guard in basketball. We extend our congratulations to Mia on her achievement and send her our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 654)

the Falmouth High School Boys Lacrosse Team, the Yachtsmen, who won the 2011 Maine Class B State Championship, the school's first boys lacrosse state championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 655)

Judy A. Kennard, of Mapleton, on the occasion of her retirement as an ASPIRE Specialist with the Department of Health and Human Services. During her 22 1/2 years with ASPIRE, Mrs. Kennard devoted herself to helping some of the State's most vulnerable citizens. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Kennard for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 656)

Calvin Hall, of Presque Isle, on his retirement as a caseworker supervisor in the Department of Health and Human Services, where he has worked since 1980. Mr. Hall began his career in public service in the Department of Economic Development and also worked as a park ranger for the Department of Conservation. Throughout his career Mr. Hall devoted himself to helping some of the State's most vulnerable citizens. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hall for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 657)

Tyler Delano, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations to Tyler on this achievement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 658)

Marina DiMarco, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations to Marina on this achievement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 659)

the annual Rockland North Atlantic Blues Festival, as it celebrates the popular American music form on July 16 and 17, 2011 in Harbor Park, Rockland, overlooking picturesque Rockland Harbor. We send our appreciation to the City of Rockland and the festival's producers, Paul Benjamin and Jamie Isaacson, for their efforts in bringing high-quality blues music to Rockland. We join with the blues fans not only from Maine but from across the nation in sending our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 660)

Kenneth F. Morgan, of Bangor, a longtime member of the AFL-CIO and an advocate for economic, social and environmental justice. A 1959 graduate of Old Town High School, Mr. Morgan received a bachelor's degree in history and government from the University of Maine. A Fulbright Scholarship enabled him to attend the University of Erlangen in Germany, and a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship at Northwestern University led to a master's degree in history. He spent 35 years with the Maine AFL-CIO and was a union member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1837. He was an avid hiker and backpacker. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his life partner, his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 661)

Dr. Louis J. Zglobicki, of Cumberland Foreside, who practiced optometry in the area. Born in New York City, Dr. Zglobicki was a graduate of New England College of Optometry. He also served in the United States Navy. An avid recreational fisherman, Dr. Zglobicki was appointed to the Atlantic States

Marine Fisheries Commission and the New England Fishery Management Council. He was also a member of Portland Surfcasters, the Falmouth Lions Club and the Polish National Alliance. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 662)

Julia Maine, of Chebeague Island, a student at Greely High School, who is the recipient of a 2011 Governor's Young Writer of the Year Award. The award comes with a cash prize of \$2,500 and is intended to promote and encourage excellence in writing by Maine high school juniors. We congratulate Julia on her receiving this honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 663)

Sarah Mulcahy, of Cumberland Center, a student at Greely High School, who is the recipient of a 2011 Governor's Young Writer of the Year Award. The award comes with a cash prize of \$2,500 and is intended to promote and encourage excellence in writing by Maine high school juniors. We congratulate Sarah on her receiving this honor and send her our best wishes; (HLS 664)

Niles V. Bowman, Jr., of Skowhegan, a veteran of the United States Army and the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Bowman was born in Skowhegan and was a graduate of Skowhegan Area High School, class of 1979. After serving in the United States Army for 10 years, he joined the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, serving as a deputy. It was a job he loved and did with pride, and he received commendations from the department and the American Legion. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his colleagues and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 665)

Michael King, of Skowhegan, who saved Bob Everett, of Norridgewock, from drowning after Mr. Everett and his lawn mower tumbled down the embankment of Mill Stream into 15 feet of water. Mr. King and another man, James Avery, were nearby at a service station when they heard cries for help and they ran over to assist Mr. Everett. Mr. King jumped in the water, pushed the mower away from Mr. Everett and brought him to shore, where Mr. Avery helped bring Mr. Everett up the steep embankment. We send our appreciation to Mr. King for his act of heroism and send him our best wishes; (HLS 666)

James Avery, of Skowhegan, who helped to save the life of Bob Everett, of Norridgewock, who fell into Mill Stream after tumbling down an embankment. Mr. Avery and another man, Michael King, were at a nearby service station when they heard cries for help. After Mr. King pulled Mr. Everett to shore, Mr. Avery brought him up the embankment to safety and the ambulance. We send our appreciation to Mr. Avery for his act of heroism and send him our best wishes; (HLS 667)

Erica Mixon, of Ogunquit, for her selfless tributes to the Gold Star families of Maine. Ms. Mixon, a senior at Wells High School, performed the National Anthem at all 3 "Run for the Fallen" events, as well as at the Christopher Scott Cash Memorial race held in Old Orchard Beach. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Mixon for her efforts in honoring the memory of our military heroes who gave their lives to protect our freedom since September 11, 2001; (HLS 668)

Dylan McShera, of York, for his selfless tribute to the Gold Star families in the State. Mr. McShera took on the task of designing the cover of the book *Maine's Fallen Heroes* and invested a great deal of time in its production. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McShera for his contributions to preserving the memory of our military heroes who gave their lives to protect our freedom since September 11, 2001; (HLS 669)

Ashley Horlor, of Waterboro, for her selfless tribute to the Gold Star families of the State. Ms. Horlor, a senior at Massabesic High School, worked tirelessly to mail donation requests, thank-you letters, Christmas cards and other

correspondence associated with honoring Maine's fallen heroes. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Horlor for her contributions to preserving the memory of our military heroes who gave their lives to protect our freedom since September 11, 2001; (HLS 670)

Corey Zinck, of Wells, for his selfless tribute to the Gold Star families of the State. Mr. Zinck, a high school freshman, took part in the "Run for the Fallen" and wrote a piece about the event, which won him an area literary award. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Zinck for his contributions to preserving the memory of our military heroes who gave their lives to protect our freedom since September 11, 2001; (HLS 671)

Alex Haight, of York, for his selfless tribute to the Gold Star families of the State. Mr. Haight, a freshman at Ithaca College in New York, took part in the "Run for the Fallen" lobster bake in 2009 and also provided entertainment for those in attendance. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Haight for his contributions to preserving the memory of our military heroes who gave their lives to protect our freedom since September 11, 2001; (HLS 672)

the members of the Lewiston High School Boys Tennis Team, who won the 2011 Class A State Championship, the team's 8th Class A victory in 9 seasons. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 673)

the members of the Lewiston High School Girls Tennis Team, who won the 2011 Class A State Championship, the team's 6th consecutive Class A state championship. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 674)

Second Lieutenant Robert S. Emerson, of Norway who served in the United States Air Force during World War II and died on April 3, 1945 on board a B-25J Mitchell Bomber that crashed in Palawan Field, Philippines, and whose remains are coming home after 66 years. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice that Second Lieutenant Emerson made for his State and his Nation; (HLS 675)

the Falmouth High School Girls Tennis Team, who won the 2011 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 676)

the Falmouth High School Boys Tennis Team, who won the 2011 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 677)

Reverend and Mrs. Donald Olson, of Glenburn, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 24, 2011. Rev. and Mrs. Olson were married at the Covenant Congregational Church in Providence, Rhode Island. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Rev. and Mrs. Olson on this very special occasion; (HLS 678)

Erin Dugal, of Madawaska, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class of Madawaska Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Erin on this achievement; (HLS 679)

Valerie Parker, of Madawaska, who has earned the honor of being named the Honor Essayist of the 2011 graduating class of Madawaska Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Valerie on this achievement; (HLS 680)

Jonathan Lee, of Madawaska, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of Madawaska Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations to Jonathan on this achievement; (HLS 681)

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Fred Flewelling and his family, of Crouseville, who have been named the 2011 Farm Family of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. Mr. Flewelling began farming at a young age and took up the profession full time in 1974 on land homesteaded by his great-grandfather in the 1860s. For 12 years he worked alongside his father, Wilmot Flewelling, before purchasing the business, Flewelling Seed Farm. With nearly 300 acres devoted to potato farming, Flewelling Seed Farm provides seed potatoes to both Frito-Lay North America, Inc. and McCain Foods Limited. Over the years, Mr. Flewelling has enjoyed cultivating the land with his wife, Patsy Campbell, and his 2 daughters, Lindsay Flewelling Healey and Courtney Castonguay. Although market demands have changed, the Flewellings have adapted through the implementation of new technology. Currently, Mr. Flewelling is a member of the National Potato Council Board of Directors and is chair of the council's Seed Subcommittee. He has also served on the Maine Potato Board, the Seed Executive Council, the Seed Potato Board and the Maine Potato Growers Board. We join the Flewelling family's friends and neighbors in extending our congratulations to them on this noteworthy honor; (HLS 682)

Virginia Moran, of Bridgton, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, July 26, 2011. Mrs. Moran is a long-time member of the Molly Ockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as a past regent and as program chairperson for the "Flag of the United States of America" and currently serving as chaplain. Mrs. Moran has been very involved with the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, Bridgton Hospital and many other area organizations. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to her community, her State and her Nation and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her special birthday; (HLS 683)

Scarborough Youth Sports Forum, on the occasion of its being awarded the 2011 Maine Fitness Award in the Youth-Community category. The Maine Fitness Awards is an initiative of the Governor's Council on Physical Activity to recognize individuals and organizations for promoting physical activity and increase awareness regarding the health problems associated with inactivity. Under the leadership of Dan Warren, the Scarborough Youth Sports Forum coordinates sports programs for children in Scarborough from 4 to 7 years of age, teaching the fundamentals of sports while encouraging responsible citizenship. Since its creation in 1998, the Scarborough Youth Sports Forum has been a positive influence on youth throughout the Scarborough community. We extend our congratulations to the Scarborough Youth Sports Forum on its receiving this award and thank it for its dedication to the community's youth; (HLS 684)

James Jackson, of Auburn, a member of the Edward Little High School Ski Team, who won the 2011 Class A State Slalom Championship. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his achievement; (HLS 685)

Norman McLeod, of Portland, who has been inducted into the Holland Club of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. McLeod first qualified on the USS Toro, SS-422, in 1961. We extend our congratulations to Mr. McLeod on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 686)

Lyle Grindle, of Dedham, who has been inducted into the Holland Club of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. Grindle first qualified on the USS Tiru, SS-416, in 1961. We

extend our congratulations to Mr. Grindle on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 687)

William Hale, of Augusta, who has been inducted into the Holland Club of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. Hale first qualified on the USS Sablefish, SS-303, in 1951. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hale on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 688)

John King, of Milford, who has been inducted into the Holland Club of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. King first qualified on the USS Piper, SS-409, in 1961. We extend our congratulations to Mr. King on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 689)

John McCutcheon, of Fairfield, who has been inducted into the Holland Club of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated. The Holland Club honors individuals who have attained 50 years since first qualifying on submarines. Mr. McCutcheon first qualified on the USS Bluegill, SS-242, in 1961. We extend our congratulations to Mr. McCutcheon on his receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 690)

Sharon McIntyre, of Ellsworth, on the occasion of her retirement as a teacher at the Ellsworth Middle School after 41 years teaching in the State of Maine, 38 of which were in Ellsworth. History was her favorite subject and the students in her eighth-grade social studies class understood that the Preamble to the United States Constitution and the Gettysburg Address were required subjects. We extend our appreciation to Sharon McIntyre for her commitment to the children of Ellsworth and the State of Maine, and we send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 691)

the Town of Eddington, on the occasion of its Bicentennial. Incorporated on February 22, 1811, the Town of Eddington is one of the oldest towns in Penobscot County and is the only town except Bangor and Brewer that appears in the census of 1790, when all 3 towns belonged to Hancock County. The town will be celebrating its 200th anniversary throughout 2011 with many different events, including a 3-day festival to be held in July. Founded by Jonathan Eddy, an important figure in the early history of both the United States of America and the State of Maine, the Town of Eddington has a proud history to celebrate. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the citizens of the Town of Eddington on this very special occasion; (HLS 692)

the following members of the St. Dominic Academy Baseball Team, who have won the 2011 Class C State Championship: players Caleb Dostie, Alex Parker, Joseph Bryant, Zakary Johnson, Michael Richard, Kyle Hargreaves, Cameron Raymond, Daniel Nadeau, William Desmarais, Christopher Tarr, James Theriault, Kurt Johnson, Aaron Schmitz, Matthew Roy, Brady Whetzel, Tyler Sirois, Andrew Marcoux, Zack Roy and Andrew Gosselin; head coach Bob Blackman; assistant coach Michael Bowles; and volunteers David Theriault and Allan Turgeon. We congratulate them on their achievement and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 693)

Connie Garber, of Sanford, who is the recipient of the 2011 Community Transportation Manager of the Year Award presented by the Community Transportation Association of America. Ms. Garber has been the Director of Transportation for York County Community Action Corporation since 1981. During her 30-year tenure, she has overseen expansion of the transportation program to provide transportation services to residents in all 29 towns and cities in York County. We extend our appreciation to

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Ms. Garber for her commitment to the citizens of York County and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 694)

the Jay High School Envirothon team, which has won the Maine Envirothon competition for the 3rd straight year, qualifying the team for the international Canon Envirothon in New Brunswick. Members of the team include Isaac Couture, Lexi Deering, Sam Hutchinson, Beth Moore, Kristy Macomber, Jacob Roy and advisor Rob Taylor. The international Envirothon is the largest high school environmental education program, representing 500,000 high school students in the United States and Canada and providing opportunities for them to acquire and increase outdoor skills and scientific knowledge about natural resources. We congratulate the members of the Jay High School Envirothon team on their winning this competition and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 695)

the Memorial Ambulance Corps, of Deer Isle, on its being awarded the HeartSafe designation for its commitment to the community and its efforts in ensuring the safety of those who live on and visit the island. The purpose of HeartSafe is to recognize the excellent work being done by emergency medical services providers throughout Maine and to provide opportunities to enhance partnerships, resources and services to improve cardiovascular health and decrease deaths and disabilities due to sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack and stroke. We congratulate the members of Memorial Ambulance Corps on their receiving this important designation; (HLS 696)

Chad Curtis, of Palmyra, who saved the life of Laura Morgan, of Hartland, when he pulled her badly injured body from her burning car as she passed in and out of consciousness. Mr. Curtis had arrived at his parents house in Palmyra when he and his father Norman saw smoke. Looking down a 20-foot embankment, they saw that a car had crashed against a tree and was spewing smoke. While his father ran to call for emergency services, Mr. Curtis rushed to the vehicle, encountering Ms. Morgan hanging out the driver's side door against her seat belt, struggling to breathe. The car then burst into flames and Mr. Curtis cut Ms. Morgan free and dragged her 75 feet to safety. We send our appreciation to Mr. Curtis for his selfless act of heroism and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 697)

Roland Poirier, of Lewiston, who is the recipient of the Governmental Affairs and Political Involvement Award presented by the Maine Credit Union League. Mr. Poirier was presented with this award for his help in keeping credit unions active and involved in political and governmental affairs. He was recognized for volunteering on various political campaigns and communicating with legislators and members of Congress on a regular basis. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Poirier on his receiving this award; (HLS 698)

Saint Martin of Tours Council #680 Knights of Columbus, of Millinocket, which is the recipient of the A Division Council of the Year Award for 2010-2011 presented by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters. The Saint Martin of Tours Council #680 also earned Supreme Awards from the organization for its pro-life and youth projects and for being one of only 5 councils in the State to have at least one project in every Knights of Columbus sponsored activity. We extend our appreciation to the Saint Martin of Tours Council #680 for its commitment to the citizens of the Town of Millinocket and our congratulations on its receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 699)

Reginald C. Corey, of Littleton, for his 44 years of dedicated service in education. Mr. Corey obtained his degree in 1967 and was certified in both mathematics and science. His teaching career started at Oakfield High School, where he spent 6 years prior to taking a position with School Administrative District 70.

For 33 years Mr. Corey taught math and science at Mill Pond Elementary School and later went on to teach algebra at the area high school. He took great pride in his work and is always pleased to learn about his former students' accomplishments. Outside of his instructional duties, Mr. Corey and his wife, Diane, have been active members of the Littleton Baptist Church. They have mentored Sunday School attendees and also led youth groups. Moreover, Mr. Corey has preached in several churches located in various towns across central and southern Aroostook County. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Corey for his almost half-century of service as a public educator and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 700)

the members of the Telstar Regional High School Softball Team: Sarah Averill, Victoria Forkus, Gail Lavorgna, Jean Lawrence, Kayla Merrill, Hannah Morin, Grace Stover, Katie Sumner, Nicena Walker, Kallie Brown, Tasha Farnum, Lyndsay Merrill, Autumn Berry, Rachel Wheeler, Jessica Dirago, Maisey Griffin and Anna Saucier and scorekeeper Zach Palmer, coach Jim Lunney, assistant coach Mark Kenney and volunteer assistant coach Jim Merrill, who won the 2011 State Class C Softball Championship. This is the team's 2nd Class C Softball Championship in a row and its 3rd title in 6 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 701)

United States Army Private First Class Tyler Springmann, of Hartland, who lost his life fighting for his country in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Private First Class Springmann was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He was a 2010 graduate of Nokomis Regional High School in Newport. Private First Class Springmann will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his friends and his grateful State and Nation; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 702)

Helen Cochrane, of Ellsworth, who is retiring after more than 30 years in education. Ms. Cochrane taught at the Mary Snow School in Bangor for 6 years, was a substitute teacher in the Ellsworth school system and has been teaching 3rd grade in Ellsworth for the past 25 years. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to the children of the State and our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 703)

the Caribou High School Varsity Softball Team, for its second-place finish in the 2011 Eastern Maine Class B tournament. We extend our congratulations to this group of skilled athletes and send them our best wishes for continued success: players Sare Damboise, Madison Outing, Jamie Martin, Tia McHatten, Emily Staples, Jordyn Doucette, Anesha Hersey, Kelsie Espling, Rebecca McDougal and Kristin Plante and head coach Ryan Deprey; (HLS 704)

Claire E. MacGillivray Reynolds, a longtime resident of Georgetown. Mrs. Reynolds attended Five Islands and Georgetown Center Schools and was a graduate of Morse High School. She assisted in her husband's business and raised 8 children, and was named Mother of the Year by the Bath Daily Times in 1966. She and her husband bought and restored a 200-year-old cape-style home on Georgetown Island, and she brightened the neighborhood with her beautiful gardens. Mrs. Reynolds was a lifelong member of the Five Islands Second Baptist Church, where she was a deaconess, Sunday school teacher and secretary of the Women's Missionary Fellowship. She was active in the community, helping to found the Women's Auxiliary of the Georgetown Fire Department, serving as a ballot clerk and volunteering at the local library. Mrs. Reynolds will be sadly missed and long remembered by her husband, Eugene, her

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loving family, her many friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 705)

Gerald and Fernande (Desjardins) Bard, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bard exchanged marriage vows on June 26, 1951 at St. Leonard Catholic Church in St. Leonard, New Brunswick, Canada with Father Sylvio Theriault officiating. We join the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bard in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 706)

Donald R. Lynch, of Millinocket, a veteran of World War II. Mr. Lynch was born in Millinocket and was a 1945 graduate of Stearns High School. He served in the Military Police in Italy during the war and was discharged in 1947. Mr. Lynch went to work for Great Northern Nekoosa as a maintenance supervisor and retired after 41 years of service in 1984. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife Joyce, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 707)

Francis E. Morin, of East Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Morin was born in East Millinocket. He was married to Ruth (Buckley) Morin for 64 years and worked as a millwright for Great Northern Paper Company for 40 years, retiring in 1987. He was also a licensed plumber and plumbing inspector for the Town of East Millinocket and the Town of Millinocket for many years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, his family and his friends;; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 708)

Stella Bernice "Bunny" Jarvis, of East Millinocket, a longtime pioneer in the credit union industry. She was born in Cardigan, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Ms. Jarvis began her career with Eastmill Federal Credit Union in 1957 as a teller in the mill office at Great Northern Paper Company. In 1974, she became treasurer/manager. At that time there were very few women who held the position of treasurer/manager in the credit union community. Ms. Jarvis was highly respected by her peers and the community she served. She retired in 1989. She was a lifelong communicant at St. Peter's Catholic Church, where she served a number of years on the parish council and chaired the finance committee. Ms. Jarvis will be greatly missed by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 709)

Ray and Rejeanne Bolduc, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bolduc were married at Notre Dame de Lourdes Church in Skowhegan, with Father Leonard Frechette officiating. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bolduc on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 710)

Sonja Frey, of Gorham, on the occasion of her retirement after 25 years at Gorham High School as the coach of the girls tennis team. Ms. Frey's great coaching ability and support of the program have made a significant impact on the team. When she began coaching in 1986, the program had 8 players; it now has 40 players. Her dedication and love of the sport have always been evident in her coaching. She will be greatly missed. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Frey for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 711)

Lieutenant Colonel John Robert Grove, USAF (Ret.), of Carmel, Indiana and formerly of Eliot. Lieutenant Colonel Grove was born in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania and attended Pennsylvania State University, later receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and an MBA from Auburn University. He joined the United States Air Force Aviation Cadet Program and received his navigator wings and commission as a Second Lieutenant in December 1964. He served 2 six-month tours in Southeast Asia, flying 120 B-52

combat missions over Vietnam from Guam, Okinawa and Thailand. He was a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School and attended Air Command and Staff College and served on its faculty. During a second tour at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire, he served on the staff of the 509th Bombardment Wing, heading the Current Operations Branch, until he retired in 1989 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Among his many military decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with Four Stars. Following retirement, he remained in Eliot, and in 1994 he was elected to the town Budget Committee and served for 2 terms. He also was elected to the Eliot Board of Selectmen and served 2 terms. We acknowledge Lieutenant Colonel Grove's dedicated life of commitment to his community, the State and the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 712)

Jayne Perkins, of Lebanon, who has been named the Maine History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. As a statewide winner, Ms. Perkins is a finalist for the \$10,000 National History Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Perkins was chosen by a panel of teachers, administrators and academics from Maine for her dedication and inspiration and career achievements. She is a science and social studies teacher for Maine School Administrative District No. 60 at the Eric L. Knowlton School in Berwick. Ms. Perkins has been teaching for 25 years. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Perkins for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 713)

Robert Michael LaRosa, of Stockton Springs, a member of Sea Scout Ship No. 1102 of Bucksport, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Robert on this achievement; (HLS 714)

John A. Robbins, Jr., of Richmond, on the occasion of his retirement from the leadership of the Lincoln County Historical Association. Mr. Robbins will be remembered for his tireless work as vice-president, president and executive director of the association. He made history come alive for our schoolchildren while preserving some of the most important buildings in the State. His crowning achievement was the extraordinary celebration of Lincoln County's 250th anniversary. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Robbins for his many years of service to Lincoln County and the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 715)

Barbara Lara, of Calais, for her many contributions to the Town of Calais. Ms. Lara, an award-winning dance instructor, was director of the International Homecoming Festival Pageants from 1987 to 2010. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Lara for her commitment to her community and the citizens of the State; (HLS 716)

the 50th annual Frenchboro Lobster Festival, August 13, 2011. The Frenchboro Lobster Festival is one of the longest running and most successful summer events in Maine. The festival is set on the banks of Lunt Harbor with the mountains of Acadia looming in the background, features a boat ride through Blue Hill Bay and offers guests a chance to simply relax by the harbor, stroll the village roads or hike the miles of scenic shoreline trails. We join in celebrating this special event with the citizens of the Village of Frenchboro; (HLS 717)

Loren W. "Sonny" Hartley, Jr., of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran. Mr. Hartley was born and raised in Millinocket and was a graduate of Stearns High School. He served in the United

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States Army for 3 years, returning to Millinocket and working for Great Northern Paper Company until he retired in the early 1980s. Mr. Hartley then worked part-time as a private investigator for a few years. He was a member of Anah Temple Shrine, Donald V. Henry Post No. 80 of the American Legion and Francis E. Elliott Post No. 4154 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 718)

James and Sally Doten, of Baring, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Doten were married on July 28, 1961 at the Baptist Church in Calais, with the Reverend Walter Lyons officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Doten on this special occasion; (HLS 719)

the members of the Waldo County Senior League Baseball Team, who won the State Senior League Championship: Adam Higgins, Adrian "Buddy" Ellis, Nick Rodgerson, Cody Varney, Dillon Corliss, Matthew Palmer, Luke Lockhart, Kaleb Cook, Patrick Later, Zach Beaudry, Garth Clements, Tomas Graham and James Harvey. The team is managed by Rick Rodgerson and coached by Nick Varney and Eric Lockhart. The team will travel to West Deptford, New Jersey to participate in the Senior League Eastern Regional Tournament. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement and wish them well in New Jersey; (HLS 720)

Portland Police Officer Kevin Haley, a 13-year veteran of the Portland Police Department, who is the recipient of the Robert B. Ganley Public Service Award. Officer Haley was nominated by his peers in the department and by members of the public. His willingness to help others has been demonstrated in many ways, from organizing fund-raising events to arranging an escort from Portland to Windham for a soldier killed in Afghanistan. We congratulate Officer Haley on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 721)

Terry C. Pelletier, of Millinocket. Mr. Pelletier was born in Millinocket and was a graduate of Stearns High School, class of 1971. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 680, holding the positions of grand knight and district deputy. One of his most memorable times was when he was chosen to go as a delegate from Maine for the 100th anniversary of Knights of Columbus held in Connecticut. He was a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company and retired in 1991. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 37 years, Jeri, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 722)

Thomas W. St. John, of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Navy and a longtime worker at Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. St. John was a graduate of Stearns High School and was a master machinist until his retirement. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 723)

Nicholas K. Waldron, of Windsor, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Nicholas rebuilt a fence at a cemetery in Windsor. He also constructed a bulletin board for posting ordinances that pertain to the cemetery. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on this achievement; (HLS 724)

Jeanne Chadbourne, of North Yarmouth, who is the recipient of the North Yarmouth 2011 Distinguished Citizen Award. The award was created by the town's Events Committee to recognize residents who have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the community. Mrs. Chadbourne taught 4th, 5th and 6th grades in School Administrative District 51 for 28 years. She volunteers

at the Mabel I. Wilson School and serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee. She also served on the Board of Selectmen and the SAD 51 School Board. She oversees functions at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall and is a member of the Stewardship Committee and a church trustee. She mows the lawn at Skyline Farm, which is an activity she enjoys because her dog, Tim, helps her mow by riding on her lap. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Chadbourne for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 725)

Wayne S. Knowlton and Patricia V. (Galuz) Knowlton, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton were married in Livermore Falls August 26, 1961. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton on this very special occasion; (HLS 726)

the members of the Maine Firecrackers Girls 14-year-old AAU Basketball Team, who won the national championship tournament in Florida: Ashley Briggs, Allie Clement, Nina Davenport, Brianne Maloney, Olivia Shaw, Olivia Smith, Alisha Starbird, Bailey Cote and Sam Frost and Coach Don Briggs. The Maine Firecrackers are the first team from Maine to win this national title. The team swept the 7-game tournament to capture the national championship trophy and finish its season with a remarkable 41-4 record. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their accomplishment; (HLS 727)

Maynard and Shirley Eaton, of Exeter, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Eaton on this special occasion and send them our best wishes; (HLS 728)

Frederick and Jean (Jambard) St. Pierre, of Caswell, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. St. Pierre exchanged marriage vows on August 4, 1956 at St. Bruno Catholic Church in Van Buren with Father Paul H. Pepin officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. St. Pierre in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 729)

the memory of Patrolman Robert J. Gallant, of the Berwick Police Department, who gave his life while in service to the community. Patrolman Gallant, at 23 years of age and having served 11 months in the department, was struck and killed by a vehicle on September 11, 1982 while at the scene of a domestic disturbance. He saved the life of a woman at the scene who was also in danger of being struck by the vehicle, and for his actions that day he was posthumously awarded a medal of honor. Berwick police officers wear the number 4, Patrolman Gallant's badge number, on their uniform patches. We join the good citizens of Berwick and the Berwick Police Department in honoring the memory of Patrolman Robert J. Gallant; (HLS 730)

Nathan Clifford Preston, of Millinocket, a United States Postal Service retiree. Mr. Preston was born in Somesville and was a member of the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Preston loved the power of the written word and enjoyed being outdoors in the fresh Maine air. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Claudette, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 731)

Noah Potvin, of Newport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 63, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Noah built a pavilion, garden, walkway and flagpole for SKILLS, Inc. in Pittsfield, which offers services for mentally challenged adults.

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We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 732)

Thomas Thibodeau, of Presque Isle, upon his retirement from the Department of Health and Human Services as a Family Independence Specialist/Quality Management Specialist after almost 29 years of commitment to the State of Maine. Mr. Thibodeau devoted himself to courteously and professionally helping some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens. We extend to Mr. Thibodeau our deepest appreciation for his committed service and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 733)

Gary Dean Wakeland, of Bowerbank, a veteran of the United States Air Force, former teacher and active member of his community. Mr. Wakeland served 25 years in the Air Force, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1983. He relocated his family back to their summer home on Sebec Lake and began a teaching career at Foxcroft Academy, where he taught and coached many successful wrestling and track teams for the next 16 years, retiring again in 1999. Mr. Wakeland was also a member of the Bowerbank Volunteer Fire Department and served as selectman and tax assessor. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 734)

William Parker Ward, of Cumberland, who was a successful and admired businessman. Mr. Ward served in the Vietnam War, after which he earned his MBA from the University of San Francisco and embarked on his career in high tech. Mr. Ward held positions in several companies including as worldwide CEO of Fairchild Technologies. A talented inventor, Mr. Ward was particularly proud of his patented Flexpoint Tractor Hitch. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Cumberland Lions Club. He was on the Cumberland Planning Board and served as chair. Mr. Ward will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 735)

the following members of the Scarborough Little League All-Star Team, on the occasion of their winning the 2011 Maine State Championship for 10- and 11-year olds: Nick Anderson, Jared Brooks, Alex Dobecki, Glade Fredenburg, Owen Garrard, Nate Gehrke, Andrew Goodwin, Connor Kelly, Zoltan Panyi, Morgan Pratt, Justin Tanguay and Ogden Timpson; coaches Adam Brooks and Keith Goodwin; and manager Neal Pratt. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 736)

David Frederick, of Orono, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 478, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, David built the Parks and Recreation message board kiosk in front of the Treadwell Building. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 737)

Aaron Thayer Sterling, 30, formerly of Skowhegan and recently of Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Sterling was born in Waterville, went to Skowhegan schools and attended the University of Maine, where he served as Vice President of Student Government and President of the General Student Senate and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was proud to be a Registered Parliamentarian and served as President of the Maine Association of Parliamentarians. Mr. Sterling lived his life with cystic fibrosis with grace and determination. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving friends and family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 738)

David Lee Hallowell, of Belgrade, a prominent member of his community. Born in Augusta, and a 1974 graduate of Messalonskee High School, Mr. Hallowell contributed much to

the region over the course of his life. As a proud business owner, Mr. Hallowell came to know many members of the community and cherished the relationships he created as the owner of David Hallowell Construction. Mr. Hallowell was widely known and respected as a kind, hardworking man dedicated to his family and many friends. He will be greatly missed and long remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 739)

Christ the Divine Mercy Parish, of St. Martin of Tours Church, of Millinocket, as it celebrates its 50th Annual Harvest Tea and Sale on October 5, 2011. We congratulate the members of the parish as they celebrate their Golden Jubilee and send them our best wishes; (HLS 740)

James R. Shanks, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran of World War II who took part in the Normandy invasion. Mr. Shanks was born in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns High School in 1942. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 and after the war, married his wife, Doris; they shared 65 years together. He was employed by Great Northern Paper Company, where he worked for 41 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member, a Sunday school teacher, a trustee and a member of the board of deacons of First Baptist Church in Millinocket. Mr. Shanks also was a member of the board of directors of Katahdin Federal Credit Union. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 741)

Eugene D. O'Brien, of Millinocket, a retired engineer for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad and past president of the United Transportation Union. Mr. O'Brien was born in Vanceboro and attended Vanceboro schools. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of numerous fraternal and veterans organizations. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 742)

James R. "Jim" Schmidt, of Rome, one of the world's leading proponents of the clubhouse model for rehabilitation in the mental health field. Mr. Schmidt was born in Queens, New York, and has been a resident of Rome since 1992. He received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and a master's degree from Columbia University. He served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Navy Seaman First Class. He began work at Fountain House in New York City in 1954 and retired as executive director 38 years later. Fountain House created the global model for vocational clubhouses that promote and provide employment for the mentally ill. He was a board member of Kennebec Behavioral Health for many years, and in 1997 he and the late Mal Wilson helped Kennebec Behavioral Health launch High Hopes Clubhouse in Waterville. Mr. Schmidt helped open Augusta's Capitol Clubhouse 5 years later, and, because of his advocacy to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, a third clubhouse in Lewiston will open in 2012. For his work, Mr. Schmidt received the Alice Fordyce Public Service Award in 1997 at a United Nations award celebration in New York City. Governor John E. Baldacci's administration recognized him for his contributions to the field of mental health in 2010, and Governor Paul LePage referred to Mr. Schmidt as a mentor who helped him understand the needs of the mentally ill and what could be done to help them. Mr. Schmidt was active in the Waterville Rotary Club for the past 20 years. He provided invaluable contributions to the Mid-Maine Global Forum and was an active member of the board of directors of that organization for many years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 743)

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Norman and Barbara Kenney, of Fairfield, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Kenney on this special occasion and send them our best wishes; (HLS 744)

Mason Cooper, 12, of Fairfield, who is the 2011 Maine State Junior Olympic Track and Field javelin champion in his age group. Mason won the title in the Boys Eight and Under category and also won when he was 10 years of age. He is an excellent athlete and competes in other sports and races. He has competed in 3 triathlons, winning twice and placing second once. We congratulate Mason on his remarkable achievements and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 745)

Rosaire and Annette Cyr, of Fort Kent, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 3, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Cyr were married at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada. They raised 10 children and have 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cyr on their anniversary and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 746)

Loring Job Corps Center, which on August 30, 2011 joined 124 other campuses across the nation to celebrate the achievements of their graduates for the first National Job Corps Commencement Day in the corps' successful 47-year history. The program's unique residential setting allows young adults to be provided not only with high school diplomas and industry-recognized credentials, but also with the social skills and proficiency necessary to ease their transition into the workforce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Job Corps students going on to pursue a career in their chosen field of study and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 747)

the Town of Washburn, upon its sesquicentennial. Between 1825 and 1829, the area that was to become the town was first surveyed. Later, in 1845, the settlement was organized as the Plantation of Salmon Brook. Despite Maine's becoming a state in 1820, Salmon Brook remained in the possession of Massachusetts until 1853. Salmon Brook was incorporated in 1861 and was named Washburn after Governor Israel Washburn. During the Civil War period, Washburn's manpower decreased dramatically, while a fire in 1864 led to the loss of the mill and many other buildings, including the library that was presented to the town by Governor Washburn. The Aroostook Valley Railroad's and the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad's passenger and freight service further contributed to Washburn's development. We extend our warmest regards to the leaders and residents of Washburn and join with them in celebrating the Town of Washburn's 150th anniversary of incorporation; (HLS 748)

the Isle au Haut Rural School, on the 100th Anniversary of its serving the needs of the community. During the 1800s and early 1900s, there were 4 schools on Isle au Haut and one school each on adjacent islands York and Merchant. With perhaps the highest teacher-student ratio in the state, the Isle au Haut Rural School produces graduates who go on to successful private and public school and college experiences. We congratulate the community of Isle au Haut on the centennial celebration of the Isle au Haut Rural School; (HLS 749)

Doug Remington, of Scarborough, on his retirement from North East Mobile Health Services as Senior Vice President of Operations. Mr. Remington has been in the emergency medical services field for 28 years. He began his career in 1983 serving with Fryeburg Rescue. He also worked with Falmouth rescue for 9 years, Pace Paramedic Service for 11 years, Windham Fire Rescue for 7 years, Scarborough Fire Rescue for 13 years and Medstar Paramedics for 2 years. Mr. Remington began his career at North East Mobile Health Services on April 21, 2001,

when he was hired as a per diem paramedic. In January 2004, he was promoted to administration, where he began his tenure in operational administration. We send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 750)

John W. Maragus, of Millinocket, a former longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Maragus was born in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns High School. He served 2 years in the United States Army and worked for 43 years, retiring in 1986 as a machinist. He will be missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 751)

the Lithgow Public Library, in Augusta. The library was named for Llewellyn Lithgow, an Augusta merchant and book lover, who left a \$20,000 bequest to the city for the purpose of building a public library. The bequest, along with a \$9,000 gift from Andrew Carnegie and the sale of subscriptions to area citizens, provided the funds to construct the building. With much fanfare, the cornerstone of the library was laid in 1894, and the doors opened to the community in February of 1896. An addition to the original building was constructed in 1979. Designed in the Romanesque Renaissance style, the library is constructed of gray Norridgewock granite, blocked symmetrically over the windows and entrance. The elegant Reading Room, with its frescoes, stained glass and gold leaf ornamentation, remains much the same as it was in the 1890s and is considered one of the most beautiful interior spaces in the State. The library is on the National Register of Historic Places and celebrated its centennial in 1996. Lithgow Public Library serves the Capital Area with a wide variety of cultural, educational and recreational services and programs. The library holds a collection of around 65,000 books, periodicals and audiovisual items, along with access to millions of others through the Maine InfoNet system. The Mayor of the City of Augusta has proclaimed September 10, 2011 as Lithgow Library Day, and we congratulate the citizens of Augusta as they celebrate the past, present and future of Lithgow Public Library; (HLS 752)

Thomas Hall, of Scarborough, who is the recipient of the Maine Town and City Management Association's Leadership Award. The award is presented to a town manager and the community the manager serves for an innovative project or solving an unusually difficult problem. Throughout his time serving as Town Manager of Scarborough, Mr. Hall has been instrumental in solving several of the town's problems through the implementation of projects that have ensured the Town of Scarborough continues to thrive as a close-knit coastal community. Some of the projects include the Snowberry Park Gateway, the construction of the new pier at Pine Point and improving and updating the parking regulations in the Higgins Beach area. The residents of the Town of Scarborough have certainly benefited from Mr. Hall's leadership. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Hall for his commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 753)

Audrey Fox, of Brewer, on the occasion of her retirement after 11 years as Town Manager for the Town of Clifton. Ms. Fox also served for 19 years as Town Manager for the Town of Eddington, where she previously served as Town Clerk. She is well-known and respected throughout the community for her involvement in civic activities. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Fox for her years of service to the people of Clifton and Eddington and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 754)

the dedication of the American Veterans Club by Sunbury Village in Bangor on September 20, 2011. The goal of the American Veterans Club is to bring veterans from around the Bangor/Brewer area together for monthly meetings to socialize



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and learn about opportunities and services available to them in the region. We extend our appreciation to Sunbury Village for its commitment to the veterans of the State; (HLS 755)

Jane Ross, of Houlton, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 years with the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Ross is retiring as a Family Independence Specialist in the Houlton office. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Ross for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 756)

Thomas McFadden, of Houlton, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years with the Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. McFadden is retiring as a Regional Supervisor in the Office for Family Independence in Houlton. We extend our appreciation to Mr. McFadden for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 757)

Ceil Brown, of Houlton, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 32 years with the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Brown is retiring as an Office Associate II in the Houlton office. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Brown for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 758)

Sergeant Major (Ret.) Russell B. Coltart, of Charlotte, on his being honored by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for his more than 40 years of service to the organization. Sergeant Major Coltart has been an active member of the Maine Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve since 1986, and as a longtime volunteer, he has logged hundreds of hours assisting our armed forces. Sergeant Major Coltart served in the Maine Army National Guard for over 37 years and retired in 1991. We send him our appreciation for his commitment and dedication to the military, and we congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 759)

the Post Polio Support Group of Maine, in West Gardiner, on the celebration of its 25 years of outreach and support. The group is a nonprofit organization that offers the latest information on the late effects of polio, or post-polio syndrome, to polio survivors, their families and health care providers throughout Northern New England and parts of Canada. We send our appreciation to the Post Polio Support Group of Maine on its dedication to helping people in need, and we congratulate the members on this anniversary; (HLS 760)

Jim Nicols, of Nicols Brothers Logging Inc., of Rumford, who came to the assistance of Rumford residents on Upper Swain Road and Isthmus Road at Bean Brook after hurricane-related rains caused the washout of 2 culverts, by donating the use of his 46-foot-long temporary logging bridge. Public Works Department crews volunteered to work on a Saturday morning to help Mr. Nicols install the bridge, which means the residents do not have to wait weeks for relief. We join the citizens of Rumford in sending our appreciation to Mr. Nicols for his commitment to his community and his exemplary civic service to the town; (HLS 761)

Mike Miclon, of Buckfield, and the Oddfellow Theater, in Buckfield, for their providing entertainment to the Buckfield area the past 14 years. Mr. Miclon is the owner of Oddfellow Theater, a 150-seat live venue, where he began hosting improvisational comedy shows on the stage. He also had many musical acts perform, and one of his first guests was Ray LaMontagne, who won a 2011 Grammy award for Best Folk Album, and who performed in Buckfield at least two dozen times. Mr. Miclon never accepted money for his acting in his own act, the Early Evening Show, which he modeled on the Tonight Show. We

send Mr. Miclon our appreciation for his years of contributions to the community; (HLS 762)

Joseph Clark Zinni, of Brunswick, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 648, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Joseph built a new marquee sign for St. Charles Borromeo Church. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 763)

Marc Robert Albert, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Marc built a community shared garden, where the food was used for those in need in the community. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 764)

the Maine Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program, on the occasion of its 7,000th Military Funeral Honors Ceremony. The Military Funeral Honors Program performs services for Army veterans of Maine at their funerals. Since its establishment in 2003, the Military Funeral Honors Program has grown from performing an average of 35 services per month to performing an average of 110 services per month. We congratulate the soldiers of the Maine Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program on their dedication to those who have served our State and Nation, and we congratulate the Military Funeral Honors Program on its 7,000th ceremony; (HLS 765)

Grover's Hardware, in Boothbay Harbor, on the occasion of its 60th year serving the citizens of Boothbay Harbor. Grover's Hardware was founded in 1951 by Nat Grover. Mr. Grover eventually turned over the responsibility of running the hardware store to his son Bob, who then passed it on to his son Merritt, who now owns and runs the store. We extend our congratulations to the Grover family on this special occasion and wish them success in the future; (HLS 766)

Frank and Marilyn Tozier, of Fairfield, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tozier were married on June 24, 1961. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 767)

Thomas and Helena Heels, of Scarborough, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 9, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Heels were married in Helsinki, Finland, in 1961, with Mrs. Heels's father presiding over the ceremony. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Heels on this occasion; (HLS 768)

Orono Middle School, which was named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. We congratulate the Orono Middle School community and the outstanding faculty and staff on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 769)

Katie Jordan, of South Portland, on the occasion of her outstanding performance at the 12th Annual World Organization of Martial Arts Athletes World Championship in Cardiff, Wales. Ms. Jordan earned gold medals in traditional weapons, traditional forms, open weapons, open forms and self-defense as well as a

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silver medal in synchronized forms and a bronze medal in sparring. The competition was a three-day event with over 500 competitors from 26 different countries, including 35 athletes from the United States. We congratulate Ms. Jordan on this achievement and extend to her our appreciation for her outstanding representation of the State of Maine at an international competition; (HLS 770)

Andy Campbell, of Scarborough, on the occasion of his outstanding performance at the 12th Annual World Organization of Martial Arts Athletes World Championship in Cardiff, Wales. Mr. Campbell earned a gold medal in the masters traditional forms division and a silver medal in synchronized forms. Following the competition, Mr. Campbell was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame. The competition was a three-day event with over 500 competitors from 26 different countries, including 35 athletes from the United States. We congratulate Mr. Campbell on this achievement and extend to him our appreciation for his outstanding representation of the State of Maine at an international competition; (HLS 771)

Warren D. Rand, Jr., of Old Town, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Rand was born in Old Town and was a 1947 graduate of Old Town High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952. Mr. Rand was a member of United Baptist Church of Old Town, where he was recently honored as being the longest attending member of the church. He worked for many years as a maintenance supervisor before he retired from James River Company in 1992. Mr. Rand was devoted to his family and his friends and he will be greatly missed and long remembered; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 772)

Brenda McCready, of Houlton, on the occasion of her retirement after over 33 years with the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. McCready is retiring as an Eligibility Specialist and Help Desk Assistant. We extend our appreciation to Ms. McCready for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 773)

Harry Grimm, of Mechanic Falls, on the celebration of his 90th birthday. He was born October 24, 1921 in Hackensack, New Jersey. He served in the 7th Armored Division of the United States Army during World War II and was a tank driver in the Battle of the Bulge. After his military service, Mr. Grimm made a career as a heavy equipment operator in the construction field. He distinctly remembers that in 1952, while working at a General Motors tank factory, he drove Chiang Kai-shek, a political and military leader of China, around in one of the tanks. He and his wife, Ruth, were married December 20, 1942. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Grimm on this very special occasion; (HLS 774)

the DaPonte String Quartet, on the celebration of their 20th Anniversary. Not long after originally forming in Philadelphia, the quartet relocated to Maine and has since fostered deep roots within the State. Over the years, the DaPonte String Quartet has performed throughout the United States and the world. The group continues to be known for its wide-ranging and varied repertoire and has garnered recognition from many prestigious organizations, including the National Endowment for the Arts, the Philadelphia Musical Fund Society and Chamber Music America. We express our congratulations to the DaPonte String Quartet on this anniversary and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 775)

John and Mona Rossignol, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Rossignol were married on September 2, 1961 at Saint Bruno's Catholic Church

in Van Buren, with Father Robert MacDonald officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rossignol in extending our congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 776)

Cindy Wallis, of Jefferson, who has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for her volunteer work with the Jefferson Area Food Bank. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations and projects in appreciation of their community service. Ms. Wallis has been involved with the food bank for 3 years and continues to dedicate her time tirelessly to its mission. Ms. Wallis fills a vital role in maintaining the effectiveness of the food bank and is truly committed to helping others. We send our congratulations to Ms. Wallis on her receiving this award; (HLS 777)

Ellis Bond, of Jefferson, who has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for his volunteer work with the Jefferson Area Food Bank. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations and projects in appreciation of their community service. Mr. Bond has been involved with the food bank for more than 5 years and, along with his wife, has been in charge of running it for 2 years. Mr. Bond processes the donations, coordinates the food supplies and distributes the food. We send our congratulations to Mr. Bond on his receiving this award; (HLS 778)

Donna Bond, of Jefferson, who has received a 2011 Spirit of America Award for her volunteer work with the Jefferson Area Food Bank. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations and projects in appreciation of their community service. Mrs. Bond has worked at the food bank for more than 5 years and, along with her husband, has been in charge of running it for 2 years. She fills any role necessary in order to keep the food bank running smoothly. We send our congratulations to Mrs. Bond on her receiving this award; (HLS 779)

James P. McQuarrie, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. McQuarrie graduated from Stearns High School and he served in the United States Coast Guard. He worked many years for Millinocket IGA, Porter's Woodworking and Save-A-Lot and owned Jimmy's Meat Market. Mr. McQuarrie will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 780)

the Honorable Philip Roy Bennett, Jr., of Caribou, former Member of the House of Representatives and prominent member of his community. Mr. Bennett was born in Caribou and was a graduate of Caribou High School, class of 1962. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Kent State Teachers College and taught school in Caribou for a number of years. He was also a freelance court reporter, owning and operating Bennett Legal Transcript Services. Mr. Bennett represented Caribou in the Maine Legislature for 3 terms, from 1975 to 1978 and 2003 to 2004. He also served on the Caribou City Council for 25 years, serving as Mayor of Caribou for 6 terms. Mr. Bennett served as a reserve police officer with the Caribou Police Department as well as a deputy sheriff with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department. We acknowledge Mr. Bennett's deep commitment to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 781)

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Jeremy Record, 10, of Leeds, for his outstanding action in assisting a neighbor in need. After witnessing Daniel Waite fall off a ladder from a height of 20 feet, Jeremy immediately alerted adults, and Mr. Waite was able to get necessary medical attention for the injuries he suffered in the fall. Without Jeremy's actions, it is likely that Mr. Waite would have lain undiscovered behind his house for an extended period of time. Jeremy displayed attentiveness and quick-thinking, and we commend him for his helping his neighbor; (HLS 782)

Brenden Pazera, of Carmel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 18, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Brenden coordinated and worked on the refurbishing of the Carmel Volunteer Fire Department fire station. We extend our congratulations to Brenden on this achievement; (HLS 783)

Brandon Pazera, of Carmel, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 18, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon coordinated and worked on the installation of a fence around the Carmel Elementary School playground. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this achievement; (HLS 784)

Stephanie Thomas, of Plymouth, a senior at Nokomis Regional High School and a JROTC Cadet and the current Cadet Battalion Commander, who has received the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, which is awarded annually to outstanding cadets for scholastic excellence. Stephanie is one of only 6 of 470,000 cadets in JROTC to receive the award this year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Stephanie on her receiving this honor; (HLS 785)

Harry Motter, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Harry designed and built canoe and kayak racks for the Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center. We extend our congratulations to Harry on this achievement; (HLS 786)

Janie Pitcher, of Etna, on the occasion of her retirement as the Finance and Human Resource Officer for the Town of Hampden after 9 years of exemplary service. Ms. Pitcher started out as a part-time finance clerk and progressed to the position from which she is retiring. She is known for her professionalism and caring and compassionate manner. Ms. Pitcher has also contributed to the community outside of municipal government. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, she and her husband Pete, a Purple Heart Veteran who served in the Vietnam War, organized a program to send care packages to a Maine unit. We join the Town of Hampden in sending Ms. Pitcher appreciation for her deep commitment to her profession, the community and the State of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 787)

Paula Scott, of Houlton, on the occasion of her retirement after 27 and a half years with the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Scott is retiring as an Office Manager. We extend our appreciation to her for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 788)

Gladys Tardiff, of Livermore, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, January 8, 2012. Ms. Tardiff is the holder of Livermore's Boston Post Cane. Ms. Tardiff has one son, 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-

grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Tardiff on this very special occasion; (HLS 789)

Vicky Burns, of Gorham, on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years in the field of education. Ms. Burns is retiring as Superintendent of School Administrative District No. 15 after 8 years. She has been a teacher, Director of Special Education, Principal and Director of Curriculum. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Burns for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 790)

Brittany Jamieson, of Pembroke, who has been named 1st Princess in the Miss International Festival. Brittany has volunteered for many organizations in the community. She will be representing the area and Miss International in the Miss Maine America pageant in June 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brittany; (HLS 791)

Marie Varian, of Phippsburg, who is the recipient of the Ethel N. Kelley Memorial Award, presented by the Maine Municipal Association. Any elected or appointed municipal official, employee or volunteer is eligible to receive the award. The award is given to recognize a person's dedication to the cause of good local government, service to local government for 20 years or more, concern for others in the community and demonstrated capacity to hold the community together. Ms. Varian has devoted 57 years to local government service. She has served on the Town of Phippsburg Planning Board for 23 years, 17 as chair. She has held other positions in the town and has been a volunteer for numerous organizations. She also worked for the City of Bath. Ms. Varian is a member of the Maine Association of Assessing Officers and the Maine Lobster Dealers Association. Ms. Varian is the epitome of a community volunteer who works hard to support her community and fellow townspeople in a thoughtful, dedicated and knowledgeable manner. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Varian for her commitment to the citizens of the Town of Phippsburg and congratulate her on her receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 792)

Ronald and Della Martin, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were married on June 9, 1951 at Camp Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, with Father Clement P. J. Krug officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Martin in congratulating them on this occasion and we send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 793)

Daniel and Joyce (Welch) Bierman, of Sorrento, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bierman exchanged marriage vows on December 31, 1960 in Ellsworth. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bierman in extending to them our congratulations on this anniversary and send them our best wishes for more years of happiness together; (HLS 794)

Ruth Brown Peabody, of Houlton, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Peabody was born on October 9, 1911 in Hartland and moved to Fairfield when she was of grade school age. She is a graduate of Colby College and taught at Lawrence High School. She married Woodrow Peabody, and they settled in Houlton and raised 3 sons. She later taught at Houlton High School. We congratulate her on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 795)

Frank Mahan, Jr. and Dawn Mahan, of Mars Hill, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Mahan exchanged marriage vows September 24, 1951. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mahan on this very special occasion; (HLS 796)

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Luella Ann Doak White, of Presque Isle, on the celebration of her 90th birthday, August 1, 2011. Mrs. White graduated from Easton High School in 1940 and married Clinton White in 1943. They had 5 children. Mrs. White worked at Zippel Elementary School for 14 years. She knits mittens for RSVP and the Kiwanis Club. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. White on this very special occasion; (HLS 797)

Viola Winslow Jasper, of Eliot, on her 103rd birthday, October 4, 2011. Mrs. Jasper, the youngest of 13 children, spent her early childhood on a farm in Midcoast Maine. Starting around the age of 12, she helped support her family by working after school. She attended Edward Little High School and later became fluent in French. She began working at Central Maine General Hospital in the early 1930s, running the switchboard, scheduling surgeries, billing and setting up clinics to train doctors. Mrs. Jasper's husband Rufus was the first highway safety traffic engineer for the State and subsequently became head of the safety division for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Mrs. Jasper lived the busy life of a wife and mother in 3 states, Maine, Illinois and Virginia. She was very involved in many local, state and national organizations, including the Eliot United Methodist Church, the John F. Hill Grange, the American Red Cross, the Maine Heart Association and the Parent-Teacher Association. Several Maine governors also appointed Mrs. Jasper to various commissions, one of which was the Commission on the Status of Women. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 798)

James Slauenwhite, of Crystal, a proud veteran of the United States Army and commander of the King Mitchell Post Veterans of Foreign Wars, Island Falls. Mr. Slauenwhite was also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 206. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 799)

Gertrude Christie, of Mapleton, on the celebration of her 95th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Christie on this very special occasion; (HLS 800)

Wayne R. Nice, of Millinocket. Mr. Nice was born in Millinocket, was a graduate of Stearns High School, Class of 1954, and served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960. For 40 years, he worked at Great Northern Paper Company, retiring in 1994. Mr. Nice was a Mason and was a member of Nollsemic Lodge No. 125, AF & AM, Millinocket. He was also a past member of Anah Temple Shrine, Bangor, where he was a band member. Mr. Nice belonged to First Congregational Church of Millinocket, where he held a position as deacon and served on the board of trustees. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 801)

Raymond and Bobbie Ireland, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ireland exchanged marriage vows on October 3, 1951. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ireland on this very special occasion; (HLS 802)

Elwood and Hannah Dorothy Harris McCleary, of Brownville, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. McCleary were married September 24, 1946 in McAdam, New Brunswick, Canada. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McCleary on this very special occasion; (HLS 803)

Walter and Florence O'Neal, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal exchanged marriage vows on July 8, 1961. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal on this very special occasion; (HLS 804)

Miles Memorial Hospital, of Damariscotta, and St. Andrews Hospital, of Boothbay Harbor, on their being honored for providing high-quality care to patients and to the communities. Harvard Pilgrim Health Care named Miles Memorial Hospital to its honor roll for the second time in 3 years in 2010. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Maine's Quality Insights Hospital Incentive Program awarded St. Andrews Hospital the highest possible score, ranking it first out of participating hospitals in its category in the Northeast. Miles Memorial Hospital's score was the second highest score in the same category. We congratulate the employees of Miles Memorial Hospital and St. Andrews Hospital on their receiving these well-deserved honors; (HLS 805)

Pastor Tim Shaw, of Lincoln, as he celebrates the 20th anniversary of his becoming pastor of Community Evangel Temple. Pastor Shaw has been active in local basketball teams, is a member of the Penobscot Valley Hospital Chaplains and is on the board of directors of the local food cupboard. We send him our appreciation for his commitment and his service to the community and congratulate him on his anniversary; (HLS 806)

the Honorable Richard G. Morton, former Member of the House of Representatives and prominent member of his community. Mr. Morton was born in Farmington and was a 1936 graduate of Farmington High School and a 1940 graduate of the University of Maine. He served as an officer in the United States Army, commanding an anti-aircraft battery in the 4th Army during World War II, landing in Normandy and fighting through France and into Germany, receiving the Bronze Star and achieving the rank of major. After the war, he returned to Farmington to help his father run the Morton Motor Company automobile business, giving back to his community as a school committee member, town budget and loan committee member, hospital trustee and Farmington Public Library trustee. Mr. Morton was a leader in the building of the new Farmington High School, now the Middle School, and Mount Blue High School and in relocating and building the new Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was also a director and president of the Maine Automobile Dealers Association, a director and board chairman of First Bank N.A. in Farmington and later a director of Merrill Bank. He was very active in fraternal organizations and was a deacon and 25-year choir member of Old South Congregational Church. Mr. Morton served as a member of the Maine Executive Council, in the Maine House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980 and on Maine's ethics commission. We acknowledge his deep commitment to his family, his community, his State and his Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 807)

North Maine Woods, Inc., headquartered in Ashland, on its 40th anniversary. North Maine Woods, Inc., a region of over 3.5 million acres of top quality commercial forest land, includes within its boundaries 2 of the most famous wild rivers of the Northeast, the St. John River and the Allagash River. It is comprised of landowners, corporations, individuals and families who have all joined with Maine's natural resource agencies in a partnership to solve today's problems and plan for the future. We congratulate North Maine Woods, Inc. on this important anniversary, and we send our best wishes for continued success in its carrying out its mission; (HLS 808)

Tracey Stevens, of Fairfield, who is the recipient of the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association's President's Award. Ms. Stevens is the clerk for the Town of Fairfield and also serves as voter registrar, Community Center manager, welfare director and

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webmaster. She prepares town reports, maintains town records and issues marriage licenses. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Stevens on her receiving this award; (HLS 809)

Earl C. Murray, of Mexico, who has been honored with receiving the Boston Post Cane as the oldest citizen in the Town of Mexico. Mr. Murray was born on December 4, 1913 at home in Mexico, the eldest son of 6 children. He has been a lifelong member of the community and worked at Oxford Paper Company for 45 years. He built summer rental cottages on the shores of Worthley Pond in Peru and with his family operated the business for over 60 years. We congratulate Mr. Murray on his receiving the Boston Post Cane and send him our best wishes on his 98th birthday; (HLS 810)

Allen Ross, of Dexter, who is the recipient of the Maine Judiciary's Special Service Award for his dedication and service to the judiciary in Maine. Mr. Ross became a mediator for the judicial branch in 1998 after teaching in the Dexter school system for 33 years. He advocated for grandparents' rights by helping to initiate mediation sessions for grandparents in the court system. He was also a bail commissioner. Mr. Ross was on the board of directors for Womancare, an organization assisting individuals of domestic abuse. He volunteered for Womancare for more than 22 years. Mr. Ross left the Newport District Court a legacy of commitment to helping others. We send him our appreciation for his many years of service to his community, to the judiciary and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 811)

Elaine Michaud, of Mexico, who has been named Maine's Middle School Physical Educator of the Year for 2010 by the Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Ms. Michaud has taught physical education for 32 years. She taught at Mexico High School and Mountain Valley Middle School and was instrumental in starting Mountain Valley Middle School Olympic Day, which involved the entire student body and staff. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Michaud on her receiving this award; (HLS 812)

Gifford's Ice Cream, of Skowhegan, which is the winner of the Grand Champion Award for ice cream at the 2011 World Dairy Expo, which was held in Madison, Wisconsin. This is the second straight Grand Champion Award won by Gifford's Ice Cream, won this year for its chocolate ice cream. Gifford's Ice Cream also won first place for its French vanilla ice cream and second place for its regular vanilla ice cream and orange sherbert products. We extend our congratulations to Gifford's Ice Cream on its excellent showing in the competition; (HLS 813)

the members of the Saint Dominic Academy Golf Team, who won the 2011 Class C State Championship: Danny Nadeau, Joe Bryant, Anthony Fagone, Cody Rodrigue, Amanda Turcotte, Joe Greco, Zack DeBlois, John Marcous III, Reid Allen, Grant Carrier, Michael Richard, Caleb Dostie and Andrew Marcous and Coach Kevin Cullen and Assistant Coach Laurie Cullen. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 814)

Alphy and Cecile (Lang) Doucette, of Hamlin, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Doucette exchanged marriage vows on September 4, 1961 at St. Bruno Catholic Church in Van Buren with Monsignors Ernest Lang and Alfred Lang officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Doucette on this special occasion; (HLS 815)

the members of the York High School Co-ed Golf Team, who won the 2011 Class B State Championship: Craig Decato, Peter Carley, Luke Claffin, Kyle Cone, Timothy Connolly, Cameron

Frecker, Timothy Gauthier, Andrew LaMonica, Evan McElwain, Hayden Pate, Aaron Todd, Connor Arsenault, Morgan Briggs and Jackson Cogger and head coach Steve Freeman. This is the Wildcats' 4th state title. Five players qualified for the individual championships after accumulating a team total of 322. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 816)

Colonel Arthur G. Christopoulos, of Sun City Center, Florida and Gardiner, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Colonel Christopoulos worked at an early age in the family restaurant, the Central Cafe in Gardiner. He served with the Maine National Guard, the United States Navy and the United States Air Force during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. During his 30-year military career, he served with his family in France, Germany, England, Italy, Spain and Korea and served a solo tour of duty in Vietnam. Colonel Christopoulos received the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. During his combat tour in Vietnam of 163 combat sorties in the F-4 fighter jet, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for an extraordinarily accomplished mission on November 11, 1966, along with 10 additional air medals. He received many other awards and decorations during his long military career. Colonel Christopoulos retired in 1979 and began a new career as the Chief Operating Officer for AIM Telephones, Inc. until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the Daedalian Society and the exclusive Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association. Colonel Christopoulos will be sadly missed by his loving family, friends and comrades; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 817)

the following members of the South Lewiston Girls Softball Team, on their winning the 2011 State Girls Softball Little League Championship: players Emily Mousseau, Jordan Mynahan, Lexi Poulin, Eliza Beaudoin, Meaghan Gosselin, Meagan Theriault, Callie May, Danielle Cyr, Megan Morris, Jordan Girourd and Madison Mercier; coaches Bill Mousseau and Rhonda Mynahan; and manager Mitch Poulin. The team was also first runner-up in the Eastern Regional Championship held in Fleetville, Pennsylvania. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements; (HLS 818)

Morgan Sewall, of Scarborough, on the occasion of her winning the novice ladies figure skating competition at the New England Regional Championships. The competition, held at the Skating Club of Boston, is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and is the first stop in U.S. Figure Skating's qualifying competition structure for figure skaters from New England. Morgan won the overall title at the competition with a score of 104.97 points, and from there advances to the Eastern Sectional Championships in Jamestown, New York. We extend our congratulations to Morgan on this accomplishment and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors; (HLS 819)

the Honorable James K. Martin, of Sangerville, a former member of the Senate and longtime public servant. Born in Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin grew up with 6 brothers and 3 sisters. He was educated in Eagle Lake schools and held many jobs over the course of his life. Mr. Martin cut and transported pulp and eventually became town manager of Guilford, as well as Sangerville. His public service also included 4 years in the Maine Legislature as a State Senator. Leading up to his retirement in 1978, Mr. Martin held the position of senior director at the Maine State Housing Authority, where he was involved in 49 different housing projects for the elderly. We acknowledge Mr. Martin's commitment to his community and to the State. He will be long

remembered and greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 820)

Dennis and Annabelle Gallagher, of Stacyville, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher were married in Sherman on December 25, 1951. They raised 5 children and have 29 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher on this special occasion; (HLS 821)

Rosella Dickinson, of Van Buren, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, October 1, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Dickinson on this very special occasion; (HLS 822)

the First Baptist Church of Livermore Falls on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the church's founding. Established after a gathering at the home of Theodore Marston on November 20, 1811, the church was originally known as the Third Baptist Church of Livermore and then as the First Baptist Church of East Livermore before coming to be known as the First Baptist Church of Livermore Falls. The original pastor of the church was Thomas Wyman, and there have been 41 pastors since. The current pastor is the Reverend John Hall. The church is well-known and well-respected for its outstanding musical talent and its contributions to the community. We congratulate the First Baptist Church of Livermore Falls on this very special occasion and extend our best wishes for many more successful years as a worship community; (HLS 823)

Pamela Harpine, of Caribou, on her retirement as a Public Health Nurse with the Department of Health and Human Services. During her 33-year tenure, Ms. Harpine devoted herself to courteously and professionally helping some of the State's most vulnerable citizens. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Harpine for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 824)

Eli Zwicker, of Brownville Junction, loving husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Zwicker was born October 22, 1924 in Brownville and married Beverly Martin. Throughout his life, Mr. Zwicker contributed much to his family, community, state and country. He served as a medic in the United States Army in Europe during World War II. In his community, he quietly helped those in need. Mr. Zwicker worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad and was a skilled carpenter. Mr. Zwicker will be sadly missed by his loving family and by all those who knew him; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 825)

Wayne, Kelly, Nicole and Jonas Maines, of Orono, who are the recipients of the Roger Baldwin Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine for their advocacy and courage in fighting for human rights and social justice. The Maines family worked on a personal level toward ending discrimination against transgender students. We congratulate Wayne, Kelly, Nicole and Jonas Maines on their receiving this prestigious award and send our best wishes; (HLS 826)

Reginald Ronco, of Sangerville, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, October 28, 2011. Mr. Ronco enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 and was stationed at Fort Hancock, New Jersey and later assigned to the 169th Chemical Company. Mr. Ronco enjoys hunting, fishing, trips south and playing golf. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Ronco on this very special occasion; (HLS 827)

the following members of the Gray/New Gloucester Senior Softball Team, who were undefeated during the regular Senior Little League season: Sandy Ricardi, Alex Thompson, Abby Ordway, Emily Harlow, Anna Knapp, Breanna Bozzuto, Lindsay Nunley, April Lambert, Molly Stansfield, Erin Doughty, Heather Chapman, Sam Libby and Taylor Whaley. The team won the

state tournament and progressed to the regional tournament, making it to within 2 games of the World Series. The same team members won the 2010 Junior Little League State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Gray/New Gloucester Senior Softball Team; (HLS 828)

Harold S. Boynton, Sr., of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Boynton served in the United States Army during World War II with a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital Unit in Burma and Okinawa. After his military service, Mr. Boynton attended dental school and served the people of Millinocket for 36 years. He was a warden at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for 22 years, was a member of Francis Elliott Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Freemason Lodge No. 205. He loved the outdoors, playing tennis, fishing, skiing and gardening. Mr. Boynton will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 829)

Dwight Stevenson, of Palmyra, on his 25 years of firefighting in Maine. Mr. Stevenson served as a Deputy Fire Chief of the Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department and was Fire Chief in the Town of Detroit for 6 years. We send him our appreciation for his many years of commitment to his profession and to the State of Maine; (HLS 830)

Kimberly Gates, of Bath, who was named Citizen of the Year by the City of Bath on Citizen Involvement Day for her work organizing the Bath Food Bank and the Bath Mobile Food Truck. Ms. Gates has worked with local and regional volunteers and donors and has also made healthy snacks, fruits and vegetables available to Bath elementary school students. We send her our appreciation for her service to the community and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 831)

Kevin Anthony Conroy, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Kevin renovated an office and built dolly storage and bookcases for the Falmouth Congregational Church. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 832)

Eric Sanderson, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Eric made improvements at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, including painting the guard shack, repairing an old stone sign and landscaping the entrance. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 833)

Beurmond Banville, of St. Agatha, who has been inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Banville covered the St. John Valley and northern Aroostook County for the *Bangor Daily News* for 36 years. He produced many local stories about the area, including the Allagash flood of 1990 and labor unrest in the logging industry, and also covered international stories of the area, such as the 2 visits to Canada by Queen Elizabeth II, Pope John Paul II's visit to Canada and the 1980 summit in Quebec City between President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Mr. Banville lived in Fort Kent for 27 years and then for 28 years in Frenchville, where he was named the town's Citizen of the Year in 1993. For the past 13 years, he has lived in St. Agatha. He serves on the St. Agatha Board of Selectmen and on the executive committee of the Maine Municipal Association. He is also a director and past president of the University of Maine at Fort Kent Alumni Association. In 2008 the university awarded him its outstanding

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alumni award. We send our appreciation to Mr. Banville for his dedicated commitment to his profession and to the State, and we congratulate him on his being inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame; (HLS 834)

Linda Bleile, of Wiscasset, principal of Wiscasset Middle School, on her being named Maine's 2011 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Ms. Bleile was chosen based on her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to creating a successful learning community. She credits her staff for her success. Ms. Bleile was also recently named Maine's Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. We send our appreciation to Ms. Bleile for her dedicated service to her profession, to her community and to the children of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this national award; (HLS 835)

Norman and Peggy DeRoche, of Rumford, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary, November 10, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. DeRoche raised 3 children and have 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. DeRoche on this very special occasion; (HLS 836)

the Town of Abbot, on the occasion of the establishment of a new Veterans Honor Roll to be dedicated on Veterans Day, 2011, the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 2011, beside the Soldiers Monument that was dedicated in 1893 to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Abbot citizens during the Civil War. The new honor roll recognizes the selfless dedication to ideals greater than themselves by the veterans from Abbot who served during all of our nation's conflicts and exemplifies the patriotic and civic pride of the community. We congratulate the good citizens of Abbot on this occasion; (HLS 837)

Jerry Adler, of Davis, California, for his patriotic and community service in the United States Air Force and his home state of California. On January 23, 1963, Captain Adler was the navigator on a low-level flight training mission over northern Maine. That flight, of a specially selected and highly trained aircrew, was testing the B-52 aircraft's ability to fly below detection-of-threat radars. At approximately 2:30 p.m., with the temperature at minus 20 degrees and a wind of 40 knots, the aircraft crashed on Elephant Mountain near Greenville. Captain Adler was one of two survivors of the crash and went on to serve his community as an attorney for many years. He has returned several times to the crash site through the years for memorial services and dedications of the monument. We send him our appreciation for his patriotic service to the Nation and our best wishes on the occasion of his 80th birthday; (HLS 838)

the members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, who have won the 2011 Class A State Championship: players Nicole Sevey, Jessica Skillings, Mikayla Fitzmaurice, Ciera Labbe, Haley Holt, Sarah Finnemore, Mikayla Bolduc, Makaela Michonski, Erica Blake, Adriana Martineau, Anne-Marie Provencal, Gabrielle Tenan, Charlotte Johnstone, Shelby Obert, Allison Lancaster, Logan LeBlanc, Holly Lupo, Heather Lupo, Mikayla Toth, Zoey Gleason, Renee Wright, Rylie Blanchet and Tori Mullin; and coaches Paula Doughty, Tammie Veinotte and Jane Bigelow. Since 2004, the team has a 139-5 record, including 36 wins in a row. This is the school's 10th state title in the past 11 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their victory; (HLS 839)

Bill Green, of Cumberland, on his induction into the Maine Broadcasting Hall of Fame for his contributions to the industry and to the community. Mr. Green was born and raised in Bangor

and is a graduate of the University of Maine. He debuted as a sportscaster in 1975 on WLBZ 2, moving to Portland in 1981 to anchor weekend sports on WCSH 6 and WLBZ 2. He expanded his reporting by developing an expertise in recreation and the outdoors and has created several documentaries on Maine's environment and a popular original series, "Bill Green's Maine." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Green on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 840)

Richard and Patricia Bell, of Sangerville, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bell exchanged marriage vows on November 4, 1961 in Andover, Massachusetts. We, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bell in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them. May they enjoy many additional years of happiness together; (HLS 841)

Coral Furrow, of Knox, who was presented with the Boston Post Cane on September 17, 2011 by the Town of Knox Board of Selectmen as the oldest citizen of the town. Mrs. Furrow was born on February 21, 1918 in Portage Lake and moved to the midcoast area as a child. In the 1940s, she and her husband settled in Knox, where she has resided since. We send her our congratulations on her receiving the Boston Post Cane, and we extend our best wishes to her; (HLS 842)

Mackensie Schofield, of Knox, a member of the Little Beavers 4-H Club, who won Grand Champion Jersey at the Bangor State Fair and the Skowhegan State Fair. We extend our congratulations to Mackensie on these achievements; (HLS 843)

Colleen Schofield, of Knox, a member of the Little Beavers 4-H Club, who won Grand Champion Holstein at the Bangor State Fair. We extend our congratulations to Colleen on this achievement; (HLS 844)

Suzanne Godin, of North Yarmouth, Superintendent of the South Portland School Department, who has been named Maine's 2012 Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association for her focus on student achievement and her ability to generate community support for the city's schools. We congratulate Ms. Godin on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our best wishes; (HLS 845)

Aroostook Beverage Company, located in Presque Isle, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. A member of the Maine Beer and Wine Distributors Association, Aroostook Beverage Company is only the fifth member of this group to celebrate more than 50 years of responsibly delivering quality and choice beverages to retail locations across Maine. The family-owned business is well-known for its dedication to its employees and the local community. Aroostook Beverage Company is a member of the local chamber of commerce and contributes to the University of Maine at Presque Isle, as well as to Northern Maine Community College. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to owner Peter Briggs and also to Aroostook Beverage Company's 14 full-time and part-time employees; (HLS 846)

the Hall-Dale High School Boys Soccer Team, on its winning the 2011 Mountain Valley Conference championship. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 847)

Alex Bradbury, of Hollis, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 323, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Alex on this achievement; (HLS 848)

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Marjorie Withers, of Machias, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Individual Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Ms. Withers is the director and cofounder of the Community Caring Collaborative, a network of tribal, state and community agencies and members creating a holistic system of care for infants and young children and their families who are at risk due to multiple factors. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 849)

Christopher "Kit" St. John, of Gardiner, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Presidential Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. St. John has a long history of involvement in the community and the State, including founding Maine Center for Economic Policy, working for Pine Tree Legal Assistance and serving on the boards of Maine Equal Justice Project, Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility and Consumers for Affordable Health Care. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 850)

Ruth Libby, of Portland, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Organization Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Ms. Libby is the CEO and founder of Ruth's Reusable Resources, which takes unwanted items from businesses and individuals and makes them available to teachers to use in their classrooms. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 851)

Estelle Rubinstein, of Lewiston, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Individual Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Ms. Rubinstein serves as Executive Director for Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 852)

Joshua Calcia, of Biddeford, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Youth Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Joshua is an active member of the York County Foster Care Collaborative, which brings together community members and young people like him in the State of Maine foster care system. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 853)

William Bradford II, of Bristol, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Advocate Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. Bradford draws from his own experience in foster care to advocate for greater understanding of youth in the foster care

system. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 854)

Cheyenna Spelman, of Lewiston, who is the recipient of a 2011 Giraffe Youth Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Ms. Spelman has been a member of Youth MOVE Maine in Lewiston for 5 years, advocating for herself and other young people and building relationships with community and state leaders on behalf of youth. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 855)

the week of November 13th to November 19th, 2011 as National Geography Awareness Week, to promote geographic literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, as an essential part of a 21st-century education. The United States Congress established National Geography Awareness Week in 1987 to support education about the world's cultures, environments and contemporary issues. The Frank Harrison Middle School in Yarmouth will honor National Geography Awareness Week using curricula developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations. We congratulate the students and teachers of the school for their commitment to learning and to their community; (HLS 856)

John A. Brown, of Millinocket. Mr. Brown was a member of the United States Army and served as a medic in World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism during a night crossing of the Rhine River. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company until his retirement in 1986. Mr. Brown was a member of the Millinocket Elks Club and the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and playing cribbage and pitch. Mr. Brown will be sadly missed by his loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 857)

John and Artis Bernard, of South Portland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 17, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard were married in Valatie, New York. They have 4 children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard on this very special occasion; (HLS 858)

Carmen Footer, Elaine Greene and Joann Miller, of Freeport, known as the Freeport Flag Ladies, for their vision and leadership and use of their considerable stature in securing transportation of the selected steel from the remains of the World Trade Center, released by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to Freeport Lodge No. 23 A.F. and A.M. for the 9/11 Memorial in Freeport. We also recognize their efforts in creating the events surrounding the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial and for their collaboration with Freeport Lodge No. 23 A.F. and A.M. in the successful completion of the memorial, which was dedicated on September 11, 2011 in Freeport to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. We send our appreciation to the Freeport Flag Ladies for their contributions to the community, to the State and to the Nation; (HLS 859)

the members of Freeport Lodge No. 23, A.F. and A.M., for their initiative, leadership, vision and perseverance in the creation and successful installation of the 9/11 Memorial monument, which was dedicated in Freeport on September 11, 2011 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. The Masons organized the architecture, engineering and construction of the 9/11 monument following their successful petition for steel that was part of the World Trade Center and held for appropriate monumental use by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In addition, we extend our appreciation to the four members of the Freeport Lodge 9/11 Monument Steering



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Committee: John Skillin, Tim Dalton, Paul Lowe and Keith Barlow, who worked to acquire the World Trade Center steel and to design the monument and have it constructed. We congratulate the members of Freeport Lodge No. 23 A.F. and A.M. for their dedication to their community, to the State and to the Nation, and we acknowledge the significant honor bestowed upon the memory of those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001; (HLS 860)

Gordon E. Kinney, Jr., stone mason and owner of All Season Brick and Stone, of Topsham, for his stone and brick masonry services that helped to complete the 9/11 Memorial monument in Freeport, which was dedicated on September 11, 2011 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. Mr. Kinney's original role in the construction of the memorial was to supply his dump truck to deliver quarry dust to create walkways to make the four elements of the memorial site accessible to people with disabilities. Upon seeing the memorial, Mr. Kinney insisted that he and his crew of three workers be allowed to donate and install a finished brick surface at the memorial site. The four men proceeded to work on short deadline, in the rain, to complete the brick work prior to the official dedication event. We send our appreciation to Mr. Kinney and his company for their efforts and contributions to the 9/11 Memorial in Freeport and we send our best wishes; (HLS 861)

George Gagnon, of Yarmouth, for his contribution of the black stone monument that was incorporated into the design of the 9/11 Memorial in Freeport, which was dedicated on September 11, 2011 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. Mr. Gagnon approached the Freeport Lodge 9/11 Monument Steering Committee and offered any granite as might be needed. The committee selected a piece of black granite to create a plaque to describe the memorial and list the names of the nine Maine people, both residents and people who were strongly associated with Maine, who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Mr. Gagnon supervised the selection, production and transportation of the granite from its production point in Barre, Vermont to its delivery in Freeport for installation at the memorial site. We send our appreciation to Mr. Gagnon for his contributions to this important component of the 9/11 Memorial and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 862)

Douglas Piehl, of Design Management, of Freeport, for his donated engineering services contributed for the design and installation of the 9/11 Memorial monument, which was dedicated on September 11, 2011, in Freeport, on the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey offered structural remains of the World Trade Center to the Town of Freeport but changed the pieces to be sent, requiring a complete revision of the plans needed for approval of the town's project review board. Mr. Piehl patiently revised the plans to conform to the new pieces of steel, contributing to the memorial's successful plan review and approval. Once the actual construction began, Mr. Piehl contributed his time to oversee each and every step of the construction of the memorial to ensure compliance with the engineering plans and to ensure the project's ultimate success. We send our appreciation to Mr. Piehl for his significant contributions to the 9/11 Memorial in Freeport and send him our best wishes; (HLS 863)

Clayton Howe Clark, of Skowhegan. Mr. Clark was born in Skowhegan and grew up on the family farm. He was captain of the high school football team, played basketball and track, served as a class officer and as a member of the student council and was inducted into the Skowhegan High School Football Hall of Fame. After graduating from high school, Mr. Clark went to work

with his father and purchased the farm in 1967. He married Joanne Clark almost 55 years ago. Mr. Clark showed his registered Jersey cattle at many Maine fairs and was the president of the Maine Jersey Cattle Club. He worked in the livestock department at the Skowhegan State Fair for nearly 30 years and was inducted into the Fair Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1991. Mr. Clark was a 7th degree member of the Grange, holding offices at local, county and state levels. He and his family were chosen as Outstanding Grange Farm Family in 1985. He was a member of numerous professional organizations, and in 2010 he received the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Clark will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 864)

Carsyn Koch, of Wade, who has won her second consecutive Class C Cross-country State Championship. Carsyn, a sophomore at Washburn High School, defended her title with a 30-second victory over her nearest competitor, completing the 3.1-mile course in Cumberland with a time of 20:17.74. We extend our congratulations to Carsyn on her accomplishment; (HLS 865)

the Bangor High School Girls Soccer Team, on its winning the 2011 Class A State Championship, the first state title of the program. We congratulate the members of the team on their accomplishment and send them our best wishes; (HLS 866)

Pat Long, of Ashland, director of the Ashland Ambulance Service, on his receiving the EMS Merit Award for his many years of caring for others in emergency situations. The EMS Merit Award is presented to individuals for their contributions to the emergency medical services system at the local or regional level, with involvement and contribution in one or more areas of EMS. Mr. Long has been with EMS since 1974. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 867)

the following members of the Bangor Christian School Boys Soccer Team, the Patriots, who won the Class D State Soccer Championship: players Caleb Arnold, Jay Bishop, Ben Bragg, Hunter Cotton, Ethan Cummings, Josiah French, Kyle Holmes, Dylan Merchant, Brandon Messer, Ben Miller, Jeremy Miller, Jeff Niles, Zech Palmetier, Brian Parent, Seth Pearson, Caleb Perry, David Peters, Rem Poulin, Sam Proctor, Tucker Rice, Jace Schmidt, Matt Swanson, Ken Vandine and Bradley Wilcox; Coach Aaron Wilcox; and Assistant Coach Mike Poulin. This is the school's 3rd consecutive Class D state championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 868)

James G. Collins, of Livermore Falls, on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Maine at Farmington. Mr. Collins has worked at the university since 1978, most recently serving as the associate director of admissions for high school relations. He has also been involved with the Regional Student Advisory Committee and the Regional Student Review Committee. His service to the community and to the State include serving on the School Administrative District No. 36 School Board from 1986 to 1996 and serving as a Livermore Falls selectman from 1996 to 1998 and 2009 to the present, as well as serving as a member of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments from 1998 to the present and as president of that organization from 2008 to 2009. We send Mr. Collins our appreciation for his years of dedicated service and send him our best wishes for his retirement; (HLS 869)

the Westport Island Baptist Church, on its 50th Anniversary, November 27, 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the congregation on the 50th anniversary of the church's serving the community; (HLS 870)

the members of the Scarborough High School Boys Cross-Country Team, who won the 2011 Class A State Championship: Matthew Aceto, Ian Allen, Jake Alofs, Adam Brown, Joe Corbeau, Will Fowler, Sam Freeman, Brian Garber, Jay Griffith, Robby Hall, Alec James, Alex Karam, Garrett Kelley, Ethan Law, Sean McGovern, Ian Morris, Nick Morris, Wout Moulin, Brian Nickless, Sean O'Connor, Nick Quiram, Colin Russell, Jeffrey Sirocki, Jack Sullivan, Jacob Terry, Sam Terry and Mike Tudor and coaches Jim Harmon, Chris Harmon and Steve Ross. This win brought the Scarborough Red Storm's record to a total of 6 state titles in the last 8 years. We extend our congratulations to the team on its accomplishment; (HLS 871)

the following members of the Presque Isle High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team, who have won the 2011 Eastern Maine Class B Championship: players Hannah Graham, Krystal Kingsbury, Emma Kinney, Jordi Legassie, Danielle Allen, Shea Brown, Emma Bartlett, Karlee Bernier, Liza Buck, Abbie Carrier, Chandler Guerrette, Megan Ireland, Katelyn McPherson, Kailey Shaw, Meredith Stewart, Kali Warner, Hillary Albert, Elise Jones, Chelsea Nickerson, Katie Patenaude and Kayla Richards; head coach Ralph Michaud; assistant coach Dillon Kingsbury; junior varsity coach Lisa Rossignol; and managers Stacia Caron and Haley Bouchard. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievements; (HLS 872)

Bob Pyle, of Mount Desert, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of service as librarian and director of the Northeast Harbor Library. Mr. Pyle started working at the library in February 1971 and became librarian 4 years later. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Pyle for his dedication to the people of the community and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 873)

the members of the Maine Maritime Academy Sailing Team: John Joseph, Rowan Fraley, Elizabeth Doyen, Molly Howe, Jake Newton, Chris Poole, Zach Vickers and Matthew Butcka, who represented the United States in the 31st Student Yachting World Cup off the shores of La Trinite-Sur-Mer, France. The team was accompanied by coach Tom Brown. The team, called the Mariners, won 2 of 5 divisions of the Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Regatta in Larchmont, New York, in J/44s. More than 300 sailors from 30 schools participated, making the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta the largest college sailing regatta in the country. Maine Maritime Academy's subsequent victory in the Kennedy Cup earned the school the right to represent the United States in France. We extend our congratulations to the team on its accomplishment; (HLS 874)

the Falmouth High School Boys Soccer Team, on its winning the State Class B Championship. This is the third state title in 5 years and the eighth since 2000 for the soccer team. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 875)

the Falmouth High School Girls Soccer Team, on its winning the 2011 Class B State Championship. This is the second straight state title for the soccer team. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 876)

William Earl Daggett, a lifelong resident of Thomaston, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. Born in 1911, Mr. Daggett was married for 69 years to Dorothy Margaret Ifemy, and they were the parents of 5 children. Mr. Daggett has many grandchildren and was a longtime employee at the Thomaston Cement plant, in addition to serving as a sailor, lifeguard, fisherman, Boy Scout

leader and civil patrol squadron leader. We send Mr. Daggett our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of his life; (HLS 877)

Kate Shaffer, of Isle au Haut, who has been named to *Dessert Professional* magazine's 3rd annual list of Top Ten Chocolatiers for North America. Created to honor professionals whose craft exemplifies the use of chocolate, the Top Ten list comprises a diverse international group of people who produce a superior product and who elevate the chocolate industry. Ms. Shaffer, who with her husband Steve Shaffer began Black Dinah Chocolatiers on Isle au Haut in 2007, works with a team of 4 people from the island. We congratulate Ms. Shaffer on her receiving this distinguished honor and send her our best wishes for future success; (HLS 878)

James R. Gerritsen, of Bridgewater, who was named by *Utne Reader* magazine as one of 25 "People Who Are Changing the World" for 2011. Each year, the magazine chooses to honor people who possess an inspiring combination of imagination, determination and energy. Mr. Gerritsen's certified organic family farm, Wood Prairie Farm, produces various seed and specialty potatoes, including the award-winning Prairie Blush variety. It also produces vegetable and grain seed and has customers in all 50 states. In addition to owning and operating his small agribusiness for 35 years, Mr. Gerritsen has been an activist for fellow farmers. He currently serves as president of the Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Gerritsen for his earning this notable acknowledgement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 879)

the following members of the Windham High School Boys Soccer Team, who have won the 2011 Class A State Soccer Championship: players Spencer Hodge, Tyler DeFosse, Nathaniel Dubuc, Damian Cummings, Marc Reynolds, Diogo Aragao, Dalton Mauro, Jordan Hall, Bryan Soucy, Bradley Palmer, Devin Pelletier, Jake Mello, Rocco Sbardella, Eric Gumaer, McGyver Poulin, Justin Hardesty, Mitch Hodge, Woody Laliberte, Ian Mills, Robbie Hamilton, Dakota Cummings, Travis Fisher, Christian Hewitt and Shawn Blanchard; captains Robbie Lentine and Dana King; head coach Colin Minte; junior varsity coach Ian Clough; and varsity assistant and fitness training coach Nick Dubay. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 880)

Mary A. Mollerberg, of New Gloucester, on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Mollerberg was born on November 10, 1911 in East Providence, Rhode Island. She raised 2 children, Joyce and Ronald; and she has 7 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on this very special occasion; (HLS 881)

Fire Chief Danny Carlow, of Calais, on his 38 years of dedicated service to the Calais Fire Department, the Calais community, Washington County and the State of Maine. Mr. Carlow started his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1973 and was hired as a full-time driver in 1978. He was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 1980 and became Chief in 1995. In those capacities, he served on the Maine State Federation of Firefighters as Vice President and taught Basic Emergency Medical Technician classes in Washington County for approximately 10 years. He became a State Fire Instructor in 1981 and served in that role until his promotion to Chief. He has served on committees for the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, Maine Emergency Medical Services and the Maine Ambulance Association. Mr. Carlow has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Emergency Medical Services and in 2009 he was designated as the only Level 2 Local Emergency Management Director in Washington County. We acknowledge Mr. Carlow's

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dedication and commitment to the people of his community, county and state, and send him our appreciation for his 38 years of fire, rescue and ambulance service; (HLS 882)

Becky Flanagan, of Camden, who was named the 2011 Class B Coach of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Ms. Flanagan coaches the Windjammer's cross-country team at Camden Hills Regional High School, which finished first in the 2011 Eastern Class B girls championship. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 883)

Ryan Hurley, of Lincolnton, who was named the 2011 Class B Coach of the Year for the second year in a row by the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference. Mr. Hurley coaches the Windjammer's soccer team at Camden Hills Regional High School. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 884)

Camden Hills Regional High School Mountain Bike team, on its winning the 2011 State Championship. It is the school's 13th straight state championship victory. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 885)

the following members of the Greenville High School Boys Soccer Team, who won the 2011 Western Maine Class D Championship: seniors Steve Bilodeau, Nate Fenn, Ethan Hall, Kenny Howard, Joe Pelletier and Judson Walden; juniors Cole Aucoin, Corey Henderson, Henry Hersey, Sean Nystrom, Stephen Richards, Tristan Richards, David Shea and Cody Watson; sophomores Matt DiAngelo, Jack Mason and Howie Stone; freshmen Alex Chapman, Spenser Lee, Trevor Richards, Richie Stone and Charlie Warman; head coach Jeff Richards and assistant coaches Chris Fenn and Bill Foley. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 886)

Erzsebet Nagy, of Albion, a junior at Lawrence High School, who was named 2011 Girls Cross-country Runner of the Year by the *Morning Sentinel*. Erzsebet is in her first year of competition and has won the 2011 Kennebec Valley Athletic Championship and the 2011 Eastern Maine Class A title. She placed second at the 2011 Class A state meet. We congratulate her on her achievements and send her our best wishes; (HLS 887)

Molly Fitzpatrick, of North Yarmouth, who was crowned Miss Maine Teen USA 2012. Molly is an active member of her community and her school. She has volunteered for her local Meals on Wheels program, takes part in a community service club and will be serving her third year as a class officer at Greely High School. Molly has been a competitive Irish dancer for 10 years, plays soccer and runs indoor and outdoor track. Molly will be using her position as winner of the Miss Maine Teen USA pageant to help girls identify their inner confidence so they may make a difference in the lives of others. We extend our congratulations to Molly on this achievement; (HLS 888)

Florence Joan Dunn, of Eliot, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, January 10, 2012. As a young woman, Mrs. Dunn taught tap dancing and ballroom dancing at the Arthur Murray Studios. She is a violinist and pianist who composed and published 2 songs. For 30 years she worked in Boston as the Head Guide at the Christian Science Mother Church. Mrs. Dunn was married to Reginald Addi Dunn and she is the mother of 2 children. She has 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 889)

Abyn Blue Atticus Reabe, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy

Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Abyr constructed 2 kayak racks for the Tidewater Farm in Falmouth. We extend our congratulations to him on his achievement; (HLS 890)

the following members of the Lawrence High School Football Team, of Fairfield, who have won the 2011 Class A Pine Tree Conference Championship: players Derick Raven, Chad Martin, Spencer Carey, Cody Martin, Chris Doyon, James Leathers, Jason Bushaw, Chase Collins, Alex Leathers, Anthony Sementelli, Josh Doolan, Jared Champagne, Aaron LaFrance, Jake Gerow, Jake Doolan, Cole Robinson, Beau Grenier, Tyler Thompkins, Dorian French, Shaun Carroll, Jr., Ethan Powers, Seth Malberg, Robbie Liberty, Luke Lawrence, Lucas Knox, Brad King, Robbie Liberty, Phil Gadway, Bryant Wade, Nicholass Clark, Keenan Scanlin, Kyle Leclair, Alex Hamlin, Ryan Gagne, Kyle Mclain, Cody Cunningham, Nick Routhier, Spencer Sweatt, Matt Woods, Josh Perry, Eriq Stewart, Dustyn Dixon, Roy Barnaby, Zack Hamlin, Jesse Champagne, Jesse Dodge, Trevor Marin, Bryant Wyman, Micah Ames, Cameron Harkins, Caleb Champagne, Jeremy Frantz, Adam Rodrigue, Adam Littlefield, Trevor Hamblet, Kyler Hammock, Derick Dumont, Trevor Boissonneault, Evan Grard and Mason Travers; head coach John Hersom; volunteers Rusty Mercier and Ryan Robinson; assistant coaches Dan Dangler, Kevin Malady, Josh Blaisdell and Jake Rogers; and managers Dennis Brassard and Ryan Flewelling. We congratulate the team on this achievement; (HLS 891)

the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, of Lewiston, on its placing third in the national \$100K Challenge sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The humane society placed first in the Northeast. The shelter found homes for 629 more cats and dogs than it did during the same period last year. The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society was the only humane society in Maine to participate in the contest. We extend our appreciation to the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society for its commitment to the well-being of the State's animals and congratulate it on its achievements; (HLS 892)

Ernest and Alberta Angevine, of Bethel, who were chosen as the 2012 Maine State Outstanding Tree Farmers. The Angevines have been stewards of their 189 acres and active participants in the local Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine chapter for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Angevine were especially pleased to receive this award as their daughter and her husband were the New Mexico Outstanding Tree Farmers in 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Angevine are also the recipients of the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bethel Chamber of Commerce and the 2004 Cooperator of the Year from the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District. In 1990, 2003 and 2006 they were chosen as the Oxford County Outstanding Tree Farmers. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 893)

Lisa Larrabee, of Fairfield, field hockey coach at Lawrence High School for the past 8 seasons, who was named the 2011 Class A Field Hockey Coach of the Year by the *Morning Sentinel*. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 894)

Dr. William Brian Rines, of South Gardiner, former Mayor of the City of Gardiner, longtime active member of his community and prominent Maine citizen. Dr. Rines was a member of numerous local, statewide and national civic, philanthropic, professional, political and church organizations. Born in Gardiner and a graduate of Gardiner High School, he earned his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in 1963 and his Ph.D.

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from the University of South Carolina in 1974. He completed his residency in clinical psychology at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Rines worked at the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center before going into private practice. He qualified as an expert in Maine's superior, district and probate courts, and was additionally qualified as an expert in the federal district courts of Maine, Delaware and Connecticut. Dr. Rines began his civic service as a member of the Gardiner Planning Board and with the Board of Trustees of the Gardiner Public Library. He served as Mayor of Gardiner from 1992 to 2006. In addition to his municipal service, Dr. Rines served on a number of national and statewide commissions and task forces. He was chair of the finance committee of Christ Episcopal Church in Gardiner, where he served on the vestry. We acknowledge Dr. Rines's dedicated service to his community and state. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 895)

Leo Clarence Gagnier, of Port Orange, Florida, and Millinocket. Mr. Gagnier served in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company. He loved to hunt and fish and was an avid golfer. Mr. Gagnier will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 896)

the City of Hallowell, known as the Gem of the Kennebec, on the 250th Anniversary of its first settlement. Deacon Pease Clark, who emigrated with his wife and son from Massachusetts, first settled in what is now Hallowell in the spring of 1762. Founded in 1771, Hallowell became a city in 1852. It is named for Benjamin Hallowell, a Boston merchant and one of the Kennebec Proprietors, holders of land originally granted to the Plymouth Company by the King of England in the 1620s. The City of Hallowell became a center of learning, intellectual accomplishments and industry and was known for its fine schools, stores and granite quarries and its close relationship to the Kennebec River. We send our congratulations to the good citizens of Hallowell as they celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the settlement of their city and send them our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 897)

the Falmouth High School Cross-Country Team, which won the State Class B Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievement; (HLS 898)

the Falmouth High School Golf Team, which won its first State Class A Championship. Prior to moving to Class A competition, the Yachtsmen won 3 Class B titles and 4 Class C titles. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on its achievement; (HLS 899)

Nicole Sevey, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan High School, who has been named Miss Maine Field Hockey. This title is given annually by the coaches of the sport to the top senior high school field hockey player in the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicole on her receiving this honor; (HLS 900)

Steve Goulet, of Presque Isle, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 170, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Steve worked with the Presque Isle Recreation and Parks Department to construct storage facilities for equipment at the Presque Isle indoor pool. We extend our congratulations to Steve on his achievement; (HLS 901)

Richard Swasey, of Wayne, on the celebration of his 90th birthday, December 7, 2011. We extend our congratulations and

best wishes to Mr. Swasey on this very special occasion; (HLS 902)

Brett Starr, of Mapleton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 170, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Brett helped the Maine Department of Conservation to construct an Adirondack shelter on Quaggy Jo Mountain in Aroostook State Park. We extend our congratulations to Brett on his achievement; (HLS 903)

Paul J. Michaud, of Millinocket, a longtime educator. Mr. Michaud was born in Millinocket and was a 1957 graduate of Stearns High School. He served in the National Guard after graduation and then earned a teaching degree from Ricker College in Houlton. Mr. Michaud taught at Howland High School before going to work at the Millinocket School Department, where he taught math and science until he retired in 1993. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 904)

Linda McLaughlin, of Scarborough, who is the recipient of the Healthcare Heroes Nursing Award, which is given in recognition of outstanding health-care professionals in the State. Ms. McLaughlin is a registered nurse at Maine Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and was recognized for her work with the immigrant population at the Root Cellar. Throughout her career, Ms. McLaughlin has not only contributed to the health-care field in Maine but also traveled to Kenya and Uganda to work with sick children. We extend our appreciation to Ms. McLaughlin for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 905)

Peter Bourque, of Farmingdale, on his retirement from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, fisheries and hatcheries division, after more than 45 years of dedicated service. Mr. Bourque began his career in 1965 as an assistant regional fisheries biologist. After 15 years as a regional fisheries biologist in the Fish River/Allagash region, he became the Assistant Chief of Fisheries in 1983 and one year later was promoted to Chief, now known as the Director of Fisheries. Mr. Bourque remained the director until early last decade when he took up the position of Director of Fisheries Program Development. We send him our appreciation for his many years of commitment to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 906)

Ashley Robinson, of Bangor, on her being named the 2011 Girls High School State of Maine Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and on her being named to the 2011 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Girls High School All-America Team. Ashley is a senior at Bangor High School and helped her team win the Class A State Championship. She has been named a Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference first-team all-star twice and to the girls All-New England team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her achievements; (HLS 907)

Bradley Wilcox, of Alton, on his being named the 2011 Boys High School State of Maine Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and on his being the first Class D player named to the 2011 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Boys High School All-American team. Bradley is a senior at Bangor Christian School. He has set a state boys high school record of 107 career goals and also holds the record for most number of goals scored by any player in a single season. He has been named Bangor Christian School's

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most valuable player twice, named an honoree to the All-Penobscot Valley Conference 3 times and named player of the year of the 2011 Penobscot Valley Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Bradley on his achievements; (HLS 908)

Hobbs Funeral Home, of South Portland and Scarborough, on its 70th anniversary. For the past 70 years, the Hobbs family has been serving the southern Maine community with a locally owned, family-run, independent funeral home. Hobbs Funeral Home was founded by Frank H. Hobbs, Sr., and Elizabeth A. Hobbs in 1941 and is now run by their son Jeffrey R. Hobbs and grandson Jeffrey D. Inman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Hobbs family; (HLS 909)

Adam Tyler Gould, of Winterport, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 234, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Adam created a Fire Danger Advisory Sign at the Winterport Fire Station. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 910)

Roger Beaupre, of Biddeford, on his 40 years of service to the Biddeford Police Department. Mr. Beaupre started his career with the Biddeford Police Department on November 19, 1971, following 4 years of service as a sergeant with the United States Air Force. He became chief of the department in 1981. Over the years, Chief Beaupre has been at the forefront of changes implemented to improve both the safety of his officers and the service they provide for the citizens of the City of Biddeford. He was instrumental in researching and implementing a citywide radio communication system, adding resource officers at the schools, creating a proactive domestic violence enforcement that was a model for departments across the state and developing a police tactical team. He has been very effective in securing state and federal grants to pay for a number of the programs he has implemented. Chief Beaupre volunteers with the Biddeford Athletic Department, his church and the annual La Kermesse Franco-Americaine Festival. We extend our appreciation to Chief Beaupre for his commitment and dedication to the citizens of the City of Biddeford; (HLS 911)

Pauline Paradis, of Durham, on her 25 years of dedicated service as Tax Collector and Treasurer to the Town of Durham. Throughout her public service career, Mrs. Paradis has demonstrated her commitment and dedication to her community. In 25 years, she rarely missed a day of work, which allowed her to establish strong relationships with members of the community and to serve the residents of Durham honorably. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to the Town of Durham and to the State of Maine, and we send her our appreciation for 25 years of service; (HLS 912)

Herbert A. "Red" Tibbetts, of Biddeford, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Tibbetts served in the United States Army during World War II. He worked for the Biddeford Fire Department for 34 years. Mr. Tibbetts donned the red Santa suit for more than 30 years and greeted thousands of children from Biddeford. After he retired he volunteered his time to the school district's athletic department. Every year he would get Waterhouse Field ready to be used. He devoted his life to the youth of Biddeford. Mr. Tibbetts was a member of the Biddeford Knights of Columbus, the Biddeford Athletic Association and St. Joseph Church of the Good Shepherd Parish. Mr. Tibbetts will be fondly remembered by his loving family, his many friends and all those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 913)

Shirlie Mackin, of Millinocket, beloved mother, aunt and grandmother. Ms. Mackin graduated from Stearns High School and in later years became an active member of Stearns Alumni Scholarship Committee. She worked for Great Northern Paper Company. She enjoyed playing cards with her family and was an avid sports fan. Ms. Mackin will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 914)

Joseph Levasseur, of Belgrade, a veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Maine National Guard. He was dedicated to his community, state and country throughout his life. Mr. Levasseur volunteered much of his time to the Boy Scouts of America, serving as the Kennebec Valley District Training Commissioner and as the Scout Master of Troop No. 453 in Belgrade. For his work with the Boy Scouts, he was honored with the Silver Beaver and Distinguished Service awards. Mr. Levasseur was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 887 in Augusta, a member of Disabled American Veterans and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. He worked for Central Maine Power, the United States Census Bureau and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at Togus. He was also the owner of Direct Discount Sales. Mr. Levasseur will be missed by his loving wife, Kathy, and all of his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 915)

David Astor, of Falmouth and formerly of Portland, known as a cultural icon who was a star of early Maine television, creating a music program that entertained huge audiences beginning in 1956 and continuing into the 1970s. Mr. Astor grew up on Munjoy Hill in Portland and was a graduate of Portland High School and the University of Maine at Orono. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Theater and received many citations and commendations. After the war, Mr. Astor worked with his father and was then asked by WGME to develop a family-oriented show, which became "The Dave Astor Show." The show was on the air for 16 years on WGME and WCSH, and featured teenagers from the various high schools in the area. Mr. Astor was actively involved in various community organizations and in 1949 founded Center Day Camp, on Sebago Lake, a non-denominational camp of the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine. He directed many shows for The Portland Players and was on the board of directors of The Cedars in Portland. Mr. Astor, a lifelong member of Temple Beth El, was married to Esta Venner Astor for 61 years before she passed away in 2007. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 916)

Mary Lane, of Calais, for her service to Down East Hospice. Down East Hospice, which began in the Calais area and quickly expanded to serve all of Washington County, is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Ms. Lane helped to organize the hospice in its early years and created the hospice's bereavement program. She has also served on the board of directors and as a fundraiser and volunteer. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Lane on her dedicated commitment to Down East Hospice; (HLS 917)

Art and Cynthia Carter, of Charlotte, for their service to Down East Hospice, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have served on the board of directors and the fundraising committee of Down East Hospice and have written grants and volunteered to visit with and comfort individuals suffering from terminal illnesses. We extend our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Carter for their dedicated commitment to Down East Hospice; (HLS 918)

Army Sergeant Timothy Gilboe, of Jackman, who has received the Silver Star for his service in Afghanistan. Sergeant Gilboe is a member of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th

Mountain Division at Fort Polk. He is credited with extinguishing a backpack fire, which was started by insurgents attacking his unit, with his bare hands. He then engaged in hand-to-hand combat, while unarmed, with an insurgent attacker. During the hand-to-hand battle Sergeant Gilboe pointed his attacker's rifle at his own chest, which was protected by armor. He was knocked to the ground by rifle shots, but was able to defeat the enemy. The Silver Star is among the highest honors for action in combat. We extend our appreciation to Sergeant Gilboe for his dedication to his country and congratulate him on his receiving this honor; (HLS 919)

Harold Snow, of Scarborough, a prominent business leader in the State whose family has lived in Scarborough for generations. After graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1939, Mr. Snow worked for DuPont as a chemist. He returned to Scarborough in 1942 to run the now-defunct F.H. Snow Canning Company, which his father had founded in 1920. Mr. Snow was deeply involved in his community, especially with the Blue Point Congregational Church. Mr. Snow will be fondly remembered by his loving family, his friends and his community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 920)

William (Bill) C. Carter, of Newcastle, former longtime Sheriff of Lincoln County. Mr. Carter was a graduate of Lincoln Academy, class of 1958, and a veteran of the United States Navy. After his military service, he began his law enforcement career with the Damariscotta Police Department and rose to the rank of chief within three years. In 1964, at age 26, Mr. Carter was elected Sheriff of Lincoln County, the youngest person ever elected sheriff in Maine's history. He retired in 2002 after 37 years at that post, which is the longest tenure in the 250-year history of the Lincoln County Sheriff's office. Mr. Carter's accomplishments include establishing many innovative programs throughout his career, such as Project Theft Guard, a neighborhood watch program to combat burglaries, a bicycle safety program, a Blue Light community policing program, a child safety program, a canine program, a DARE program and his department's highly regarded Criminal Investigation Division. Mr. Carter was a member and served as president of both the Maine Sheriffs Association and the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. The Maine Chiefs of Police Association named him Police Chief of the Year in 1988. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends and the communities that he so faithfully served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 921)

Ronald and Marguerite (Blanchette) Cyr, of Hamlin, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cyr were married on November 18, 1961 at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada with Monsignor Numa Pichette officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cyr in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 922)

Brittany Bona, of Scarborough, who has been named the ESPN Gatorade Maine Volleyball Player of the Year. Throughout her time on the Scarborough volleyball team, Brittany has proved herself to be not only a talented athlete, but also an extremely talented leader and a respected mentor for younger players. Her leadership has been instrumental in building up the volleyball program to the point where the team competed in the 2011 State championship. Brittany not only excels at volleyball, but also competes on the basketball and outdoor track teams, which won state championships in 2009. She also excels at academics and has made the honor roll each quarter of her high school career. Brittany is committed to serving her community, including by coaching youth basketball. We extend our congratulations to Brittany on her accomplishments; (HLS 923)

Marty Ryan, of Wells, on his being inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). Mr. Ryan, who completed an outstanding 29-year career as an athletic administrator in 2009, worked at both Wells High School and Kennebunk High School during his career. In 1980, Mr. Ryan became athletic director at Wells High School, where, among other things, he designed a new athletic complex. In 2001, he accepted the director of athletics position at Kennebunk High School. He added volleyball, freshman boys and girls soccer, freshman field hockey, junior varsity boys and girls swimming and middle school cheering to the Kennebunk athletic curriculum. Mr. Ryan has been a member of the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) since 1980 and is currently serving as its executive director. He has been a member of NIAAA since 1982 and was a representative to the NIAAA National Conference from 1985 to 1999. Mr. Ryan also has been the association's state liaison for Maine since 1994. Mr. Ryan has received many honors in his career. He was named MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year in 1987 and received the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1994 and the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 1997. We congratulate Mr. Ryan on his receiving this new honor and send him our best wishes for all his future endeavors; (HLS 924)

Emma Page, of Lubec, an 8th-grade student at Lubec Consolidated School, for her work in designing a flag for the Town of Lubec's bicentennial celebration. Emma and her classmates, Seth Doherty, Austin Serrato, Robert Wallace, Julia Smith and Stephanie Wright, worked to raise funds for materials. The students started the flag project as 6th-graders and completed it this year. They presented the flag to the Town Selectmen, who voted it the official bicentennial flag and placed it on the town meeting ballot. The flag was raised at Monument Park on July 4, 2011. On August 2, 2011, the citizens of Lubec voted it as the official town flag and it is permanently on display in the Lubec Consolidated School cafeteria. We congratulate Emma Page and her fellow students on this accomplishment; (HLS 925)

Lea Girardin, of Waterville, on her retirement as Director of the Maine Film Office, a position she has held since 1988. The Maine Film Office is a division within the Office of Tourism at the Department of Economic and Community Development, and is responsible for promoting and supporting the media production assets of the State of Maine. Ms. Girardin has made Maine a competitive choice for a filming location, which has contributed to our creative economy and the cultural arts. The Maine Film Office under Ms. Girardin's leadership has been instrumental in the success of events such as the Camden Film Festival, the Maine International Film Festival and the Maine Jewish Film Festival. We send Ms. Girardin our appreciation on her many years of commitment to the Maine Film Office and to the State of Maine. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 926)

Dusty Clifford, of Parkman, on the occasion of his receiving the Boston Post Cane as the town's oldest citizen. Mr. Clifford and his wife, Geneva, reside in Parkman, where he has lived since his family moved there in 1934. At age 19, Mr. Clifford joined the United States Marine Corps and served in World War II, sustaining injuries in combat on Okinawa and spending 10 months in a military hospital. Upon returning to Maine, Mr. Clifford was employed at a variety of places, including Fay Scott in Dexter, the tannery in Hartland, a Greenville lumberyard and a Guilford textile mill. For the next 30 years, he worked for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, where he gave much to the State during his service in the department. We

extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Clifford on this occasion; (HLS 927)

the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs for its service to the agricultural fair industry and to the agricultural community of Maine for the past 100 years. The Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs was formed in 1912 to represent the agricultural fairs of the State and to promote good fellowship and a spirit of cooperation among officials of the State's agricultural fairs. The association encourages an exchange of ideas to stimulate cooperation and to create public awareness of the importance of the fairs. The Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs is dedicated to providing an educational experience to fairgoers and to the continued improvement of agricultural fairs. We extend our appreciation to the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs for its work and congratulations on its 100th anniversary; (HLS 928)

Madeleine de Sinety, of Rangeley, a prominent member of the community and talented photographer. Ms. de Sinety was born in Algeria and raised in the Chateau de Valmer, her family's castle in the Loire Valley in France. She lived and worked in Paris as a young woman and came to the United States in 1980 after marrying Daniel Behrman, a writer and journalist. Ms. de Sinety lived the past 30 years in Rangeley and specialized in photographing working-class people in their homes and work environments. The Portland Museum of Art scheduled a solo exhibition of her work this past year and called her work "timeless." Ms. de Sinety will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 929)

the Greater Bangor Area Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the University of Maine, on the occasion of its 16th annual breakfast celebration in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 16, 2012. The event commemorates the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We extend our appreciation to the Greater Bangor Area Chapter of the NAACP and the University of Maine on their honoring Dr. King at these annual celebrations. We join the community in commemorating this great American; (HLS 930)

H. Lee Lamson, Sr., of Bangor and Brewer. Mr. Lamson was born in Jonesport and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War followed by 6 years in the United States Coast Guard, earning the rank of aviation machinist's mate second class. After his military service, Mr. Lamson worked for the United States Postal Service for 33 years. During his younger years, Mr. Lamson worked in the funeral business and, during his retirement, he worked part-time for many funeral homes from Bangor to the coastal communities and was registered as an attendant at Lamson Funeral Home. He was active in his church, Calvary Baptist Church, and served as a trustee for many years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 931)

the Honorable Florence T. Young, of Bangor and formerly of Limestone, former Member of the Maine House of Representatives. Born in Limestone, she was a graduate of Limestone High School, class of 1946. Mrs. Young began her long and distinguished career in banking in 1964 at the Limestone branch of Northern National Bank. Through the years she held many positions, including assistant vice president of Casco Northern Bank and manager of the Presque Isle branch. Following her retirement in the 1990s, Mrs. Young became involved in a number of civic and political organizations. She was the first woman to be elected to the Limestone Board of Selectmen, eventually serving as chair. Her public service also

included 2 terms in the Maine House of Representatives. A devoted church-goer, Mrs. Young's musical contributions to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in Limestone began during her childhood. She was an organist and choir director for a total of 40 years. In addition, she was regent of the Regina Coeli Circle of Daughters of Isabella, Limestone, and served 2 terms as Maine State Regent during the 1970s. We acknowledge her dedicated commitment to her community, her State and her church. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her husband of 63 years, Winston, and her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 932)

Andre Poulin, of Monmouth, who has served as a member of the Monmouth Fire Department since 1984, as he steps down from the position of Chief, which he has held for the past eight years. During his time with the fire department, he has been instrumental in upgrading the fleet of fire apparatus and updating equipment to ensure it is of modern standards and up-to-date with technological advances. The people of Monmouth have benefited greatly from Mr. Poulin's tenure as Chief. He will continue to work for the department in a different capacity. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Poulin for his commitment to his community and send him our best wishes; (HLS 933)

Walt Landry, of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Army and longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Landry was born in Fort Kent and worked as a master machinist at the paper company for 46 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, camping, karate and running. He was a life member of Elks Lodge No. 1521 in Millinocket and St. Martin's Council No. 680, Knights of Columbus, where he was a Fourth Degree Knight. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 934)

Rightstart, of Norway, for receiving a Community Service Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Rightstart is an all-volunteer organization that provides programs and services to children of the Oxford Hills area. It began in 1979 during the International Year of the Child through the efforts of the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club. Rightstart became a separate nonprofit organization in 1980. We extend our appreciation to Rightstart for its commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate it on its receiving this honor; (HLS 935)

New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc., of Oxford and Norway, which has been selected as the Business of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. New Balance is the only athletic shoe manufacturer still making shoes in the United States. New Balance purchased the Melville Shoe building in Norway in 1997, and 200 associates proudly produce many of the company's walking and running shoes. It also operates a store in Oxford. New Balance participates in many local community activities and events. We congratulate New Balance on its success and extend our best wishes for continued prosperity; (HLS 936)

Mitch and Judy Green, who are the owners of Crazy Horse Racing Parts and Engines, of South Paris, and the recipients of the Rising Star of the Year Award given by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. This award is presented to a business owner or employee who is "up and coming" and is contributing to making the Oxford Hills area an exciting and dynamic place to live and work. Crazy Horse Racing Parts and Engines has been in operation for 7 years. We extend our appreciation to Mitch and Judy Green and Crazy Horse Racing Parts and Engines for their contribution to the Oxford Hills area and congratulate them on their receiving this award; (HLS 937)

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Ted Moccia, of Paris, principal at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who has been named Employee of the Year by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. This distinction is awarded to an individual who displays an outstanding work ethic and a cooperative nature and contributes to the success of the chamber. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Moccia on his receiving this honor and we thank him for his commitment to the youth of the State; (HLS 938)

Pine State Trading Company, of Augusta, which has received a 2012 Business of the Year Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Pine State was started in 1940 by Charles F. Canning, Sr., and is now New England's leader in marketing and distribution of convenience and beverage products. The company employs 850 people and serves 5,000 New England and New York clients through its convenience store, food service, beer and wine and vending divisions. Current owners Keith Canning, Gena Canning and Nick Alberding continue the family tradition of investing in the people and technology needed to consistently deliver consumer products and services. We congratulate Pine State Trading Company and its employees and wish them continued success; (HLS 939)

Carolyn Neighoff, of Augusta, on her receiving a 2012 Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Neighoff is a coach, educator and entrepreneur. She opened a Christian bookstore at the age of 20 and later began the Bread of Life soup kitchen and homeless shelter. Ms. Neighoff earned a master's degree in education at the University of Maine at Orono and a master's degree in leadership at the University of New England and is working on a master's degree in theology at Bangor Theological Seminary. She coached the field hockey and boys tennis teams at Cony High School. She was assistant principal at Cony High School and principal at Farrington Elementary School, was named Maine's 1997 Physical Education Teacher of the Year and is currently a service learning mentor for the Augusta public school system. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Neighoff for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this honor; (HLS 940)

Steve's Appliance and Steve and Darcy Barrows, of Sidney, who have received a 2012 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Barrows, an appliance repairman, and Mrs. Barrows, a former bank employee, started their business in their 600-square-foot garage in 1992. The shop grew into a 6,000-square-foot appliance and sales service center in 1995. In 2010, they built an 18,000-square-foot appliance and furniture center in Sidney and now employ 15 people. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Barrows and all of the employees of Steve's Appliance and wish them continued success; (HLS 941)

Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, of Gardiner, which has received a 2012 Community Service Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Johnson Hall was built in 1864 and is Maine's oldest operating theater. For 60 years it was a center for vaudeville acts, plays, concerts and lectures; it then showed movies until 1959. The building was bought in 1989 by local visionaries, who created a nonprofit organization to preserve history and promote the arts. Judy Lloyd, executive director since 2004, currently schedules professional shows and kids' programs in Johnson Hall. We congratulate Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center on its receiving this honor and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 942)

Kennebec Dance Centre and Keltie McCatherin Collins, of Augusta, who have received a 2012 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Keltie McCatherin Collins began her career in dance at 3 years of age, receiving

instruction from her 2 older sisters. When the McCatherin Dance Studio closed after 10 years, Ms. Collins continued her dancing education. She reopened the family dance studio in 1973 during her senior year in high school and was the youngest teacher to coach the dancing chorus for Cony High School's Chizzle Wizzle. Her Augusta business has grown to include 3 studios, 3 full-time teachers, a few part-time teachers and about 275 students. We congratulate Keltie McCatherin Collins and all the employees of Kennebec Dance Centre and wish them continued success; (HLS 943)

Tobias Parkhurst, of Augusta, on his receiving a 2012 Young Professional Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Parkhurst, once a world-class skateboarder, is now a leading area businessperson whose goal is to revive the grandeur of downtown Augusta, one building at a time. Mr. Parkhurst earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Hartford and for 10 years has traveled the world as a professional skateboarder. He is now chief operating officer at Oakes and Parkhurst Glass. Since 2009, he has bought and refurbished two Water Street historical buildings and has enticed a successful restaurant to locate in downtown Augusta. We congratulate Mr. Parkhurst on his receiving this honor and send him our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 944)

Renys Department Store, of Gardiner, which received a 2012 President's Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Robert H. Reny, known as R.H., opened his first family-owned department store in Damariscotta in 1949. There are now 16 Renys stores with more than 500 employees. John Reny, R.H.'s oldest son, is the company's president, and his daughter Faustine is assistant vice president. The Renys store in Gardiner was the family's 3rd store in Maine when it was established in the 1950s. The store employs between 20 and 30 people. We extend our congratulations to John Reny and all the employees of Renys Department Store and wish them continued success; (HLS 945)

John V. Finnegan, of Augusta, President of Macomber, Farr and Whitten, who has been named the 2012 Business Person of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Finnegan is a respected insurance executive, musician, professor, community volunteer and business leader. He has been president of a number of statewide insurance organizations and is an expert litigation witness. At the University of Maine at Augusta, he is the cofounder and adjunct professor of the financial services program, the past chair of the Board of Visitors and the head of the UMA Foundation. Mr. Finnegan performs regularly with his 44-year-old rock band, Cahoots, and is a church organist and former choir director. He has been the chair of the Augusta Parking District for 35 years. We congratulate Mr. Finnegan on his receiving this honor and extend our best wishes to him for his continued success; (HLS 946)

Glen R. Andrews, of Harrison, who has been inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame. Mr. Andrews started racing in 1950 at 14 years of age, when the Oxford Plains Speedway opened, and went on to compete until the early 1970s. Mr. Andrews' family has been heavily involved in motorsports, and he has competed at various regional venues, including Scarborough's Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, the Unity Raceway and Vermont's Thunder Road International Speedbowl. Mr. Andrews won a championship at the Northeastern Speedway in Vermont, won one of the first 75-lap Independence Day events held at the Oxford Plains Speedway in 1965 and was presented a sportsmanship pin from Oxford Plains Speedway builder George Damon. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Andrews on his accomplishments; (HLS 947)



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Armand E. Poirier, of Skowhegan, who has recently been inducted into the French National Order of the Legion of Honor, for his service in the United States Army during World War II. The Legion of Honor is France's highest honor and was created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte. Mr. Poirier, who was a United States Army field medic, was named a chevalier, or knight, one of 5 ranks in the order. He served in 5 major battles of the war, including the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Nuremberg. He was among the first Allied forces to liberate German concentration camps, including the Dachau and Auschwitz camps. Mr. Poirier was taken as a prisoner of war briefly by the Germans in an ambush crossing the Rhine into Germany in 1945. He escaped and wandered, missing in action, with 3 other soldiers for 55 days before rejoining his unit on the front lines. As an Army medic, Mr. Poirier and the doctors in his unit treated French civilians, along with American and German soldiers. The Consul General of France, in a letter to Mr. Poirier, proclaimed the eternal gratitude of his country and people to those who liberated France from Nazi occupation. We send our appreciation to Mr. Poirier for his selfless service to his Nation and to our Nation's Allies. We congratulate him on his receiving this exceptional honor; (HLS 948)

Ellery "Arms" Labbe, of Fort Kent, who was named the 2012 Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for his contributions to the community. Mr. Labbe is a longtime member of the chamber and owned and operated a successful Main Street business, always contributing to many civic events. He has been active in the community, serving as chair of the school board and President of the Fort Kent Housing Board and proudly serving for 24 years in the Maine Army National Guard. Mr. Labbe has contributed to the senior citizens of the Fort Kent area as an officer for the Fort Kent Senior Citizens Club and was instrumental in the efforts in constructing a new home for the club. He was also directly responsible for increasing the membership from 147 to over 800 members in just 4 years. We congratulate Mr. Labbe on his being named the 2012 Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and send him our appreciation on his civic endeavors; (HLS 949)

the Honorable Wilfred J. Bell, of Caribou, former longtime grocery store manager, city councilman, county treasurer and former member of the Maine House of Representatives. Mr. Bell was a graduate of Caribou High School. His career in the grocery business spanned 43 years, including managing the Paradis IGA for many years and winning many awards and commendations. His exemplary public service began with his election to the Caribou City Council, where he served for many years, including several terms as Mayor. He was named Caribou Citizen of the Year in 1967 and 1984. Mr. Bell was a member of the 114th and 115th Legislatures and was presented with the Outstanding Constituent Award in 1989. He served as the Aroostook County Treasurer for a number of years and also served as president of the Maine Association of County Treasurers. Mr. Bell was a life member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and was an active member in numerous fraternal and church organizations. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 61 years, Cecile, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 950)

Raymond A. Sargent, of Sanford, who is the outgoing State Deputy for the Maine State Council for the Knights of Columbus, a position he has held for fraternal years 2010-2012. His most recent accomplishment was to oversee the fund-raising efforts for the purchase and installation of the first 3-dimensional ultrasound machine for ABBA, a Women's Resource Center, in Portland.

We send him our appreciation for his work for the Knights of Columbus and send him our best wishes; (HLS 951)

Milton Baston, of Strong, who was named Conventional Logger of the Year at the 21st annual Certified Logging Professional awards for his professionalism and individual level of excellence as a logger. Certified Logging Professional works to reduce logging-related accidents and the corresponding increase in workers' compensation costs and promotes workplace safety. We send our appreciation to Mr. Baston for his contributions to improving the logging industry and we congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 952)

Robert Emile Gilbert, of Winslow, a veteran of the United States Army and active supporter of veterans. Mr. Gilbert was born in Waterville and was a 1997 graduate of Winslow High School. He was well known in school for wrestling, football and karate. He served 6 years in the United States Army and, on his return from his tour of duty in Germany, attended Eastern Maine Community College, where he created and directed a group for veterans attending the school. Mr. Gilbert will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Jessica, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 953)

Adam Parker Thebeau, of Lisbon Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 109, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Adam conducted an environmental impact study of a potential vernal pool in Lisbon. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 954)

Carol Bell, of Presque Isle, who is the recipient of the 2011 Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award for her wide-ranging community service, which includes involvement in various educational, health and human services, and local history, business and entertainment organizations. Ms. Bell is a valued member of the Northern Maine Fair Association, the Presque Isle Historical Society, the Aroostook County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Healthy Families Aroostook and the MSAD No. 1 school board. Ms. Bell also volunteers for the Make-A-Wish Foundation as well as for the A.E. Howell Wildlife Conservation Center. She also teaches classes for the American Management Association. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Bell for earning this mark of distinction; (HLS 955)

Clukey's Auto Supply, of Presque Isle, which was named the 2011 Business of the Year by the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2011, owners Tom and Gail Clukey purchased additional land on Main Street and renovated their entire property, improving the appearance of the corner of Main and Park Streets. This investment added display area for their business and increased employment. The Clukeys also contribute to a number of organizations in Aroostook County. We acknowledge the almost three decades of automotive service that the Clukey family has provided to area citizens. We send our best wishes to Clukey's Auto Supply for continued success; (HLS 956)

Milton and Gloria Adelman, of Blaine, who are the recipients of the 2011 Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for their selfless contributions to the youth of Aroostook County. Mrs. Adelman has been a dedicated supporter of regional health, donating her home to the Aroostook Medical Center for the purpose of improving the center's ability to attract doctors, nurses and administrators. Mr. Adelman has been a champion for children, education, recreation, the community, self-improvement and the elderly in his work in

Aroostook County and beyond. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Adelman our most sincere appreciation for their efforts, and offer them our congratulations for their earning this mark of distinction; (HLS 957)

the Stonington Opera House, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary of serving the community. The Stonington Opera House has served as a movie house, vaudeville stage, community center, basketball court and roller-skating rink, as well as a venue for high school graduations, town meetings, special events and other celebrations. The opera house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has provided many shared memories for the Deer Isle community. More recently, as the home of Opera House Arts for over a decade, its stage has showcased many different performances, garnering regional and national visibility and acclaim. We send our congratulations to the Stonington Opera House community on its centennial celebration and extend our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 958)

the Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition, a tax preparation leader in Maine's earned income tax credit coalitions for the 8th year in a row, on its receiving the 2012 Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Leadership Award. The Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition, a group of over 20 community partners in the Lewiston and Auburn area, promotes the earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets. We congratulate the Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 959)

Marc Gagne and Martha Curtis Gagne, of Old Orchard Beach, on the occasion of their retirement after their many years of teaching. Marc Gagne taught school for over 34 years, 10 years at Biddeford High School and 24 years at Thornton Academy, where he was chair of the History Department and was also head football coach and head basketball coach. Martha Curtis Gagne taught for a total of 35 years, including 27 years as an art teacher at Old Orchard Beach High School. We send our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Gagne on their dedicated service to education, to the youth of the communities in which they taught and to the State. We congratulate them on their retirement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 960)

Leah "Red" Barnes Sandau, a longtime resident of Greenbush and a founder of Opportunity Maine, a leader in organizing grassroots initiatives that address Maine's educational, economic and energy challenges. Ms. Sandau was born in La Jolla, California and was a 1988 graduate of John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor. She went on to study justice studies at the University of Maine at Augusta and graduated in 2006. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her many friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 961)

Mitch Worcester, of Washburn, a junior at Washburn District High School, who scored his 1,000th career point. Mitch's parents, Lawrence and Kimberly Worcester, each achieved the 1,000th career point milestone at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and at Washburn District High School, respectively. Mitch was also named Most Valuable Player of the Washburn preseason basketball tournament. We congratulate Mitch on his achieving this accomplishment and send him our best wishes; (HLS 962)

Fire Chief Jeffrey Cammack, of Bangor, who is retiring after 15 years as Fire Chief and 33 years as a firefighter. Chief Cammack joined the Bangor Fire Department in 1979, was promoted to Lieutenant in 1988, to Captain in 1989 and to Assistant Fire Chief in 1994. He is a graduate of the Fire Science Technology Program at Southern Maine Technical College.

Chief Cammack has been a member of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission since 2000, one of the 21 original members of the commission. We send our appreciation to Chief Cammack for his many years of dedicated commitment to his profession, his community and to the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 963)

Shawn Cunningham-Cloukey, of Presque Isle, who has been named 2012 Mrs. Maine Corporate America. During her 10-year career at WAGM-TV, Mrs. Cunningham-Cloukey has earned a number of awards for her reporting and civic contributions, including 3 times being named Maine Young Career Woman of the Year by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women. She will represent the State at the national pageant, where she will compete to represent all career, professional and working women in the United States. Mrs. Cunningham-Cloukey's platform is "The Business of Service: Promoting On-the-Job Leadership, Through In-the-Community Service." We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Cunningham-Cloukey on her achieving this distinction and send her our best wishes; (HLS 964)

State Fire Marshal John C. Dean, of Winthrop, on the occasion of his retirement from a 40-year career in public safety. Mr. Dean began his career as a member of the Old Town Fire Department, serving from 1971 to 1989. From 1989 to 1998, he was the Fire Chief for the Wells Fire Department. He left the Wells Fire Department to accept the position of State Fire Marshal, serving in that position for 14 years, and he was president of the National Association of State Fire Marshals from 1996 to 1998. He is one of the 21 original members of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. Throughout his career, Mr. Dean became known for his strong leadership and his commitment to fire safety as he oversaw the updating of Maine's fire codes to incorporate national standards. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Dean for his commitment to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 965)

Percy Roy Tibbetts, of Farmingdale, on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, February 11, 2012. Mr. Tibbetts was born in Fayette and enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in 1942, serving as a pilot flying gliders during World War II. He retired from the Air Force Reserve with the rank of Major. He married Mary Lillian Barker, who passed away in 2010, and he is a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Tibbetts retired from Central Maine Power Company after 45 years of dedicated service. He is a founding member of the Grand Lake Stream Hunting Club and active in the Gardiner Congregational Church. He is the current holder of the Farmingdale Boston Post Cane. We join his family and friends in sending Mr. Tibbetts our congratulations on the centennial celebration of his life and send him our best wishes; (HLS 966)

Friend Memorial Library, in Brooklin, on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration. We join the citizens of Brooklin in sending our best wishes for continued success, and we send our congratulations to the library community on its 100th Anniversary; (HLS 967)

Fernand and Beverly Corriveau, of Gilead, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Corriveau on this very special occasion; (HLS 968)

C. M. Almy and Sons, Inc., of Pittsfield, on its being named the 2012 Business of the Year by the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. C. M. Almy and Sons, Inc., founded in New York City in 1892, manufactures church vestments, furnishings and accessories. It was brought to central Maine in the 1950s, and under the direction of Michael and Stephen

Fendler, 3rd generation family members, the company employs 75 people in Pittsfield. The Fendlers and the company have been ardent supporters of the community's institutions and organizations, such as the Maine Central Institute, supporting the capital campaign of the Pittsfield Public Library and serving on the Pittsfield Town Council, where Michael served 2 terms as mayor. We congratulate the Fendlers and C. M. Almy and Sons, Inc. on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 969)

the Ogunquit Playhouse, for its receiving the prestigious Moss Hart Memorial Award in the professional division for its 2011 production of "The Music Man." This award is given by the New England Theatre Conference to honor the memory of Moss Hart and to recognize and encourage outstanding theatrical productions throughout New England. Now entering its 80th anniversary season, the Ogunquit Playhouse is renowned for its production of the highest-quality Broadway plays and musicals. We extend our congratulations to the Ogunquit Playhouse for its achieving this honor; (HLS 970)

Molly McCormick, of Turner, a 7th-grade student at Tripp Middle School, on her remarkable ability to help others by using her formidable skills in fund-raising. Molly has raised \$8,500 for charity in the last 2 years. Her activities include the sale of chocolate Easter bunnies last spring, which netted \$1,600 for Tripp Middle School in Turner and the Good Shepherd Food-Bank in Auburn. She has also raised \$3,600 to buy magazines for sick children at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at the Maine Medical Center and has raised enough money to pay for 8 surgeries for Operation Smile, donating money from doing chores, babysitting and birthdays to the program. Molly has been inspired to help others because of her own family's experiences with surgeries as well as a life-threatening medical condition she survived as an infant. We send our appreciation to Molly McCormick on her generosity in helping others, and we congratulate her on her exceptional fund-raising over the years. We send her our best wishes on all her future endeavors; (HLS 971)

Jordan Hersom, of Turner, a student at Leavitt Area High School in Turner, on his receiving the 2012 James T. Fitzpatrick Trophy. The Fitzpatrick Trophy is given to the top senior player in high school football in Maine based on voting by the coaches and the media. We congratulate Jordan on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 972)

Andy Santerre, who was born and raised in Cherryfield and who is a NASCAR Grand National Division car owner and former champion driver, for his charitable contributions to northern Maine, including hosting the 8th Annual Andy Santerre Sno-Run Charity Event to fight sexual assault. The occasion's purpose is to raise awareness of and money for AMHC's sexual assault victim services in Aroostook County, which benefit anyone in need of help and support. Mr. Santerre, the 4-time Busch North Series champion and owner of Andy Santerre Motorsports, will kick off the Sno-Run by leading a 100-mile snowmobile excursion for this worthy cause. Over the years and as a result of Mr. Santerre's participation, the event has raised more than \$237,000 to help victims of sexual assault. Funds also are used to help provide educational outreach in schools and local communities across Aroostook County. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Santerre for his ongoing contributions to his home state and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 973)

Margaret Gardiner, of Woolwich, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, February 11, 2012. She is the daughter of Governor William Tudor Gardiner, who was the Governor of Maine from 1929 to 1933, and Margaret Thomas Gardiner. Ms. Gardiner attended Radcliffe College and left college during World War II to

learn radio maintenance at Raytheon Company and then joined the Women's Army Corp, training troops in chemical warfare in the Utah desert. After the war, Ms. Gardiner earned her degree in chemistry at the University of Maine at Orono on the GI Bill and did graduate work at Cornell University. She returned to the family farm in 1950 to raise Morgan horses, becoming an international expert in the breed and winning many awards in show internationally as well as locally. She has raised more than 200 horses at the Kennebec Morgan Farm. Ms. Gardiner showed her Maine-bred horses at Sandringham, England and came in First Place, ahead of Britain's Prince Phillip, in four-in-hand carriage driving. She was named American Horsewoman of the Year in 1986. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this notable birthday; (HLS 974)

the City of Saco, as it celebrates the 250th Anniversary of its founding. Originally, the dramatic falls of the Saco River were a favorite destination of Abenaki tribes for seasonal fishing and hunting. In 1617, an Englishman, Richard Vines, arrived in the area and named it Winter Harbor. Permanent settlers arrived in 1631. After a peace treaty with tribal leaders in 1713, the village along the Saco River grew and prospered with industrial growth. The entire east and west banks of the river were known as Saco and then as Biddeford, but in 1762 the new village of Pepperellborough was founded on the east bank, named after Sir William Pepperell, who donated land for a village common, a burial ground and a meetinghouse. The town continued to thrive with farming, shipbuilding and lumber, and by 1805 was named Saco. The city charter of Saco was adopted on February 18, 1867. We join the good citizens of the City of Saco in celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of this notable Maine city and we send our best wishes to the community for continued success; (HLS 975)

Barbara Ann Spellman Wheaton, of Patten, the chair of the Patten area Republican Party from 1992 to 2003. Mrs. Wheaton was born in Stafford Springs, Connecticut and attended Fisher Junior College in Boston. She married Lee H. Wheaton in 1963 and they moved to Patten in 1968 when he started in an electrical engineering position at Great Northern Paper Company. Mrs. Wheaton also worked at Great Northern Paper Company as a typist before leaving to raise her family. Mrs. Wheaton was secretary for the Patten Academy Alumni Association for 38 years and for the Stetson Memorial United Methodist Church for 20 years. She also spent time as a Troop Greeter at the Bangor Airport during Operation Desert Storm. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 976)

George and Linda Lougee, of Newport, who are the recipients of the 2012 Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award from the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce for their dedicated service to the community. The numerous organizations, causes and projects they support include the Maine School Administrative District No. 48 Board of Directors, the Town of Newport's budget committee, the Sebasticook Valley Community Center, the Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union, Sebasticook Family Doctors, High Street Congregational Church and the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate George and Linda Lougee on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 977)

Wayne Allen York, of Skowhegan, a lifetime resident and local businessman. Mr. York was born in Skowhegan and was a 1961 graduate of Skowhegan Area High School. He owned and operated Skowhegan 201 Service for more than 28 years, and his son and grandson continue to operate the business. Mr. York attended Canaan Calvary Church and was active in his church

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and his community. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 48 years, Rachel, his family and his neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 978)

Redington-Fairview General Hospital, in Skowhegan, on its being named as one of the 100 best-performing hospitals in the country by iVantage Health Analytics, a company that ranked 4,455 health centers nationwide. In addition to being in the top 2 percent of hospitals nationwide, Redington-Fairview General Hospital was recognized as being one of the top 20 best-performing rural hospitals out of 1,750 rural medical centers. It was also ranked as one of the top 20 best critical access hospitals out of 1,300 such hospitals. We congratulate Redington-Fairview General Hospital on its achieving this distinction; (HLS 979)

Omega Jones, of South Portland, worship leader of The Rock Church in Scarborough. Mr. Jones was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and took the oath of American citizenship in December, 2011. During his time in Maine, he inspired hundreds of people with his musical and oratorical talents. He was known by many to be a loving and generous man. Mr. Jones will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 980)

Irving Morrow, of Millinocket, who worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 34 years, retiring in 1986 as a groundwood foreman. Mr. Morrow was born in Ashland and attended Ashland schools. He faithfully served his country in the United States Army. Mr. Morrow will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 981)

Leroy Patterson, of Winterport, former Bangor High School star athlete and 33-year member of the University of Maine Police Department. Mr. Patterson was born in Bangor and was known as one of the best athletes ever to play at Bangor High School, from which he graduated in 1962. He was a halfback and defensive back for the football team and was twice named a high school All-American player. Mr. Patterson was also a star outfielder on the baseball team and a two-time *Bangor Daily News* All-Maine selection in basketball. He earned second-team all-state honors as a junior then earned first-team recognition as a senior, when he led the Bangor High School Rams to the 1962 Eastern Maine Class LL Championship. Mr. Patterson received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Cincinnati, where he was named most valuable player of the freshman football team. Mr. Patterson went on to serve with distinction on the University of Maine Police Department, which he joined in 1977. He retired with the rank of sergeant in 2010. He was very active in the community and volunteered for programs including the local YMCA and Bangor Youth Football. Mr. Patterson will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 982)

Fay Arnold Fogg and Rose Anne "Dolly" Leet Fogg, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 3, 2012. Mr. and Mrs. Fogg were married at St. Martin's of Tours Catholic Church by the Reverend Ronald Labarre. They have 6 children, 9 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Mr. Fogg worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 36 years and Mrs. Fogg works at the Hannaford Supermarket, where she has been employed for 30 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Fogg on this very special occasion; (HLS 983)

Gaylon D. Dearborn, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Dearborn was born in Sherman Mills and after serving during the war, he went to work for Great

Northern Paper Company as an electrician. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 984)

Gertrude Iris Hudson Hughes Oakes, of Presque Isle, on the celebration of her 95th birthday, February 5, 2012. Ms. Oakes celebrated her birthday with family and friends at the Mapleton United Methodist Church, where she has been a member since 1949. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Oakes on this very special occasion; (HLS 985)

the Honorable Patricia M. Stevens, of Bangor, a former Member of the House of Representatives and Assistant Attorney General, on the occasion of her retirement after nearly 30 years of dedicated public service. Mrs. Stevens, a strong advocate for child protection issues, served 5 terms in the Maine House of Representatives, from 1983 to 1992, representing the City of Bangor and served on the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation and the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development. In 1993, she began working for the Office of the Attorney General in the Human Services Division, handling child protection litigation, primarily out of the Bangor office. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Stevens for her steadfast commitment to her community, to her profession, to the children of Maine and to the State of Maine. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 986)

Edna Louise Bragg, a longtime resident of Hampden. Mrs. Bragg was one of the founding members of the Coldbrook Road Christmas Club, which still meets today, after more than 75 years. She was also a member of Hampden Senior Citizens. Mrs. Bragg always had a beautiful smile and a positive attitude. Mrs. Bragg will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 987)

Ruth Sousa, of Calais, who has received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Ms. Sousa, a teacher at Alexander Elementary School, has taught for over twenty-nine years. She maintains a positive relationship with parents and fosters a strong school-to-home connection. Ms. Sousa is a skilled practitioner at translating theory into practice by implementing techniques of collaborative and student-centered learning in her daily lessons. She has made a lasting impression on the students and the community where she works. We congratulate Ms. Sousa on her receiving this distinguished award and send her our best wishes for future successes; (HLS 988)

Carl Stasio, of Saco, on the occasion of his retirement as Headmaster of Thornton Academy. Mr. Stasio has been actively involved with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for more than 30 years and has served as its president. He is currently Chair of the Commission on American and International Schools Abroad and has participated in or chaired some 30 school evaluation teams in the United States and abroad, including schools in Jordan, Switzerland, the Dominican Republic and China. Mr. Stasio has served as headmaster of Thornton Academy since 1986 and has overseen the building of a comprehensive arts center, the creation of a middle school and the addition of a boarding program for high school students. Mr. Stasio has served in leadership roles at the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Methuen, Massachusetts and Wells school departments. In 2001 he was honored as Arts Administrator of the Year by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education. Mr. Stasio has dedicated his life's work to providing students with wide-ranging opportunities that develop and broaden their abilities and interests through involvement in academics, athletics, activities, arts and community. Mr. Stasio's vision, passion and devotion to Thornton Academy will be

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remembered for generations. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Stasio for his commitment to the youth of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 989)

the following students of the Bangor High School Boys Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference All-Conference teams: Patrick Stewart and Ellis Throckmorton, KVAC All-Conference Second Team-North and KVAC Class A All-Academic; and Robert Brookings, Zach Campbell, Collin Kimsey, Justin Scripture and John Szewczyk, KVAC All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 990)

the following students of the Bangor High School Girls Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Katie Brochu, KVAC All-Conference Second Team-North; and Erin Boulter, Hanna Colpritt, Kristen Henigan, Elizabeth Hintz and Laura Priestly, KVAC All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 991)

Allyson Mitchell, of Winterport, a senior at Hampden Academy, who is the recipient of a national Youth Hero Award from the American Legion Auxiliary for the calm, cool manner in which she handled a garage fire at her family home in March 2010. We congratulate Allyson on her receiving this well-deserved award and send her our best wishes; (HLS 992)

the members of the Hermon High School Cheerleading Team, who won the 2012 Class B State Championship: Courtney Applebee, Ashley Cyr, Casie Frederick, Brianna Savoy, Kelsey Small, Destinee Knight, Catherine McElvain, Katherine Reynosa, Lacey Austin, Alivia Brown, Emilie Dullas, Taylor Smith, Kaitlin Turner, Danielle Dennison, Olivia Guigey, Megan Howes, Sarah Perley, Laura Phipps, Brittany St. Pierre, Katrina Smith and Tiffany Turner and coach Kristie Reed and assistant coach Christina Paradis. This is the team's 4th State Championship in 6 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team on this achievement; (HLS 993)

the following students of the Mt. Blue High School Girls Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Gabby Foy, KVAC All-Conference First Team-North; Amy Hilton and Miranda Nicely, KVAC All-Conference Second Team-North; and Rachel Karno, KVAC All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 994)

the following students of the Mt. Blue High School Boys Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Cam Sennick, KVAC All-Conference Player of the Year-North and KVAC All-Conference First Team-North; Nick Hilton, KVAC All-Conference First Team-North; Eric Berry, KVAC All-Conference Second Team-North; and Aaron Gagnon and Steven Yardley, KVAC All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 995)

Paul Robert Wedge, of Millinocket. Mr. Wedge was a longtime resident of Millinocket and attended Stearns High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War Era when he was stationed in Germany as a paratrooper. After his return, Mr. Wedge worked at Great Northern Paper

Company. He was known for his great sense of humor, his warmth, the deep-rooted quality of his friendship and his ability to make people laugh. Mr. Wedge will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 996)

Leonard F. Russell, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Russell served in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 37 years. Mr. Russell was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and was a member and president of the Millinocket chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. Mr. Russell will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 997)

the following students of the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Boys Varsity Basketball team, who were named to the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A All-Academic team: Tyler Brown, Alex Ferguson, Brian Lynch and manager Megen Wright. All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 998)

the following students of the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Girls Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Abbie Eastman, KVAC Class A All-Conference First Team-South; Alex Rowe, KVAC Class A All-Conference Second Team-South; Mikayla Morin, KVAC Class A All-Conference Rookie Team; and Abigail Morton, Mikeckney Ward and Ashley West, KVAC Class A All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 999)

The Town of Sebec, on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of its founding. Sebec was founded on February 28, 1812 and is the oldest town in Piscataquis County. During the Victorian era, Sebec was also the largest town in Piscataquis County. The citizens of Sebec have contributed much to their state and community throughout the years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of Sebec on the bicentennial of the town's founding; (HLS 1000)

Ayla Allen, of Mexico, a senior at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford, who has scored over 1,000 career points in her high school basketball career. Ayla began the game against Dirigo High School 12 points shy of the 1,000-point mark and scored 15 points in the game. We send her our congratulations on her achievement and our best wishes; (HLS 1001)

Mark Silber, of Sumner, on his retirement as a Selectman for the Town of Sumner after 29 years of dedicated service. Mr. Silber helped bring the town office into the 21st century with his computer knowledge, writing programs and keeping all the hardware up and running. He touched every family in town with his photographs of the residents and the town in his book *Sumner 200 - Portrait of a Small Maine Town*, celebrating the town's bicentennial. Hedgehog Hill Farm, a small farm owned and operated by Mr. Silber and his wife, Terry, was a landmark in western Maine, bringing people from all over the world to share their perennials, herbs and vegetable plants. A trip to the farm was an annual pilgrimage for many people and the State is more beautiful for all his hard work. He teaches social anthropology and photography at the University of Southern Maine and is photographing working people in order to preserve Maine's heritage. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community and to the State, and we send him our best wishes; (HLS 1002)

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the Falmouth High School Debate Team, on its placing first out of 22 teams for the second consecutive year at the Maine State Debate and Speech Championship tournament. The team is coached by Michelle Lafond and Karen Wolf and is made up of 30 students. The team also received the Debate Sportsmanship Award and its new Congressional debate team received the fourth-place Congressional Debate Sweepstakes Award. We congratulate the members of the team on these remarkable accomplishments; (HLS 1003)

Darren Eaton, of Stonington, who has been named the 2011 Maine Association of Basketball Coaches Girls Class D Eastern Maine Coach of the Year. Mr. Eaton has coached the Deer Isle-Stonington High School varsity girls basketball team for 5 seasons. He also coaches the varsity baseball team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Eaton on his receiving this distinction; (HLS 1004)

the Deer Isle-Stonington Mariner Varsity Girls Softball team, on its winning the 2011 Class D State Championship. This is the first state championship for any girls sport at Deer Isle-Stonington High School since the 1987 basketball state championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on its achievement; (HLS 1005)

Nicholas Clark, of Cumberland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Nicholas made and installed property signs for the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, identifying the various properties of the Trust. We extend our congratulations to Nicholas on this achievement; (HLS 1006)

George Taylor, of Fairfield, on his many years of service to the Town of Fairfield as its plumbing inspector. Mr. Taylor first began in 1946 and hopes to retire on his 90th birthday in January, 2013. He is also active in the American Legion and has coached PAL baseball for many years. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community; (HLS 1007)

Joshua Michael Nadeau, of Winslow, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 460 in Fairfield, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1008)

Joyce Hedlund, of Perry, upon her retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the Maine Community College System. Dr. Hedlund started her career in education 43 years ago, and in 1987 she joined the community college system at Eastern Maine Community College. She became president of the college in 1994. In 2010 she became the president of Washington County Community College. Dr. Hedlund is known as an advocate for students and strongly believes in the potential of the community college system. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Maine, where she also received her master's and bachelor's degrees in personnel services and counselor education. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to her profession, the community college system and the State. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1009)

the employees of Lane Construction Corporation, in the Charlotte location, on their receiving the 2011 Community Involvement Award from the National Asphalt Pavement Association. This award is given to companies that serve their communities through various programs and projects. The employees of Lane Construction Corporation in Charlotte raised \$1,900 for the Ronald McDonald House through the Polar Bear

Dip team, raised money for Relay for Life and Downeast Hospice, participated in the annual cleanup of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge and the Charlotte Cemetery, provided local schools with new athletic equipment and books and raised money for the local food pantry. We congratulate the dedicated employees of Lane Construction Corporation on their receiving this award and send our appreciation to them for their dedicated service to their community; (HLS 1010)

James "Jim" Emerson, of Corinna, the Chief of Police for the Dexter Police Department, on his retirement after 30 years of service. Chief Emerson has been Chief of Police for 3 years. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his community, to law enforcement and to the State. We congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1011)

John Stewart Hale, of Millinocket, who is the recipient of the 2012 Adrian Batson Award given by the Millinocket Fin and Feather Club. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hale on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1012)

Snowman's Oil and Soil, of St. Albans, on its 50th Anniversary of doing business in the community. We send our congratulations to Snowman's Oil and Soil and our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1013)

Francis S. Harvey, of Kenduskeag, a registered professional engineer and land surveyor and active member of his community. He was born in Bangor and graduated from the University of Maine at Orono with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Harvey worked for Eastern Fine Pulp and Paper Standard Packaging in Brewer for 16 years and served as assistant director of facilities for the University of Maine System in Bangor for 23 years. Mr. Harvey was active in the Kenduskeag community, serving as president of Kenduskeag Cemetery Association for 23 years, moderating Kenduskeag town meetings for more than 40 years and serving as the Kenduskeag Fire Chief for 13 years. He was a lifetime member and honorary deacon of Kenduskeag Union Church, and served as treasurer of the church for 25 years. Mr. Harvey was a member of SAD No. 64's Board of Directors for 45 years, including 30 years as chair. He was also a long-time member of numerous fraternal organizations, including Kenduskeag Lodge No. 137 AF & AM, for which he was a 50-year member, past master and secretary. Mr. Harvey will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1014)

Robert E. Hamlin, of Brownville, upon the occasion of his 90th Birthday, April 5, 2012. Mr. Hamlin worked in the woodland department at Great Northern Paper Company, served for many years on the Brownville Board of Selectmen and was active in numerous other public and appointed offices. We join Mr. Hamlin's wife of 67 years, Nell, as well as his 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, in extending to him our congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 1015)

James L. Turner, of Oquossoc, a prominent member of his community. Born in Wentworth Location, New Hampshire, Mr. Turner went on to attend New Hampshire schools in Errol and Berlin. He graduated in 1947 and married Olive Prescott the same year. Over the years, he worked as a lumberman for the Brown Company and for Seven Islands Land Company, of Bangor, retiring as district manager in 1988. Mr. Turner and his wife managed the Stephen Phillips Memorial Preserve camping area on Mooselookmeguntook Lake in Oquossoc. He was a member of the Rangeley Congregational Church, Kemankeag Lodge 213 AF and AM, the Farmington York Rites, Kora Temple Shrine, Western Mountain Shrine Club and the Fire Wardens

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associations in New Hampshire and Rangeley. We acknowledge his contributions to his community and to the State. Mr. Turner will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1016)

the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth for its 50 years of dedicated service. Locally and internationally, the Rotary Club has made its mark, providing initial funding for Hinckley Park in South Portland and for the community picnic shelter at Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth, assisting an orphanage in Kenya, a birthing center in Nepal and a school in Mexico. It has joined Rotarians around the world in helping to eradicate polio. Contributing to the restoration of the Portland Breakwater Lighthouse, supporting local educational initiatives and providing scholarships to local students are just part of over \$1,000,000 in charitable efforts of the club since its founding. The Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth has truly continued to honor Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." We extend our appreciation to the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth for its many years of commitment to the citizens of the State and people around the world; (HLS 1017)

the Katahdin Trust Company, in Houlton, for its support of the American Red Cross Pine Tree Chapter's Aroostook County branch. The Katahdin Trust Company, through corporate gifts and employee contributions, has for many years helped the citizens of Aroostook County in times of disaster. Over the past 12 years, Katahdin Trust Company and its customers have worked tirelessly to help raise nearly \$100,000 through the sale of thousands of "Cute Cuddly Critters," which benefits the Aroostook County Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. We acknowledge the Katahdin Trust Company's charitable efforts and we send our appreciation to its management, staff and clientele for their civic contributions in making aid available when an emergency arises; (HLS 1018)

Brent M. Boyles, of Mapleton, for his 28 years of dedication to Maine Public Service Company. Mr. Boyles is a West Point graduate and holds 2 master's degrees. He has served as Maine Public Service Company's president and chief executive officer, senior vice president and chief operating officer and vice president of marketing and customer service. He has also served as vice president of Maine business relations for Emera Inc. Mr. Boyles holds the rank of Brigadier General and title of Assistant Adjutant General with the Maine Army National Guard. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Boyles for his commitment to the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1019)

the members of the Central Aroostook High School Varsity Cheering Squad, who won the 2012 Class D State Championship: Mariah Brewer, Whitney Klein, Patricia Donovan, Alexis Brewer, Laken Kingsbury, Alexis Bradbury, Brittany Drost, Colby Endy, Courtney Milliard, Jordan Canney and Shannon Scully and head coach Sami Allen and assistant coach Janice Mosher. The Panthers broke the Class D record for consecutive state championships, capturing their 5th in a row and 10th overall. We extend our congratulations to the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 1020)

Olivia Brown, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan Area High School, who was named the 2012 Junior Volunteer of the Year by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate Olivia on her receiving this award; (HLS 1021)

Bee Line Cable, of Skowhegan, which was named the area's 2012 Large Business of the Year by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate Bee Line Cable on its receiving this award; (HLS 1022)

Heritage House Restaurant, of Skowhegan, which was named the area's 2012 Small Business of the Year by the

Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate Heritage House on its receiving this award; (HLS 1023)

John Grohs, of Skowhegan, who was named the 2012 Volunteer of the Year by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Grohs on his receiving this award; (HLS 1024)

Gregory Dore, of Skowhegan, who is the recipient of the 2012 Alton Whittimore Award given by the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce to the person who has done the most to give back to the community. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Dore on his receiving this award; (HLS 1025)

the following students of the Hampden Academy Girls Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Jordan Maxwell, KVAC All-Conference First Team-North; and Ashley Danforth, Logan Huston and Helene Sherburne, KVAC All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 1026)

Ronald J. Hall, of Skowhegan, a United States Navy veteran. Mr. Hall was born in Vermont and educated in Bingham schools, graduating from Bingham High School in 1949. He served in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954 and worked for the Maine State Police from 1955 to 1975. From 1975 to 2005, Mr. Hall was bail commissioner, while also owning and operating Pop Hall's Barber Shop. He was an active member of the Federated Church, the Kennebec Valley Chordsmen and member and past president of the Skowhegan Lions Club. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1027)

Thomas Begin, of Sanford, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Thomas on this achievement; (HLS 1028)

Shirley Ruth Bastien, of Skowhegan, who had a long and rewarding nursing career. Mrs. Bastien worked at several area hospitals in a variety of clinical nursing and nursing health education positions. She served as a state and New England representative to the American Hospital Association. After retirement she volunteered at area assisted living and boarding homes. Mrs. Bastien served on the Board of Directors at Good Will-Hinckley and enjoyed the fostering of gardening and growing projects with the students. She was a master gardener and was part of the group that revitalized the Bloomfield Garden Club and designed and planted the memorial garden in Coburn Park. Mrs. Bastien was active in the All Saints Episcopal Church and helped to establish the Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County in Skowhegan. Mrs. Bastien will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1029)

Rita Cannan, of Fort Kent, who is stepping down as president of the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races. Ms. Cannan, a prominent businesswoman, has dedicated 20 years to the organization, serving as president and on the board of directors. She has faithfully served her community in many capacities, including as a member of the Fort Kent planning board, as president of the Greater Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club, as a Trustee of the Northern Maine Medical Center and as a member of the Aroostook County Tourism Board. We send Ms. Cannan our appreciation for her many years of commitment to the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races and to her community; (HLS 1030)

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Peter J. Turner, of New Gloucester, a native of Portland known for his public service. Mr. Turner attended Cheverus High School, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham with a degree in accounting and received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Southern Maine. He retired from the United States Coast Guard Reserve after 37 years of service in port security, training, recruiting and public affairs. During his distinguished career, he worked at Sears, Roebuck and Company and ITT; he also was chief financial officer at Catholic Charities Maine, adjunct professor of accounting at St. Joseph's College of Maine in Standish for eight years and, most recently, director of administration at the law firm of Robinson, Kriger and McCallum. Mr. Turner served on the boards of many organizations, including as chair of the board of directors of the Church World, chair of the board of directors of McAuley Residence, chair of the board of trustees of Cheverus High School, treasurer of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England and president of the Goodwill Development Board, and he also served on the finance committee of the board of directors of Catholic Charities USA. Mr. Turner will be fondly remembered by his loving family, his many friends and associates and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1031)

David Whitney, of Machias, and his business, Whitney Wreath, which have been honored by White House officials and the United States Department of Agriculture. Whitney Wreath is one of the nation's largest wreath manufacturers and was one of 40 businesses in the country recognized at the White House for their manufacturing success in rural America. Whitney Wreath, through support provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program, which helps provide capital and technical assistance to create jobs and spur economic development, constructed a 75,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in the Machias area. We wish to congratulate Mr. Whitney for his recognition and extend our best wishes for the future success of Whitney Wreath. We send our appreciation for his commitment to rural development in Washington County and the State; (HLS 1032)

Mackenzie Worcester, of Washburn, who has been named the *Bangor Daily News* East All-Tournament Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player for Class D. Mackenzie is a freshman at Washburn District High School and is a guard on the girls basketball team. She is to be commended for leading the lady Beavers to the Eastern Maine Class D Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mackenzie on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1033)

Edward Wayne Turner, of Hermon. Mr. Turner attended Hermon High School and was attending the University of Maine at Augusta at the Hutchinson Center, Belfast. He was a union iron worker with Local No. 7 and worked on many building projects throughout the State. He was also an avid outdoorsman and bodybuilder. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1034)

Sigrid Koizar, of Millinocket, an exchange student from Austria attending Stearns High School, who was named the 2012 *Bangor Daily News* Owen Osborne Class C Girls Basketball Most Valuable Player. We congratulate Sigrid on her receiving this distinguished honor and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1035)

Alex Slagle, of Brownville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 100, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for

excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1036)

the following members of the Lee Academy Boys Basketball Team, who have won the 2012 Class C State Championship: players Nathanael Thurlow, Jason Wu, Boubacar Diallo, Jasil Elder, Brandon Bourgoin, Kyler Peters, Dustin Sawtelle, Haris Karagic, Mike Richardson, Sam Brown, Blaine Guido, DJ Johnson, Devin Peters and Brad Kong; and managers Taylor Shorey and Jenny Xiang. We congratulate the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1037)

the members of the Forest Hills Consolidated School Boys Basketball Team, on their winning the 2012 Western Maine Class D Championship: captain Evan Worster, Derick Ouellette, Nathan Jalbert, Tyler Lawrence, Tanner Daigle, Brandon Ouellette, Ryan Petrin and Matt Turner; managers Chris LeRiche and David O'Sickey; scorekeeper Steffanie Begin; and head coach Anthony Amero and assistant coaches Mike LeBlanc, Bill Cost, Dana Plante and Ernie Giroux. We extend the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes on their achievement; (HLS 1038)

the following members of the Presque Isle High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2012 Class B State Championship: players Claire Cheney, Chelsea Nickerson, Kayla Richards, Laurin Ackerson, Karlee Bernier, Liza Buck, Chandler Guerrette, Kayla Girardin, Megan Ireland, Meredith Stewart, Hannah Graham and Krystal Kingsbury; head coach Jeff Hudson; assistant coach Ralph Michaud; junior varsity girls coach Tim McCue; managers Mikayla Albert, Stacia Caron and Katie McKenna. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1039)

Chandler Guerrette, of Presque Isle, who has been named the *Bangor Daily News* East All-Tournament Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player for Class B. Chandler is a junior at Presque Isle High School and is a guard on the girls basketball team. She is to be commended for leading the top-seeded lady Wildcats to the Eastern Maine Class B Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chandler on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1040)

Ruth L. Lockhart, of Bangor, on her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. Ms. Lockhart is the cofounder and Executive Director of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center in Bangor, the only private, nonprofit independent women's health center in Maine and one of only 14 in the nation. Ms. Lockhart has nearly 30 years of experience in the field of women's reproductive and sexual health care. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Lockhart on her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame; (HLS 1041)

Alice Mayhew, of Kittery, on the occasion of her 103rd Birthday, February 8, 2012. Ms. Mayhew celebrated her birthday with her family and friends at Kittery Estates. She is known for her sense of humor and positive attitude. We send Ms. Mayhew our congratulations and best wishes on this milestone birthday; (HLS 1042)

the following students of the Erskine Academy Girls Varsity Basketball team, who were named to the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A All-Academic team: Meryl Bond, Taylor Chase, Ashley Crowell-Smith, Hannah Peabody, Amy Phillips, Sierra Tjelmeland and manager Katie Crawford. All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 1043)



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the following students of the Erskine Academy Boys Varsity Basketball team, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Tom Grady, KVAC Class A All-Conference Second Team-South; and Damon Bailey, Tyler Belanger, manager Nate Burns, Jory Humphrey, Ryan Pulver and Shyler Scates, KVAC Class A All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievement; (HLS 1044)

Roy Bouchard, of Belgrade, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of dedicated service within the Department of Environmental Protection in Environmental Management. Mr. Bouchard started in the licensing division in water, then worked as a lakes biologist and eventually as leader of the Lakes Unit. He was instrumental in establishing one of the most progressive lake management programs in the country. He designed the highly successful invasive species program to attend to the issue of alien species on the State's borders. Mr. Bouchard has also been an important contributor in his community. He is an active member of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Bouchard for his commitment to the welfare of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1045)

Roger Pelletier, of North Belgrade. Mr. Pelletier was born in Fort Kent and attended Waterville schools. He was a firefighter for the City of Waterville for 10 years and for the Town of Belgrade for 27 years. Mr. Pelletier will be sadly missed by his family, friends and the communities he served; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1046)

Frederick Zinckgraf, of Belgrade Lakes, who was a talented musician. Mr. Zinckgraf served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After his service in the Army, Mr. Zinckgraf continued to serve his country by performing around the world with the United Service Organizations. He and his wife, Barbara, established the Melody Knoll Music Studio. Mr. Zinckgraf was highly regarded as a talented teacher who cared deeply for his students and about spreading the joy of music. Mr. Zinckgraf will be sadly missed by his family, friends and students; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1047)

the following members of the Lake Region High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, who have won the 2012 Western Class B Championship: players Allison Clark, Abby Craffey, Shannon VanLoan, Rachel Wandishin, Kate Cutting, Savannah Devoe, Sydney Hancock, Kayleigh Lepage, Kelsey Winslow, Tiana-Jo Carter, Jordan Turner and Sarah Hancock; coaches Pauline Webb, John Kohtala, Kate Callahan and Doug Banks; manager Heidi Jewett; and videographer Emily Bartlett. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1048)

the 20th Anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan, February 26, 2012. It was 20 years ago when Armenian armed forces, with the support of the armored vehicles of the Russian 366th motorized rifle regiment, attacked and occupied the besieged town of Khojaly, as part of the armed aggression and ethnic cleansing that had been taking place in that region of Azerbaijan. When residents of Khojaly attempted to flee the conflict, they were ambushed and fired on by the Armenian and Russian troops, resulting in the massacre of 613 civilians and permanent injuries to a thousand others. We join the United States Department of State in supporting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan and we commemorate this important date to honor the lives and memories of those who died and suffered; (HLS 1049)

Brandon Berce, of St. Agatha, who was named the 2012 Young Farmer of the Year by the Maine Potato Board. Mr. Berce farms with his brother and father at Berce Farms, where they grow seed potato varieties for Frito-Lay. Mr. Berce serves on the Maine Potato Board's seed growers executive council and is also a member of Central Aroostook Young Farmers. Mr. Berce is a valuable member of his community, volunteering at the Long Lake Public Library, and he was recently appointed to the library's board of directors. He is also a member of the St. Agatha Board of Appeals. We congratulate Mr. Berce on his receiving this well-deserved honor of Young Farmer of the Year; (HLS 1050)

the members of the Deering High School Boys Basketball Team, of Portland, who won the Class A State Basketball Championship. This is the second state title in 7 years for the team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1051)

Camille and Suzanne Bolduc, of Biddeford, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this very special occasion; (HLS 1052)

Fire Lieutenant Shawn Esler and Rescue Technician Eion Pelletier, of Waterville, who saved the lives of 2 individuals who were working in a room that contained dangerous levels of poisonous gas. Fire Lieutenant Esler and Rescue Technician Pelletier acted in a prompt and professional manner in a life-threatening situation by providing for the emergency medical care of the 2 individuals and safely evacuating the premises. We extend our appreciation to them for their efforts; (HLS 1053)

Rhonda L. "Roni" Thompson, of Medway, beloved wife and mother. Mrs. Thompson graduated from Schenck High School, received an associate degree from Beal College and a bachelor's degree from Husson College. She began her working career at Lincoln Pulp and Paper. She served as selectperson for the Town of Medway, and she was an outreach worker for the Literacy Center for the Town of East Millinocket, the director of Adult Education as well as GED instructor at Schenck High School and the program coordinator for the Drug Free Coalition for Millinocket Regional Hospital. She was well known for her countless hours of volunteer work. Mrs. Thompson was also a member of the Katahdin Area Rotary Club. She received the Citizen of the Year Award for the Town of Medway and the Paul Harris Fellow Good Citizenship Award from the Katahdin Area Rotary Club for her community service. She loved working in her yard and tending her flower gardens. Mrs. Thompson will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends and community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1054)

Lauchlin Titus, of North Vassalboro, who was named the 2011 Certified Crop Advisor of the Year by the Northeast Region Certified Crop Advisors Board of Directors for his dedication to his clients and his agronomic leadership in the northeast region which includes all of New England and New York. Mr. Titus has over 35 years of experience in Maine's agricultural field. He is a Certified Professional Agronomist and Crop Advisor and a Certified Nutrient Management Planner, who owns and operates AgMatters LLC. He served as chair of the Maine Nutrient Management Review Board for over 10 years, served as President of the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association for 10 years, served as a member of the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council, served on 2 dairy task forces of the Governor and is a member of the Maine Farm Bureau of Kennebec County. Mr. Titus also serves as a Vassalboro Selectman. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1055)

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the following members of the Lee Academy Boys Basketball Team, who have won the 2012 Eastern Maine Class C Championship: players Nathanael Thurlow, Jason Wu, Boubacar Diallo, Jasil Elder, Brandon Bourgoin, Kyler Peters, Dustin Sawtelle, Haris Karagic, Mike Richardson, Sam Brown, Blaine Guido, DJ Johnson, Devin Peters and Brad Kong; and managers Taylor Shorey and Jenny Xiang. We congratulate the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1056)

Chief Warrant Officer Five David J. Longstaff, of Waterville, who is now deployed overseas and who is the recipient of the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious service while serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G4 Sustainment Operations Division Command Food Service Advisor/Theater Food Advisor. Chief Warrant Officer Five Longstaff received the Legion of Merit Medal for his outstanding performance and dedication to duty, which contributed significantly to the success of the unit's mission in support of Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. Chief Warrant Officer Five Longstaff is also a 2003 recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. We send our appreciation to him on his dedicated commitment to the military and to the Nation, and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1057)

Kelsey Churchill, of Washburn, a senior at Washburn District High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. Kelsey is a member of the National Honor Society and the soccer team and is the sports editor of the yearbook. We extend our congratulations to Kelsey on her receiving this award; (HLS 1058)

Linda McGill, of Freeport, an attorney and shareholder at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson, P.A., one of northern New England's largest law firms, who was named a Global Volunteer of the Decade by the International Senior Lawyers Project at its 10th Anniversary gala luncheon in New York City. This award honors individuals in the practice of law who have worked tirelessly and diligently to carry out the mission of the project, for which Ms. McGill has volunteered for 8 years. As part of her volunteer service, Ms. McGill has traveled to New Delhi, India, including a 5-month stay, to work with the Human Rights Law Network, one of the most significant human rights organizations in India. She is a member of Bernstein Shur's Labor and Employment Practice Group, as well as the firm's Municipal and Regulatory Practice Group. She teaches and trains extensively on human resources and employment law topics and has published numerous articles in that field. We extend our congratulations to Ms. McGill on her receiving this well-deserved and distinguished award and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1059)

Keith Barlow, of West Gardiner, a member of Freeport Masonic Lodge No. 23, A.F. & A.M., for his stone masonry skills, which he used in the building of the memorial tribute dedicated on September 11, 2011 in Freeport commemorating the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. Mr. Barlow was also a member of the 4-person committee established by the lodge to design and construct a monument and to acquire the World Trade Center steel. Mr. Barlow was in charge of securing resources and materials to use in the construction of the monument as well as overseeing daily work on the project. We send our appreciation to Mr. Barlow for his dedication and service to the memory of those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001; (HLS 1060)

John Skillin, of Freeport, past Master of the Freeport Masonic Lodge #23, A.F. & A.M., for his outstanding dedication and

commitment to the construction of the memorial tribute dedicated on September 11, 2011 in Freeport commemorating the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. Mr. Skillin was the inspiration and skilled builder who navigated the process, overcoming the myriad obstacles and challenges and following the necessary protocols, to achieve the successful completion of the memorial. We send our appreciation to Mr. Skillin for his dedication and service to the memory of those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001; (HLS 1061)

Daniel LaPointe, of Van Buren, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. A native of Cyr Plantation, Mr. LaPointe received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Maine and was an active member of the United States Army Reserve. As an agribusinessman, Mr. LaPointe grew and shipped potatoes from a 350-acre farm and was the owner of JR LaPointe & Sons, Inc., LaPointe Sales, Inc. and Gateway Packers, Inc. He was president of the Maine Farm Bureau, vice-president of Maine Potato Growers, Inc. and vice-president of the National Potato Council. A champion of economic growth in northern Maine, Mr. LaPointe is presently Director of Economic and Community Development in Van Buren, chair of the Van Buren Housing Authority and a board member of the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce. He also is chair of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council, an affiliate of the Acadian National Park and National Park Service. Mr. LaPointe's involvement in the community includes membership in l'Association Francaise de la Vallee, the St. Peter Chanel Parish Justice and Peace Commission, the Van Buren Rotary Club and the St. John Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. He is chair of the Canado-Americaine Association. We acknowledge his service to his community and to the State of Maine and we congratulate Mr. LaPointe on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1062)

Richard "Blackie" Bechard, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Bechard is a graduate of Cony High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17, retiring after 21 years as a chief petty officer. After 17 years with the United States Postal Service, Mr. Bechard retired in 2000. He is a 50-year member of Le Club Calumet in Augusta, serving as its President and on the Executive Board, as well as chairing the Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee and the Medallion Award Committee. From 1984 to 1998 he worked on Le Festival de la Bastille, helping to found a tradition of celebrating French culture in Maine. Mr. Bechard is a member of several local fraternal and veterans groups and is a recipient of the Bronze Marquis De La Fayette award from the Republic of France. We acknowledge Mr. Bechard's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1063)

Aliette Beland Couturier, of Lewiston, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Couturier has long been a mainstay of the Lewiston-Auburn Franco-American community, serving for many years as president of the local cultural organization La Survivance Francaise, while also handling hospitality for Chapter 52 of the Association Canado-Americaine. Ms. Couturier performed for several years with the quintet, The Silvertones, and devotes much time volunteering with the elderly, including assisting with the daily French Mass held in the chapel at d'Youville Pavilion. We acknowledge Ms. Couturier's service to her community and to the State, and we congratulate her on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1064)

the Honorable Dennis L. "Duke" Dutremble, of Biddeford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Dutremble was the first Franco-American in the State's history to preside over the Maine Senate. He was born in Biddeford and was a standout athlete in both basketball and football. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Farmington and his master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine at Orono. Mr. Dutremble taught in South Portland schools and at Thornton Academy. He served one term in the Maine House of Representatives and 7 terms in the Maine Senate. He was President of the Maine Senate during the 116th Legislature and served 6 years as Senate Assistant Majority Leader prior to that time. We acknowledge Mr. Dutremble's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1065)

the late Honorable Eugene Paradis, of Old Town, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Paradis was born in Old Town, married his childhood sweetheart, Cora Rand, and served his Nation as a member of the United States Marine Corps for over 30 years, which included service in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. After finishing his military career, Mr. Paradis served on the Town Council for Old Town and served 6 terms in the Maine House of Representatives, including a minority leadership role. We acknowledge his dedicated service to his community, the State of Maine and the Nation, and we honor his memory on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1066)

the late Honorable Robert Couturier, of Lewiston, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Couturier was born in Lewiston and graduated from St. Dominic High School, Bates College and the University of Maine School of Law. He taught school for 4 years before becoming a member of the State Bar. In 1965, Mr. Couturier was elected Mayor of Lewiston and became Lewiston's and the Nation's youngest mayor. Mr. Couturier was a practicing attorney for more than 40 years and served 3 terms as Androscoggin County Judge of Probate. In 1967, he was elected to the Maine State Senate. He served as General Counsel for L'Association Canado-Americaine and was elected its Secretary General in 1988. He was a member of Le Conseil de la Vie Francaise en Amerique in Quebec City and served on its board for 25 years. Mr. Couturier was named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Government of France in 2000. We acknowledge Mr. Couturier's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we honor his memory on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 1067)

the following members of the Cony High School Girls Basketball Team, who have won the 2012 Eastern Class A Championship: captain Julie Arbour, captain Amelia Diplock, captain Bethany Elwell, captain Melanie Guzman, captain Heather Leet, Josie Lee, Emily-Dale Sanford, Olivia Deeves, Alyssah Dennett, Bayleigh Logan, Emily Quirion, Hayley Quirion, Lindsey Quirion, Abby Wormell, head coach Karen Magnusson, assistant coach John Dennett, assistant coach Melissa Sawyer, manager Mary Campbell and manager Shayna Perkins. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1068)

the following students of the Cony High School Girls Varsity Basketball team, who were the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Champions: players Julie Arbour, captain; Amelia Diplock, captain; Bethany Elwell, captain; Melanie Guzman, captain; Heather Leet, captain; Josie Lee; Emily-Dale Sanford; Alyssah Dennett; Olivia Deeves; Bayleigh Logan; Emily Quirion;

Lindsey Quirion; Hayley Quirion; and Abby Wormell; head coach Karen Magnusson; assistant coaches John Dennett and Melissa Sawyer; and managers Shayna Perkins and Mary Campbell. We also recognize the following students who were named to the KVAC All-Academic and All-Conference teams: Amelia Diplock, KVAC Class A All-Conference Player of the Year, KVAC Class A All-Conference First Team-South and KVAC Class A All-Academic; Josie Lee, KVAC Class A All-Conference First Team-South; Melanie Guzman, KVAC Class A All-Conference Second Team-South and KVAC All-Academic; and Julie Arbour, Bethany Elwell and Heather Leet, KVAC Class A All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievements; (HLS 1069)

Robert Edward Toole, Sr., of Bangor, a prominent member of his community. He was born in Bangor and raised in Hampden and Bangor. Mr. Toole attended St. Mary's School and was a graduate of John Bapst High School. He was a notable athlete at school and he was named to the *Penobscot Times* All-Conference football team. Mr. Toole was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army Signal Corps, and was involved in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he worked at Freese's department store, where he met the woman who would become his wife of 63 years, Geraldine Weston, who passed away in 2010. For more than 30 years, he worked at the *Bangor Daily News*, rising from journeyman printer to assistant production manager. He also served as a deputy sheriff in Penobscot County. Mr. Toole was a prominent labor leader whose advice and counsel was sought by Maine Governors and members of Congress and candidates for those offices. He was president of the Bangor local of the International Typographical Union and the Greater Bangor Area Labor Council, ran for the office of president of the Maine AFL-CIO and lectured on labor relations at the University of Maine. Mr. Toole was a longtime member and chair of Bangor Housing Authority and was also active in other community organizations that focused on senior issues and economic development. He was active in politics and served as chair of the Bangor Democratic City Committee. We acknowledge Mr. Toole's dedicated service to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1070)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the K-6 division championship at the 2012 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championships: Rylee Eaton, Kinsey Bartlett, Orly Vaughn, Soozin Cha, Brendan Penfold, Tyson Rice, Avery Reynolds, Ennis Marshall, Benjamin Penfold, Cameron Stewart, Colby Haskell and Addie McDonald. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1071)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the K-3 division championship at the 2012 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championships: Henry Penfold, Myles Brown, Kaylee Morey, Andrew Pappianne, Ariel Larrabee, Wyatt Eaton, Cole Stewart and Ross Stewart. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1072)

Kate and Steve Shaffer, of Isle au Haut, owners and operators of Black Dinah Chocolatiers, who have been named the 2012 Maine Home-Based Small Business Champions by the United States Small Business Administration. We congratulate Kate and Steve Shaffer on their receiving this award; (HLS 1073)

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the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington chess team, who won the K-8 division championship at the 2012 Maine State Scholastic Chess Team Championships: Bethany Humphrey, Cameron Wendell, Krisford Melanio, Isaac Vaughn, Philomena Mattes, Alyssa Chesney, Alison Eaton and Paul Zoephel. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1074)

Devin K. Williams, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Devin on this achievement; (HLS 1075)

Jake Antworth, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Jake on this achievement; (HLS 1076)

Josh H. Antworth, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Josh on this achievement; (HLS 1077)

Andrew T. Mahaleris, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Andrew on this achievement; (HLS 1078)

Noah J. Aube, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Noah on this achievement; (HLS 1079)

Benjamin Jacob Campbell, of Augusta, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 603, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Benjamin on this achievement; (HLS 1080)

Renaud N. Beland, of Springvale, a United States Army veteran of World War II and longtime local businessman. Mr. Beland was born in Sanford and was a graduate of Sanford High School. He worked at First National Stores as a manager until he was called into military service. He served as a sergeant in the 231st Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion. After his honorable discharge, he owned and operated a restaurant and grocery store for 10 years and then a Superette Store for 10 years. He also worked at his son's business for 6 years and for the United States Postal Service for 15 years. He was a member and past president of the Lions Club. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1081)

Dr. Loring Withee Pratt, of Fairfield. Dr. Pratt was born in Farmington and was a 1940 graduate of Middlebury College. He attended Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where he specialized in otolaryngology. He served for 2 years in the United States Air Force in flight surgeon training and was discharged in June 1948. Dr. Pratt was certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology in 1949. He served as assistant director of the F.T. Hill Seminar at Colby College in Waterville and chief of

staff and chief of the department of otolaryngology at Thayer Hospital in Waterville. He also worked with patients with tuberculosis at the Central Maine Sanatorium in Fairfield. After retiring in 1985, Dr. Pratt worked for both the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona and Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. He was on the consulting staff of numerous hospitals in central Maine and was a senior consultant for the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. Dr. Pratt was a fellow in many national medical organizations and was also a Mason since 1940. Dr. Pratt, a devoted family man, was involved in his community and had many interests, including gardening, history and photography. Dr. Pratt will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1082)

Steven C. Tremblay, a native son of Waterville and longtime resident of Cape Elizabeth, founder of Alpha One and Alpha One Medical, Inc. In 1971, while he was a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Tremblay sustained a spinal cord injury. In 1975 he was hired by the New England Spinal Cord Injury Foundation as its Maine Resource Coordinator. In 1978, he founded Adaptive Living for Physically Handicapped Americans, now known as Alpha One which, under his leadership, became one of the premier Centers for Independent Living in the United States. Mr. Tremblay also played a pivotal role in the creation of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program, now known as mPower, which is a State program that enables people with disabilities and businesses to purchase assistive technology and adaptive equipment and finance accessible environmental modifications. In 2000, the University of Maine at Farmington presented Mr. Tremblay with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters for his efforts to promote independence, respect and accessibility for people with disabilities in Maine. Mr. Tremblay will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1083)

Judith A. Akers, a lifelong resident of Poland, on her 36 years as Town Clerk and on her dedicated service to the town. Ms. Akers started working for the town at the age of 19 and became Town Clerk within a year of employment. The citizens of Poland greatly appreciate and admire Ms. Akers' friendly demeanor. Ms. Akers maintains the historical records of the town and is a valuable asset to the community. We send her our appreciation for her many years of commitment to the Town of Poland and to the State; (HLS 1084)

Norman D. McKenney, of Baldwin, for his many years of dedicated service to his community. Mr. McKenney served on the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Baldwin for 39 years, was a volunteer firefighter for over 50 years and was janitor at the Baldwin Consolidated School for 40 years. We send our appreciation to Mr. McKenney for his service and commitment to his community and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1085)

John Kearney, of Cumberland, a member of Cub Scout Pack No. 13 sponsored by the Cumberland-North Yarmouth Lions Club, who received the Boy Scouts of America National Medal of Merit, which is awarded to members of the Boy Scouts on recommendation of the organization's National Court of Honor. The Medal of Merit is given to scouts who "perform an act of service of a rare or exceptional character in saving or attempting to save a life." John is 10 years old and performed heroic action after his mother suffered what could have been a fatal fall while hiking. He was presented the award by Governor Paul LePage at Maine's First Annual Governor's Luncheon for Scouting. We congratulate John on his receiving this well-deserved award and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1086)

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Christopher John Prosser, of Palmyra, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 404, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1087)

Caleb Joseph Littlefield, of Hartland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 404, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1088)

the members of the Scarborough High School Academic Decathlon team, on their winning the 2012 State Academic Decathlon Championship: Susan Rundell, Laura Henny, Isabelle DiBiase, Rebecca Mitchell, Cynthia Jordan, Emily Tolman, Michael Bamford, Travis Beaney, Justin Gagnon, Julia Labanowski, Andrea Tolman, Joe Cleary and Melissa Ehrntman and coaches M. Shane Davis and Jonathan York. This victory is the team's 9th consecutive state championship. Team Captain Susan Rundell is a new state record holder with 9,212 points and she is currently ranked 2nd in the nation. The team will travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico in April for the United States Academic Decathlon national competition. We extend our congratulations to the team members and wish them continued success; (HLS 1089)

Major Paul Bisulca, Jr., of the United States Marine Corps, presently living in Arlington, Virginia, and a member of the Penobscot Nation, who was honored by the 26 member tribes of the United South and Eastern Tribes, for his significant achievements as a Native American veteran in the United States Marine Corps. Major Bisulca is a Marine helicopter pilot with Marine Squadron One (HMX-1), where he currently is assigned for Presidential Support Flight Services. He is one of an elite group of pilots who rotate daily to fly the President of the United States. Major Bisulca has participated in 2 combat tours in Iraq, where he carried and proudly displayed the flag of the Penobscot Nation. The flag now hangs in a place of honor in the Penobscot Tribal Chief and Council Chambers. We send our appreciation to Major Bisulca for his dedicated service to the military, to the Penobscot Nation, to the State and to the Nation. We extend our congratulations to him on his receiving this significant honor; (HLS 1090)

the following members of the Scarborough High School Boys Indoor Track and Field Team, who have won the 2012 Class A State Championship: Alex Karam, Mike Pino, Wout Moulin, Michael Tudor, Jake Alofs, Ben Lindsey, Christian Langlois, Cameron Langlois, captain Nick Morris, captain Greg Viola, captain Merrick Madden, Robert Hall, Ben Farino, Jacob Bloom, Jerry Kenney, Matthew Aceto, Alec James, Will Fowle, captain Ryan Jamison, Austin Doody, JD Hermann, Eric Woodbury, Nate McLellan, Jack Sullivan, Hugh McSorley, Camden Hopkins, Luke Foerster, Aadarsh Chandrashekar, Sam Webber, Anthony Verzoni, Jacob Thurlow, Michael Granzier, Edward James, Sean O'Connor, Chandler Langlois, Maxim Doiron and coach Derek Veilleux. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1091)

the following members of the Scarborough High School Girls Indoor Track and Field Team, who have won the 2012 Class A State Championship for the 8th year in a row: Catherine Bailey, Haela Booth-Howe, Chelsea Damon, Nicole Kirk, Rose Kirsch, Haley Knaus, Katie Shottes, Maggie Smith, Andrea Tolman, Emily Tolman, Karli-An Gilbert, Mikaela Gove, Meg Kirsch, Meghan Lynch, Jessica Meader, Stephanie Ostrowski, Alison

Pelczar, Avery Pietras, Marisa Agger, Courtney Given, Kelsey Given, Cailley Ledue, Morgan Rodway and coach Ron Kelly. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1092)

Karen Magnusson, basketball coach at Cony High School in Augusta, who was named the 2011-2012 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Basketball Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Magnusson on this achievement; (HLS 1093)

Chad Foye, of Augusta, who coaches hockey at Cony High School and who was named the 2011-2012 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Hockey Coach of the Year. We congratulate Mr. Foye on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1094)

Lindsey Folsom, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the pole vault competition at the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Championship and the 2012 Class A Maine State Indoor Track and Field Championships. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Lindsey on her achievements; (HLS 1095)

Kimberly Brandt, of Poland, principal of Greely Middle School in Cumberland, who has been named Maine's 2012 Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Brandt is considered a consummate professional who provides focused leadership that results in a safe learning environment where students can thrive. We congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1096)

Eva Leavitt, of Turner, on the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Turner. Mrs. Leavitt began her service as the Town Clerk in 1987. She was named the Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector and the Registrar of Voters in 1991. She held these positions until 2007, when she became the Town Manager. While serving as Town Manager, she also served as the Town Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Superintendent of Cemeteries and the General Assistance Administrator. Mrs. Leavitt always performed her duties with ease and no matter how many titles she was juggling in her service to the community, she always had a smile for anyone coming into the town office. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to her community and to the State, and we send her our best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1097)

Roger Ouellette, of Livermore Falls, for his 35 years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Treat Memorial Library as he retires from the position of President of the Board. Mr. Ouellette joined the board in 1977, was elected Vice President in 1978 and was elected President of the Board in 1985. He held that position until February of this year. Mr. Ouellette has contributed much to his community, his State and his Nation. He served with the United States Navy Reserves for 3 years, was a member of the Jaycees and was a board member of the Rural Health Association for 9 years, where he worked to extend health care services to those areas where it was not easily attainable. Mr. Ouellette owned and operated Ouellette Furniture Store while serving his community. We send him our appreciation for his exemplary public service and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1098)

Shawn Totman, of Augusta, who coaches wrestling at Cony High School and who was named the 2011-2012 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A Wrestling Coach of the Year. We congratulate Mr. Totman on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1099)

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Connor Dufour, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the 2012 Eastern Maine Class A Wrestling Championship in his weight class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Connor on his achievement; (HLS 1100)

OMNE Nursing Leaders of Maine, which has received the designation on behalf of nurses in Maine of Action Coalition as part of a national initiative, The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, a program of AARP, AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Maine is now one of 48 states with an Action Coalition, which will work with a wide range of health care providers, consumer advocates and policy makers and the business, academic and philanthropic communities to bring innovative improvements to Maine's health care system. We extend our congratulations to OMNE Nursing Leaders of Maine on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1101)

Rhonda Bianco, of Presque Isle, who is the recipient of the American Red Cross 2012 Pay It Forward Real Heroes Award. Ms. Bianco was diagnosed with throat and palate cancer and underwent 38 radiation treatments to her face, neck and jaw. As a side effect of the radiation treatments her jaw bone deteriorated. She received treatment at the Hyperbaric Chamber at Mercy Hospital in Portland, which is 300 miles from her home and family in Presque Isle. She stayed at Gary's House in Portland while she was receiving treatment. When she started to feel better, she wanted to repay Gary's House for all that they did for her. She has been cooking for residents, washing laundry, cleaning and washing dishes. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Bianco for her selflessness and congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1102)

Dr. Hector Tarraza, of Portland, who is the recipient of the 2012 American Red Cross Real Heroes Award for International Service. Dr. Tarraza is being recognized for his work in helping deserving patients in countries around the world. He is an obstetrician at Maine Medical Center, is medical director of Global Health Ministry and serves on 4 other international medical relief agencies. He takes numerous trips each year to places such as Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Guatemala, Peru and Columbia to provide medical aid. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Tarraza for his selflessness and congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1103)

Matthew Steeves, of Minot, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 139, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his service project, Matthew directed several scouts from his troop in building a large concrete fireplace at Camp Tall Pines in Poland, a camp that serves the Special Olympics community. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 1104)

the members of the Catherine McAuley High School Girls Basketball Team, of Portland, who won the State Class A Championship: Molly Mack, Sadie DiPierro, Monia Mukiza, Morgan Wheeler, Alexa Coulombe, Allie Clement, Laura Holman, Mary Leasure, Olivia Smith, Lauren Coulombe, Victoria Lux, Kathryn Liziewski and Jackie Welch and coach Bill Goodman and assistant coaches Wade Millett and Bill Whitmore. This is the second consecutive title for the team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1105)

Richard "Dick" Derosier, of St. Agatha and Fort Kent. Mr. Derosier served in the United States Army National Guard for 5 years with the Charlie Company in Fort Kent. He had a passion for cooking, which commenced during his time in the military. He

worked for the St. Agatha Volunteer Fire Department and was an emergency dispatch operator for 25 years. Mr. Derosier and his wife, Carol, opened the Lakeview Restaurant in 1983 and for the following 28 years they diligently provided great food and service to people from near and far. They also established the Lakeview Campground in 1996. Managing the restaurant and campground gave Mr. Derosier the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and share his love of nature with family and friends. He always had a positive outlook on life and was an inspiration to all. He enjoyed gardening and traveling with his wife. Mr. Derosier will be dearly missed by his loving family, relatives and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1106)

Mary Ann Chamberlain, of St. Agatha, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Agatha Federal Credit Union, on her retirement after 33 years of service. Ms. Chamberlain was hired in 1978 as a bookkeeper and she was promoted to president in 1990. A believer in the credit union philosophy, she dedicated herself through the years to serving the members and the community. We congratulate Ms. Chamberlain on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1107)

Carol Stevenson Abbott, of Orono. Mrs. Abbott, a native of Massachusetts, adopted Orono as her home after attending the University of Maine, where she earned a degree in English in 1959. She worked as an elementary school teacher for 20 years, teaching at Asa C. Adams School in Orono and at schools in Fairfield and Old Town. She enjoyed volunteering for the March of Dimes, Heart Association, Girl Scouts and Orono Booster Club and supported the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Mrs. Abbott was a fixture at the University of Maine's sporting events and could be found in "Coaches' Corner" supporting her husband, Walter, coach of the football team. Mrs. Abbott loved to garden and read and enjoyed fishing, summer days at the coast and making all holidays special for her family. Mrs. Abbott was gentle and kind, and had an inner strength and steadiness of character that made her a most supportive and dedicated wife, mother and friend. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends and her University of Maine family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1108)

the Windplanners of Camden Hills Regional High School, students who have dedicated themselves to making a significant impact on the community's understanding and use of renewable energy. The Windplanners' first goal was to increase the percentage of renewable energy used through the installation of a wind turbine at the school. For the past 8 years, the Windplanners have raised over \$500,000 from private gift donations, local fundraisers and grants to pay for the purchase and installation of the first 100 KW direct magnetic drive wind turbine in the State. We extend our congratulations to the Windplanners on this remarkable achievement and send our best wishes to them; (HLS 1109)

Shelby Seavey, of Edmunds, a senior at Shead High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Shelby on her receiving this award; (HLS 1110)

Brittney Jamieson, of Pembroke, a senior at Washington Academy, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Brittney on her receiving this award; (HLS 1111)

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the members of the Leavitt Nordic Girls Ski Team, who won the 2012 Class A Nordic State Championship and are the 2012 Class A Freestyle State Champions and the 2012 Class A Classical State Champions: Abby Chase, Emily Chase, Cora Curtis, captain Lucy Knowlton, Alisha Labbe, Alana Mallar, Olivia Mallar, captain Taren McGray, Emily Shaw, Morgan Shaw, Allison Simmons, Michaela Therrien, Kallah Turner, Brooke Varney, Mackenzie Varney and Maddie Wiegman and coaches Dustin Williamson and Steve McCarthy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1112)

Thon Itthipalakorn, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the 2012 Eastern Maine Class A Wrestling Championship in his weight class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Thon on his achievement; (HLS 1113)

Abby Dunn, of Auburn, a senior at Edward Little High School, who won the national championship in the girls race walk event at the New Balance Nationals Indoor competition. Abby finished the race with a time of 7:28:13, winning by 6 seconds and setting a personal record. This is Abby's second indoor championship. In addition, Abby is a 4-time KVAC champion and Class A State Champion in the 1,600-meter race walk and a 4-time Penn Relay 5K race walk junior champion. She also qualified for the USATF World Race Walking Cup Team competing in Saransk, Russia. Abby is a part of a group of race walkers coached by Monmouth Academy coach Tom Menendez. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Abby on this achievement; (HLS 1114)

Luc Bourget, of Auburn, a student at Edward Little High School, who won the national championship in the boys race walk event at the New Balance Nationals Indoor competition. Luc finished the race with a time of 7:17:03, a personal best and the second-fastest time in the nation this year. Luc, who is a part of a group of race walkers coached by Monmouth Academy coach Tom Menendez, was also the Class A State Champion in the 1,600-meter race walk event this spring. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Luc on this achievement; (HLS 1115)

Paulette Sylvester, of Rockland, on her retirement from Rockland High School after 32 years of dedicated service to the students and staff of Rockland High School, Rockland District High School and Oceanside High School. Ms. Sylvester began her career as an educational technician in 1979 and later became a school administrative secretary. She has served as a chaperone at various school functions, has been in charge of tickets for school events for 20 years and has always been willing to volunteer her time and service. Ms. Sylvester has long been a friend to both the students and staff of RSU 13/SAD 5. We send her our appreciation for her exemplary commitment to her community, to the schools and to the State, and we congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1116)

Frank Johnson, of Augusta, on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Employee Health and Benefits division of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. Mr. Johnson has worked for the State for 45 years, beginning as a Clerical Aide in the Department of Education. He continued his career in the Department of Transportation then in the Department of Labor where, in 1981, he started working in the Office Personnel/Employee Relations as Assistant to the Commissioner. In 1986, Mr. Johnson became Director of the Bureau of Employee Health. In 1996, he became Acting Executive Director of Health Insurance and later that year Executive Director of Employee Health and Benefits. We send Mr. Johnson our appreciation for his many years of dedicated

service to the State and we congratulate him on his retirement; (HLS 1117)

Timothy Brewer, Jr., of Mars Hill, on being named the 2012 Eastern Maine Class D Boys Coach of the Year by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Coach Brewer led the Central Aroostook Panthers to the 2012 Eastern Maine Class D semifinals, and in the 2011 season, led his team to the State title, with a perfect record of 22 wins and no losses. We extend our congratulations to Coach Brewer for earning this well-deserved mark of distinction and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1118)

Michael Carlos, of Houlton, upon being named the 2012 Eastern Maine Class D Girls Coach of the Year by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Coach Carlos led the Washburn District High School Girls Basketball Team to its second consecutive State title. We extend our congratulations to Coach Carlos for earning this well-earned mark of distinction and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1119)

Stacia Catherine Caron, of Presque Isle, who has received the 4th annual Maine McDonald's Spirit of the Game Award. Ms. Caron has served for the past 4 years as manager of the Presque Isle High School girls varsity basketball team, the Lady Wildcats, which won the 2011-2012 State Class B Championship. She was also manager of the Presque Isle High School girls soccer team for 3 years, which won the 2011 Eastern Maine Class B Championship. Ms. Caron has overcome physical challenges resulting from a rare disease and has been a valued member of both squads. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Caron on her receiving this award, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1120)

Scott and Rena Carlin, of Mapleton, who are the recipients of the IGA Brand Development Award. Mr. and Mrs. Carlin and their employees in the IGA stores in Presque Isle, Mars Hill and Fort Fairfield were presented the global discretionary award based on their outstanding contribution to IGA's brand development. This is only the 3rd time this mark of distinction has been granted. For more than 6 decades, these family-owned businesses have met the grocery needs of countless central Aroostook residents and Canadian citizens. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Carlin on their receiving this award; (HLS 1121)

Moriah Nutter, of Deer Isle, who has earned the honor of being named Second Honors Essayist of the 2012 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations to Moriah on this achievement; (HLS 1122)

Ann Dunham, of Sunset, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations to Ann on this achievement; (HLS 1123)

Emily Cormier, of Deer Isle, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations to Emily on this achievement; (HLS 1124)

Esther Adams, of Deer Isle, who has earned the honor of being named First Honors Essayist of the 2012 graduating class of Deer Isle-Stonington High School. We extend our congratulations to Esther on this achievement; (HLS 1125)

the following members of the Jonesport-Beals High School Boys Basketball Team, of Jonesport, who have won the 2012 Eastern Class D State Championship: players Justin Alley, Matthew Alley, Cole Beal, Gareth Beal, Thomas Beal, Vinal Crowley, Samuel Lyons, Nikolas Robinson, Leon Smith, Marcus Smith, Cody Whitt, Darrin Peaden, Seth Milliken, Zach Purdy and

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Kasden Beal; varsity coach Gordon Faulkingham, assistant coach Roger Beal and volunteer assistant Shawn Dulac. We congratulate the team on their winning this championship; (HLS 1126)

Garet Beal, of Jonesport, who has been named the 2011-12 Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Garet is the first boys basketball player from Jonesport-Beals High School to receive the Gatorade award. The award recognizes not only athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court. Garet is a junior guard-forward at Jonesport-Beals High School and led the team to a 15-2 regular season record and the Eastern Maine Class D Championship. He was named the *Bangor Daily News'* Eastern Class D tournament most valuable player. He serves as a member of the Jonesport-Beals High School student council, has volunteered as a mentor to elementary school pupils and participated in community fundraisers and cleanup efforts while maintaining an A-minus average. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Garet on his receiving this award; (HLS 1127)

Richard D'Abate, of Wells, on his retirement as Executive Director of the Maine Historical Society and on his exceptional accomplishments and the significant contributions he has made to the cultural life of Maine over the course of his career. Mr. D'Abate moved to Maine in 1971 and worked at Nasson College until 1983. From 1985 to 1995 he worked at the Maine Humanities Council, where he was responsible for innovative publications, exhibits, programs and initiatives. Mr. D'Abate has been with the Maine Historical Society since 1996. As Executive Director, he led the society through an extraordinary period of growth, improvement and innovation. He oversaw the completion of 3 successful capital campaigns, including the restoration of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House, a National Historic Landmark, and the expansion of the Brown Research Library, home to the most comprehensive collection of material in the State related to Maine history. He has also helped to ensure that historical items of local, state and national significance have been preserved, kept in Maine and made accessible and meaningful to the public. He guided the modernization of the Maine Historical Library catalog, expanded the museum and educational programming and was responsible for creating the Maine Memory Network, the state's collaborative, online museum, now recognized as a national model. We send Mr. D'Abate our appreciation for his dedicated service to his profession and to the State of Maine. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1128)

the following members of the Scarborough High School Speech and Debate Team, on the occasion of their winning the 2011-12 State Congressional Debate Championship: Alexander Clary, Jessica Cote, Shamthosh Devarajan, Stephanie Felt, Andrew Jones, Kris Steinort, Alexandra Ray, Adam Cohen, Alexander Kyte, Emily Carter, Caroline Martin, Taylor Cowan and Talya Davis-Day. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team for this outstanding achievement; (HLS 1129)

Lael Swinney Stegall, of Deer Isle, mother, wife, political activist, campaigner for human rights and active member of her community. Mrs. Stegall grew up in Washington, D.C. She attended Colby College and earned her master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago. She helped found the first school of social work in Turkey as a Peace Corps volunteer in the mid-1960s. Mrs. Stegall was cofounder and director of the National Women's Political Caucus advocacy group. She also helped to found the Windom Fund, which supported voting rights and women's empowerment, serving as its executive director for

8 years, and Emily's List, a political action fund for progressive women candidates for political office. Mrs. Stegall and her husband, Ronald D. Stegall, moved permanently to Maine in 2000, after having vacationed on Deer Isle for many years. She went into the lobster business part-time with a friend, serving as sternman. She served as chair on the board of directors of Opera House Arts at the Stonington Opera House, and was dedicated to the community and the State. Mrs. Stegall will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her many friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1130)

Leroy Keller, of Scarborough, who has been a volunteer with the American Legion, Department of Maine Dirigo Boys State Program for 50 years. Mr. Keller has been the Senior Counselor Coordinator for Dirigo Boys State for most of his 50 years as a volunteer, mentoring students and new volunteers in becoming better men for a better Maine. He served as the Senior Counselor to Governor McKernan, Governor Baldacci, Congressman Michaud, Representative Paul Jacques and Representative Henry Beck as well as many others who serve their State and their communities. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Keller taught math at Mount View High School, in Thorndike, and Deer Isle-Stonington High School and was Principal of the Liberty School. He is an avid recreational sportsman who has refereed and coached youth sports for 40 years in the Eastern Maine Conference. Mr. Keller and his wife, Mary, have been married for 51 years and have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Keller for his many years of service to the youth of Maine; (HLS 1131)

Francis J. Cassidy, Esquire, of Machias, whose compassion and caring in his work as an attorney made him a friend to the poor and vulnerable of Washington County and Hancock County. Mr. Cassidy lived in Franklin for 22 years and in Machias since 2003. He was a member of the 20th Maine Company B, a Civil War re-enacting group, for 20 years. Mr. Cassidy will be missed for his gentle nature by his family, friends and those whose lives he quietly touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1132)

Dan Shaw and Jon Shaw, of Gorham, on being named American Red Cross Real Heroes for Corporate Service by the American Red Cross of Southern Maine. Over the years, Dan and Jon have volunteered much of their time for and contributed financially to many nonprofit groups, municipalities and individuals in Maine. Because of their guidance and financial support a new housing facility was completed at Camp Sunshine in 2011, and the brothers also contribute significantly to other projects and charitable endeavors in southern Maine, such as the ALS Association, the Children's Miracle Network and the Neighbors Helping Neighbors heating assistance program. We acknowledge Dan Shaw's and Jon Shaw's commitment to helping others and we send them our appreciation. We extend our congratulations to them on receiving this honor; (HLS 1133)

Fire Chief Fred LaMontagne, of Gorham, on his retirement from the Portland Fire Department after 27 years of dedicated service. Mr. LaMontagne has served as fire chief for 10 years and is the fourth-longest serving chief in the fire department's history. We extend our appreciation to Chief LaMontagne for his commitment to the citizens of Portland and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1134)

the following students of the Hampden Academy Boys Varsity Basketball team, who were the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Champions: players Jefferson Adams, Dillon Corliss, Ryan Dunton, Frederick Knight, Christian McCue, Logan Poirier, Myles Safford, Chad Worster, Brian Fickett, Tyler Norris, Matthew Palmer, Zachary Gilpin, Matthew Martin and Cameron Scott;



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head coach Russ Bartlett; assistant coaches Gary Colson and Jordan Cook; and managers Cam McCallister and Jay Baines. We also recognize the following students who were named to the KVAC All-Academic and All-Conference teams: Christian McCue, KVAC Class A All-Conference Player of the Year, KVAC Class A All-Conference First Team-North and KVAC Class A All-Academic; Zachary Gilpin, KVAC Class A All-Conference Second Team-North; and Jefferson Adams, Logan Poirier and Myles Safford, KVAC Class A All-Academic. All-Conference team members are chosen by league coaches and All-Academic members must maintain an average grade of 90+ over 3 years. We congratulate the students on their achievements; (HLS 1135)

the members of the Hampden Academy Boys Basketball Team, on their winning the 2012 Eastern Class A Championship: Cameron Scott, Matthew Martin, Zachary Gilpin, Brian Fickett, Tyler Norris, Matthew Palmer, Myles Safford, Dillon Corliss, Chad Worster, Ryan Dunton, Jefferson Adams and captains Christian McCue, Logan Poirier and Frederick Knight; head coach Russ Bartlett; assistant coaches Gary Colson, Jordan Cook and Blaine Meehan; and managers Jay Baines and Cam McCallister. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1136)

Christian McCue, of Hampden Academy, who has been named Mr. Basketball 2012 by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christian on his accomplishment; (HLS 1137)

Barbara Crider, of Acton, who is the recipient of the Reverend Robert M. Howes Visionary Award presented by Counseling Services, Inc. This award, the highest honor given by Counseling Services, Inc., is presented annually to a deserving individual who has made a significant contribution to advancing community mental health in the State. Ms. Crider is the Executive Director of the York County Community Action Corporation. During her tenure, Ms. Crider has fostered a close collaboration with Counseling Services, Inc. and has significantly improved the quality of life for its clients and for all residents of southern Maine. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Crider for her commitment to the citizens of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1138)

The Wildwoods Band, of Lincoln, on its winning top honors at the North American Country Music Associations, International, competition held at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The Wildwoods Band, with members Cathy Severance, Rich Nye, Doug Danforth and the Honorable Rod Carr, former member of the Maine House of Representatives, received the 2012 Traditional Country Band of the Year Award and the 2012 Traditional Country Vocal Group of the Year Award. Performing as a duo, Rod Carr and Cathy Severance were named the 2012 Traditional Country Duo of the Year. The annual competition includes talented musicians from the United States, Canada and Mexico. Throughout the course of the 2012 competition, more than 575 performances were held. We extend our congratulations to the members of The Wildwoods Band on their extraordinary success and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1139)

the members of the Thornton Academy Boys Hockey Team, of Saco, who have won the 2012 Class A State Championship. This is the second consecutive championship under the guidance of Coach Jamie Gagnon. The Trojans had a phenomenal season of 20-1-1 and skated for 12 consecutive wins to win the title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1140)

the following members of the Marshwood High School Wrestling Team, the Hawks, who have won the 2012 State Class A Wrestling Championship: wrestlers Nick Ricker, Tyler

Davidson, Nicholas Janes, Cody Hughes, Jackson Howarth, Elliott Allen, Trevor Smith, Lucas Howarth and Jake Barisano and coach Matt Rix. This is the team's first Class A championship and their first State title since winning the title in 1999 in the Class B division. We congratulate coach Rix and the members of the team on this remarkable achievement; (HLS 1141)

Mary Olsen, of Jefferson, a 7th and 8th grade teacher at Jefferson Village School, who has received the New England League of Middle Schools' Master in the Middle Award. Ms. Olsen is one of 2 teachers from New England who have received this award. The award is given each year to middle school teachers who serve as leaders, are passionate about teaching, model effective middle-level instructional methods and have been teaching for at least 20 years. Ms. Olsen has been teaching for 21 years, 18 of which have been at Jefferson Village School. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Olsen on her receiving this award; (HLS 1142)

Elizabeth "Betty" Withee, of East Madison, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and longtime active member of her community. Mrs. Withee was born in Greenville, and after her father's retirement as superintendent of schools, she and her family moved to East Madison. She married Donald E. Withee in 1951, and they had 2 children. Although her main focus was being a wife and mother, Mrs. Withee followed her dream of being a writer. She was associated for 42 years with the Central Maine *Morning Sentinel*, winning many awards for her writing and traveling throughout the state interviewing and photographing many people. While her children were young, she was active in the Girl Scouts of America and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Mrs. Withee later served on the Grand Executive Committee for the State of Maine and was appointed District Deputy for Rainbow. She received the Grand Cross of Color in 1972. She held dual membership in the Sunset and Keystone chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as a past matron of the Sunset Chapter and for multiple terms as a secretary for the Keystone Chapter. She was appointed Grand Esther for the Grand Chapter of Maine Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Withee was an honorary member of the Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and, as a member of the Skowhegan Rotary Club, she was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. As a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, Mrs. Withee served on the State Board of Hospitals and Homes. She was a charter member of Hospice of Somerset County and an active member of Somerset Republicans and was on the Skowhegan Coordinating Council. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family, her friends and those whose lives she touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1143)

Cody St. Germain, of Dixfield, a senior at Dirigo High School and forward for the Dirigo High School Boys Basketball Team, who is the winner for the second straight year of the C. Harry Edwards Award as the most valuable player and sportsman of the Western Class C Tournament. Cody was also named the Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year by the Mountain Valley Conference coaches. We extend our congratulations to Cody on his achievements; (HLS 1144)

Raymond Broomhall, of Mexico, on the occasion of his retirement after 50 years with the Mexico Fire Department. Mr. Broomhall started with the department as a firefighter on February 11, 1962 and retired as deputy chief on February 11, 2012. He is a member of the Western Maine Firefighters' Association and the Maine State Federation of Firefighters. During his tenure with the Mexico Fire Department, Mr. Broomhall received several honors and awards. In 1978 he received special recognition from the Town of Mexico for bravery

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in preventing the loss of life at a fire. In 2001 he was named Part-time/Reserve Employee of the Year and received the George Downs Firefighter of the Year Award. In 2002 he was named Citizen of the Year by the Town of Mexico and in 2006 was inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Also in 2006, Mr. Broomhall was presented with the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Maine Federation of Firefighters. Mr. Broomhall also coached for several sports in the Mexico schools and Mountain Valley schools. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Broomhall for his dedicated service to the citizens of Maine and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1145)

Caleb Hall, of Dixfield, a senior at Dirigo High School, who is the 2012 Class C State Wrestling Champion in the 132-pound weight division. Caleb is a 2-time state champion wrestler and a 3-time regional champion wrestler. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Caleb on his achievements; (HLS 1146)

the members of the Dirigo High School Boys Basketball Team, of Dixfield, who have won the 2012 Class C State Championship: Caleb Turner, Josh Turbide, Cody St. Germain, Ben Holmes, Mitch Stanley, Jake Dowland, T. J. Frost, Hunter Ross, Nick Blodgett, Robbie Babb, Chad Snowman, Dylan Kidder, Kaine Hutchins, Brian Volkernick, Joey Hebert, Issah Brown and Tyler Frost and head coach Travis Magnusson, assistant coaches Gary Holman, Marty Magnusson and Bill White, managers Jenn Smith and Tameka Cheadle and athletic trainer Aaron Perrault. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1147)

Christina Kouros, of Cape Elizabeth, a junior at Cape Elizabeth High School, on her remarkable athletic accomplishments as a member of the Nordic ski team and the track team at the high school. Christina was born without a right leg and has recently won several sports championships at the state and national levels. She won 3 medals at the 2012 United States Paralympic Nordic Skiing World Cup at Cable, Wisconsin and Minneapolis, Minnesota in the sitting category. At the 2012 World Cup and United States Cross Country Ski Championships in Rumford, Christina won 1st in the 5 kilometer race and 2nd in the 7.5 kilometer race in the women's adaptive sit-ski competition. Last year, Christina was on the Cape Elizabeth High School Track Team and also competed in the Beach to Beacon race in the wheelchair category. She recently earned a varsity letter, was the first wheelchair athlete to earn a point at the Maine high school championships and received the New England Junior Wheelchair Athlete of the Year Award. We congratulate Christina on her exemplary attitude and send her our appreciation for being a motivation for other people in similar situations and being an inspiration to many. We send her our best wishes; (HLS 1148)

Gordon Emerson, of Blue Hill, longtime member of the Board of Selectmen and prominent member of the community. Mr. Emerson served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946, during World War II, in the Philippines and Korea. He served on the Town of Blue Hill Board of Selectmen for 40 years, retiring in 2002. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1149)

the members of the Central High School Girls Basketball Team, of Corinth, who have won the Class C State Championship: captain Brianna Speed, captain Max McHugh, captain Sam Brownell, captain Kaylee Harvey, Emylee Miles, Katie Blanchard, Alicia Miller, Natasha Miller, Lauren Gregory, Brianna Skolfield, Jessica Bradford and Cheyenne Edgerly; head coach Diane Rollins and assistant coach Frank Reynolds;

managers Alex Bostrom and Brooke Speed; and volunteer Jenny Rollins. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their accomplishment; (HLS 1150)

Marianne Gillis, a resident at Gorham House in Gorham, who has been featured in the Maine Health Care Association's Remember Me project, which honors pioneering, innovative and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term care facilities. Mrs. Gillis, born on June 17, 1919 in Saco, graduated from Thornton Academy in 1937 and began work at Mutual Fire Insurance Company. A year after her marriage to Eddie Gillis in 1943, Mr. Gillis was permanently paralyzed from the waist down when hit by shrapnel in France during World War II. Mrs. Gillis devoted the next 40 years to caring for him, when he was only given a few years' life expectancy. Mrs. Gillis is a friend to all residents at Gorham House and continues to help others in need. We congratulate Mrs. Gillis on her being recognized by the Remember Me project; (HLS 1151)

Kate Hersom, of Westbrook, who has been named 2012 Elementary School Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Ms. Hersom is principal of Saccarappa School in Westbrook. Before becoming the principal of Saccarappa School, Ms. Hersom was a high school English teacher. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Hersom for her dedication to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this award; (HLS 1152)

Matthew Edwin Fendl, of Ellsworth, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 1153)

Lilly Dow, of Millinocket, a senior at Stearns High School, who won an Outstanding Musicianship Award at the District 2 State Championship of the Vocal Jazz Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lilly on her receiving this award; (HLS 1154)

Noah Brown and Liza Brown, of Millinocket, who won Outstanding Musicianship Awards at the District 2 State Championship of the Vocal Jazz Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their receiving these awards; (HLS 1155)

the Millinocket Middle School Show Choir, directed by Abby Jordan, on its winning the District 2 State Championship of the Vocal Jazz Festival for its production of The Jungle Book. The show was choreographed by Sandy Hartley, who won the Best Choreography Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the talented members of the Millinocket Middle School Show Choir on their achievement; (HLS 1156)

Patrica Barrows Brann, of Lewiston, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, August 6, 2012. Mrs. Brann was born in Topsham and graduated from Morse High School in Bath. She first trained to be a nurse at Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, but eventually attended the Auburn Maine School of Commerce. She married Dr. Joseph Edward Martin, with whom she had 7 children, and lived in Burlington, Vermont and Livermore Falls before settling in Mexico. After her first marriage, Mrs. Brann moved to Lewiston and worked part-time as an accounting clerk. In 1970, she became a secretary for the Town of Auburn, and then worked her way up to become Auburn Tax Appraiser. She received her tax appraiser's certificate in 1973, becoming the first woman in Maine to be so certified. Mrs. Brann earned her tax assessor's certificate and was the first woman tax assessor in Maine. She also taught part-time at Central Maine Technical Institute for the Assessing Community, and worked as Account Clerk for Winthrop Public Schools until she retired in 1997. We

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send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Brann on her 80th birthday; (HLS 1157)

Cheryl M. Newbegin, of Caribou, for her 50 years of outstanding service at Cary Medical Center. Ms. Newbegin, a Unit Secretary, began her career at the hospital on April 18, 1962. She has been described by her colleagues as helpful, resourceful, polite and courteous, and her efficiency and positive attitude have been tremendous assets to the hospital. We acknowledge Ms. Newbegin's committed and compassionate work these past 50 years with Cary Medical Center and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1158)

Mary Carmack, of Veazie, a senior at John Bapst Memorial High School, on receiving the 2011 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement. The Siemens Award is awarded each year to one male and one female student in each state to recognize America's top achievers in Advanced Placement Program science and mathematics courses. We congratulate Mary on her receiving this award; (HLS 1159)

the Ellsworth High School Show Choir, directed by Rebecca Wright, on its winning the 2012 Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival in its division. Choreographed by Jasmine Ireland, the show choir was said by one reviewer to have performed "to near perfection." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the talented members of the Ellsworth High School Show Choir on their achievement; (HLS 1160)

the Honorable Stanley V. Hall, of Windham, a former State Representative who served during the 103rd, 104th and 105th Legislatures and served on the Agriculture and Highway Committees. Mr. Hall was orphaned by the age of 10 and lived with his grandmother in Gray before moving to Windham where, at the age of 17, he started buying cattle and establishing a business as a livestock dealer and dairy farmer. In addition to taking care of 2 barns of dairy cows with his son Russell, Mr. Hall found time to give back to the community and to Maine's agriculture. He was a master of Pleasant River Grange, a member of Presumpscot Lodge AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies and a 32nd degree member of Kora Shriners. Mr. Hall served on Windham's Board of Selectmen, as a councilman and on Maine's Racing Commission. He was President of the Cumberland Fair for 29 years and served 3 terms as President of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs. He was inducted into the Skowhegan State Fair Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1993. Throughout his life Mr. Hall was a great supporter of Maine's youth and of their livestock and 4-H projects. In 1998, he earned the Lifetime Business Achiever Award from the Windham Chamber of Commerce. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1161)

Caleb J. Hasty, of Standish, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 875, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Caleb on this achievement; (HLS 1162)

Megan Burrill, of Lee, Kirsten Shain, of Brookton Township, and Charles Libby, of Indian Township, students at Lee Academy and Penobscot Tech - Region III, who placed first in the statewide National Restaurant Association ProStart Invitational. To win the competition, the students prepared a meal that included an appetizer, main course and dessert, using just a butane stove and a specific ingredient budget while following strict sanitation and safety standards. We congratulate Megan, Kirsten and Charles on their earning first place in this event, and

we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1163)

Walter E. Crossman, Jr., a lifelong resident of Greenville, on the celebration of his 90th birthday. Mr. Crossman served during World War II in the Pacific Theater in the United States Navy as a Seaman First Class in a Naval Construction Battalion. After the war, Mr. Crossman worked many years for Great Northern Paper Company, for Squaw Mountain Ski Resort as part of the Mountain Management Leadership Team and for Lander Construction Associates. He also served for several years as a Deputy Sheriff for Piscataquis County and is a member of the Columbia-Doric #149 Masonic Lodge. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Crossman on this very special occasion; (HLS 1164)

the following members of the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team, who won first place at the 2012 Division II middle school state tournament: Philomena Mattes, Oskar Mattes, Jacyndy LaDeau, Cameron Wendell, Amy Friedell, Ali Eaton and Alyssa Chesney. Odyssey of the Mind is an international problem-solving competition for students from kindergarten through college. The Deer Isle-Stonington team has been invited to compete at the world finals to be held at Iowa State University. We congratulate the members of the team on their accomplishment and we send them our best wishes; (HLS 1165)

the Town of Bowdoinham, on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of its incorporation. The first European explorers of the Kennebec River and Merrymeeting Bay described the area as a "fair and beautiful land." Bowdoinham was settled as early as 1710, when settlers came from France and from York and Kittery in the District of Maine. As originally incorporated on September 18, 1762, Bowdoinham included all or sections of the present-day towns of Richmond, Topsham and Bowdoin. By 1800, lumber, shingle, lath and kindling wood mills dotted the town's abundant water frontage. Shipbuilding began there before the American Revolution and was a booming industry by 1850. Bowdoinham residents harnessed tidewater power for industry nearly 100 years ago; and Bowdoinham's farmers, since the earliest days, have raised blue-ribbon vegetables, apples, hay, sheep and beef on the town's fertile fields. Her sons and daughters have distinguished themselves as business leaders, scholars, farmers, journalists, inventors, artists and civic and military leaders. We join the good citizens of Bowdoinham in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town, and we send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1166)

Lieutenant Thomas Reagan, of Bangor, a member of the Bangor Police Department, who is the recipient of the 2012 Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Award from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for his significant contributions in the field of drug prevention. The award is named after a United States Drug Enforcement Administration officer who was kidnapped, tortured and killed by a Mexican drug cartel while investigating drug trafficking in 1985. The award is given to recognize and honor law enforcement officers who personify Agent Camarena's belief that one person can make a difference. Lt. Reagan is a United States Coast Guard veteran who handled maritime law enforcement and has been a police officer in Maine since 1987. He is a certified academy instructor for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Lt. Reagan was nominated by Bangor Police Chief Ron Gastia and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy staff and sponsored by Bangor Elks Lodge No. 244. We send our appreciation to Lt. Reagan for his outstanding commitment to law enforcement, to his community and to the State, and we thank him for his making a difference. We

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congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1167)

the following members of the Hall-Dale High School Girls Basketball Team, of Farmingdale, who won the Western Class C Basketball Championship: players Kristina Buck, Natasha Brown, Meagan Cope, Emily Maynard, Nicole Pelletier, Wendy Goldman, Allison Crockett, Paley Sweet, Catie Eccleston, Carylanne Wolfington, Molly French, Eva Shepherd and Olivia Maynard; manager Kyrie Johnson; head coach Brandon Terrill; and assistant coaches Gordon Fuller, Christen Lachapelle and Kevin Crosman. The team was also awarded the Sportsmanship Award for Western Class C. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1168)

Carylanne Wolfington, of Hallowell, a student at Hall-Dale High School and a member of the girls' basketball team, who scored her 1,000th career point in basketball. We congratulate Carylanne on her achievement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1169)

Dave Georgia, Jr., of Greenfield Township, who has been named the 2011 Warden of the Year. Mr. Georgia, who earned the nickname "The Coyote" because of his dogged pursuit of intentional violators of the State's fish and game laws, joined the Maine Warden Service in 1983 and attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1985. He patrols a district covering Milford, Bradley, Greenbush, Greenfield Township, Summit Township, Township 32 and Township 39. He is well-known for his work ethic and tenacity. Mr. Georgia is one of the founders of the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association and is also involved with the Wabanaki people and has a particular willingness to learn about native culture. We send our appreciation to Mr. Georgia on his dedicated service to the State, and we congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1170)

the Lewiston High School Cheerleading Team, which has won the 2012 Class A Cheerleading State Championship for the 2nd year in a row. The cheerleaders won the championship with a stunt never before seen at this level in cheerleading. This is Lewiston High School's 5th championship since 2003, and its 6th overall. We congratulate the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1171)

the Honorable Emile J. Jacques, of Lewiston, a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, a longtime member of the Maine State Legislature and former mayor of Lewiston and Androscoggin County Commissioner. Mr. Jacques, known as Bill, was born in Lewiston and attended Lewiston schools. When he was younger, he was a professional motorcycle racer and maintained a motorcycle shop. He owned and operated Jacques Television Service for more than 50 years and was a member of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Jacques served in the Maine House of Representatives for 7 terms and in the Maine Senate for 3 terms, in a career spanning 1955 to 1980. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 58 years, Mildred, his family, friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1172)

Jeannette M. Merrill, of Skowhegan. Ms. Merrill was a communicant of Notre Dame de Lourdes Church and sang in the choir. She worked at Redington-Fairview General Hospital for 21 years and always enjoyed attending its annual barbecue. She loved watching old movies and spending time with family and friends. Ms. Merrill will be sadly missed by her many friends and her 4 surviving children, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1173)

Margaret Gerry Hopkins, a lifelong resident of Millinocket and longtime health care worker. Mrs. Hopkins, known to friends and family as Mickey, was born in Millinocket and was a graduate of Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Portland. She was a nurse at Millinocket Community Hospital and, after a brief time as an industrial nurse for Great Northern Paper Company, she returned to the hospital to become its director of nursing, manager of patient services and finally chief operating officer, a position she held until her retirement in 1997. In addition to her degree in nursing, Mrs. Hopkins earned a bachelor of science degree from Unity College and was enrolled in a master's program at Husson College. Mrs. Hopkins was married for 49 years to Arnold Hopkins and was the mother of 2 children and had 4 grandchildren. Mrs. Hopkins will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1174)

David and Doris Witham, of Oxford, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Witham were married on April 28, 1962 at the North Springfield Advent Christian Church in North Springfield, Vermont. They are the parents of 3 children and have 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Witham and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1175)

Devin Pesce, of Windham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Devin built a pathway for Memorial Playground, which is located at Saint Ann's Church on Windham Center Road in Windham. We extend our congratulations to Devin on this achievement; (HLS 1176)

Chief Forest Ranger Bill S. Williams, of Vienna, on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of dedicated service with the Maine Forest Service. Mr. Williams was the State Supervisor for the Forest Protection Division within the Maine Forest Service between 2002 and 2012. He introduced the Maine State Wildfire Training Academy, an annual event that has helped train over 1,200 firefighters. Mr. Williams and the Forest Protection Division received the 2007 Maine Emergency Manager of the Year Award given by the Northeast States Emergency Consortium. Mr. Williams was instrumental in forming the Maine Incident Management Team, continued implementation of the Forest Protection Division's helicopter replacement plan and improved cooperation between and the efficiency of the State's natural resource agencies' aviation divisions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chief Forest Ranger Williams on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1177)

Catherine M. Cobb, of Augusta, on her retirement after 30 years of service to the State with the Department of Health and Human Services, where she was a dedicated advocate for the needs of elders and adults with disabilities. Ms. Cobb began her career with the Division of Residential Care. She was instrumental in efforts to create more home-like residential alternatives to nursing facilities, including Maine's first Adult Family Care homes. Ms. Cobb was also responsible for the nursing facility Certificate of Need program. In her last position, as Director of Licensing and Regulatory Services, she managed licensing and certification of all human services providers, including providers in Maine's new medical use of marijuana program. During her years of service, Ms. Cobb was recognized by her colleagues and supervisors with two William Twarog Manager of the Year awards and a Governor's Teamwork Award. She served as founder and president of Howell House, a ten-unit

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elderly housing project in Augusta, as well as serving on the board of Bread of Life Ministries. We send our appreciation to Ms. Cobb for her commitment to her profession, to her community and to the State. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1178)

Martin's Motel, of Madawaska, on its being named Business of the Year by the Maine Snowmobile Association. Jean Ouellette is the owner and operator of Martin's Motel. We congratulate Ms. Ouellette and Martin's Motel and wish them continued success; (HLS 1179)

Jerome "Jerry" Charles Kaul, of Brewer and Orrington, devoted husband, father, papa and friend. Mr. Kaul attended Stevens High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Maine. He served in the United States Air Force as captain in the 71st Strategic Air Command and piloted a KC-97G air refueling tanker. Mr. Kaul worked 28 years for GTE and was a member of Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Kaul will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1180)

the Town of Eliot, as it celebrates the month of May as Older Americans Month and recognizes the contributions of the senior citizens of its community and the State, and we honor the valuable insights and wisdom of senior citizens. We join the good citizens of Eliot in celebrating senior citizens and recognizing Older Americans Month; (HLS 1181)

Christopher Leland Morrill, of Warren, who has earned the distinction of being named the Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher on his achieving this honor; (HLS 1182)

Kaitlyn Alise Theberge, of Union, who has earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kaitlyn on her achieving this honor; (HLS 1183)

Eleanor Everson, of Dresden, who is the recipient of the Community Citizen Award, a nationwide Grange program recognizing the outstanding service of individuals, couples and organizations. Ms. Everson is the first resident of Dresden to receive this award, given by the Enterprise Grange No. 48. She has volunteered her time tirelessly throughout the years to many groups, such as the Lincoln County Historical Association, the Dresden Historical Society, the Dresden Fire Department and the Bridge Academy. Her dedication to community service is greatly appreciated by many. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Everson on her receiving this honor and send our best wishes; (HLS 1184)

Dr. Paul Ferguson, of Orono, on the occasion of his inauguration as the 19th President of the University of Maine on April 19, 2012. A Southern California native, President Ferguson brings a 30-year record of scholarly achievement, professional experience and exemplary leadership in higher education to the role of president. We are confident that President Ferguson and his administration will foster a spirit of collaboration, strength in purpose, and commitment to a positive future for the University of Maine during these challenging times and that his time as President will be a positive and defining moment for the University of Maine and its community. We welcome President Ferguson, his wife, Grace Ferguson, and their entire family to the great state of Maine, and we wish them many years of success at the University of Maine; (HLS 1185)

the Falmouth Middle School's boys and girls ski teams, which won first place overall in both Alpine and Nordic styles at the Maine Junior Ski Club Championship meets at Shawnee Peak in

Bridgton and at Starks Hill in Fryeburg. We congratulate the students on these achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1186)

the Falmouth 3rd and 4th grade Girls Basketball Team, on its winning the Mt. Ararat Youth Basketball Championship. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the students on this achievement; (HLS 1187)

the student members of the Falmouth Middle School "Iron Twinkies" Jazz Band, who won the 2012 Maine State Jazz Band Championship in Division I. The band, under the direction of music teacher Jerry Barry, scored 95 out of 100 possible points. It is the 11th time the school's band has been named the Maine State Jazz Band Champions. Thirteen students from the band won individual awards. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the band on this remarkable achievement; (HLS 1188)

Zachary Kennedy, of Springfield, on the occasion of his winning the Gold Medal in computer repair and maintenance at the 2012 SkillsUSA Maine Championship. Zachary is a student at Northern Penobscot Tech Region III and Lee Academy. The SkillsUSA Maine Championship is a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs. SkillsUSA offers an opportunity for students from across the State to demonstrate their talents and dedication to their education. Among such a talented field of participants, Zachary had to demonstrate a significant level of proficiency to win this award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (HLS 1189)

Ashlee Jipson, of Chester, who has been named Student of the Year at Northern Penobscot Tech Region III. Ashlee, also a student at Mattanawcook Academy, is an exemplary student at both institutions. She is also a talented athlete, playing varsity field hockey and participating in winter cheerleading. She has also shared her talents with the larger community, participating in the Pink Tulip Project to benefit the Women's Cancer Fund and volunteering with Toys for Tots and Jumpstart Our Youth. Ashlee plans to attend the University of Maine at Fort Kent to study nursing. She has already demonstrated her interest in and dedication to the medical profession; she is a certified residential medication aide, and is certified in both CPR and first aid. We extend our congratulations to Ashlee on her receiving this award and extend our best wishes to her on her future endeavors; (HLS 1190)

William P. Braun, of Brewer, longtime superintendent of MSAD No. 48 in Newport, on his retirement. Mr. Braun began teaching in 1970 in a private school while completing his bachelor's degree. He graduated from Winona State University, and in 1975 he received his master's degree in education from the University of Maine. He taught 5th and 6th grades in Minnesota and Maine before becoming a teaching principal in Brewer. He was an assistant principal in Bangor and then a principal in Orrington. Mr. Braun became a superintendent in 1989, serving in Allagash and in Easton and, since 1994, in Newport. He is a member of numerous professional organizations and is the recipient of many awards, such as the Commissioner's Recognition Award for Youth at Risk in 2011 from the Maine Department of Education and the Outstanding Leadership Award in 2007 from the Maine School Superintendents Association. We send Mr. Braun our appreciation for his exemplary career in education and for his commitment to the youth of Maine. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1191)

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Travis Leon Pite, of China, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Travis on this achievement; (HLS 1192)

Daniel Arthur Mather, of China, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this achievement; (HLS 1193)

Aaron Patrick Taylor, of China, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Aaron on this achievement; (HLS 1194)

Katie Keough, of Cumberland, who won the women's snowboard giant slalom national championship at the 2012 United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard National Championships at Sunday River. Ms. Keough, racing for the University of Maine at Farmington, defended the 2011 title she won at Sun Valley, Idaho and ends her collegiate snowboard career as a two-time National Champion and a five-time All-American Champion. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her achievements; (HLS 1195)

Clara Lincoln Swan, of Hampden, a longtime teacher, coach and administrator at Husson College, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, April 28, 2012. A native of Princeton, Ms. Swan grew up in Washington County. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1930 at Brewer High School and attended Husson College, then known as the Maine School of Commerce. After graduating, she taught for 5 years and then earned her bachelor's degree from American International College. Ms. Swan returned to Husson College in 1939 to teach and for the next 34 years she served with distinction as a teacher, coach and administrator. She coached women's basketball for 19 years and, as an administrator, rose to the position of vice-president. In 1951, Ms. Swan earned her master's degree in education. She has been honored with numerous awards for her coaching and teaching skills, and in 1971 she received a distinguished service award from the University of Maine at Orono for her achievement in business education. Ms. Swan is the recipient of honorary doctorates from Fort Lauderdale College and Husson College. Husson University honored her on her 90th birthday by naming the new fitness building the Clara Swan Center in the Newman Gymnasium. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on the centennial celebration of her life; (HLS 1196)

Jonathan B. Post, of Presque Isle, who was named Northern Maine Community College's 2012 Student of the Year. Every year, the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees honors outstanding students, one from each of the system's seven colleges, for their academic success and community involvement. In addition to earning this distinction, Mr. Post will receive a John H. Lapoint, Jr. Leadership Award in the amount of \$1,000. We join Mr. Post's family, friends, peers and professors in extending our congratulations and best wishes to him; (HLS 1197)

the top ten students of the Class of 2012 at Lewiston High School: Nathan Berube, Ashley Ferrance, Christian Labonte, Amber Langlois, Heather MacNeill, Rachel Mills, Drew Olehowski, Luke Olehowski, Sarah Schlax and Mackenzie Sullivan. We extend our congratulations to them and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1198)

Ashley Sheedy, of Berwick, 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 Ashley on this accomplishment; (HLS 1199)

McGyver Poulin, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 805, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, McGyver restored a storage building at the Windham Skate Park. We extend our congratulations to McGyver on this achievement; (HLS 1200)

Kenyon Fraser, of Litchfield, a senior at Oak Hill High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship from the Maine Principals' Association. Kenyon has been an outstanding student and citizen throughout his time at Oak Hill High School, excelling in the classroom and on the soccer field as well, where he served as team captain. Kenyon also participated in the drama club, the jazz band, the math team, academic decathlon, the student leadership team and the Oak Hill Legislative Assembly. We extend our congratulations to Kenyon on his receiving this award and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1201)

Madeleine Margaret Ostwald, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Deering High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Madeleine on her achieving this honor; (HLS 1202)

Julia R. Kang, of Portland, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Deering High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Julia on her achieving this honor; (HLS 1203)

Rachel Mills, of Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship from the Maine Principals' Association. Rachel excels academically and is involved in many extracurricular activities. She is a 3-season athlete, a member of the mock trial team, the yearbook editor and vice president of the class of 2012. We extend our congratulations to Rachel on her receiving this award and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors. (HLS 1204)

Maria Morris, of West Bath, who has been named to the Maine Educators' Hall of Fame Starting 6, an honor given annually to Maine educators by Unum to recognize, honor and celebrate the exceptional work of Maine educators. Ms. Morris is a Jobs for Maine's Graduates specialist who works with Morse High School students. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Morris for her commitment to the youth of the State and congratulate her on her receiving this distinguished honor; (HLS 1205)

Lillian Dow, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Lillian on her achieving this honor; (HLS 1206)

Taylor Lane, of Millinocket, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Stearns High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Taylor on her achieving this honor; (HLS 1207)

St. Joseph Hospital, in Bangor, on its being named a Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospital for demonstrating high-quality patient care and overall organizational excellence. St. Joseph Hospital is the only Maine hospital to earn this distinction, and one of only 20 medium-sized community hospitals to be recognized. We congratulate St. Joseph Hospital on its receiving this honor; (HLS 1208)

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Nancy Shapleigh, of Eliot, who is the recipient of the 2012 Fabyan Drake Award presented by the Eliot-Kittery Memorial Post 188 of the American Legion. Also known as the American Legion Good Citizen Award, the Fabyan Drake Award is given for dedicated contributions to the community. Ms. Shapleigh is a longtime resident of Eliot. She was the first woman selectman and is a businesswoman and entrepreneur and horsewoman, farmer and educator who opened her farm to Eliot Elementary School children. She is a selfless contributor to many local charities and nonprofit organizations. Ms. Shapleigh is a proud Memorial Day Parade participant and her horse-drawn wagon, with 4-hitch and 6-hitch, have been in many of the parades. We send our appreciation to Ms. Shapleigh for her contributions to the community and congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1209)

the following top ten percent of the graduating students of the Scarborough High School Class of 2012: Valedictorian Susan M. Rundell, Salutatorian Alexander M. Henny, Hannah K. Anderson, Dominique A. Burnham, Haley L. Carignan, Adam F. Cohen, Samantha A. Couillard, Shauni E. Cowan, Grace E. Hachey, Garret Hazelwood, John D. Herrman, Kelsey M. Howard, Kennedy B. Johnson, Andrew N. Jones, Alexander M. Kyte, Megan Loiselle, Meghan T. McAlary, Conor A. McCann, Rebecca J. Mitchell, Samuel Moore, Nicholas T. Morris, Wout Moulin, Kathryn P. Odden, Allison Orr, John V. Passarelli, Kaitlin E. Reynolds, Jamie C. Rowe, Mary E. Scott, Emily M. Tolman, Mariah F. Volk, Rachel E. Webber, Fallon L. Weiss and Mallory E. Weiss. We extend our congratulations to the graduating students on their achievement and we send them our best wishes on their future endeavors; (HLS 1210)

Peter Daigle, of Dedham, who is the recipient of the Maine Tourism Association's Hall of Fame Award for his contributions to Maine's lodging industry. Mr. Daigle has been Chief Operating Officer for Lafayette Hotels since 1994, and has seen the company grow from 4 hotels to 27 hotels. Mr. Daigle was born in Fort Kent and grew up in Aroostook County. He attended Colby College, graduating in 1970, and during his senior year worked at the Holiday Inn in Waterville, starting his career in the hotel industry. In 1976, he became the Director of Operations for the Erin Company, where he served as president and managed the company from 1976 to 1994. Mr. Daigle volunteers his time for many charitable causes and has served in a variety of leadership roles within the community and the hospitality industry. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1211)

Letitia Joy Smith Gilbank, of Farmington, a longtime resident of the area who was a teacher with Head Start for many years and who was active in the local Republican Party. Mrs. Gilbank was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and attended New Vineyard schools, graduating from Gould Academy in Bethel. She was a 1955 graduate of Farmington State Teachers' College. Mrs. Gilbank was a member of Old South Congregational Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as Regent for many years. She served as a Maine State Delegate in support of President Ronald Reagan. Mrs. Gilbank will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1212)

Lieutenant Keith Wheeler, of Monticello, for his 40 years of service with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Wheeler joined the Sheriff's Office after serving honorably in the United States Marine Corps. During his career, Lieutenant Wheeler has been a jail guard, patrol officer, drug detective and patrol sergeant. He is now commander of the law enforcement division and also oversees civil process. In 2008, the Maine

Sheriffs' Association named him the Deputy Sheriff of the Year. We acknowledge Lieutenant Wheeler for his dedication to law enforcement and we congratulate him on his 40 years of dedication to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1213)

Justin Juchnik, of East Millinocket, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this achievement; (HLS 1214)

Morgan Fraser, of East Millinocket, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations to Morgan on this achievement; (HLS 1215)

Sean Fitzgerald, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Sean constructed an outdoor classroom for Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport, which included making 4 benches, a 7-foot high kiosk with a whiteboard and a fire ring. We extend our congratulations to Sean on this achievement; (HLS 1216)

the members of the Caribou Middle School Wrestling Team, who won the 2012 Aroostook League Middle School Championship: Isaiah Thayer, Apollo Grondin, Eric Simon, Zach Wright, Cory Jandreau, Dylan Paddleford, Marcus Caudill, Spencer McDuffie, Hunter Jackson, Evan Michaud, Hunter Lindsey, Alex Tauer, Devin Martin, Chris Adams, Tre Caudill, Dustin Demerchant, Axios Gerakaris, Brienne Gagnon, Colton Conley, Joseph Bourgoine, Joshua Prestwood, Spencer St. Peter, Austin Scott, Ashton Beaver and Dylan Collins and coach James "Chico" Hernandez. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on this accomplishment; (HLS 1217)

Deion Caudill, of Caribou, for his 90 Maine Principals' Association victories over the course of the 2012 high school wrestling season. Deion is a senior at Caribou High School and is captain of the wrestling team. He won many championships during the 2012 season as well as being named WAGM Athlete of the Week, Most Valuable Player of the Caribou High School wrestling team, All-Aroostook wrestler and New England Wrestling Championships alternate. Deion was selected to be part of the Penobscot Valley Conference All-Conference Wrestling Team, first team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Deion and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 1218)

Roger Raymond, of Bucksport, who is leaving after 27 years as town manager. Mr. Raymond was hired as the town manager in 1985 and had intended to stay only 10 years. Now, more than a quarter of a century later, he is moving on. One of the most visible products of Mr. Raymond's tenure is the riverfront walkway, a mile-long landscaped brick walkway that winds along the Penobscot River behind Main Street. Mr. Raymond built the section of the walkway near the town hall and has maintained the potted plants that are located by the historic building facades. He is also credited with instituting forward-looking financial strategies that have steadily built reserve accounts and capital improvement accounts throughout the town's government. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Raymond for his commitment to the citizens of the Town of Bucksport and the State; (HLS 1219)

Deborah J. Kelly, of Calais, a student at Washington County Community College in Calais, who was named to the Maine Community College System 2012 All-Maine Academic Team. Students are chosen for this team for their academic achievement, leadership and service. We extend our

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congratulations and best wishes to Deborah on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1220)

Jessica Kowalski, of Calais, a student at Washington County Community College in Calais, who was named to the Maine Community College System 2012 All-Maine Academic Team. Students are chosen for this team for their academic achievement, leadership and service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jessica on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1221)

Melissa Berry, of Troy, a student at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, who was named to the Maine Community College System 2012 All-Maine Academic Team. Students are chosen for this team for their academic achievement, leadership and service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Melissa on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1222)

Bev Curry, of Freeport, on the occasion of her retirement as Town Clerk for the Town of Freeport. Ms. Curry started as the Deputy Town Clerk in Freeport in 1997 and became the Town Clerk in 2001. She has the distinction of being a Certified Clerk of Maine, a status awarded by the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association, and in 2011, she received the association's Lifetime certification. While Town Clerk, Ms. Curry was often selected to be an election observer for the Organization for Security and Co-operation of Europe, of which the United States is a member state, and served as an election observer in Bosnia, Russia, Macedonia, Belarus, Armenia and Montenegro. We send our appreciation to Ms. Curry for her dedicated service to her community, to her State and the Nation and we congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1223)

Patricia A. Condon, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts and formerly a longtime resident of Gardiner, Maine. Mrs. Condon was born in Brockton, Massachusetts and graduated from Simmons College in 1946. For a short time she was a reporter for WBET radio station in Brockton and later worked for *Millimeter* magazine. Mrs. Condon was a member of the Simmons Alumni Association and was a volunteer for the Charity Guild in Brockton and Catholic Charities of Cape Cod. She lived in Gardiner for 22 years and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and known for her leadership and community service in the area. She was an avid reader, stayed current with politics and was a faithful fan of the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots, the Boston Bruins and the Wisconsin Badgers. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1224)

Erika Derosier, of Lewiston, a December 2011 graduate of Central Maine Community College, who was named to the Maine Community College System 2012 All-Maine Academic Team. Students are chosen for this team for their academic achievement, leadership and service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Erika on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1225)

Jesse Bell, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Jesse has been a member of the troop for 10 years and serves as the Senior Patrol Leader. For his Eagle Scout project, Jesse blazed 25 miles of trails on the east side of Route 9 at Bradbury Mountain State Park. We extend our congratulations to Jesse on this achievement; (HLS 1226)

Israel Davis, of North Anson, a senior at Carrabec High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored

by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Israel on his receiving this award; (HLS 1227)

Anna Piotti, of Unity, a senior at Mount View High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Anna on her receiving this award; (HLS 1228)

Emile and Lona Bedard, of Norway, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bedard were married at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Norway on May 8, 1942. The couple met when they both played in a dance band known as the Harmony Haymakers. They have 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bedard on this very special occasion; (HLS 1229)

David Cartier, of York, a senior at York High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Maine Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to David on his receiving this award and send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1230)

Brendan Wood, of Caribou, who is a three-time Maine Principals' Association State place winner. Brendan is a junior at Caribou High School and is captain of the wrestling team. He won many championships during the 2012 season and was named a WAGM Athlete of the Week and an All-Aroostook Wrestler. Brendan was selected to be part of the Penobscot Valley Conference All-Conference Wrestling Team, second team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Brendan and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 1231)

Robert Caudill, of Caribou, for his success as a wrestler over the course of the 2012 high school wrestling season. Robert is a freshman at Caribou High School. He won many championships during the 2012 season and was named a WAGM Athlete of the Week and received a Penobscot Valley Conference All-Conference Wrestling Team honorable mention. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Robert and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; (HLS 1232)

Cody Woods, of Houlton, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations to Cody on this achievement; (HLS 1233)

Alana Smith, of Houlton, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Houlton High School. We extend our congratulations to Alana on this achievement; (HLS 1234)

CLYNK, a beverage container recycling company based in South Portland, which was honored with a 2012 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in the "Businesses Over 50 Employees" category for effectively engaging thousands of Mainers in returning their used beverage containers. The company has collected nearly 300 million containers since 2006. CLYNK brings new customers into the nearly 50 participating Hannaford supermarkets from Old Town to York. We congratulate the company on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1235)

the Cliff Island School, of Portland, on placing second in the statewide Maine Recycles Championship. The Cliff Island School only has four pupils, but they recycled an impressive 4,485 containers. We send our appreciation to the students of the Cliff Island School for their commitment to their community, and we congratulate them on placing second in this distinguished competition; (HLS 1236)



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Tony and Sandy Jordan, of Otisfield, for their 50 years of service and commitment to the Otisfield Fire Department. Mr. Jordan started as a firefighter and moved up the ranks to Deputy Chief of the department. Mr. Jordan stepped down as an officer in 2004 but has continued to volunteer and support the fire department and its members. He is known for taking the initiative and has been a strong leader and mentor to other members of the department. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have treated the department as an extension of their family and remain committed to its well-being. We extend our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan for their many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Otisfield; (HLS 1237)

the following members of the Husson University Softball Team, who won the 2012 North Atlantic Conference Title, the school's 4th consecutive championship: Courtney Hill, Aimee Mortensen, Heidi Shaw, Kayla Merrill, Deb Colpitts, Kylee Gardiner, Jessica Poulin, Becca McCarty, Amanda Ryan, Victoria Overlock, Paige Teel Dresden, Brianna Webster, Nicole Sargent, Ashley Smith, Kody Lyon, Chelsea Brennan, Kelsey Livermore, Haley Spiers and Lona Sargent. Becca McCarty was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2012 North Atlantic Conference Tournament. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the softball team on their achievements; (HLS 1238)

the following Top Ten Students of the 2012 Graduating Class of Wiscasset High School: James Vincent Andretta, Kayla Elizabeth Connors, Emma J. Corwin, Carolyn Jane Footer, Abigail Ruth Foster, Devin Paul Grover, Nicole Elisabeth Jewett, Jordan Paul Jones, Steven Michael Smith and Michaela Lynne Thibeault. We congratulate the students on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1239)

Jim Meehan, of East Millinocket, Executive Director of Katahdin Friends, Inc. (KFI) in Millinocket, who was recently honored with the Association for Persons in Supported Employment's 2011 Professional Achievement Award. Mr. Meehan has spent the better part of his professional career, including 28 years as the Executive Director of KFI, promoting the mainstream employment of people with disabilities, as well as enriching their lives in many other ways. We send Mr. Meehan our appreciation for his commitment to the community and the State and we congratulate him on his receiving this award; (HLS 1240)

the Leonard Middle School Jazz Ensemble, in Old Town, directed by Shianne Priest, which won its 18th Division II State Jazz Festival. We extend our congratulations to the members of the ensemble on their achievement and send our best wishes to them; (HLS 1241)

the Old Town High School Concert Band, which won the Division III award at the 2012 Maine State Jazz Festival. The band also won the "All That Jazz" competition at Peakes Auditorium in Bangor. The Old Town High School Concert Band has won this event for the past 6 years, winning a total of \$18,000 for charity, including Habitat for Humanity. We congratulate the Old Town High School Concert Band on its achievements; (HLS 1242)

Suzanne Gordon, of Westfield, on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years of service as a Public Health Nurse with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. We send her our appreciation for her commitment to her profession and to the people of Maine, and we congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1243)

James E. "Jim" Blanchette, of Bangor, a United States Army veteran, who retired from the State of Maine after 20 years of service in 1997. Mr. Blanchette was born in Tewksbury,

Massachusetts and was a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary. After his retirement from state service, he served many local churches, and was a guest pastor. He was a member and past commander of James Williams VFW Post and a commandant for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Blanchette was a commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years, receiving the George Meany Award. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife, the Honorable Patricia A. Blanchette, former Member of the Maine House of Representatives, his loving family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1244)

the following Top Ten Students of the 2012 Graduating Class of Winthrop High School: Valedictorian Alison Julie Sekerak, Salutatorian Amy Nicole Belanger, Christopher James Bowers, Connor Hayward Doyle, Timothy Matthew Dunn, Darian Joseph Nadeau, Tyler Michael Reeve, Meagan Victoria Scully, Lauren Kelsey Selwood and Matthew Brian Smith. We congratulate the students on their achievements and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1245)

Jim Wilber, of Long Island, who is the recipient of the Francis "Tiny" Murphy Civic Award from the Long Island Civic Association for his contributions to the Town of Long Island. Mr. Wilber exemplifies the qualities of a good public citizen and is committed to the community in many ways. He has served with Long Island Fire and Rescue for over 20 years, is the first person to respond to the Fire Station during storms and power outages, and is the Emergency Shelter Director. Mr. Wilber has been active with the Long Island School and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, making many trips to volunteer at Togus. In addition, he serves on many committees, and is considered the "father" of the Long Island recreation committee, earning a large grant for the town. We join the Town of Long Island in acknowledging Mr. Wilber's dedicated commitment to his community, and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1246)

Shelby Seavey, of Edmunds, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Shead High School. We extend our congratulations to Shelby on this achievement; (HLS 1247)

Patricia A. Barr, of Standish, longtime postmaster of Standish until her recent retirement. Ms. Barr served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and after her discharge joined the United States National Guard, where she was a reserve from 1978 to 1990. Her knowledge of aircraft mechanics carried over from the Air Force to East Coast Tech, where she was the first female Aircraft Mechanic Instructor. She later worked as a postmaster for the United States Post Office for 26 years. Ms. Barr was a member of American Legion Post #128, a charter member of Women in Military Service for America and the secretary and treasurer of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. Ms. Barr was an avid sports fan and enjoyed playing softball, bowling, golfing and watching all Boston sports. She will be sadly missed by her loving family; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1248)

Kelly Sawyer, of Pembroke, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations to Kelly on this achievement; (HLS 1249)

Raymond and Virginia Osborn, of Scarborough, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn were married in Worcester, Massachusetts on April 29, 1942, and have lived in Scarborough since 1986. They have 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Mr. Osborn is a United States Army veteran of World War II. We

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extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this anniversary; (HLS 1250)

Leonard K. Libby, of Scarborough, owner of Libby's Candies and a United States Navy veteran of World War II. From the time of his return to Scarborough after the war, Mr. Libby was an active and dedicated member of his community. Mr. Libby was vice president of the Scarborough Lion's Club, which he joined in 1953. He also served the community as a volunteer with the Special Fire-Police unit and with the public safety department, joining the rescue squad in 1954 and working as an emergency medical technician for 22 years. Mr. Libby was honored for his commitment to the town with the Lions Club's Mervin Jones Fellowship Award, and January 16, 2003 was proclaimed as Leonard K. Libby Day in Scarborough. Mr. Libby will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family, friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1251)

Sheri Piers, of Falmouth, who finished 10th overall in the women's field in the 2012 Boston Marathon. Ms. Piers was the first American-born woman to cross the finish line in Copley Square, completing the 26.2-mile journey from Hopkinton in 2 hours, 41 minutes and 55 seconds. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Piers on her achievement; (HLS 1252)

Nicholas Sluzenski, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Calais High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Nicholas on his receiving this honor; (HLS 1253)

Emily McCadden, of Calais, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Calais High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Emily on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1254)

Tamara Thompson, of Waite, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Woodland High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Tamara on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1255)

Kimberly Carter, of Princeton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Woodland High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kimberly on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1256)

Cassandra Hamann, of Lyman, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Massabesic High School. We extend our congratulations to Cassandra on this achievement; (HLS 1257)

the following members of the Messalonskee High School Infinite Loop Robotics Team 2648, of Oakland, who won third place in their division at the FIRST Tech Challenge 2012 World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, in front of nearly 30,000 spectators: students Ian Bernier, Kyle Bernier, Bradley Bickford, Courtney Brown, McKenzie Brunelle, Derek Caron, Steve Chace, Dakota Condon, Aaron Damon, Cam Dick, Alex Dyer, Matt Dyer, Nickolas Ferguson, Taylor Ferguson, Sabine Fontaine, Ryan Galouch, Erika Hall, Robert Klein, Forrest LeBlanc, Eben Lenfest, Zoe Nielsen, Sydney O'Neal, Amber Pilsbury, Amy Pinkham, Justin Shuman and Brady Snowden; and advisor Jamee Luce. In order to qualify to compete in St. Louis, the team won the Engineering Inspiration Award at the regional competition held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. We send our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievements; (HLS 1258)

Micah L. Wiley, of Hodgdon, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Greater Houlton Christian Academy. We extend our congratulations to Micah on this achievement; (HLS 1259)

Ethan Q. Holmes, of Houlton, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Greater

Houlton Christian Academy. We extend our congratulations to Ethan on this achievement; (HLS 1260)

Vinal D. Boutaugh, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran and a longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Boutaugh was born in Millinocket and was a graduate of Stearns High School, class of 1965. After he served a tour of duty in the United States Army, Mr. Boutaugh worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 28 years as a pipefitter. He was a member of Elliott Stinson Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Donald V. Henry Post No. 80, American Legion; and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1521, Millinocket. Mr. Boutaugh will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Ann, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1261)

the New Portland Lions Club, of New Portland, on its receiving the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its 75 years of fund-raising for charity. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the New Portland Lions Club on its receiving this award; (HLS 1262)

the Jackman-Moose River Historical Society, of Jackman, on its receiving the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its preservation of the Captain Samuel Holden homestead and its artifacts. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Jackman-Moose River Historical Society on its receiving this award; (HLS 1263)

Moscow Elementary School, of Moscow, on its receiving the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its instituting special programs to inspire healthy eating and physical activity. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Moscow Elementary School on its receiving this award; (HLS 1264)

Joseph Bourque, of Bingham, who has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for his work in the American Legion and for the town as ballot clerk for many years. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Bourque on his receiving this award; (HLS 1265)

the Embden Historical Society, of Embden, on its receiving the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its raking and mowing of 19 cemeteries in town and in giving out an annual scholarship. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Embden Historical Society on its receiving this award; (HLS 1266)

Moose River Valley Center, of Moose River, on its receiving the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its providing many activities for the older citizens of the area. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Moose River Valley Center on its receiving this award; (HLS 1267)

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Joseph Gould, of Jefferson, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Erskine Academy. We extend our congratulations to Joseph on this achievement; (HLS 1268)

Carolyn MacDonald, of Newcastle, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Lincoln Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Carolyn on her achievements; (HLS 1269)

Alyssa Taylor, of St. Albans, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Nokomis High School. We extend our congratulations to Alyssa on this achievement; (HLS 1270)

Brynn Cardozo, of Palmyra, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Nokomis High School. We extend our congratulations to Brynn on this achievement; (HLS 1271)

May Plumb, of Nobleboro, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Lincoln Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to May on her achievements; (HLS 1272)

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Lagace, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, May 11, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lagace on this very special occasion; (HLS 1273)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baillargeon, of Lisbon, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 29, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Baillargeon on this very special occasion; (HLS 1274)

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Drake, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, May 13, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Drake on this very special occasion; (HLS 1275)

Mr. and Mrs. George Janosco, of Lisbon, who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 12, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Janosco on this very special occasion; (HLS 1276)

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Judd, Jr., of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, April 5, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Judd on this very special occasion; (HLS 1277)

Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Larochelle, of Lisbon, who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on September 2, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Larochelle on this very special occasion; (HLS 1278)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dobransky, of Lisbon, who will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 16, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dobransky on this very special occasion; (HLS 1279)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cicard, of Lisbon, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, April 6, 2012. They will be

recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cicard on this very special occasion; (HLS 1280)

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tardiff, of Lisbon, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 3, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tardiff on this very special occasion; (HLS 1281)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Austin, of Lisbon, who will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary, August 2, 2012. They will be recognized at a special anniversary Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon on June 3, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Austin on this very special occasion; (HLS 1282)

Jocelyn Thomas, of Passadumkeag, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Jocelyn on this achievement; (HLS 1283)

Saddleback Maine, of Rangeley, one of New England's finest family ski and snowboard resorts, on its receiving a 2012 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. Saddleback Maine has increased its workforce since 2003 from 66 employees to 225 employees during the peak winter season. The 4-season property has invested more than \$40,000,000 during that time to improve and expand mountain operations and resort offerings. We congratulate Saddleback Maine on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1284)

Alexis Pinkham, of Buxton, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We extend our congratulations to Alexis on this achievement; (HLS 1285)

the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, in Limestone, on its being ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as the 38th best high school in the nation and the 9th best magnet school. Last year, the magazine ranked the school as the 14th best math and science high school in the nation. The Maine School of Science and Mathematics is Maine's premiere magnet school and challenges academically motivated young people from across the State with a rigorous student-centered curriculum that emphasizes the links between math, science and the humanities. The school opened in 1995, and its more than 750 graduates already include Rhodes and Fulbright Scholars, award-winning researchers, engineers, medical doctors, teachers, professors and entrepreneurs. We extend our congratulations to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics on this auspicious occasion and send our best wishes for its continued success; (HLS 1286)

Reba Meserve, of Standish, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Bonny Eagle High School. We extend our congratulations to Reba on this achievement; (HLS 1287)

Jesse N. Mills, of Wells, a senior at Wells High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Jesse on his receiving this award; (HLS 1288)

Olivia Marshburn-Ersek, of Gorham, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Gorham High School. We extend our congratulations to Olivia on this achievement; (HLS 1289)

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Jameson Crawford, of Gorham, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Gorham High School. We extend our congratulations to Jameson on this achievement; (HLS 1290)

Anita S. Leonard, of Old Town, a loving wife, mother and grandmother who was very involved in her community. Mrs. Leonard was born in Stillwater and graduated from Old Town High School in 1949 at the top of her class. She was a 1953 graduate of Cornell University, where she was a Pi Beta Phi sorority member, and was the Cornell University Alumni Representative for Admissions in Maine for many years. She married her high school sweetheart, Ralph E. Leonard, and they returned to the Stillwater and Old Town community to raise their family after spending 5 years at various military bases in the United States and abroad as Mr. Leonard served his Nation as a United States Air Force officer. Mrs. Leonard's community and charitable contributions included board or director positions with the Maine Community Foundation, the Old Town-Orono YMCA Heritage Club, the Old Town Library League, the University of Maine Foundation, the Community Health and Counseling Center, the Air National Guard Wives Association and as incorporator for Bangor Savings Bank. Mrs. Leonard was an honorary University of Maine alumna. She volunteered thousands of hours to the good work and causes of Stillwater Federated Church and Old Town United Methodist Church, and for decades served in multiple board capacities and as a repeat lay representative to the United Methodist New England Conference. She also volunteered thousands of hours to Eastern Maine Medical Center Auxiliary, where her glowing, contagious smile and wonderful personality brought joy and comfort to countless patients and visitors. Mrs. Leonard will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving husband of 59 years, her family and her many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1291)

Gary Bragdon, of Howland, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations to Gary on this achievement; (HLS 1292)

The Aroostook Medical Center, in Presque Isle, on the 100th anniversary of its providing high-quality health care to Aroostook County. As Presque Isle's first public hospital and one of Aroostook County's first public health care facilities, The Aroostook Medical Center was founded in 1912 as Presque Isle General Hospital and remains a not-for-profit organization to this day. Its expansion over the years has benefitted the northern Aroostook County community both medically and economically, and the center is now the area's leading employer. We send our appreciation to The Aroostook Medical Center for its exemplary service to northern Maine and we congratulate the center on its centennial celebration; (HLS 1293)

Jessica Roberts, of Litchfield, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Oak Hill High School. We extend our congratulations to Jessica on this achievement; (HLS 1294)

Sarah Desjardins, of Wales, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Oak Hill High School. We extend our congratulations to Sarah on this achievement; (HLS 1295)

the Honorable Joyce Fitzpatrick and Peter Fitzpatrick, of Houlton, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 26, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick on this very special occasion; (HLS 1296)

Frank Knight, 103, of Yarmouth, a longtime prominent and beloved member of his community who gained fame for his care of one of New England's oldest American elm trees. Frank

Knight was born in 1908 in Pownal, a descendant of the original settlers of Pownal. Mr. Knight attended a one-room schoolhouse and worked on the family farm as a boy. He graduated from North Yarmouth Academy and was a 1930 graduate of the Forestry School at the University of Maine in Orono. After college, Mr. Knight surveyed the Allagash while working for the Great Northern Paper Company, and in 1950 he cleared land that was to become the site of the interstate highway and the Portland Jetport. Mr. Knight was a dedicated and active citizen of the Town of Yarmouth over the years, serving on the town's planning board, conservation commission and library board and having many other civic roles. In 1974 he retired and became the Tree Warden for the Town of Yarmouth. For five decades, Mr. Knight took care of one tree in particular, an American elm named "Herbie," which was considered to be the oldest elm tree in New England. The Maine Forest Service established the Frank Knight Excellence in Community Forestry Award in recognition of Mr. Knight's concern for trees. Mr. Knight was present the day in 2010 that Herbie, having finally succumbed to Dutch elm disease at 217 years of age, was felled. The event was covered throughout the nation. The wood was salvaged and money raised from its sale went to the town's tree trust. In honor of Mr. Knight's dedication and service, he will be buried in a hand-crafted casket made from Herbie's wood. Mr. Knight will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and neighbors and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1297)

Volk Packaging Corporation, of Biddeford, on being one of 6 Maine companies receiving the 2012 Governor's Award for Business Excellence, given to Maine companies that demonstrate a high level of commitment to their community, employees and to manufacturing or service excellence. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Volk Packaging Corporation on its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1298)

Mitchell Bartlett, of Weston, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of East Grand School in Danforth. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mitchell on his achievements; (HLS 1299)

Matthew "Ben" Plummer, of Brookton Township, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of East Grand School in Danforth. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ben on his achievements; (HLS 1300)

Marshalyn Baker, of Belgrade, on the occasion of her retirement after 39 years as a teacher. Mrs. Baker taught 38 years in the Messalonskee school system. She is well-known and widely respected as a superb junior high mathematics teacher who not only educates, but inspires students. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, served on the board of directors for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and had the opportunity to work on a variety of NASA initiatives. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Baker for her commitment to the youth of the State and extend our best wishes to her on her retirement; (HLS 1301)

Wilma Jordan, of Turner, who is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane from the Town of Turner as the town's oldest citizen. Mrs. Jordan was born on June 17, 1915 to Wallace and Mildred Reed, and she and her brother Wallace were third-generation twins. She was the Salutatorian of the 1934 graduating class of Leavitt Area High School. In 1935, she married Leroy Jordan and they had 3 children. Mrs. Jordan has 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. At nearly

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97 years of age, Mrs. Jordan enjoys playing games on her computer and maintains her own home. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Jordan on her receiving the Boston Post Cane; (HLS 1302)

the following members of the Central High School Varsity Cheerleaders, who have won the 2012 Class C State Championship: Kayla Kelley, Logan Wilson, Tabitha Goldsmith, Hillary Williams, Melyssa Prescott, Kalee LePage, Jennifer Howard, Megan Young, Taylor Clark, Katrina Lessard, Cassidy McNerney, Cassidy Chase, Kayla Grindle, Craig Blackwell, Courtney Grant, Janelle Portmann, Reanna O'Bar, Erin Smith, Kendra Russell, Kristina Leeds, KC Hepler, Randi Clark, coach Cristy Strout, manager Logianne Curtis and mascot Ben Underhill. This is the first state championship in cheering for Central High School. We congratulate the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1303)

Zachary Rogers, of Kenduskeag, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Central High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Zachary on his achievements; (HLS 1304)

Kenneth Howard, of Greenville, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Greenville High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Kenneth on his achievements; (HLS 1305)

Steven Bilodeau, of Greenville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Greenville High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Steven on his achievements; (HLS 1306)

Sarae Sager, of Caribou, a senior at Caribou High School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Sarae on her receiving this award; (HLS 1307)

the 150th anniversary of the mustering of the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment into federal service, on August 29, 1862. Known as the "20th Maine," the regiment was formed to absorb an overflow of volunteer soldiers of central Maine, who left their homes and families to defend the Union during the Civil War. The 20th Maine's first foray into the Civil War was in September of 1862 during the Battle of Antietam, the first major victory for the Union Army. In the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, the 20th Maine, led by Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, charged down Little Round Top hill to halt the forward movement of the Confederate Army. This courageous charge by the men from Maine has been credited as a major turning point in the Battle of Gettysburg and the Civil War. For the remainder of the war, the 20th Maine participated in every major battle with the Army of the Potomac. Colonel Chamberlain was eventually put in charge of a brigade and promoted to Brigadier General and was given the honor of commanding the Union troops at the ceremony at which the Confederacy surrendered. The 20th Maine was mustered out of service on July 16, 1865. During that service, 9 officers and 1,621 enlisted men were killed or mortally wounded and an additional officer and 145 enlisted men died of disease. The anniversary of the mustering will be celebrated by a mustering of Civil War re-enactors August 24th through August 26th, 2012. We extend our appreciation to the men of the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and to their descendants, on this important anniversary of one of America's most illustrious combat units; (HLS 1308)

Logan Boucher, of West Paris, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to Logan on his achievements; (HLS 1309)

Jeremy Read, of South Paris, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Jeremy on his achievements; (HLS 1310)

the top ten graduating students of the 2012 graduating class of Mt. Blue High School, in Farmington: Xiaojie Chen, of East Wilton; Matthew F. Dustin, of Farmington; Colton T. Hall, of Farmington; Derek M. Hoyt, of Wilton; Rachel H. Karno, of Farmington; North A. Kay, of Industry; Elena M. Loring, of Farmington; Gianluca A. Pane, of Wilton; Courtney H. Qi, of Wilton; and Emily Ramsey, of New Sharon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the students on their achievements; (HLS 1311)

Roger and June Messier, of Wells, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Messier were married on February 29, 1952 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and have lived in Wells for much of their married life. Mr. Messier is a decorated veteran and a career crane operator who is still working at age 81. Mrs. Messier is a professional vocalist. At age 80, she is an active community organizer and serves as treasurer of the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Messier in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them; (HLS 1312)

the top ten graduating students at Edward Little High School in Auburn: Niyati Desai, Christopher Cloutier, Connor Dumont, Taylor Brackett, Jordan Tate, Matthew Shen, Joshua Delong, Ashley DeBlois, Jaelyn Masters and Nika Faulkner. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the students on their achievements; (HLS 1313)

the top graduating students at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel: Adam Mahar, Emily Bellinger, Brittany Douglass, Karen White, Naomi Ellsworth, Matthew Keane, Daniel Whitney, Hunter Verrill, Annalyn Bachmann, Kallie Brown and Lyndsay Merrill. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the students on their achievements; (HLS 1314)

the top ten graduating students at Gould Academy in Bethel: Amalia Siegel, Abbie Goldberg, James Scott Cooper Cameron, Merritt Harlan, Bo Huang, Aaron Mason, Jacquelyn O'Sullivan, Eliana Rowe, Margaret Runyon and Abigail Turner. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the students on their achievements; (HLS 1315)

Rich Abramson, of Arundel, on the occasion of his retirement as the superintendent of Regional School Unit 38. Mr. Abramson has been the Superintendent of Schools for the unit for 11 years, and has been a superintendent for 16 years in total, having served in that capacity in the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District and Regional School Unit 21 as well. He also honorably served as the Executive Director of the Kennebec YMCA for 4 years and has been named to the YMCA's Hall of Fame. Mr. Abramson also worked as the director of Special Education for the Gardiner school system. In his retirement, Mr. Abramson plans to continue working with superintendents through the District Administration Leadership Institute. He will also continue his work with Phoenix Academies of New England as their new Director of Education, and is looking forward to spending time with his family. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Abramson for his years of service to the students and people of Maine, and send him our best wishes on his retirement and future endeavors; (HLS 1316)

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Emily St. Pierre, of Caswell, a senior at Limestone Community School, who is the recipient of the 2012 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations to Emily on her receiving this award; (HLS 1317)

Susan Stevenson, of Wayne, on the occasion of her retirement from teaching after many years of dedicated service. Ms. Stevenson is a 1972 graduate of the University of Maine at Orono with a degree in English Literature. She began teaching English at Livermore Falls High School in 1989. During her years there she earned her master's degree in secondary education, completing it in 1992. In 2001, Ms. Stevenson began teaching at Jay High School, serving as the chair of the Steering Committee for New England Accreditation. We send Ms. Stevenson our appreciation for her 23 years of service to the youth of Maine and to her community and State. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1318)

Michael Simoneau, of Livermore, on the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of public service. Mr. Simoneau is a 1965 graduate of Livermore Falls High School and a 1969 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington. He served 3 years in the United States Army, with a tour of duty in South Vietnam. He taught 2 years of Social Studies at Barnstead Elementary School in New Hampshire and 3 years of Individualized Reading at Livermore Falls High School. Mr. Simoneau taught Social Studies for 33 years at Jay High School and one year at Spruce Mountain High School (North) in Jay. He also coached several sports. We send our appreciation to Mr. Simoneau on his many years of dedicated service to the youth of Maine and to his State and Nation. We congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1319)

Amos Orcutt, of Bangor, on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Maine Foundation after 22 years of successful leadership. Mr. Orcutt and his wife, Lola, the foundation's lead volunteer, have been passionate advocates for the university. Mr. Orcutt received his agricultural sciences degree from the University of Maine in 1964. He joined the University of Maine Foundation in 1990 and has grown the foundation's holdings from \$25,000,000 to nearly \$200,000,000 today. Mr. Orcutt has led the organization through many accomplishments, including the construction of the Buchanan Alumni House, the creation of a student-run investment fund, the development of the Green Endowment Program and the stewardship of a 14-year relationship with alumnus George Houston, resulting in a \$12,000,000 bequest, the largest gift ever received by the university. Mr. Orcutt has also been instrumental in recent legislation concerning charitable giving. Mrs. Orcutt has served as a trusted and valued advisor to her husband during his years with the foundation, volunteering much time to attend and help host alumni receptions, athletic events and more. She created the Maine Spirit Fund, which provides funding for the University Pep Band, University Singers and more. We send our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Orcutt on their many years of commitment to the University of Maine Foundation and to the university community and we congratulate Mr. Orcutt on his retirement; (HLS 1320)

Cora Marley, of Skowhegan, beloved mother and grandmother. Mrs. Marley was born September 15, 1949 in Waterville. She was a vivacious fun-loving person who brought joy and laughter to her family and friends. She operated Spic & Span Cleaning Service for many years. Mrs. Marley enjoyed skiing, camping and playing dominos. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1321)

Samantha Martin, of Hampden, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Bangor Christian Schools. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Samantha on her achievements; (HLS 1322)

Abigail Vicnaire, of Dedham, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Bangor Christian Schools. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Abigail on her achievements; (HLS 1323)

Katrina Lessard, of Corinth, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Central High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Katrina on her achievements; (HLS 1324)

James Stepp, of Presque Isle, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 171, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1325)

Robert C. Doyle, of Bangor and Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Doyle was born in Nova Scotia and moved to Millinocket in 1943. He was a graduate of Stearns High School. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 37 years, retiring as a pipefitter in 1987. Mr. Doyle then worked for Local No. 321 as a construction worker until retiring in 1990. Mr. Doyle was a lifetime member of Local No. 485 Plumbing and Pipefitting Union; Elliot Stinson Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Donald V. Henry Post No. 80, American Legion; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1521; and St. Martin's Council No. 680, Knights of Columbus. He was a fourth degree Knight, belonging to Council No. 347, and was also a member of the Honor Guard of the American Legion for 20 years and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard for 20 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1326)

Daniel Gary Clark, of Howland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 64, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Daniel made improvements to a boat landing in Howland. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this achievement; (HLS 1327)

the 50th anniversary of Windjammer Days in Boothbay Harbor. Windjammer Days is a celebration of the old sailing ships, built on the coast of Maine, which sailed the world transporting people and goods to faraway places. Windjammers were the grandest merchant ships of an earlier day and, though built for commerce and trade, were known for their great size and beauty. Every June for the last 50 years, Windjammer Days has brought native Mainers and tourists alike to Boothbay Harbor to marvel at these beautiful ships and to learn about our centuries-old maritime culture, which continues to this day. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Boothbay Harbor and the Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce, and all the sponsors of this event, on the 50th anniversary of Windjammer Days; (HLS 1328)

Lillian Ramser, of Turner, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Leavitt Area High School. We extend our congratulations to Lillian on this achievement; (HLS 1329)

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Carroll H. Stanley, of Medway, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Stanley was born in Medway, and took great pride in obtaining ownership of the farms he and his late wife Emma grew up on. He was an employee of Great Northern Paper Company for 43 years, and in 2011 he was honored as the Oldest Male Citizen in Medway. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1330)

Eric Joseph Batchelder, of Enfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 64, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Eric made improvements to a park in Howland. We extend our congratulations to Eric on this achievement; (HLS 1331)

Ashley Dill, of Springfield, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations to Ashley on this achievement; (HLS 1332)

Blaine Guido, of Lee, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations to Blaine on this achievement; (HLS 1333)

Shaunna Damboise, of Fayette, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School, South Campus. We extend our congratulations to Shaunna on this achievement; (HLS 1334)

Kathryn Ventrella, of Fayette, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School, South Campus. We extend our congratulations to Kathryn on this achievement; (HLS 1335)

Tom Carlin, of Lebanon, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Noble High School. We extend our congratulations to Tom on this achievement; (HLS 1336)

Allison Pierpont, of Lebanon, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Noble High School. We extend our congratulations to Allison on this achievement; (HLS 1337)

Wilbur Shardlow, of West Gardiner, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service as an educator. Mr. Shardlow has been a math teacher for the past few years at Spruce Mountain High School, South Campus, and prior to that he taught children from kindergarten through grade 8. We send Mr. Shardlow our appreciation for his years of service to his profession and to the youth of Maine. We congratulate him and send him our best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1338)

Sarae Sager, of Caribou, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations to Sarae on this achievement; (HLS 1339)

Elsa Anderson Thibodeau, of Stockholm, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Caribou High School. We extend our congratulations to Elsa on this achievement; (HLS 1340)

Lucy Knowlton, of Turner, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Leavitt Area High School. We extend our congratulations to Lucy on this achievement; (HLS 1341)

Leo H. Higgins, Sr., of Bangor, a United States Army veteran of World War II and longtime employee of Maine Central Railroad. Mr. Higgins was born in Hermon and grew up in Bangor with his 9 siblings. Mr. Higgins expressed pride in his Irish Catholic heritage. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School and John Bapst High School. He served in the U.S. Army with

the 243rd Field Artillery Battalion in Europe during World War II. During his service years he competed in boxing, track and diving. He was married for 63 years to his wife, Hilda, and they raised 13 children together. Mr. Higgins was a railroad engineer for Maine Central Railroad and retired in 1990 after 45 years of service. He served as union president for United Transportation Union. Mr. Higgins was known as a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1342)

Douglas A. Remington, of Scarborough, beloved husband and father. Mr. Remington was a State Licensed Paramedic. He worked with Fryeburg Rescue and Falmouth Fire and Rescue and as director of PACE Ambulance in Norway and was EMS Chief for Windham Fire and Rescue and a Firefighter Paramedic for the Scarborough Fire Department. He retired from Northeast Mobile Health Services, where he was the Senior Vice President of Operations for many years. Mr. Remington held a private pilot's license and had a passion for aviation. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, Sue. Mr. Remington will be sadly missed by his loving family, his friends and his colleagues; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1343)

Kassandra Hopkins, of Vinalhaven, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Vinalhaven School. We extend our congratulations to Kassandra on this achievement; (HLS 1344)

Blake Reidy, of Vinalhaven, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Vinalhaven School. We extend our congratulations to Blake on this achievement; (HLS 1345)

Captain John "Jay" Brainard III, of Newport, beloved husband of Emily. Captain Brainard graduated from Foxcroft Academy and the University of Maine. He was a United States Army helicopter pilot assigned to the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, based in Fort Benning, Georgia. Captain Brainard was piloting an AH-64 helicopter when it went down on patrol in Afghanistan. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice that Captain Brainard made for his State and his Nation. Captain Brainard will be sadly missed by his loving family, his friends and his fellow officers; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1346)

Roland and Thelma Huston, of Indian Island, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Huston were married June 16, 1962 at St. Ann's Church on Indian Island. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Huston on this very special occasion; (HLS 1347)

Thomas Millett, of Enfield, on the occasion of his winning the Gold Medal in welding at the 2012 SkillsUSA Maine Championship. The SkillsUSA Maine Championship is a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which students from across the State demonstrate their talents and dedication to their education. Thomas will represent Northern Penobscot Tech Region III and Maine at the National SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his achievement; (HLS 1348)

Janice Plourde, of Lewiston, on the occasion of her retirement after 52 years with the Lewiston school system. Ms. Plourde began her career as a teacher at the Martel School. She has been a remedial reading teacher, Director of Elementary Reading and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and, since 1984, Director of Elementary Education. Ms. Plourde has been tireless in her work over the years, has held one of the top positions within the Lewiston school system for years and has

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had a profound influence on the public schools in Lewiston. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Plourde for her dedicated service to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1349)

Sarah DiVello, of Lewiston, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Saint Dominic Academy. We extend our congratulations to Sarah on this achievement; (HLS 1350)

Patrick LaChance, of Raymond, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Saint Dominic Academy. We extend our congratulations to Patrick on this achievement; (HLS 1351)

Alexi Deering, of Jay, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School, North Campus. We extend our congratulations to Alexi on this achievement; (HLS 1352)

Samantha Hutchinson, of Jay, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Spruce Mountain High School, North Campus. We extend our congratulations to Samantha on this achievement; (HLS 1353)

Connor Smart, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We send our congratulations to Connor on this achievement; (HLS 1354)

Asiya Sbayi, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We send our congratulations to Asiya on this achievement; (HLS 1355)

the annual North Atlantic Blues Festival, as it celebrates the popular American music form on July 14 and 15, 2012 in Harbor Park, Rockland, overlooking picturesque Rockland Harbor. We send our appreciation to the City of Rockland and the festival's producers for their efforts in bringing high-quality blues music to Rockland and to the State. We join with the blues fans not only from Maine but from across the nation in sending our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1356)

Sydney Ouzts, a senior at Deer Isle-Stonington High School, who accomplished the remarkable goal of 500 strikeouts as a pitcher on the school's varsity softball team. We congratulate Sydney on her achievement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1357)

the Town of Sebec, on the occasion of the dedication of the town's Veterans Honor Roll on July 21, 2012 as a part of its 200th Anniversary celebration. The Town of Sebec has contributed much to the military efforts of Maine and the United States of America, and the new honor roll and the names it contains proudly and respectfully proclaim that heritage. We join the good citizens of the Town of Sebec as they dedicate the Veterans Honor Roll and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1358)

William and Susan Barbour, of Rockland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 16, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Barbour on this very special occasion; (HLS 1359)

Andy and Faye Lawrence, of St. Albans, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 16, 2012. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were married at the Hartland Baptist Church by Robert A. Thomas. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence on this very special occasion; (HLS 1360)

the Troy Howard Middle School Science MAINEiacs, of Belfast, on their winning the 2012 middle school Spirit Award in Orlando, Florida for exemplary sportsmanship, respect, attitude and teamwork, the first time a Maine school has won this award. The Troy Howard Middle School Science MAINEiacs represented

Maine at the National Science Olympiad Tournament, competing with 60 other teams from around the nation. The award, sponsored by Lockheed Martin, included a trophy and a \$2,000 check. Science MAINEiac team members are Caleb Wallace, Jordan Bickford, Rick Wyman, Nolan Woods, Allison Walker, Lucie Bonneville, Peter Spectre, Leander Andrews, Hannah Greene, Zane Bielenberg, Jessica Clap and team captain Katy King. We send them our congratulations and best wishes on their receiving this award; (HLS 1361)

Earl L. Brewer, of Boothbay Harbor, longtime lobsterman in the area. Mr. Brewer was born in Boothbay Harbor and attended local schools. He fished with his father and brothers and apprenticed as a machinist before moving to Florida. He returned to Boothbay Harbor and began lobster fishing. In 1964, he had his present boat built, the Sea Foam, from which he pulled many a trap over the years. Through the years, he worked with youth, taking the time to mentor them. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1362)

Florian A. Malcolm, Sr., of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Malcolm, known as "Fordy," was born in Plymouth. He grew up working on the family farm and as a young man served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Hilda M. Stewart in August 1944 and, after the war, worked various jobs before settling in Millinocket in 1956, where he worked for Millinocket Community Hospital. He worked for the Millinocket Fire Department from 1966 until his retirement in 1980. Mr. Malcolm was a lifelong member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of Pioneer Hose Co. No. 1. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1363)

Robert C. Boynton, of Millinocket, a longtime area resident who was an exceptional three-sport athlete. Mr. Boynton was born in Millinocket in 1926 and graduated from Stearns High School in 1944. After high school, Mr. Boynton was signed by legendary baseball scout Clyde Sukeforth in 1946 and played the 1947 season with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the Hudson Valley League. He returned to Millinocket to begin a 42-year career as a mechanical supervisor with Great Northern Paper Company, and his baseball career continued with the semi-pro Emerson Pills for 15 years. In 1974, Mr. Boynton and his wife, Fredericka "Teddy" Boynton, purchased Millinocket Lake Camps and established Big Moose Inn, a dream the couple shared, which Mr. Boynton continued to maintain late into his life. In 2003, Mr. Boynton was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Boynton will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his neighbors and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1364)

Sarah Paradis, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Honor Essayist of the 2012 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah on this achievement; (HLS 1365)

Christopher Ouellette, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Christopher on this achievement; (HLS 1366)

Chantel Bernier, of Frenchville, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Wisdom High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Chantel on this achievement; (HLS 1367)

Anne Chamberlin, of Canton, on the occasion of her retirement as Principal of Rumford Elementary School after a 37-year career in public education in the Rumford and Mexico area, including 21 years as principal. Ms. Chamberlin earned her bachelor's and master's degrees and a certificate of principalship



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at the University of Southern Maine. She began her work in education as a seventh-grade teacher at the former Mexico Junior High School, and later served as a Title I teacher, program director and assistant principal at Rumford Elementary School, Meroby Elementary School and the former Virginia Elementary School. We send our appreciation to Ms. Chamberlin for her dedicated commitment to the youth of her community and of the State. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1368)

the Town of Monson, on its being officially designated as an Appalachian Trail Town. With only 21 other towns designated as such along the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, this honor recognizes Monson's welcoming community of residents and businesses and their dedication to the hikers of the Appalachian Trail. At the border of the famed Hundred-Mile Wilderness, the wildest section of the Appalachian Trail, the Town of Monson has rightfully gained a shining reputation among hikers, and we congratulate the citizens of the town on their earning this official designation from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy; (HLS 1369)

Kenneth Robert Jewers, of Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran. Mr. Jewers was born in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns High School. He proudly served 4 years in the United States Navy. After his military service, Mr. Jewers worked for Great Northern Paper Company before moving to Hoquiam, Washington, for a job at Lamb Gray's Harbor. It was there he met and married the love of his life, Myra. Mr. and Mrs. Jewers and their 4 daughters returned to Millinocket, where Mr. Jewers worked for the Foundry before returning to Great Northern Paper Company to finish out his career. Mr. Jewers was a longtime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1370)

Ray and Judy Broomhall, of Mexico, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Broomhall were married at the Mexico Congregational Church on June 16, 1962. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Broomhall on this Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1371)

Christian P. Wick, of Manchester, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 622, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Christian on this achievement; (HLS 1372)

the Sanford High School Boys Track and Field Team, on its winning the 2012 Class A State Championship, the team's first Class A state title. Coached by Kevin Way, the team took a runaway lead to win the championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievements; (HLS 1373)

the Top Ten students of the 2012 graduating class of Marshwood High School: Valedictorian Michael Vittori, of South Berwick; Salutatorian Catherine Pouliot, of South Berwick; Ian Ramsay, of South Berwick; Rebecca Dodier, of Eliot; Aubrey Shea Folger, of South Berwick; Rebecca Green, of Eliot; Toni Kaplan, of South Berwick; Troy Pappas, of Eliot; Casey Brown, of Eliot; and Hannah Dwelley, of South Berwick. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the top ten graduating students on their achievements; (HLS 1374)

the members of the six unit teams of the Marshwood High School We the People team, who competed at the national We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition in Washington, D.C., and Marshwood High School history teacher and student government advisor Matt Sanzone. We the People:

The Citizen and the Constitution is a yearly competition for American high school students that provides students with an understanding of the fundamental values and principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This is the 4th straight year that Marshwood High School has won the state title and represented Maine at the national championship, which this year included 1,400 high school students from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The Unit Six team was awarded honors for being the top team in the nation for Unit Six. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Sanzone and to his team on their remarkable achievements; (HLS 1375)

Alexander Florek, of Manchester, known as A.J., a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 622, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, A.J. coordinated a food drive for Bread of Life Ministries to help those in need. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1376)

Sue Lippert, of Wiscasset, who is leaving Wiscasset Middle School after 20 years as guidance counselor. Prior to working at Wiscasset Middle School, Ms. Lippert worked as a music teacher for 16 years and as an educational consultant for 8 years. In 2009, Ms. Lippert was named School Counselor of the Year by the Maine School Counselor Association. She has dedicated a significant amount of her time taking part in organizations that work to positively impact student's lives, such as the Student Assistance Team, the Civil Rights Team and Project Reach. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Lippert for her commitment to the youth of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors; (HLS 1377)

Lori Barbee, of Cherryfield, on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service in early childhood education. Ms. Barbee graduated with honors from Washington County Community College with an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, managing course work while working full-time. Her career began with caring for children in her home in 1982, and has since included work as a teacher at Narraguagus Nursery School in Cherryfield and Harrington Head Start. For the past 13 years, she has been caring for preschool and school-age children in her home, including many with special needs. She participates in Washington and Hancock Community Agency programs for low-income children. We send our appreciation to Ms. Barbee for her many years of commitment to the youth of her community and of the State. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1378)

the Trustees of the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation, of Greene, who have received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for their organizing and presenting educational programs for the public at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial Building. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Trustees of the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation on their receiving this award; (HLS 1379)

Russ Stewart, of Sabattus, who has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for his help with the food pantry at the Community Baptist Church in Sabattus. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Stewart on his receiving this award; (HLS 1380)

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Poland Spring Preservation Society, of Poland, which has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its dedication to the preservation of the Maine State Building and All Souls Chapel in Poland Springs. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Poland Spring Preservation Society on its receiving this award; (HLS 1381)

the Pink Feather Foundation, of Mechanic Falls, which has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its work in helping the less fortunate by providing food baskets and other necessities. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Pink Feather Foundation on its receiving this award; (HLS 1382)

Donald Castonguay, of Livermore, who has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Livermore as Chief of the Livermore Fire Department. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Castonguay on his receiving this award; (HLS 1383)

the Rural Community Action Ministry, of Leeds, which has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its more than 40 years of operating, supporting and maintaining 13 food banks. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Rural Community Action Ministry on its receiving this award; (HLS 1384)

Joanne Campbell, of Lisbon, who has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for her dedicated service to kids at risk programs. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Ms. Campbell on her receiving this award; (HLS 1385)

Kaitlin Johnson, of Durham, who has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for her efforts in spearheading the cleaning up of community property. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Kaitlin on her receiving this award; (HLS 1386)

the Good Shepherd Food Bank, of Auburn, which has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for its work in collecting and distributing food throughout the State for more than 15 years. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Good Shepherd Food Bank on its receiving this award; (HLS 1387)

Roger and Joan (Gagnon) Roy, of Caswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Roy were married on July 4, 1962 at St. Bruno's Catholic Church in Van Buren, with the Reverend Edgar Theriault officiating. We extend

our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy on this anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1388)

Helene "Marie" Sirois, of Grand Isle, on the occasion of her retirement as clerk for the Town of Grand Isle. Ms. Sirois began her 32-year career right after her graduation from Notre Dame de la Sagesse. She has served the town with dedication and will be long remembered for her courteous, polite and professional demeanor. We send our appreciation to Ms. Sirois for her faithful public service and congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1389)

the Sons of the American Legion of Post No. 111 in Turner, which has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for raising funds for and erecting the Philip Bryant Memorial in Turner Village. The memorial was built to honor Philip Bryant, who was a Navy Corpsman in the Vietnam War. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Sons of the American Legion of Post No. 111 in Turner on its receiving this award; (HLS 1390)

the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post No. 111 in Turner, which has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for assisting American Legion Post No. 111 in its memorial efforts by sponsoring dances and fund-raisers. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary on its receiving this award; (HLS 1391)

Gregoire Faucher, of Madawaska, who has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Madawaska High School. We extend our congratulations to Gregoire on this achievement; (HLS 1392)

Katelynn Beaulieu, of Grand Isle, who has earned the honor of being named Honor Essayist of the 2012 graduating class of Madawaska High School. We extend our congratulations to Katelynn on this achievement; (HLS 1393)

Victoria Gagnon, of Madawaska, who has earned the honor of being named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Madawaska High School. We extend our congratulations to Victoria on this achievement; (HLS 1394)

the Old Town High School Girls Softball Team, on its winning the 2012 Class B State Championship, the first state title for the team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1395)

the Bucksport High School Girls Softball Team, on its winning the 2012 Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1396)

George and Ruth Ayers, of Gorham, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 22, 2012. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ayers on this special occasion; (HLS 1397)

D. Brenda Caldwell, of Gorham, on the occasion of her retirement after having served for 22 years as a member of the Board of Directors of Gorham Savings Bank. Ms. Caldwell has been a Corporator of the bank for 29 years and actively participated in multiple director forums, director conferences and annual Maine Bankers Association meetings. She visited the bank's branches regularly and was considered an effective voice for employees at the board level. Ms. Caldwell's experience, sense of humor and dedication to the bank and her profession

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will be greatly missed. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on her retirement; (HLS 1398)

Elizabeth "Betty" Miller, of Embden, on the occasion of her 99th birthday, June 28, 2012. Ms. Miller has been very involved in the Embden Historical Society since she retired and moved to the town. She served as vice president in 1988 and 1989 and as president from 1989 to 1991. She also has volunteered at the Embden Elementary School library for many years and organized 2 church libraries, one in Pennsylvania and one at the First Congregational Church in North Anson. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Miller on her 99th birthday celebration; (HLS 1399)

George S. Davis, of Lyman, Fire Chief of Hollis and longtime active member of his community. Fire Chief Davis was born in Portland and was a graduate of Greely High School in Cumberland. While in high school, he became a junior member of the Cumberland Fire Department at the age of 15. He was a United States Army veteran, serving as a helicopter door gunner during the Vietnam War. After his military service, Fire Chief Davis worked in several distinctive positions before going into firefighting as a career, such as working at Dave Aster's Garage, Motor Truck and Trailer Company and James Whiltzie Company. He later began working for Old Tavern Dairy in Yarmouth. During the early 1980s he accepted a position with Shaw's Super Market, staying for 17 years. Following the family's move to Lyman, he joined Goodwin's Mills Fire and Rescue in July 1983 and rose through the ranks of the department, serving as Deputy Chief from 2002 until 2004. He received the Chief Coyle Meserve Outstanding Member of the Year Award in 2001 and was named an Honorary Member in 2004. In 2005 he was named Chief of the Hollis Fire and Rescue Department. Fire Chief Davis also served full-time as a Fire Marshal in the Sanford Fire Department and as a Maine State Fire Instructor. He was also a member and past president of the York County Chiefs' Association. We acknowledge the extraordinary dedication to his profession and to his community that Fire Chief Davis exhibited throughout his career. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 36 years, Denise, his family, his friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1400)

Sharon G. Ramey, of Woodland, for her more than 17 years of service to the State of Maine. Ms. Ramey has courteously and professionally helped some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens in her long and distinguished career in nursing. Her exemplary knowledge and skills supported her various roles of leadership within the Department of Health and Human Services, including mentoring her peers and very ably representing Public Health Nursing in schools and communities. We extend to Ms. Ramey our deepest appreciation for the compassion and dedication she displayed over the course of her career; (HLS 1401)

the Falmouth High School Boys Baseball Team, on its winning the 2012 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1402)

the Falmouth High School Boys Tennis Team, on its winning the 2012 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1403)

the Falmouth High School Boys Lacrosse Team, on its winning the 2012 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1404)

the Falmouth High School Girls Tennis Team, on its winning the 2012 Class B State Championship. We extend our

congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1405)

the Falmouth High School Boys Track and Field Team, on its winning the 2012 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1406)

Trevor Snow, of Stetson, who has been named the 2012 Trooper of the Year. Trooper Snow has served with the State Police since 1994 and has been a member of the bomb disposal team during his career. He is a member of the Maine State Police Pipe and Drum Unit. We extend our appreciation to Trooper Snow for his dedicated service to the State and congratulate him on his receiving this award. (HLS 1407)

Ed Lindsey, of Orono, a teacher of ninth-grade earth science and 11th- and 12th-grade chemistry at Old Town High School, who won a 2012 Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators. Mr. Lindsey is one of only 18 teachers in the nation to receive this award. He and his students work with a project that connects Maine schools with environmental research at Acadia National Park. The Acadia Learning project allows students to study ecosystems close to their schools and then share information with scientists at Acadia. The project is part of the Acadia Learning for Participatory Science program at Acadia National Park's Schoodic Education and Research Center. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Lindsey for his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1408)

Charles Buddy Hobbs, of Littleton and East Millinocket, a United States Navy veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Hobbs was born in Littleton, attended school in Corinna, then enlisted in the Navy during the Korean War, 1950-1954. He moved to East Millinocket in 1954 and worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 40 years as a paper maker. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of 54 years, Sally, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1409)

Dr. Harold Osher, of Portland, a philanthropist who gave his remarkable map collection to the library that bears his name at the University of Southern Maine, who has received the 2012 Helen Wallis-IMCoS Award from the International Map Collectors' Society. The Helen Wallis Award goes to an individual who has been responsible for cartographic contributions of great merit and wide interest to map collectors worldwide. Dr. Osher and his wife, Peggy, first became interested in maps during a 1975 visit to the British Museum. The Osher Map Library, which has earned a national reputation, offers workshops and online resources for educators, scholarly conferences and lectures and panel discussions open to the public. We congratulate Dr. Osher on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1410)

the Rudy Parent family, of Hamlin, for being named Farm Family of the Year 2012 by the Maine Potato Board. As stewards of 600 acres of land for potatoes primarily used for processing and 600 acres of land for grain, the large Franco-American family is a close-knit group that enjoys many holidays and special occasions together. Mr. Parent began his agricultural career out of high school in 1970 and he purchased the family farm from his father, Gerard, in 1986. He and his wife, Dinah, have raised 4 children, the 7th generation to work the land. In 2011, Mr. Parent was again selected as a McCain Top Ten Grower. Mr. Parent is very active in his community, serving as first selectman in Hamlin for 27 years. He has been a member of the St. Joseph's Parish Council for more than 25 years and is on the finance committee of the restructured parishes. There is an ongoing tradition of having an annual harvest Mass in September in Hamlin, and often 50 to 75 people gather in the Parents' potato house to pray for a safe and successful harvest. We join the Rudy Parent

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family's friends and neighbors in extending to them our congratulations for earning this noteworthy honor for their responsible stewardship of the soil; (HLS 1411)

Kenneth M. Barnett, of Millinocket, a longtime member of the community. Mr. Barnett was born in Millinocket and was a 1941 graduate of Stearns High School. He served with distinction in the United States Army during World War II, earning several medals, including 2 Purple Hearts. After serving his country, Mr. Barnett continued his education at the University of Maine at Orono and went to work as a real estate broker. Later he attended St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida, receiving a degree as a real estate appraiser. He was a well-known businessman who owned and operated many businesses through Kenneth M. Barnett Enterprises. He served as president of the local chamber of commerce and belonged to the Donald V. Henry American Legion Post No. 80, the Francis E. Elliot Post No. 4154, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus, St. Martin's of Tours Assembly No. 347, as well as other local lodges. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1412)

Paul H. Farrington, of Medway, a longtime active member of his community. Mr. Farrington was born in Medway in his grandmother's home, the same home in which he lived his entire married life with his wife, Billie. He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II, assigned to the Pacific Ocean aboard the USS Hesperia and honorably discharged in 1946. Mr. Farrington was a lumberman in his early years and in 1953 joined the workforce of Great Northern Paper Company, where he worked for 37 years until his retirement. Mr. Farrington was a 32-degree master Mason, a member of Anah Temple Shrine of Bangor and a charter life member of Northern Penobscot Shrine Club, serving one year as its president. He was a very proud member of the Veterans Memorial Committee of Medway and he also served his town as a member and chair of the school committee and as the town constable for many years. He also served as a deputy sheriff of Penobscot County. Mr. Farrington will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 65 years, Billie, his family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1413)

Dennis Stires, of Livermore Falls, who has received the Spirit of America Foundation Award for his many contributions to the Town of Livermore Falls and surrounding communities. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. Mr. Stires created History Night in Livermore Falls, a tradition that continues under the Livermore Falls Downtown Betterment Group. He is a longtime board member of Maine's Paper and Heritage Museum and in 1995 he spearheaded a 5-town bicentennial celebration. We send our congratulations to Mr. Stires on his receiving this award; (HLS 1414)

Raymond J. Normandeau, of Shapleigh, a United States Army veteran of World War II and a longtime firefighter and licensed ambulance attendant. Mr. Normandeau was born in Somersworth, New Hampshire and moved to Sanford, Maine as a child, graduating from Sanford High School in 1942. He served in the 331st Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion in Europe, Africa and the Middle East under General George S. Patton during World War II. Mr. Normandeau served the community of Sanford as a firefighter and licensed ambulance attendant, retiring with the rank of captain. He was active in his community and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the

American Legion. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1415)

Bryce William Richmond, of Mason Township, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Bryce on this achievement and applaud the many years of effort, hard work and commitment it took to reach this monumental and praiseworthy milestone; (HLS 1416)

Virginia Emerson, of Oxford, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. Ms. Emerson was born on August 1, 1922 in Turner and later made her living working in the shoe industry and in a woolen mill. She is the mother of 3 children and has 7 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 5 step-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. We send her our congratulations and best wishes on this special celebration; (HLS 1417)

Molly Neptune Parker, of Princeton, a Passamaquoddy basketmaker, who has been named a 2012 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellow. The honor recognizes folk and traditional artists for their skills and their effort to share those skills with future generations. The fellowship is the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Ms. Parker will receive the award in Washington, D.C., in October. She is one of nine Americans to win the fellowship this year, and the sixth from Maine to win the award since its inception in 1983. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her on her receiving this high honor; (HLS 1418)

Molly Bouchard, of Caribou, who was crowned Miss Maine 2012 at the 76th Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant at the Crooker Theater in Brunswick. Ms. Bouchard also received the Steven "Daddy" Jensen Award, as well as the Talent Award. The Caribou High School graduate is a former Miss Caribou and Miss Potato Blossom. She earned her degree in vocal performance at the Boston Conservatory of Music. With a platform of "STARS: Sharing Talents and Reducing Stereotypes," Ms. Bouchard will travel the State throughout the next year, spreading her message and sharing information about the Miss America Organization. We congratulate Ms. Bouchard on her being crowned Miss Maine 2012 and we extend our best wishes to her at the national Miss America pageant; (HLS 1419)

William "Bill" Gaddis, of North Yarmouth, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Born in Gary, Indiana, Mr. Gaddis enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed at Brunswick Naval Air Station. After he left the Navy, he continued his career in Maine. He worked in refrigeration, heating, ventilation and air conditioning at Pineland, Maine Medical Center and Finard. Mr. Gaddis enjoyed flying, the outdoors, playing croquet and vegetable gardening. He will be remembered for being a family man and always helping others when asked. Mr. Gaddis will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1420)

Molly Carl, of York, who was selected the Little East Conference Track Athlete of the Year. A graduate of York High School and currently a junior at the University of Southern Maine, Ms. Carl was named an All-American during the cross-country season. She earned her second All-America honor after finishing sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA championships, setting a new school record. Other accomplishments of Ms. Carl include a first place finish in the 1,500-meter event and a second place finish in the 800-meter event at the LEC championships. At the New England Division III

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championships, Ms. Carl placed second in the steeplechase. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Carl and our best wishes for her continued success; (HLS 1421)

Roger Reed, of Carmel, upon his retirement as a teacher and coach at Bangor High School after 47 years in education. Mr. Reed led the Rams to eight Class A state championships and ends his career as one of the most successful boys high school basketball coaches in state history. Since his first year at Bangor High School, the Rams have accumulated 26 consecutive winning seasons. In 1993, the team, under Mr. Reed's stewardship, won its first state title since 1959. Five state championships followed over an 11-year span, a record unmatched by any other Maine Class A basketball coach. Mr. Reed subsequently steered his team to state titles in 2007 and 2011 and an appearance in the 2008 state championship game. He is a 2006 Maine Sports Hall of Fame inductee. We extend to Mr. Reed our congratulations for the success he realized over the course of his nearly 30 years as a high school basketball coach and his almost half-century of service as an educator; (HLS 1422)

Peter P. Carbonneau, of Van Buren, a longtime public servant. Mr. Carbonneau was born in Fort Kent and graduated from Van Buren District High School. At the age of 24, he began volunteering for Van Buren Ambulance Service. After a short stint with Madawaska Ambulance Service, he returned to Van Buren Ambulance Service, where he served as an emergency medical technician and paramedic for nearly 3 decades, while for 24 years he also served as a firefighter with the Van Buren Fire Department. He eventually became an honorary member of the department and earned the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Maine Emergency Medical Services annual awards ceremony in 2006. Additionally, he was an Aroostook County bail commissioner for 20 years. With a strong passion for his community, Mr. Carbonneau held positions and leadership roles in various organizations, including the SAD 24 School Board, Van Buren Housing Authority, Van Buren Light and Power District, Van Buren Hospital District and Van Buren Cub Scout Pack No. 196. We recognize his compassionate and commendable contributions to the citizens of northern Maine. Mr. Carbonneau will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1423)

Farmington Farmers Union, on its 100th anniversary. The organization was incorporated in 1912 with a manager and a board of 7 directors and was known as Maine Central Produce Exchange. In 1917, the business's name was changed to Farmington Farmers Union. In 1982, the business expanded by joining True Value, a hardware company, and Just Ask Rental, a tool and party goods rental business. Farmington Farmers Union has long been the farm store for people throughout Franklin County. We extend our congratulations to Farmington Farmers Union on its centennial anniversary and wish it continued success in the future; (HLS 1424)

the Orono High School Girls Track and Field Team, which won the 2012 Small-school Championship of the Penobscot Valley Conference and which won the 2012 Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the team on these achievements; (HLS 1425)

the Orono High School Boys Track and Field Team, which won the 2012 Small-school Championship of the Penobscot Valley Conference. This is the team's 3rd-straight small-school title and the 5th title in the last 8 seasons. We congratulate the team on this achievement; (HLS 1426)

William A. and Joan Douglass Pettengill, of Sedgwick, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 28, 2012. Mr.

and Mrs. Pettengill were married at the North Sedgwick Baptist Church by Reverend John Blake. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill on this very special occasion; (HLS 1427)

Steven Lloyd Talbot, of Windham, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 51, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Steven began his scouting career at the age of 5 as a Cub Scout. For his Eagle Scout service project he built a 50-foot-long and 8-foot-wide snowmobile bridge for the Windham Drifters Snowmobile Club over the portion of Black Brook off Chute Road. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1428)

Robert Belz, of Winthrop, on the occasion of his retirement after 43 years of working for the City of Auburn. Mr. Belz was director of the Public Works Department for 32 years. He is known for his strong commitment to the citizens of the City of Auburn and has had a hand in many of the positive changes made in the city over the years. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Belz for his dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Auburn and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1429)

Tristan Leidinger, of Hope, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 207, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Tristan on this achievement; (HLS 1430)

Neal Harrison-Billiat, of Appleton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 207, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Neal on this achievement; (HLS 1431)

Peter F. Thompson, of Union, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 207, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Peter on this achievement; (HLS 1432)

the members of the Gorham High School Boys Tennis Team, who won the Class A State Championship: Jeffrey McNally, Quincy Owens, Thomas Susi, Max McNally, Ben Hinchler, Brian Rex, Joseph Martin, Lukas Wiloughby, Riley Perkins, Adam Bourgault, Mike Lubelczyk, Kyle Curley, Milan Vidovic, Ryan Gilbert, Joseph Bennett and Owen Mulrey and head coach Aaron Landry. We extend our congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1433)

Chanel and Joan Bernier, of Caswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bernier exchanged marriage vows on April 28, 1962 at St. Eulalia Catholic Church in Coudersport, Pennsylvania with Father Arthur J. Leon officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bernier on this very special occasion; (HLS 1434)

Chanel and Cecile Bouchard, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard exchanged marriage vows on July 8, 1952 at St. Remi Catholic Church in Van Buren with Father Lawrence Duperry officiating. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard on this very special occasion; (HLS 1435)

Matthew John Cushing, of Scarborough, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 47, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development,

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leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew replaced a 40-foot-long bridge on the Tote Road at Bradbury Mountain State Park. We extend our congratulations to Matthew on this achievement; (HLS 1436)

Ora Glidden, of East Millinocket, who was educated in East Millinocket schools and was a 42-year employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Glidden served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He belonged to the East Millinocket Veterans Club. Mr. Glidden will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1437)

Ronald E. Tinkham, of Millinocket, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Tinkham graduated from Stearns High School. He was a member of the United States Coast Guard and was stationed in Boston on the USCGC Sherman and later at the Isles of Shoals Lighthouse. He was employed by Great Northern Paper Company for 24 years. Mr. Tinkham will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1438)

Emery Tarnoczy, of Sebec, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 100, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Emery refurbished the Sebec Historical Society's gazebo by cleaning, scraping and painting it and landscaped the surrounding flower beds. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1439)

Shayne McSwine, of Brownville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 100, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Shayne constructed picnic tables for Milo Elementary School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1440)

Zach Bald, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301 and a 2012 graduate of York High School, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Zach made improvements to the veterans park on Clark Road in York. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1441)

Robbie Henson, of York, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 301 and a 2012 graduate of York High School, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Robbie created a songbird enclosure for the Center for Wildlife. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1442)

Jon Wilson and *WoodenBoat*, of Brooklin, recipients of the 2012 America and Sea Award presented by Mystic Seaport. The America and Sea Award recognizes an individual or organization whose contributions to the history, arts, business or sciences of the sea best exemplify the American character. Mr. Wilson founded *WoodenBoat* Publications and first issued *WoodenBoat* magazine in September 1974. The publication has since become a magazine that is respected by and a favorite of enthusiasts and professional practitioners from every bay and harbor in the world. Mr. Wilson serves as a Trustee Emeritus of the Mystic Seaport Board of Trustees. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wilson and *WoodenBoat* on receiving this prestigious award; (HLS 1443)

Robert P. White, of Caribou, upon his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame by the National Federation of State High School Associations, for his high school officiating activities. Mr. White is one of just 2 officials being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. During his 31 years of officiating for soccer in Maine, Mr. White has overseen 17 state championship games. For 28 years he was the State's rules interpreter, and it is estimated he has officiated at 1,300 games at all levels during his career. In 2002, Mr. White was named Referee of the Year by the National Interscholastic Soccer Officials Association. Among the numerous accolades he has received are his induction into the University of Maine at Presque Isle's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Maine Sport Legends Hall of Honors in 2005 and the 2003 Maine Sports Hall of Fame's Outstanding Achievement Award. Mr. White has been involved in Caribou's Little League baseball program for 4 decades, and one of the 2 Little League Fields in Caribou is named in his honor. In 1983, Mr. White was named Maine Recreation and Parks Association Citizen of the Year and in 1984 he was named the Citizen of the Year by the Caribou Chamber of Commerce. The city further paid tribute to Mr. White on July 12, 1997 by declaring it to be "Robert P. White Day." We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. White and thank him for his many contributions to the citizens of the State; (HLS 1444)

the following members of Dixfield's Dirigo High School Boys Baseball Team, the Cougars, who have won the 2012 Class C State Championship: players Hunter Ross, Brian Volkernick, Caleb Turner, Travis Frost, Brett Whittemore, Mitchell Kubesh, Jake Dowland, Nick Young, Ben Holmes, Spencer Trenoweth, Justin Chartier, Chad Snowman, Cody St. Germain, Robbie Babb, Tyler Frost, Anthony Todd, Kaine Hutchins and Jack Brown; head coach Ryan Palmer; assistant coaches Bob McPhee, Scott Underhill and Dave Berry; volunteer Donnie St. Germain; team athletic trainer Aaron Perrault; and team manager Logan Heintz. We send the members of the team our best wishes and congratulations on their achievements; (HLS 1445)

the following members of Dixfield's Dirigo High School Girls Softball Team, the Cougars, who have won the 2012 Western Class C Championship: players Alyssa Wade, Natasha Deroche, Gabriella Scott, Natalie Bolduc, Ellie Wainwright, Samantha Cote, Alyssa Charity, Gretchen Bradbury, Megan Bradbury, Mariah Larsen, Britney Ellis, Bryce Parent and Ambyr Wilson; head coach Sara Thurston; assistant coaches CiCi Chow, Theodore Ionta and Erin Wainwright; and team athletic trainer Aaron Perrault. We send the members of the team our best wishes and congratulations on their achievements; (HLS 1446)

Sergeant Tom Pelletier, of Eagle Lake, on his retirement from the Maine State Police after 25 years of dedicated service to law enforcement and the people of Maine. Sergeant Pelletier was based in Houlton and retired June 29, 2012. His family has served in law enforcement collectively for nearly 240 years. We send Sergeant Pelletier our appreciation for his commitment and exemplary service to his community and to the State, and our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1447)

Victoria McIntyre, of Blaine, who has been named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Central Aroostook Junior-Senior High School. We extend our congratulations to Victoria on this achievement; (HLS 1448)

Arnold Shorey, of Dover-Foxcroft, who has been named Administrator of the Year by the Executive Board of the Maine Association of School Libraries. Mr. Shorey, who is the Head of School at Foxcroft Academy, was recognized for his individual leadership and sustained effort, as well as for having made

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commendable contributions to the operations of effective school library media services within an educational program. In acknowledgement of his promotion of planning, implementing and support of school library media services, Mr. Shorey received a Library Media Service Award for Administrators plaque, and a \$500 donation was made in his name to Foxcroft Academy's library media program. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Shorey on his receiving this recognition; (HLS 1449)

Ryan Pynchon, of North Yarmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Ryan designed and organized and led volunteers in building a 38-foot bridge spanning a small creek at Twin Brook Recreation Facility in Cumberland. The bridge will provide access for pedestrians and utility vehicles between the picnic area and the athletic fields. We extend our congratulations to Ryan on this achievement; (HLS 1450)

Chester and Thirza Herrick, of Bethel, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick were married January 20, 1962. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Herrick on this very special occasion; (HLS 1451)

the members of the Edward Little High School Boys Track and Field Team, of Auburn, who tied for first place at the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A meet: Kyle Adams, Yusef Adow, Brandon Bernier, Brandon Binette, Lucas Bourget, Anfrenee Bradley, Roger Charest, Connor Crawford, Aswan Duncan, Daniel Gantz, Antony Gardner, Midhun Gelder, Glenn Gordon, Caleb Gray, Darnell Hairston, Ali Haji-Hersi, Connor Harris, Nathaniel Hernandez, Robbie Hollis, Zacharie Hurd, Nicholas Johnson, Abdulahi Kalib, Alex Lally, Raiquan Lucas, Mohamed Mohamed, Bradley Morrisette, Mohamed Noor, Ibrahim Noor, Brady Pleau, Brandon Powell, Bryan Ring, Dalton Roberts, Adam Robinson, Garrett Sanborn, Matthew Shen, Troy Shen, Jordan Stubbs, Izaac White and Matthew Yarnevich and head coach Ryan LaRoche. This is the 9th straight Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference title for the school. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to the team on this achievement; (HLS 1452)

Dwight Lewis, of Boothbay, on the occasion of his retirement after 45 years tending the Southport-Boothbay Harbor swing bridge. Mr. Lewis started a part-time job working with his father on the bridge in 1967. He has been opening and closing the bridge full-time since 1969. We send our appreciation to Mr. Lewis on his dedicated service to his community and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1453)

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn R. Morrow, of Wells, on the celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, August 14, 2012. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Morrow and we send them our best wishes on this special occasion; (HLS 1454)

Rear Admiral Sean F. Crean, United States Navy, a native of Westbury, New York and longtime resident of Maine, on the occasion of his retirement from the Navy after 33 years of dedicated service to the Nation. Rear Admiral Crean began his naval career as a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Midshipman at the State University of New York Maritime College and earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and Business Management and later earned a Master of Business Administration from New Hampshire College's Graduate School of Business. He gained extensive acquisition, logistics and leadership experience from serving in a variety of active and Reserve component assignments. His flag assignments included

deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (Acquisition and Logistics Management) and deputy commander, Naval Inventory Control Point. Rear Admiral Crean's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Military Volunteer Service Medal. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to the military and we extend our congratulations on his retirement; (HLS 1455)

Landon Jackins, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Central Aroostook Junior-Senior High School. We send him our best wishes and congratulations on his achievements; (HLS 1456)

the Town of Blue Hill, on the occasion of its 250th Anniversary. The town was settled in 1767 by John Roundy and Joseph Wood when they landed on Mill Island near the reversing falls and first known as North Andover and later as New Port. In 1789 the town charter established its name as Blue Hill. Shipbuilding and trading by sea gave Blue Hill its first prosperity. The town produced lumber, masts and roof shingles, among other goods, including granite, some of which was used to build the Brooklyn Bridge. We extend our congratulations to the good citizens of Blue Hill as they celebrate this anniversary; (HLS 1457)

Ed and Judy Ledger, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ledger were married on July 27, 1962 at East Millinocket Church of the Nazarene. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on the celebration of their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1458)

Governor Baxter Day, August 22, 2012, and commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Baxter State Park. On August 6, 1962, former Governor Baxter acquired the 28th and final parcel of the land that would constitute Baxter State Park, a gift to the people of Maine. Baxter State Park is a beautiful and large wilderness area of forests, lakes and streams surrounding Maine's highest peak, Mount Katahdin. We join the good citizens of the State in celebrating the anniversary of the park and in celebrating Governor Baxter Day; (HLS 1459)

Francis M. Pasquine, of Millinocket, a United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Pasquine was born in Millinocket and was a graduate of Stearns High School. He was enlisted in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945 training B-24 crews. After the war, he worked for 38 years for Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Pasquine was a life member of Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was married for 59 years to Mildred Power, whom he met at a Veterans of Foreign Wars dance. Mr. Pasquine will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1460)

the Honorable Arlan R. and Eleanor L. Jodrey, of Bethel, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Jodrey were married on September 9, 1962. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1461)

William David Patterson, Jr., of Standish, a United States Navy veteran. Mr. Patterson was born in Portland and served 21 years in the Navy. He also spent 6 years in the United States Air Force and worked for the United States Postal Service for 13 years. He ran his own nonprofit radio station serving the Lakes Region out of his home in Standish. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1462)

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Donald J. Brooks, of Clifton, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 23, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Donald constructed a walking trail for Camp CaPella in Lucerne. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1463)

Laura Faure, of Portland, on her 25th anniversary as the Executive Director of the Bates Dance Festival. Ms. Faure has nurtured the Bates Dance Festival from its early beginnings into an internationally acclaimed annual contemporary dance training program at Bates College in Lewiston. Ms. Faure has established the Bates Dance Festival's reputation for artistic excellence, curatorial vision and commitment to building community through dance. She gathers world-class dance artists, musicians and visionaries in the arts from across the country and around the world into a community for 6 weeks each summer. In addition to commissioning artistic works, the festival provides creative time for choreographers, high-caliber training programs for professional dancers and artists and world-class public performances, all within an environment designed to allow people to share and investigate ideas across cultural, racial and economic boundaries. Ms. Faure and the Bates Dance Festival are known for providing a safe place to explore and share ideas and new work in an environment free of judgment yet filled with valuable critical response and dialogue. It is a testament to her vision that this festival continues to draw many returning professional artists, as well as emerging artists. Her passionate commitment to dancers, musicians, artists and audiences is an important asset to the State of Maine and benefits us all. We congratulate her on her 25 years of excellence; (HLS 1464)

Norman Cyr, of Madawaska, on his retirement after 43 years with the Madawaska Fire Department, all but 10 of which serving as chief of the department. Along with being the fire chief, Mr. Cyr was also the emergency management director for the Town of Madawaska and was in charge of maintaining both the town office and the safety complex buildings. Mr. Cyr recently retired from the Northern Aroostook Regional Incinerator Facility, now known as Valley Recycling Facility, Inc., in Frenchville, after 27 years with the company. Previously he had his own welding and fabrication business. We send Mr. Cyr our appreciation for his dedicated commitment to firefighting and to his community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement; (HLS 1465)

Lillian Bishop, of Troy, the recipient of the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of the town. She has been a lifelong resident of Troy for her 100 years and attributes her long life to hard work and a good diet. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bishop on this occasion; (HLS 1466)

Nellie May Ward, of Casco, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs. Ward was born on June 30, 1912 in Naples and spent her childhood in Casco and attended the Cook Mills Grammar School, Shadagee Grammar School and Casco High School. After her junior year in high school, she stayed home to raise her two brothers and two sisters after the unexpected death of her mother. She met her husband, William Ward, at her father's general store in Cook Mills, and they married on June 14, 1931. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were married for nearly 66 years until Mr. Ward passed away in 1997 and were the parents of 4 children: Carrie, Franklin, Randall and Erwin. Mrs. Ward has 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. We join her family and friends in extending our

congratulations on the centennial celebration of her life and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1467)

Mike McLean, of Calais, a retired United States Army veteran of 21 years, for his service to his country, State and community. As the long-standing commander of the American Legion Sherman Brothers Post 3 in Calais, Mr. McLean hosted the Traveling Vietnam Wall for the first annual Rally in the St. Croix Valley, to which he devoted himself daily standing guard and helping visitors find the names of lost service members. Mr. McLean takes an active role in volunteering in surrounding smaller communities helping with veterans affairs. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to veterans and to his Nation; (HLS 1468)

A.J. Storer, of Chesterville, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 546, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, A.J. built a trophy cabinet for Mt. Blue Middle School. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1469)

Eileen Ward, of Glenburn, on the occasion of her retirement as a counselor from St. Andre Home in Bangor after nearly 40 years of service. Ms. Ward has been part of many changes in the home through the years and has provided compassion, stability and guidance to women and children in need. We send our appreciation to Ms. Ward for helping young women and giving them the skills they need to flourish in life. We congratulate her on her retirement and send her our best wishes on her future endeavors; (HLS 1470)

Alexander Gilvey, of Windham, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Alexander on this achievement; (HLS 1471)

Ashley Martin, of Van Buren, upon her being crowned Miss Potato Blossom 2012. Ashley is the first from Van Buren to hold this title in 45 years. She is currently a high honors student at Van Buren District Secondary School and is president of her class, a National Honor Society member, a recipient of the George Eastman Young Leaders Award and a 4-time recipient of the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. She has also contributed her time and talent to a number of area beautification and recycling projects and Special Olympics and is an active volunteer at the Acadian Village. With a platform of bullying awareness and prevention, Ashley hopes to encourage others to embrace the value of "treating others the way you wish to be treated." We join her family and friends in extending our congratulations and best wishes to Ashley on her receiving this honor; (HLS 1472)

David R. Lusardi, of Caribou, a veteran of the United States Air Force and longtime employee of the State of Maine. Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Mr. Lusardi graduated from Bay View High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received an Associate Degree in Business from Husson College, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Child Behavior Science from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. His first Air Force assignment was to Loring Air Force Base in Limestone and it was here that he met and married his wife, Linda Belanger. After nearly 3 decades in the military, Mr. Lusardi retired as a master sergeant. He was a member of the Lister Knowlton Post Veterans of Foreign Wars and Perkins Plourde post American Legion. Over the last 24 years, Mr. Lusardi has worked as a caseworker for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. We acknowledge



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his compassionate contributions to the citizens of northern Maine and his service to the Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1473)

the Reverend Monsignor J. Joseph Ford, of Brunswick, on the occasion of his retirement from administrative duties after over 25 years of service in various capacities in the Chancery, including Vocation Director, Vice Chancellor, Chancellor, Finance Officer and Vicar General. In 1967 the Reverend Ford was ordained into the priesthood at Saint Peter's Basilica and has been assigned to parishes throughout Maine. He was made a monsignor in 2000. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to his faith and to the community and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1474)

Captain Luke R. Godbout, of Saco, a member of the Saco Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of service. Captain Godbout joined the fire department in 1973 and has served with distinction. We send him our appreciation for his commitment to firefighting, to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement; (HLS 1475)

Justin Stearns, of Greenwood, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 565, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. His Eagle Scout service project was the restoration and cleanup of Greenwood Rest Area. We extend our congratulations to Justin on this achievement; (HLS 1476)

Charlotte Mills, of Thomaston, a longtime member and officer of Rockland Emblem Club #200, on her installation as Supreme President of the Supreme Emblem Club of the United States of America. The Emblem Club is dedicated to performing charitable acts at the level of the community, the state and the Nation. It was organized in association with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Mills was initiated in Rockland Emblem Club #200 in 1984, has served as president twice and has served as first and second vice president and in other offices at both the club level and the state level. She has been very active in all facets of Emblem fellowship. We send her our congratulations on being installed as Supreme President of the Supreme Emblem Club, and we send her our best wishes; (HLS 1477)

Charles Reed Dore, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Dore was born in Millinocket and attended college for a year before enlisting in the Army. After returning from service, he worked at Great Northern Paper Company and retired in 1986. He was an avid golfer and a member of Hillcrest Golf Club, and he coached the ski team at Stearns High School before his retirement. He was a 33rd degree Mason with Nollesemic Lodge No. 205, AF & AM of Millinocket, and was a member of First Congregational Church of Millinocket. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1478)

Peter A. Pasquine, Jr., of Millinocket, a longtime merchant marine. Mr. Pasquine was born in Millinocket and was a graduate of Stearns High School. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Maine Maritime Academy and served as a merchant marine for more than 40 years, retiring in 2008. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1479)

Earl L. Tash, Sr., of Millinocket, a World War II veteran of the United States Army Air Corps. Mr. Tash grew up on the family farm in Chester and, after the war, began his career at Great Northern Paper Company, from which he retired in 1984 with 29 years of service. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and other outdoor sports. He will be greatly missed and long

remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1480)

James E. "Jim" Koutz, of Booneville, Indiana, the National Commander of The American Legion, on his visit to the State of Maine, September 7 through September 9, 2012. National Commander Koutz, a Vietnam War veteran, joined the American Legion in 1971 and has served in his home state as the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is the recipient of many service honors. We join the members of the Department of Maine, American Legion in welcoming National Commander Koutz to Maine and send him our appreciation for his commitment to veterans and to the Nation. We extend our best wishes to him; (HLS 1481)

Chef Chris Gould, a native of Bethel, for taking first place in the Shucks Maine Lobster Chef "World Series." Chef Gould competed against finalists from Germany, Hong Kong and Maine to win the \$5,000 prize and Shucks "Golden Buoy" trophy, which was presented by Portland Mayor Michael Brennan at City Hall. His winning dish was a butter-poached lobster with a ragout of sauteed lobster knuckles, roasted fingerling potatoes, cinnamon-roasted carrots, a roasted corn and sweet miso puree and piquillo peppers. He plans to open his own restaurant in Portland next spring that will feature "internationally inspired small plates." We extend our congratulations to Chef Gould on his accomplishment; (HLS 1482)

Clark and Kathy Whittier, of North Yarmouth, who were named the 2012 Distinguished Citizens of the Year for North Yarmouth for their contributions to the community. After Mr. Whittier served several years with the United States Air Force, the Whittiers settled in North Yarmouth and soon began to volunteer for the town. Mr. Whittier has served several terms on the Planning Board, Foreclosure Board, Budget Committee, Fire & Rescue Subcommittee, Town Charter Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Whittier has served on the Budget Committee, Future Land Committee and Communications Subcommittee. Known for her column in the local weekly, *The Notes*, in the 1980s Mrs. Whittier helped produce *The Gazette*, a newsletter that promoted North Yarmouth news, issues, people and events. Mr. and Mrs. Whittier are both active in the Walnut Hill Garden Club. We send our appreciation to Clark and Kathy Whittier for their dedicated service to their community and we congratulate them on their being named the 2012 Distinguished Citizens of the Year for North Yarmouth; (HLS 1483)

Dr. Bruce L. Churchill, of Cumberland, a longtime and active member of the community. Dr. Churchill was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, attended Michigan State University and received his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1980. He and his wife of 37 years, Cindy, had 3 daughters. After medical school, Dr. Churchill chose to do his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Maine Medical Center, and he and his family ended up making their lives in Maine. Over 30 years in his medical practice he delivered some 6,000 babies and was a much admired physician. Dr. Churchill was a natural athlete and enjoyed playing and watching sports. He was assistant coach at Greely High School in Cumberland for the Girls Volleyball Team. His team won 8 State Championships in the 11 years he coached. Dr. Churchill will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1484)

Owen "Snowball" Everett McLaughlin, of Medway, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. He was born in Medway and served in the Army in Germany during the Korean War. He received a Good Conduct Medal, an Army of Occupation Medal Germany and a National Defense Service Medal. He retired from

Great Northern Paper Company after 30 years of service. Mr. McLaughlin then traveled all over the State working on turbines. More recently, he worked for approximately 11 years at the Medway Transfer Station. He was a life member of the Carpenters Union, the Disabled American Veterans of Medway and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Millinocket, and was a 12-year member of the Board of Retirees of Nesourdehunk. Mr. McLaughlin will be greatly missed by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1485)

Cornell Knight, of Topsham, Town Manager, who was selected as the 2012 Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year by the Maine Town, City and County Management Association. This award is given to a town manager who has contributed to the public management field in an outstanding fashion and is named for the late Lincoln Stackpole, former town manager for the Town of Machias. Mr. Knight's career as a town manager began in 1978 in Baileyville and continued through several communities, including Hallowell, Jay and Winthrop. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Knight on his receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1486)

Skowhegan Savings, in Skowhegan, on its being named one of the 2012 Best Places to Work in Maine by the Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management. This award was created in 2006 to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Maine. We congratulate Skowhegan Savings on its receiving this high honor and send our best wishes for continued excellence; (HLS 1487)

Richard Masterson, of Rumford, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 580, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Richard and his fellow troop members built a new playground for the Mexico Recreation Park. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1488)

Mattie Cyr, of Van Buren, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, September 16, 2012. Mrs. Cyr was born in Keegan and attended school at the Van Buren convent. While caring for 2 children in Caribou, Mrs. Cyr met her future husband, Clarence, at the city's roller rink. The couple married in 1934 and relocated to the Lewiston-Auburn area, where they resided for 54 years. They adopted a 7-month-old baby boy and named him Gary. Mrs. Cyr worked at a shoe shop and at the Bates Mill, and for many years she sang in the choir at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn. After Mr. Cyr's retirement, the couple moved back to northern Maine. We extend to Mrs. Cyr our congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion; (HLS 1489)

paramedics Ryan Arsenaault, of Norway, and Jay Morrissette, of Bridgton, and firefighters Michael Chartier, of Mexico, and Allen Chartier, of Mexico, whose quick thinking and fast action saved the lives of a man and 2 children in a fire that destroyed an 11-unit apartment building in Rumford. Mr. Arsenaault and Mr. Morrissette, paramedics with Med-Care Ambulance, arrived at the scene of the major fire before the firefighters arrived. Mr. Morrissette discovered a man and 2 toddlers trapped on a 3rd-floor balcony and convinced them to stay there and wait for rescue. Mike Chartier, of the Mexico Fire Department, arrived on the scene moments later. When the men realized their ladder would not reach high enough to rescue the man and children, they had to improvise a solution quickly. They climbed onto the roof of a small first-floor porch and raised the ladder from there. Mr. Arsenaault, who also works as a firefighter with the South Paris Fire Department, steadied the ladder as Mr. Chartier made 3 trips to the balcony to rescue the people. They were joined on

the porch roof by Mr. Chartier's brother, fellow Mexico firefighter Allen Chartier. We send our appreciation to these gentlemen for their selfless and heroic actions and extend to them our congratulations and best wishes for saving the lives of 3 people; (HLS 1490)

Thomas Francis Staples, a longtime resident of Gardiner and a prominent member of the community. Mr. Staples was a graduate of Gardiner High School and a World War II veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Staples was associated with Staples Funeral Home, established by his father in 1928, in some capacity his entire life. Mr. Staples was the proud father of 4 children, fostered at least 6 children during his lifetime and had 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was active with the ambulance service in Gardiner for 30 years, and always stationed the ambulance at football games at Quimby Field as a precaution. Mr. Staples was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus, as well as an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1491)

Cassy "Cass" Hirschfelt, of Oakland, a well-known and respected member of the business community. Mr. Hirschfelt was born in Akron, Ohio and was a graduate of Thomas College. He served in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Special Forces Green Beret. Mr. Hirschfelt worked in the banking industry for most of his life, most recently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Franklin-Somerset Federal Credit Union. He was also very active in his community and was a longtime member of the Skowhegan Rotary Club and served as a board member for many organizations, including the United Way, Youth and Family Services and Kennebec Valley Community College. Mr. Hirschfelt will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1492)

Judy Labbe, of Jay, on the occasion of her retirement as secretary for RSU 73 after 33 years of service to the school department. Ms. Labbe was hired in 1979. After a short stint in the superintendent's office, she provided secretarial service to the staff and students at Livermore Elementary School. We send her our appreciation for her dedicated service and congratulate her on her retirement; (HLS 1493)

Gorham Police Chief Ronald Shepard, of Gorham, on his 40 years of honorable service with the Gorham Police Department. Chief Shepard began his career with the department in 1972 and was appointed Chief of Police in 1995. We send our appreciation to Chief Shepard on his dedicated service to his community and to the State; (HLS 1494)

Francis Neal Norman, of Skowhegan. Mr. Norman was born in Waterville and was a graduate of Somerset Academy in Athens. He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. On November 10, 1990, he married Theresa C. Lagasse. Mr. Norman worked for many years as an accountant. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Joseph R. Sanford Post 3198 and American Legion Post 16. He will be missed by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1495)

Daniel M. Lambert, of Biddeford, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 308, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this achievement; (HLS 1496)

the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association, of Newcastle, which has achieved its land trust accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This distinction is the

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result of a 3-year effort on the part of the association to review and update its operations and demonstrate its compliance with national standards. Founded in 1969 to conserve land and advocate for the environment, the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association is one of only 181 land trusts across the country to be awarded this accreditation since the fall of 2008. We extend our congratulations to the association on this accomplishment and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1497)

Jacob Richard Bussiere, of Lisbon Falls, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 109, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Jacob organized a toy drive to benefit The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1498)

Gordon P. McRae, of Eddington, a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. McRae was born in Rockland and was a 1968 graduate of Rockland High School. He earned an associate degree at Husson College and worked as a truck driver, mechanic and metal fabricator. Mr. McRae was an avid Civil War enthusiast. He helped to form the 6th Maine Artillery Reenacting Unit and was a longtime member of the 20th Maine Company B Infantry. He also served on the board of directors of the Friends of Fort Knox. Mr. McRae will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1499)

Arthur P. Clum, of Cape Elizabeth, on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years with the Office of Advocacy. Mr. Clum has dedicated his professional life to the protection of individuals with disabilities and mental health issues. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Clum for his compassion, leadership and dedication to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1500)

Carroll Macgowan, of Cumberland, on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years as an Advocate and Chief Advocate with the Office of Advocacy. Mr. Macgowan began his work with individuals with disabilities in 1975 as a teacher at the Pineland Center. Mr. Macgowan has dedicated his professional life to the protection of individuals with disabilities and mental health issues. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Macgowan for his compassion, leadership and dedication to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1501)

Shannon Shanning, of Poland, a 7th and 8th grade special education teacher at Bruce M. Whittier Middle School, who was named the 2013 Maine Teacher of the Year by the Maine Department of Education. We send our appreciation to Mrs. Shanning for her commitment to education and to the students of Maine, and we congratulate her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1502)

Richard Estabrook, of Brunswick, on the occasion of his retirement after 27 years as Chief Advocate with the Office of Advocacy. Mr. Estabrook has dedicated his professional life to the protection of individuals with disabilities and mental health issues. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Estabrook for his compassion, leadership and dedication to the citizens of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1503)

Brandon Stanley, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon

replaced an old, outdated ramp for the Human Resources building at St. Joseph Hospital to keep the building accessible to all. We extend our congratulations to Brandon on this achievement; (HLS 1504)

Matt Jamieson, of Millinocket, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 58, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Matt, with the assistance of some helpers, improved the ramp at the public library in Millinocket. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1505)

Dylan Bibro, of Cornish, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 367, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to Dylan on this achievement; (HLS 1506)

Clarence F. McKay, Sr. and Irene Castle Chadbourne McKay, of Gardiner, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. McKay were married in Skowhegan on September 20, 1942. Mr. McKay, former press secretary to Governor Burton M. Cross, served with distinction in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. and Mrs. McKay raised 16 children, 4 boys and 12 girls, in the former Children's Home in Gardiner. They have 35 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McKay on this special anniversary and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1507)

Captain Roger Saucier, of Berwick, of the Berwick Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of firefighting. Captain Saucier began his career with the Somersworth Fire Department before joining the Berwick Fire Department. We send him our appreciation for a distinguished career as a dedicated public servant committed to his community. We congratulate him on his retirement and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1508)

Sappi Fine Paper North America, of Skowhegan, which has been named the 2012 Maine Manufacturer of the Year by the Maine Forest Products Council for its business strategy, dedicated investment, value-added service, environmental leadership, safety performance and community involvement. The company was nominated by Plum Creek Timber Company for projects including a \$60 million capital investment at the Somerset plant in Skowhegan in 2010 and 2011 and for its renewable energy programs and Community Connections Committee. We congratulate Sappi Fine Paper North America on its receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1509)

Helen Martha Libby Lane, of Litchfield, on the celebration of her 100th birthday, October 8, 2012. Mrs. Lane was born and raised in Litchfield. She attended Litchfield Academy and received a teacher's degree from Farmington Normal School. She taught school for 40 years. During her early years of teaching, Mrs. Lane taught in a one-room schoolhouse and over the course of her career taught in Manchester, Litchfield and Chelsea. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Lane on this very special occasion; (HLS 1510)

Lori Lincoln, of Millinocket, head coach of the Stearns High School field hockey team, who has earned the distinction of her 100th career victory. Ms. Lincoln is in her 11th season as head coach of the team, which she has developed into one of the best teams among the Eastern Region Class C teams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her; (HLS 1511)

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Abbie Jacobson, 8, of Scarborough, who demonstrated the importance of good works by returning \$4,202, along with jewelry, she found in a parking lot to its rightful owner. Abbie showed that good judgment, good citizenship and a decent heart can serve as an example to others by ensuring that this large sum of money was returned to Ra Rim, a Cambodian immigrant, who had saved the money. We commend Abbie for doing the right thing and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1512)

Lawrence Hunter, of East Millinocket, who was a United States Marine Corps veteran. Mr. Hunter joined the Marines when he was 17 years of age. After serving in the military he was employed at Great Northern Paper Company for more than 35 years. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 13 and was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1513)

Maya Brown, Julia Bluhm and Izzy Labbe, all of Waterville, who are the recipients of a 2012 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Ms. Brown, Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Labbe each received a Youth Award and are all members of the Girls Advisory Board of Hardy Girls Healthy Women, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health and well-being of girls and women. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Brown, Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Labbe on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1514)

Douglas Patrick, of Freeport, Director of New Programs at Woodfords Family Services, who is the recipient of a 2012 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. Patrick is receiving a Giraffe Award for his work at Woodfords and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, providing services to children with developmental challenges. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Patrick on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1515)

Doctor Victoria Rogers, of Saco, Director of the Kids CO-OP at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, who is the recipient of a 2012 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Dr. Rogers is receiving a Giraffe Award for her work combating childhood obesity. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Rogers on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1516)

Jonathan Leach, of Augusta, the Executive Director of the Children's Center, which received a 2012 Giraffe Award given by the Maine Children's Alliance, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of all of Maine's children, youth and families. Over the years, its Giraffe Awards have honored many distinguished child-focused organizations and leaders in Maine. Mr. Leach and the Children's Center are receiving the Organization Leader Award for the organization's 45 years of providing high-quality, inclusive care for children with special needs. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Leach and the Children's Center on their receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1517)

John Richardson, of Cape Elizabeth, State House bureau chief for the *Portland Press Herald*, who is the recipient of the Community Vision Award from Day One for his role in bringing attention to the issue of substance abuse through his six-part series in the newspaper. Mr. Richardson, who has covered virtually every newspaper beat, was the environmental reporter for years before becoming health reporter. He is now covering state government and politics. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1518)

Bob Russo, of Portland, president and head coach of the Portland Boxing Club and a noted role model for youth, who is the recipient of the Community Leadership Award from Day One for his outstanding dedication to youth. Mr. Russo works to provide children and young adults with positive alternatives to crime. The Portland Boxing Club works with high-risk youth under the direction of coaches who instruct and guide in boxing and citizenship. We congratulate Mr. Russo on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1519)

Gregory Rec, of Kennebunk, award-winning photojournalist for the *Portland Press Herald*, who is the recipient of the Community Vision Award from Day One for his role in bringing attention to the issue of substance abuse through his photographs in a six-part series in the newspaper. Mr. Rec has covered stories all over Maine and has travelled nationally and internationally for his prize-winning work. We congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1520)

Arthur R. Kennedy, of Standish, a highly decorated United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Kennedy was born in Portland and was a graduate of Portland High School. He was a longtime resident of Peaks Island with his wife, Virginia, who predeceased him. Mr. Kennedy served as a sergeant in the cavalry division of the Army. He received a Silver Star for gallantry in action for repelling a Japanese attack and securing his squadron's perimeter at Taytay, Luzon Island, in the Philippines, in 1945. Among the other medals Mr. Kennedy received were the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. After the war, Mr. Kennedy served with the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier on Peaks Island and in Portland. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1521)

Margaret Rollins, of Presque Isle, on the occasion of her retirement after more than 25 years in the field of community services, including 11 years with the Office of Advocacy. Mrs. Rollins was a registered nurse for 4 years in the Royal Air Force. She worked at Aroostook Mental Health Center, starting as a help line crisis volunteer and by 1994 serving as the Director of Emergency Services, and created the center's Sexual Assault Program. She also was involved with the Battered Women's Project and served on the project's Board of Directors until 2006. Mrs. Rollins is a licensed social worker and a guardian ad litem. She worked for the Office of Advocacy from 2001 to 2012. Mrs. Rollins has dedicated her professional life to the protection of individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Rollins for her compassion, leadership and dedication to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors. (HLS 1522)

Geraldine Coombs, of Bath, who was named Citizen of the Year by the City of Bath on Citizen Involvement Day for her commitment to her community. Ms. Coombs is one of the original members of the Bath Forestry Committee and the driving force behind Druid Park on Oak Grove Avenue. Through her stewardship, Bath has been an Arbor Day Tree City U.S.A.

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designee for 15 consecutive years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Coombs on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1523)

Merton Ira Staples AMVETS Post 1 Ladies Auxiliary, of Biddeford, on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. The Merton Ira Staples AMVETS Post 1 Ladies Auxiliary was chartered on August 21, 1947 and is the oldest Post in the State of Maine as well as the oldest Post with continuous service in the United States. Mrs. Corrine Huot was the Post's first president. The Post has been recognized for the last 4 years as the Maine Auxiliary of the Year and has on 3 occasions been named the United States National Auxiliary of the Year. We extend our appreciation to the members of the Post for their dedication and hard work and our best wishes to the Post on this very special occasion; (HLS 1524)

Janet Adelberg, of Monmouth, in appreciation of her 25 years of dedicated service as a librarian at Cary Memorial Library in Wayne. Mrs. Adelberg also serves as the librarian in the Wayne, Mt. Vernon, Manchester and Readfield elementary schools. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University and her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We join the people she serves in thanking Mrs. Adelberg for her dedicated commitment to her profession and to community; (HLS 1525)

Don Brown, of Gardiner, who is the recipient of a 2012 Spirit of America Award for Volunteerism for his years of dedicated service to the WABK Love Fund. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Brown on his receiving this award; (HLS 1526)

Bob Iles, of Bethel, a longtime member of the Mahoosuc Land Trust, who has received the People's Choice Award from the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Mr. Iles, a member of the Mahoosuc Land Trust board, was honored for his many years on the land trust and for his exceptional efforts to preserve a significant portion of the summit of Whitecap Mountain in Rumford and for maintaining its trails. We send our appreciation to Mr. Iles for his years of working tirelessly to preserve the natural beauty of western Maine and we congratulate him on his receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1527)

Dale Olmstead, of Freeport, on the occasion of his retirement as Town Manager of Freeport after 30 years of service. During his tenure as Town Manager, Mr. Olmstead continually demonstrated his strong leadership, visionary skills and commitment to the community, and the town has developed and prospered. Mr. Olmstead orchestrated the building of a new public safety facility, public works facility, library and transfer facility and the renovation and expansion of the old Grove School to become the current Town Hall. He helped to facilitate the purchase of land for the development of recreational spaces for the town at Hedgehog Mountain and Florida Lake, among many others. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Olmstead on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1528)

Carroll and Joan (Bouley) Roy, of Caswell, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Roy were married on October 27, 1962 at St. Joseph Church in Hamlin with the Reverend Ludger Melancon officiating. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy on this anniversary and send them our best wishes for continued happiness; (HLS 1529)

Roland Michaud, of Winslow, longtime public servant and former Town Councilor, who is the recipient of the Ethel Kelley Memorial Award from the Maine Municipal Association for his

distinguished community service. Mr. Michaud served his town in many capacities over a 37-year career. He served as Town Council Chairman for 11 years and served on the Town Council for a total of 31 years, dating to 1969. Mr. Michaud served on the town budget committee for 6 years, served for a time as the town meeting moderator and also served as the town's first volunteer parks and recreation director. We congratulate Mr. Michaud on his receiving this well-deserved award for his dedicated service to his community and to the State; (HLS 1530)

the members of the Gorham High School Golf Team, who won the Class A State Championship: Nate Roop, Brian Rex, Andrew Scotas, Mike Caron and Spencer Lapierre and Coach Rick Altham. The team had an undefeated season and this is its 2nd championship in 3 years. We extend our congratulations to the team members on their achievement; (HLS 1531)

William E. Rush, of Millinocket, a United States Marine Corps veteran. Mr. Rush was a faithful employee of Great Northern Paper Company for 43 years. He was a very active member of his community and church, Knights of Columbus and Millinocket Elks No. 1524. Mr. Rush proudly served his country in the Marine Corps from 1953 to 1957. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1532)

Dr. Paul G. Caron, of Lewiston, for his contributions to the community in education and music and for supporting Franco-American history. Dr. Caron is Faculty Chair at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College, former director of St. Joseph's College Secondary Education Program, Science/Math Consultant for the Auburn school system and former Assistant Professor of Education at the University of Southern Maine as Professional Development Director of Maine's Curriculum Framework for Math and Science. He is the composer of "Lewiston: A New Home," a musical show that won the Moss Hart Award and is now included in permanent exhibits at the Franco-American Heritage Center and the University of Southern Maine Franco-American Collection and in the catalog of the Library of Congress. Dr. Caron is still an active composer, most recently of liturgical music and mass settings for the Prince of Peace Parish. He is also an active director and musical director for Community Little Theater. We send Dr. Caron our appreciation for his valuable contributions to the community and send him our best wishes; (HLS 1533)

Gifford's Ice Cream, of Skowhegan, which is the winner of the Grand Champion Award for ice cream at the 2012 World Dairy Expo, which was held in Madison, Wisconsin. This is the third Grand Champion Award won by Gifford's Ice Cream, which won this year for its vanilla bean ice cream. Gifford's Ice Cream also won prizes for its French vanilla and toasted coconut ice creams, its orange sherbet and its black raspberry chocolate chip frozen yogurt. We extend our congratulations to Gifford's Ice Cream on its continued excellence and send our best wishes on its future success; (HLS 1534)

Colby D. Conroy, of Woodland, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 186, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1535)

Deputy Chief Matty Carroll, of Gray, who is retiring from the Gray Fire and Rescue Department after 40 years of service. Mr. Carroll joined Gray Rescue in 1972 and by 1977 had been promoted to captain. Over the years he devoted much of his time and energy to improving the department and its services to the community. Mr. Carroll helped start a scholarship fund, served

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on over 3 decades of ambulance purchase committees, and helped with the development of Gray rescue and its merger with Gray Fire in 1993. Among his numerous awards and commendations are the Chief's Award, the Lifetime Membership Award and the Officer of the Year Award. We send our appreciation to Mr. Carroll on his 40 years of dedicated service to the community and to the State, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes on his well-deserved retirement; (HLS 1536)

Sharon Hathaway, of Turner, a teacher at Leavitt Area High School, who was named the 2013 Teacher of the Year by the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Association, an organization promoting the understanding of agriculture and natural resources among students, educators and the general public. Ms. Hathaway, a food science/natural resources teacher, has been teaching for more than 30 years. We extend our congratulations to her on her receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1537)

Ronald F. Laliberte, of Waterville, former Police Chief for the City of Waterville Police Department. Mr. Laliberte was born in Waterville and was a graduate of Waterville High School. He served as Police Chief for 16 years. He also worked for the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department from 2000 to 2006. He was a member of the Maine Chief's Association for many years and was a member of Waterville Council 148, Knights of Columbus. We acknowledge Mr. Laliberte's many years of commitment to law enforcement, to his community and to the State. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1538)

Russell Libby, of Mt. Vernon, on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years as the Executive Director of Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. Mr. Libby will continue to assist Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association as Senior Policy Advisor. We extend our appreciation to Mr. Libby for his commitment to the farmers of the State and wish him well in his future endeavors; (HLS 1539)

Kim and Dave Hallee, of Waterville, who have received the Spirit of America Award for their commitment to the community. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the award is presented to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. Kim and Dave Hallee are members of Waterville's South End Neighborhood Association and exemplify the community spirit in the South End, working on projects such as the South End Teen Center, neighborhood police patrols and events for children and families. We send our congratulations to Kim and Dave Hallee on their receiving this award; (HLS 1540)

Lee Granville, of Skowhegan, on the occasion of his retirement as Curator of the Skowhegan History House Museum and Research Center after more than 20 years of working as a volunteer, staff member and organizer including the last 11 years as Curator. While serving as Curator, Mr. Granville began the process of professionally cataloging the collection, implemented the use of technology for bringing history alive, and worked tirelessly to preserve the collection. He was also instrumental in establishing a program that connected middle school students and staff with the Maine Memory Network, a program that drew national attention. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Granville on his retirement; (HLS 1541)

Jim and Bea Fraser, of Millinocket, on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser were married on October 17, 1942. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them on this milestone anniversary; (HLS 1542)

Barbara A. and Richard L. Roussell, Sr., of Calais, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs.

Roussell renewed their wedding vows on October 13, 2012, 50 years after exchanging vows at their wedding in Freeport. They settled in Calais in 1974, working in local mills before starting their own recycling business in 1986. They have 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Roussell on their Golden Wedding Anniversary; (HLS 1543)

Joshua Baillargeon, of Eddington, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 21, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout project, Joshua planned, raised \$21,500 for and constructed a veterans' memorial in Eddington. We extend our congratulations to Joshua on this achievement; (HLS 1544)

the Republic of Turkey, on the 89th anniversary of its founding as a secular democracy, celebrated as Turkish Republic Day. On October 29, 1923, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk founded the Republic of Turkey, which is a staunch ally of the United States and which has played a critical role in international efforts for peace, prosperity and stability. In addition, Americans of Turkish origin play a significant role in the ethnic diversity of America, contributing their rich spiritual and cultural heritage and their dedication to the responsibilities of good citizenship. We join the good people of the Republic of Turkey in celebrating Turkish Republic Day on October 29, 2012, and we send them our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1545)

Richard Lang, of Dresden, on his retirement from a career of over 20 years in code enforcement. Mr. Lang has served the communities of Dresden, Pittston, Richmond, Woolwich and, most recently, Wiscasset. We send our appreciation to him for his many years of dedicated service and our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement; (HLS 1546)

the members of the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, who have won the State Class A Championship. The team has won its 11th state title in 12 years, 3rd title in a row and 54th straight game. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the team members on their achievements; (HLS 1547)

the Honorable Rodney S. Quinn, of Westbrook, former member of the House of Representatives and former Secretary of State. Mr. Quinn was born in Gorham and was a graduate of Gorham Normal School. He served in the United States Army Air Corps, flying with the Flying Tigers during World War II, and during the Korean War he was the commander of an air transport squadron. Mr. Quinn met his wife, Melba, while serving on an air base in Texas. They returned to his hometown of Gorham when he retired as lieutenant colonel in 1968. Mr. Quinn served on the Gorham Town Council for 6 years before being elected to the Legislature in 1974, where he served 2 terms. He became Secretary of State in 1979 and served 5 terms. We acknowledge Mr. Quinn's honorable service to his community, his State and his Nation. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1548)

Richard and Katherine Berry, of Calais, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 20, 2012. Mr. and Mrs. Berry were married in Calais at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church by the Reverend Herman Groves. They have 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 4 step-grandchildren. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Berry on this very special occasion; (HLS 1549)

Don Giroux, of Fairfield, on his retirement from the Town Council after serving the Town of Fairfield for over 50 years. Mr. Giroux was born in Fairfield and has been a lifelong resident. In 1958 he began 3 years of service on the Town Planning Board.

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He has served 15 years as a town councilor, including as chair and secretary of the Town Council, and 7 years as a school board member. He served as a member of the Town Charter Commission and for many years on the town budget committee. Mr. Giroux also served as the general chair of the SAD 49 Chapter of Dollars for Scholars residential fund drive during its first years of existence and was vice-president of Little League Baseball. We acknowledge Mr. Giroux's generous commitment to his community and to the State, and we send him our appreciation and best wishes; (HLS 1550)

the following members of the Massabesic High School Boys Cross-country Team, who won the 2012 Class A State Championship: Tim Tharpe, George Morrison, Cody Vachon, Robert Elliott, Justin Langlois, Branden Pratt, Joseph Bell, Michael Aboud, Remington Gaetjens, Andrew Mongiat, Edwin Lewis, Thomas Harrington, Michael Kendrick, Ricky Cote III, Troy Cloutier and Noah Harfoush; coach Mark Crepeau; and assistant coach TJ Hesler. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1551)

the following members of the Bonny Eagle High School Girls Cross-Country Team, who have won the 2012 Class A State Championship: Anna French, Kyaunna Libby, Zoe Goodwin, Samantha Cox, Kristen Glennie, Gaelyn Lindauer, Mary Szatkowski, Anna Weyland, Hilary Kinney, Corey Young, Rylie Turner, Makayla Lauritsen, Audrey Weyland, Shauna Meserve, Sierra Cooper, Alexandra Vayda, Natalie Hewitt, Katie Perry, Alyssa McLaughlin and coach Chris Strout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this achievement; (HLS 1552)

the Fort Kent Community High School Girls Soccer Team, on its winning the 2012 Eastern Class C Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on their achievement; (HLS 1553)

John A. Pineau, of Millinocket and Casa Grande, Arizona, a United States Air Force Vietnam War veteran. Mr. Pineau was born in Millinocket and was a 1965 graduate of Stearns High School. He served in the military in the Philippines and later in the Vietnam War. He returned home and married Nancy Ferland and worked at the paper mill in Millinocket, retiring in 2008. Mr. Pineau will be greatly missed and long remembered by his wife of 42 years, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1554)

Jacob Holt, of Plymouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 63, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. Jacob's Eagle Scout service project benefited Our Lady's Kitchen in Dexter, a food ministry hosted by Our Lady of the Snows Parish at St. Anne Church. He and his troop created and planted new flower boxes at the parish center, restored the flower beds in front of the center with new borders, soil and perennials, and had a new sign made and installed it. We extend our congratulations to Jacob on this achievement; (HLS 1555)

the following members of the Bangor Christian Schools Boys Varsity Soccer Team, who have won the 2012 Boys Soccer Class D State Championship: players Benjamin Bragg, Josiah French, Jacob Guay, Dylan Merchant, Jeremy Miller, Brian Parent, Remington Poulin, Samuel Proctor, Jace Schmidt, Kenneth Van Dine, Javan Bishop, Bryon Boutot, Cody Collins, Hunter Cotton, Kyle Holmes, Brandon Messer, Benjamin Miller, Zechariah Palmetier, Caleb Peary, Tucker Rice, Seth Pearson, Joshua Viekman, Maxim Higgins, Carl Jewell, Joel Schmidt and Devan Tibbetts; coach Aaron Wilcox; and assistant coach Mike Poulin. This is the school's 4th state championship in a row. We

extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1556)

Sean Patrick Connolly, of Falmouth, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 93, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Sean restored Merrill Cemetery, a Revolutionary War-era cemetery in Falmouth. We extend our congratulations to Sean on this achievement; (HLS 1557)

Wilfred and Ann Desjardins, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, November 28, 2012. Mr. and Mrs. Desjardins were married at the St. Remi Catholic Church by Father Gerard Turgeon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Desjardins on this very special occasion; (HLS 1558)

Kenneth H. Dolloff, of Scarborough, beloved husband and father. Mr. Dolloff attended Scarborough schools and earned a reputation as an outstanding athlete. After graduating high school he joined the United States Army, serving during World War II as a medic. He served in the second wave of the Normandy Invasion with the 820th Engineer Aviation Battalion. Mr. Dolloff was a member of the Scarborough Fire Department and was a special police officer at Scarborough Downs. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Governor King Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the Kora Shrine, the Boy Scouts and the West Scarborough Methodist Church Men's Club. Mr. Dolloff will be sadly missed by his family, his friends and the community; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1559)

Rosemont Market and Bakery, of Portland, which has been named the 2012 Small Business of the Year by the Portland Development Corporation. Rosemont Market and Bakery opened in 2005 and now has 4 retail locations. The business has established a vast network of local growers, farmers and producers to supply its shops and now employs more than 50 people, offering the quintessential local grocery store experience. We congratulate Rosemont Market and Bakery on its being named the 2012 Small Business of the Year and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1560)

the State Theatre, of Portland, which has received the 2012 Economic Development Achievement Award from the Portland Development Corporation. The State Theatre, one of Portland's great historic theatres and top music venues, reopened in 2010 after having been dark for 4 years. The reopening of the State Theatre was welcome not only to the city and the downtown Arts District but also for music lovers far and wide. In its first year of being reopened, the theatre presented more than 80 performances and injected tremendous energy into its neighborhood, making a huge impact on the city's music scene. We congratulate the State Theatre on its receiving the 2012 Economic Development Achievement Award and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1561)

EnviroLogix, of Portland, which has been named the 2012 Business of the Year by the Portland Development Corporation. EnviroLogix opened 14 years ago and has built on its strong scientific foundation to become an industry leader in the development and manufacture of immunoassay test kits for every link in the worldwide food production chain. Employing over 100 people and occupying 67,000 square feet of space in a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Portland, EnviroLogix helps Maine's reputation as an ideal location for the bioscience industry. We congratulate EnviroLogix on its being named the 2012 Business of the Year and send our best wishes for continued success; (HLS 1562)

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Charlene E. Carroll, of Gray, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, November 15, 2012. One of 11 children, she was a graduate of Madison High School and served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. In 1947, she married Robert "Pat" Carroll. Mrs. Carroll is the mother of 5 children, including 2 sets of twin boys. She has 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Carroll has been active in the Gray community since the 1950s, is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is past president of the Gray Post #86 Auxiliary. We extend to her our appreciation for her dedicated service to her community, to her State and to the Nation. We congratulate Mrs. Carroll on her 90th birthday and send her our best wishes; (HLS 1563)

Joseph Winslow Hayden, of Brewer, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 15, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. For his Eagle Scout service project, Joseph and another Boy Scout made 2 lifeguard chairs for the Brewer Municipal Pool. We extend our congratulations to him on this achievement; (HLS 1564)

Daniel and Marie Paule (Devost) LaPointe, of Van Buren, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. LaPointe were married on December 24, 1962 at Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Catholic Church in Lille, with Father Emile Robitaille officiating. We join the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. LaPointe in extending our congratulations and best wishes to them on their Golden Anniversary; (HLS 1565)

the Scarborough High School Boys Soccer Team, on its winning the 2012 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1566)

the Scarborough High School Girls Soccer Team, on its winning the 2012 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the members of the team on this accomplishment and send them our best wishes; (HLS 1567)

the following members of the Lawrence High School Football Team, of Fairfield, who have won the 2012 Eastern Class A Championship: J.T. Nutting, Jhon Ocampo, Connor Patten, Zack Cayer, Evan Grard, Spencer Carey, Cody Martin, Cole Robinson, James Leathers, Robert Liberty, Jarrett Hill, Anthony Sementelli, Josh Doolan, Xavier Lewis, Aaron LaFrance, Jacob Gerow, Jake Doolan, Trevor Lewis, Beau Grenier, Tyler Tompkins, Walker Thomas, Trevor McClure, Kristian Dixon, Kyle Leclair, Brandon Hipple, Ryan Gagne, Kyle Mclain, Cody Cunningham, Brady Martin, Spencer Sweat, Matt Woods, Nick French, Eriq Stewart, Adam Roderigue, Lucas Knox, Jesse Champagne, Robert Zahoransky, Adam Littlefield, Calvin Crowell, Nick Clark, Cameron Harkins, Caleb Champagne, Brandon Hallee, Jared Champagne, Ethan Powers, Phil Gadway, Robbie Liberty, Luke Lawrence, Keith Languet, Kyle Robinson, Keenan Scanlin, Seth Powers, Jeremy Frantz, Jeremy Wing, Jesse Dodge, Trevor Hamblet, Chad Martin, Derick Raven, Connor Martin, Derick Dumont, Tyler Welch, Kyler Hammock and Mason Travers; head coach John Herson; assistant coaches Dan Dangler, Kevin Malady, Josh Blaisdell and Jake Rogers; freshman coach Elon Firmage; and manager Dennis Brassard. We congratulate the members of the team on this accomplishment; (HLS 1568)

Carla Halvorson, of Easton, who was named a Wendy's High School Heisman state winner for Maine for her hard work and commitment in athletics, academics and community leadership. She will compete for the national award, which is now in its 19th year and is presented in tandem with the collegiate Heisman Trophy award. We join Ms. Halvorson's family and friends in

extending to her our congratulations and best wishes; (HLS 1569)

the Molunkus Valley Sno-Drifters, of Sherman, named the 2012 Land User Group of the Year by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Each year the department honors landowners across the state for their generosity and contributions in providing public access for outdoor recreation. We send our appreciation to the Molunkus Valley Sno-Drifters and we congratulate the group for receiving this well-deserved honor; (HLS 1570)

Island Nursing Home and Care Center, of Deer Isle, which has received the Quality Award from the Maine Health Care Association for excellent performance. We extend our congratulations to Island Nursing Home and Care Center for its receiving this well-deserved award; (HLS 1571)

Kevin M. Grover, of Falmouth, a teacher at Falmouth Elementary School, who was named the 2010 Maine Teacher of the Year. Mr. Grover was a creative, engaging teacher who was loved by his students and admired and respected by his colleagues. Born on March 1, 1972, Mr. Grover was a graduate of St. Dominic High School and received his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maine at Farmington and his master's degree from the University of Southern Maine. He taught first and second grades in Auburn from 1997 to 2001 and since 2001 taught second grade in the Falmouth school system. Mr. Grover will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and those whose lives he touched; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1572)

Police Chief Garold "Twig" Cramp, of East Millinocket, on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 30 years of dedicated service to law enforcement and to the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Police Chief Cramp on his retirement; (HLS 1573)

Leonard Small, Jr., of Millinocket, a United States Air Force veteran. Mr. Small was born in Pittsfield and served 3 years in the Air Force. He served in Germany, where he met his future wife Gerlinde, to whom he was married for 53 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1574)

Francis P. Vienneau, of Millinocket, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Vienneau was born and grew up in Millinocket and was a graduate of St. Martin's High School, class of 1952. After his military service, he worked for Great Northern Paper Company for 35 years, and then for the Maine State Housing Authority at Crestview Apartments for 9 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and his many friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1575)

Edward J. Raymond, Jr., of Millinocket, a United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Raymond was born and grew up in Millinocket and was a 1942 graduate of Stearns High School. After serving his country during the war, he worked as a dry cleaner at Eddie's Dry Cleaners for more than 60 years. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family and friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1576)

Michael Daniel Smart, of Millinocket, a veteran of the United States Air Force and longtime employee of Great Northern Paper Company. Mr. Smart was born in Millinocket and served in Newfoundland, Greenland and Alaska while in the Air Force. He worked as a pipefitter for the paper company until his retirement in 1995. He will be sadly missed and long remembered by his loving wife of nearly 50 years, Constance, his family and his friends; (IN MEMORIAM) (HLS 1577)

W. Louis Greenier II, of Caribou, as he steps down from his two-year term of service as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Mr.



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Greenier held this position from 2010 to 2012 as part of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine A.F. and A.M. We acknowledge Mr. Greenier's committed leadership with the Freemasons and his service to the community, and we send him our best wishes on his future endeavors; (HLS 1578)

Sweetser's Apple Barrel and Orchards, of Cumberland Center, on its celebration of 200 years of heirloom apples, apple cider and being part of the community. The original farmhouse was built in 1812 on Blanchard Road, and the orchard has passed down through 6 generations, with 3 generations still actively working the orchards and the retail Apple Barrel roadside location. We extend our congratulations to the Sweetser family on this anniversary, and we send them our best wishes for future success; (HLS 1579)

the following students at Cony High School, in Augusta, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Courtney King, Class A Girls Cross Country All-Conference Second Team; Melissa Petersen, Class A Girls Cross Country All-Academic Team; Samuel Birch, Class A Boys Cross Country All-Academic Team; Arika Brochu, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference First Team; Kevie Rodrigue, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team; Jenna Harwood, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Margaret Priest, Cheering All-Academic Team; Thomas Foster, Golf All-Academic Team; Luke Dang, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference First Team South; Jack Brannigan, Class A Boys Soccer All-Academic Team; Emily Quirion, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team South; Josie Lee, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team South, All-Academic Team; Olivia Deeves, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Team South; Lindsey Folsom, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Kaite Perry, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; and Christine Waller, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1580)

the following students at Mt. Blue High School, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Josh Horne, Class A Boys Cross Country All-Conference First Team; Justin Tracy, Class A Boys Cross Country All-Conference First Team, Class A Boys Runner of the Year, All-Academic; Sully Jackson, Class A Boys Cross Country All-Academic Team; Katherine Gunther, Class A Girls Cross Country All-Conference Second Team; Raleigh Blanchet, Class B Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team; Alyssa Williams, Class B Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Laura Dunham, Cheering All-Academic Team; Andrew Ferrari, Golf All-Academic Team; Mackenzie Conlogue, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team North, All-Academic Team; Makenzie Thompson, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team North, All-Academic Team; Miranda Nicely, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team North; Chelsea Newhall, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team North; Zyrah Giustra, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Abigail Lochala, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Shireen Luick, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Maryam Norton, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Drew Parson, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference First Team North; Ike Doiron, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference Second Team North; and Gage Kennedy, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference Second Team North. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1581)

the following students at Nokomis Regional High, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Taylor Lovely, Class B Field Hockey All-Conference First Team, All-Academic Team; Lindsey Whitney, Class B Field Hockey All-

Conference Second Team; and Morgan Fredette, Class B Field Hockey All-Academic Team. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1582)

the following students at Leavitt Area High School, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Harrison Knowlton, Class B Boys Cross Country All-Conference First Team; Tim Enos, Class B Boys Cross Country All-Conference Second Team, All-Academic Team; David Hersom, Class B Boys Cross Country All-Academic Team; Maddie Wiegman, Class B Girls Cross Country All-Conference Second Team, All-Academic Team; Morgan Shaw, Class B Field Hockey All-Conference First Team, All-Academic Team; Meagan Dow, Class B Field Hockey All-Academic Second Team; Kate Audet, Class B Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Justin Bean, Golf All Academic Team; Mark Hite, Golf All-Academic Team; Brandon Morissette, Class B Boys Soccer All-Conference Second Team; Benjamin Ramser, Class B Boys Soccer All-Academic Team; Mariah Treadwell, Class B Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team, All-Academic Team; Kelly Harris, Class B Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Alexandra Hudner, Class B Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; and Sydney Nadeau, Class B Girls Soccer All-Academic Team. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1583)

the following students of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who were named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Matt Breer, Class A Boys Cross Country All-Academic Team; Moriah Lee, Class A Girls Cross Country All-Academic Team; Jesse Murch, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference First Team; Erica Jackson, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team; Tayla Smedberg, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team; Abigail Egan, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Meghan Feely, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Molly Johnson, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Morgan Wilson, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Ashley Charlton, Cheering All-Academic Team; Matt Michaud, Class A Golf All-Conference Team; Chris Burns, Class A Golf All-Conference Team; Brianna Morris, Class A Golf All-Conference Team; Dylan Cox, Golf All-Academic Team; Mike Grace, Class A Golf Coach of the Year South; Mikayla Morin, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team South; Abbie Eastman, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team South, All-Academic Team; Joanna Murch, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team South, All-Academic Team; Lauren Emery, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team South; Alyssa Andrews, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Colleen Stauder, Class A Girls Soccer All-Academic Team; Matt Beauchesne, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference Second Team South; Alejandro Meijo, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference Second Team South; Connor Beebe, Class A Boys Soccer All-Academic Team; Kenny Lynch, Class A Boys Soccer All-Academic Team; and Adam Nolan, Class A Boys Soccer All-Academic Team. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1584)

the following students at Lawrence High School, who have been named to Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: Ahlin Sungsuwar, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team; Myrilla Hartkopf, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team; Lindsey Morris, Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Team; Drew Bois, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference First Team; Matt Saunders, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference First Team and Boys Soccer Player of the Year; Zach Blomerth, Class A Boys Soccer All-Conference Second Team; Sasha Letourneau, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference First Team;

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Emily Tozier, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference First Team; Kaprice Dahms, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team; Abby King, Class A Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team; Erin Larrabee, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Julia Pershken, Class A Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Kassidy Martin, Class A Cheering All-Academic Team; Erzsebet Nagy, Class A Girls Cross Country All-Conference Team, All-Academic Team and Class A Runner of the Year; Lana Tompkins, Class A Girls Cross Country All-Academic Team; Sawyer Letourneau, Class A Boys Cross Country All-Academic Team; Tyler Boudreau, Class A Golf All-Conference Team; and Kelsie Dessent, Class A Golf All-Conference Team. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1585)

the following students at Erskine Academy, who have been named to the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference teams: William Robertson, Robert Soohey, Stephen Soohey, Ryley Thompson and Grace Killian to the Boys and Girls Cross Country All-Academic Teams; Marissa Jordan and Dawn Rush to the Field Hockey All-Academic Team; Shawn Soucie and Ashley Chubbuck to the Class A Golf All-Conference Team; Josh Bailey and Josh Horak to the Golf All-Academic Team; Jade Canak and Bridget Humphrey to the Class A Girls Soccer All-Conference First Team, Southern Division; Avery Bond, Courtney Bonsant, John Suga and Zach Isbell to the Class A Boys and Girls Soccer All-Conference Second Teams, Southern Division; and Tyler Adams, Greg Brundage, Nicholas Gayer, Jeff Pulver, Nathaniel Trask, Alyssa Gartley, Alison Gauvin, Bridget Humphrey, Paige Leary, Kelly McCormac and Katherine Wright to the Boys and Girls Soccer All-Academic Teams. We congratulate these students on their receiving these honors; (HLS 1586)