



**Bucket under the bridge**

The Maine Department of Transportation was in the St. John Valley last week conducting more annual bridge inspections, as part of the federally mandated bi-annual bridge inspection, according to Ted Talbot, spokesperson for MDOT. Here, a special bucket truck lowers MDOT personnel underneath the Fish River Bridge.

- SJVT photo / Don Eno

**Jackson logging bill gets senate approval**

**ALLAGASH** – Early Friday, May 24, the Maine Senate passed a bill sponsored by Assistant Senate Majority Leader Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, to support American loggers.

“We must promote the hiring of American loggers who for too long have been underemployed as a result of contractors unethically, and at times illegally, hiring Canadian workers instead,” said Sen. Jackson, according to a press release from the Maine Legislature’s Senate Majority Office.

The measure would prevent the state from contracting for timber harvesting on land under its management if the contractor employs foreign workers for logging.

“In a time when the Legislature is correctly focused on getting Mainers back to work

and is examining measures to make sure our workforce can meet the needs of this economy, we have an entire sector of Maine workers who are here and are ready to go,” Jackson said. “Our laws should encourage hiring

them.”

The bill, L.D. 491, “An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on Land Managed by the Division of Parks and Public Lands,” will face more votes in the House and the Senate.

**Town of Frenchville  
Scrap metal for sale by sealed bid**

All bids are to be sealed and clearly labeled, “Scrap Metal Bid” and returned, no later than 4 p.m. on June 17, 2013 to the Frenchville Town Office, PO Box 97, Frenchville, ME 04745. Bids received after that date and time will not be considered. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Municipal Selectpeople meeting held at the Frenchville Town Office on June 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. At that time the Municipal Selectpeople shall announce their decision. For further information please contact 543-6402.

The scrap metal is being sold “AS IS AND WITH ALL THE FAULTS.” There are no warranties either expressed or implied which extend beyond the description on the face hereof. Winning bidder is responsible for any transportation costs for picking up scrap steel. Payment must be made to the Town of Frenchville with a certified check prior to buyer taking possession of scrap metal.

The Municipal Selectpeople reserve the right to accept or reject any bid

**Man loses life in Edmundston highway crash**

**EDMUNDSTON** - An Ontario man has died following a single-vehicle collision near Saint-Basile, New Brunswick.

The Riviere-Verte Royal Canadian Mounted Police responded to a collision at approximately 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25 on the Trans-Canada Highway near Saint-Basile, part of Edmundston, New Brunswick, according to an RCMP press release. The vehicle was traveling westbound near the chemin Des Lavoie overpass when it left the road and collided with a guardrail, then rolled over.

The driver of the vehicle, a 56-year-old man from Trenton, Ontario, was transported to the hospital, but later died of his injuries, according to the RCMP. A 53-year-old woman from

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