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Three candidates seek one position on Kingfield board

**By David Hart
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KINGFIELD — Voters in the Town of Kingfield will see three candidates on the ballot for one seat for a three-year term as selectman on March 7. After 12 years of service, resident John Dill has decided to not re-run for office and is stepping down as selectman.
Last Thursday, organizers held a “Meet the Candidates” night at the Kingfield Elementary School. Nearly 40 people were in

attendance.
Moderated by KES seventh grade student Thomas Faraday and assisted by classmate Emma Houston, all three candidates came out to answer some questions they received in advance. Some new questions from audience members were also fielded by the candidates.
Running for the municipal office seat is Scott Hoisington, Raymond Meldrum and Mervin Wilson.
This event was also covered by WSKI

TV-17 and aired yesterday, Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.
In a digital interview after the event, the candidates responded to similar questions as they did that night.
Hoisington grew up in Farmington and graduated from UMF in 1979. He moved to this area in 1988 and has lived here since. Hoisington is married with three children.
“I have sat on a number of committees with my work,” Hoisington explained,

such as being the national chairman of United States Ski Association Coaches Committee and Golf Maine.
With his children now off to college and in pursuit of their professional careers, he’s looking to give time to the position.
“I was born in Kingfield about 100 yards from my present home,” Meldrum explained, stating that he held many jobs in the area including mill work, forest jobs
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Hunting for a late winter meal, this barred owl was spotted in a field in Strong. According to local bird watcher Jim Logan, “The Barred owl is the most commonly seen and heard owl in our region of Maine.” (Steve Mitman photo)

New Portland Candidates seek selectman, town clerk positions

**By Laura Dunham
Special to the Irregular**
NEW PORTLAND — It was Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the New Portland Fire Station community room with about 15 residents showing up to question who might be the next selectmen or town clerk. Judi Wills conducted the informational meeting laying down the law that “this is not the time to be rude, arrogant or interrupt people who want to speak.”
Residents will have a chance to vote

on one of the candidates for selectmen and one for town clerk Friday, March 6 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the fire station meeting room at the East Village.
The next day the town meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Central School at the North Village.
Ed Tibbetts took the floor first telling those present that he had lived in town for the past 27 years and had gotten about 50 complaints from taxpayers that there is just too much spending in the town. “We might have

to reduce spending in the library and fire department,” said Tibbetts, which he felt were both well run.
Doug Archer, who is seeking his third year on the board, said that he had lived in town all his life working at Kingfield Wood Products for 30 years and now for Poland Spring. “I’m always learning more in this position (selectman),” said Archer.
Janet White, selectmen chairman, said to Tibbetts, “We have never seen
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Carrabassett Valley: Voters to decide on new library

**By David Hart
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CARRABASSETT VALLEY — The voters will decide on the proposed Carrabassett Valley Library and Community Center on March 11. The final of six public hearings will be held tonight, Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the town office. The New Building Committee will present the latest financial information including construction cost, fundraising and the final financial requests for the town.
“Libraries of the 21st century are becoming more like community living rooms,” said committee co-chair Andrea DeBiase. “This project epitomizes collaboration in partnership in creating a multi-use facility that will truly pro-

vide educational, cultural and recreational opportunities for people of all ages, from Eustis to Kingfield and beyond. We are more than just our small town.”
It is anticipated that representatives of Western Maine Centers for Children will also make a presentation as future renters of space inside the center.
“We’re excited at the prospect of having the community childcare be its own non-profit agency and will be able to expand programs including an after-school program,” said Marcia White, speaking for WMCFC. The community after-school program will be open to Carrabassett students as
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Local boarders to compete with nation’s best

**By David Hart
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CARRABASSETT VALLEY — March 9 to 11, the final leg of the 2009 US Snowboarding Revolution Tour will conclude at Sugarloaf in the USSA’s only eastern stop.
Spectators will be able to watch not only the top riders in the U.S., but will be able to cheer on over 15 local athletes from the area and Carrabassett Valley Academy.
What’s on the line for the best riders in the country is more than \$5,000 in cash prizes, qualifications to the US Grand Prix, Burton US Open, World Juniors, US World Cup, USASA Nationals and Project Gold Camps.
The Revolution Tour is the top junior snowboard tour in the country, featuring competitions in halfpipe, slopestyle, and snowboardcross.

Look for local athletes such as Juliette Bisson who won the last leg of last year’s tour and was invited to the US Grand Prix in Boreal, Calif. She recently qualified for and was invited to the World Cup in its only US stop at Sunday River. A recent fractured backbone forced her to pull out of the World Cup and may or may not sideline her at the Sugarloaf venue.
Also a strong contender is Coplin Plantation’s own Alex Tuttle who’s having an incredible year as a senior at CVA. Tuttle won his age group at last year’s USASA National competition, which earned him an invitation to the US Grand Prix at Boreal, Calif. Tuttle’s most recent exciting news is an invitation to the 2009 Junior Worlds in Nagano, Japan. Tuttle has found his way onto the podium many times this season competing in some

of the toughest brackets available.
Familiar to the Tour and glad to be home at Sugarloaf, are local riders Benjamin Bisson, Dylan Darienzo, Jack Dawe, Ben Eames and Alex Rodway who are all having a great season.
Over 300 athletes will be competing for top-spots in each discipline.
Look also for CVA and local athletes such as Nicole Colarusso, Ian Daly, Abe Darienzo, Emily Eames, Hank Poulin, Beau Shannahan, Jasper Tripp and Molly Wasik.
The snowboardcross competition will take place on Sugarloaf’s brand new Sidewinder Snowboardcross Course, which was designed by Olympic Gold Medalist Seth Wescott.
Riders will be arriving this week for training and to take part in the Sugarloaf experience.

Warrant set for Eustis voters

**By David Hart
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EUSTIS — The voters in the Town of Eustis will see 33 articles at this year’s Annual Town Meeting and the election of three officers.
On Friday, March 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. the polls will be open at the town office.
The first order of voting is to elect a Moderator for the annual meeting the following morning. The sec-
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