

Palermo's winter sand cost to remain the same

by Mary Grow

Palermo selectmen have a price for winter sand, and now they're looking for quotes to prebuy fuel oil.

At the board's August 12 meeting, Selectman Paul Cowing ceremoniously opened the only bid to put up winter sand, from road commissioner and contractor Scott Childs, at the same \$7.98 a cubic yard Childs charged last year. Last year Childs had one competitor.

Childs and Cowing estimated there are about 800 yards of sand left in the shed. Childs's quote is for up to 3,000 yards, enough to fill the building. Cowing subtracted about \$34,000 for sand and salt from what remains in the winter road account and said the town has about \$26,000 to cover plowing and sanding through the end of December.

Board Chairman Sophia Glidden asked Selectman Harry Dean Potter to call area fuel dealers and seek quotes for heating fuel for town buildings. Any dealer not contacted is welcome to call the town office for information on submitting a price. Selectmen intend to review quotes at their August 26 meeting.

Childs said this summer's paving came in under budget, leaving about \$12,000 in accounts that fund summer road

work. Selectmen approved his plan to use about \$7,000 to stripe double yellow center lines on newly paved sections of Level Hill and Banton roads.

They decided the rest of the money could best be used for paved aprons on several gravel roads that intersect paved roads, to give the grader room to stop grading before it obstructs traffic. They suggested four intersections, unsure how many the available funds will cover.

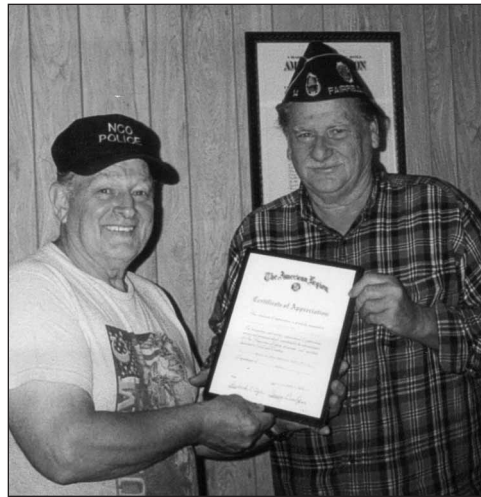
Glidden and Town Clerk Sheila McCarty said residents had complained about difficult driveway entrances onto the new pavement. Childs planned shoulder work as soon as the new hottop had time to set.

In other business, selectmen made appointments to fill two of the three vacancies created by Millard Saban's death, appointing Patricia Clark a budget committee member and Tim Turner, Sr., a planning board alternate. They postponed a decision on a representative to the Tri-County Waste Management board.

Codes Enforcement Officer Darryl McKenney reported that a plan to replant and stabilize the lot on Haskell shore on Sheepscot Lake was awaiting state review.

McCarty said several residents have asked about licensing young dogs. State law says any dog over six months must have a license, she said.

Recognized for volunteerism



Floyd A. Smith, left, of Waterville, commanding officer of Dirigo Young Marines, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Fairfield American Legion Post commander Gary Bulger. Legion Post #14 recognized Smith for his many hours of volunteering and help with the many programs of the American Legion.

Photo courtesy of Chick Ciciotte

Vote to win an orchard for park

Triplet Park in Unity has been selected as a finalist in the Edy's Fruit Bars and Fruit Tree Planting Association's "Communities Take Root" program.

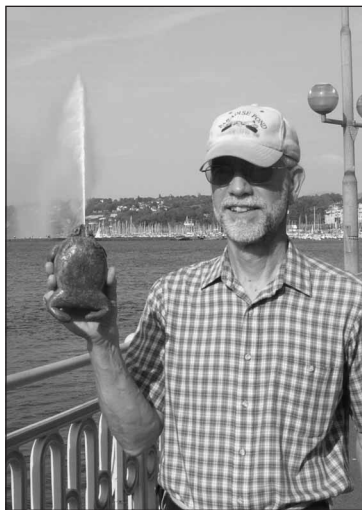
Zone hardy fruit trees and high and low bush native blueberries have been requested for the park. Once in production, fruit harvested from Triplet Park's orchard will be donated to the Unity Area Food Pantry and available for park visitors to sample.

The winner is chosen by online voting. August is the final month and everyone may vote. Go to www.communitiestakeroot.com, and vote once a day every day. Send an email to your friends and family with a link to the voting page asking them to do the same. Triplet Park is close to winning but needs more votes, so spread the word and help the park grow.

HVNC honors volunteer of year

Friends and supporters of Hidden Valley Nature Center (HVNC), in Jefferson, gathered recently to honor and award its Volunteer of the Year. This year's recipient is zoologist Chuck Dinsmore, of Damariscotta. Chuck offers his services frequently on trail maintenance and grooming, bridge building. His valuable suggestions, his wry sense of humor and his infinite good nature make him the perfect

volunteer. He is often found on the trails, both tending and discovering the next project to occupy the team. He is a member of HVNC's Retired But Not Tired program – he may be retired and he certainly is not tired. He is also co-leading a class in Pond Ecology, scheduled for Saturday, September 25.



Chuck Dinsmore with "froggie" in Europe recently. He was honored as volunteer of the year by the Hidden Valley Nature Center. Contributed photo

Director Gary Hayward honored Chuck with a stuffed toad (Bufo marinus) from Costa Rica, the trophy that is passed on from year to year between recipients of the award. Chuck took "froggie" along with his wife, Megan, on a tour of Europe in July, treating froggie to the wonders of the mountains and the foreign culture and cuisine.

We want your story

by Lyn Rowden

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No worries about "perfect" writing. If you can get the idea across I will get it written. You will get credit for your submission as well. So here's your chance for that "15 minutes of fame" you deserve. Send your 250 - 750 word story, with your name and phone number or email address, to Lyn, at townline@fairpoint.net or P.O. Box 89 Jonesbrook Crossing, So. China, ME 04358.

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Couverette gathers more songwriting awards



Fred Couverette

At the recent "Pine Tree State Country Music Assn." awards show, held at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls, Fred Couverette received the following awards.

In the CD category, his CD of Fred Couverette Singing the Blues won a second place. In the "Traditional Country Songwriter" category, his song Jealousy received a first place trophy, and another of his songs I Can't Let Go received second place. Couverette also received a first place in the "Traditional Country Male Vocalist Over 65" category.

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