## **SPORTS & RECREATION**

## Paul Bunyan Snocross snowmobile competition returns to Bangor

Event presented by Dysart's and Hosted by Eastern Maine Community College Foundation

BANGOR — The Paul Bunyan Snocross, a snowmobile competition that premiered last year at Bangor's Bass Park, will return to Bangor Jan. 30-31.

Inaugurated and hosted by the Eastern Maine Community College Foundation, in association with East Coast Snocross and with support from Dysart's, the weekend competition will feature pro and semi-pro races, as well as trail class races for recreational sledders.

East Coast Snocross is an ISR-affiliated sanctioning body for snowmobile racing in the northeastern United States. ECS maintains a regional circuit intended to keep grassroots snocross racing healthy in this part of the country, while also cultivating new talent for tomorrow's factory-backed pro teams.

Last year's event drew a crowd of nearly 6,000 people over two days to watch high-speed races laden with bumps and jumps. Proceeds benefitted the Eastern Maine Community College Foundation, which manages more than 50 scholarship funds to

support EMCC students.
"This event was very well-received by the entire community last year, and served as a great wintertime fundraiser for the Foundation," said EMCC Foundation spokeswoman Jennifer Khavari. "We're pleased to bring the highflying action of snocross back to Bangor in 2016, and appreciate the strong support local partners like Dysarts and Darling's Auto have provided."

Weekend passes are available for \$20 and day passes for \$15. Children 7 and under are admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased at the gate the day of the event.



Competitors speed over a customized groomed oval track at Bass Park during the East Coast Snocross in Bangor, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

## Old Town, Orono surge to Class B, C regional cheering titles



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Orono High School won the Class C North cheering championship Saturday.

Tears were flowing as the Old Town cheering squad accepted the Class B North championship plaque at the Cross Insurance Center late Saturday morning.

For coaches Nicole Hogan and Emily Smith, bringing a title back to their alma mater fostered a celebration many years in the making.

"It feels like a long time coming and a lot of hard work," said Hogan after the Coyotes secured their first regional crown since 2002. "We've coached a lot of these kids since middle school, and after eighth grade we came up with them so we've coached them for six or seven years.'

Old Town used a clean, en-

ergetic three-minute routine combining tumbling, stunts, jumps and dance to total 76.4 points and edge two-time defending regional champion and five-time reigning Class B state champion Hermon by a single point.

Old Town, Hermon and Ellsworth will be joined by John Bapst of Bangor (66.7), Presque Isle (65.9) and Mount View of Thorndike (59.3) representing the North at the Class B state championships, scheduled for Feb. 6 at the CIC.

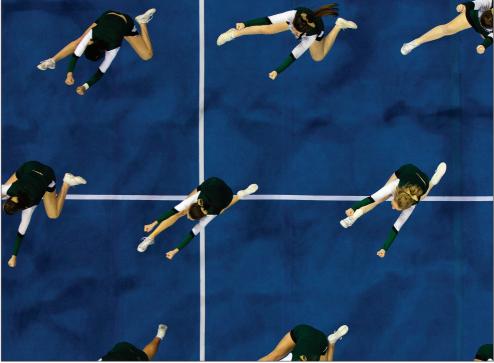
Later on Saturday at the CIC, Orono High School continued its rise to the top of Class C North cheering ranks this season, scoring 75.3 points to claim its first

regional title at the Cross Insurance Center.

the Penobscot Valley Conference crown on Monday.

"They knew they could do this," Tuell said. "We took first at PVCs and they did great, but our score went up 10 points. We didn't have the wobbles, the bobbles, in the stunts today."

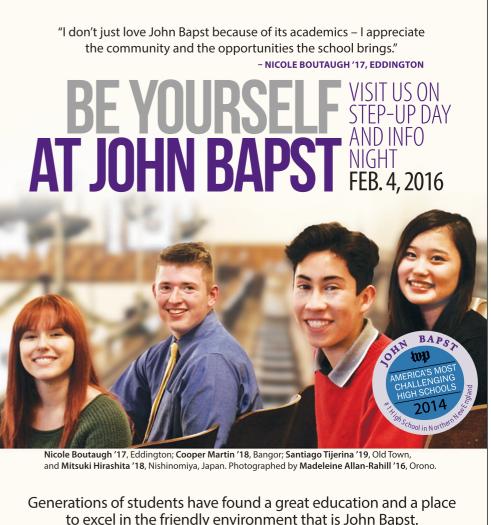
Orono bested runner-up Central of Corinth (69.0) by more than six points, while Houlton (64.6) took third place. Sumner of East Sullivan (62.6), Dexter (54.2) and Mattanawcook Academy of Lincoln (50.0) rounded out the list of six teams that advance to the state championships Feb. 6 in Bangor.



The Red Riots had won Old Town High School won the Class B North cheering championship Saturday.







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