

YESTERDAY ...
10 years ago — Nov. 5, 2005
(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

HAMPDEN — Workers from Dirigo Slip Form, a local concrete laying company, on Wednesday were preparing the ground surrounding the Hampden Veterans Honor Roll Monument, a 10-foot tall by 10-foot wide granite stone.

When it's finished, the monument will list the names of 800 past and present war veterans from Hampden and have room for the names of veterans of the current war.

The final touches to the site in front of the municipal building on Route 9 include laying paving bricks engraved with names of veterans.

"We are doing this to honor all veterans," said Allison Berube, a member of the Hampden Veterans Honor Roll Committee, a group that has developed plans for the monument over the last two years.

Berube and Herbert Frost, committee chairman and owner of Frost Garage, are two of the nine members who have collected donations for the project totaling \$70,000.

The amount includes the services that many local businesses, including Hughes Bros., O'Donnell Concrete, and H.O. Bouchard, contributed to complete the job.

Forest Hart of Monroe, a well-known sculptor and former Hampden native, constructed two large bronze eagles, representing freedom, strength and beauty, which will sit atop the monument, as well as smaller replicas that can be purchased for \$1,200 each to benefit the project.

The committee has met weekly since June to coordinate the construction. On Memorial Day, pupils from a history class at Hampden Middle School went door to door, helping with fundraising efforts. In return, they heard many local veterans' stories.

Seven World War II veterans plan to attend the dedication ceremony for the monument, with a military flyover by local Air Guard volunteers, to be held at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. A local bagpiper will play "Amazing Grace," and a ca-

tered celebration inside the municipal building will follow the ceremony.

"I am hoping that families will bring their children because it will be such a great learning experience," Berube said. "It's a great opportunity to meet veterans from different war eras."

Everett Albertson of Canaan made the 40-mile drive to Bangor on Friday so that he could be one of the first to check out Maine's first slots facility. Albertson, who is disabled, admitted he is a slots man.

"That's all I do," the older man said, adding that, for him, playing the slots is like golf is for others.

"I don't have a problem with it," he said of casinos in general. "I think every town should have one."

Until now, Albertson had to drive five or six hours to get to Foxwoods, a well-known resort casino in Connecticut. With the opening Friday morning of Penn National Gaming Inc.'s Hollywood Slots at Bangor, Albertson said he now could indulge in Maine.

The facility, featuring 475 slot machines, is located on Main Street, in the former Miller's Restaurant, which has undergone a more than \$17 million overhaul.

"It's a pretty good setup. I'll probably come once a month. It takes care of the fever," he said, adding, "It's a heck of a lot closer than Foxwoods."

The first patrons of Hollywood Slots at Bangor began arriving four hours before the 10 a.m. grand opening, forming a line that stretched from the facility's main entrance to the sidewalk along the Main Street side of the building.

"Everyone is in great spirits," Amy Kenney, manager for marketing and public relations, said as the doors were opened to patrons. "People are just having a blast."

25 years ago — Nov. 5, 1990
BANGOR — Robert C. Woodward, director of the Bangor Public Library since 1962, will retire at the end of the year, according to library trustees.

Woodward has been director during a period of significant growth and change in a

PICTURE FROM THE PAST



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Aerial view of initial work being done on site preparation for the Bangor Mall on Stillwater Avenue. KMart building is in foreground.

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library known for the high quality of its collections and activity, said trustees, who released a written statement on the retirement.

Bangor's circulation is the highest of any metropolitan library in New England and lends more books each year than do the public libraries in Portland; Manchester, N.H.; Pittsfield, Mass.; or Burlington, Vt., all cities larger than Bangor.

Since Woodward became director, the library circulation has increased more than 20 percent. Juvenile circulation has grown by half during a period when the city's youth has declined.

Woodward was chairman of the Maine Library Commission for eight years beginning in 1974, when it was created. During that time, the state developed a system to support libraries, now one of the most heavily used resource-sharing networks in the nation.

The public library has been designated by the state as a resource center for public and school libraries in northeastern Maine. More than 100 libraries in the seven counties use the Bangor li-

brary for loans, reference service and other support.

Reference and information services answering all kinds of inquiries have doubled since 1962 and library research at Bangor has become a highly sophisticated operation involving computer searches of information files that did not exist 20 years ago.

Encouraging the development of school libraries also has been a project for the Bangor Public Library under Woodward's leadership. Beginning in 1965, the library bought more than \$250,000 of books for new school libraries.

50 years ago — Nov. 5, 1965

BREWER — A meandering footpath leads from Indian Trail Park in Brewer down to a rocky boat ramp near the Penobscot County Conservation Club. Thin, leafless trees separate the river and the footpath, obstructing a walker's view of the river only slightly.

If the path were not followed, nobody would be the wiser, for knowledge of its location is not widespread. Brewer City Plan-

ner Tom Kurth stood along the edge of the Penobscot River and looked across the water to Bangor.

"It's a real wonderful experience others can and should enjoy," he said, noting that the river ran exceedingly quickly on this late and dark fall afternoon.

From his vantage, Kurth saw the illuminated Eastern Maine Medical Center directly across the water. Farther down river, the sun glowed a soft amber and was slowly setting under the old, iron Bangor-Brewer Bridge.

The iron bridge soon will come down, however, and vehicles will travel between Brewer and Bangor on a new structure. The bridge is deteriorating and is reaching the end of its useful life.

The staff at the Maine Department of Transportation has said that construction on a replacement might begin by 1993.

100 years ago — Nov. 5, 1915

As announced in the News recently, the late Col. Luther H. Peirce of Chicago, a native of Bangor and one who continued his deep interest in the city to the

last hours of his life, had formulated a plan for the erection in Mt. Hope cemetery of a magnificent soldiers' monument, which should be perhaps the finest in the state.

On Tuesday the welcome announcement was received by the News that Col. Peirce had, in addition to this plan, other gifts in store for Bangor. He bequeathed in his will property valued at approximately \$100,000 for the Bangor Public Library, and a like sum for the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

There is further provided an ultimate bequest of \$20,000 for the erection of a fountain, the location preferred being the lot opposite the Public Library and High School building, as being near the site of Col. Peirce's birthplace.

The Peirce homestead, it will be recalled by older residents, was situated at the corner of Harlow and Prospect streets, the house setting well up from the street and the front entrance being adorned with large pillars, which, by the way, have been preserved and now ornament the entrance to a private garage in this city. The house was torn down when the city acquired this property and the adjoining lots.

The Misses Charlotte and Jane Roberts, daughters of the late Gen. Charles W. Roberts, receive a bequest of \$40,000, the principal of which is to be devoted after their death to the erection of a monument in Mt. Hope cemetery to the Second Maine regiment, of which Col. Peirce was a member.

The sum of about \$20,000 was left to the brother of the deceased, Waldo T. Peirce, of Boston, this to be devoted to the erection of a fountain in Bangor after Waldo Peirce's demise. Yale College receives \$30,000 and the residue of the estate goes to the city of Chicago for public purposes, \$5,000 being set aside to beautify the grounds of the school in that city which was named in honor of Mrs. Peirce, and to erect a monument to her in the school yard.

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