

# YESTERDAY

**YESTERDAY ...**  
**10 years ago - April 28, 2006**  
(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

**OLD TOWN** — Outdoor enthusiasts visiting wild-life refuges across the state may find the protected lands maintained less due to a federal budget crunch in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Budget limitations have left Maine refuges scrambling for funding, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed consolidating or eliminating staff and resources at many of the Maine refuges as early as Oct. 1.

The federal plan proposes to eliminate the refuge manager and part-time administrative secretary positions at Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Milford, which means the refuge no longer would be staffed.

"The most visible impact [of the cut] will be the maintenance of trails," Tom Comish, Sunkhaze Meadows refuge manager, said. "But it will also be seen in law enforcement and the inappropriate use of the land."

In order to support the 545 refuges in the country, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service budget must increase \$16 million annually to offset salary increases and climbing energy costs.

Hoping to remain at least even in the coming budget, service officials must make financial cuts and rearrangements, Tony Leger, northeast regional chief of the National Wildlife Refuge, said Thursday.

The 2005 budget for refuges that fall entirely within Maine borders is \$2,825,820. Eliminating the Sunkhaze Meadows' costs will remove a \$127,336 budget line, according to the 2005 statistics.

As part of the federal service's northeast Region 5, composed of 13 states from Maine to Virginia, the proposal suggests juggling the state's refuge employees by cutting or relocating staff positions.

The proposal would eliminate 28 jobs in the region and would force another 20 employees to be reassigned.

"The whole country is in very different times, and this is about making choices," Leger said Thursday. "The budget is flat and costs are going up. The reality in the situation is there's a lot of priorities in the country that are different from increases in domestic spending."

Sunkhaze Meadows is the only refuge in the state that will lose all of its staffing, but other refuges will suffer from the budget crunch as well.

The Northern Maine National Wildlife Refuge, which includes the Moosehorn and Aroostook refuges, will hire a law enforcement officer, but will have to cut two maintenance positions and a biologist spot.

The Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge has administered Sunkhaze Meadows since the late 1990s, according to Refuge Manager Charlie Blair, but if the refuge loses its staff, Blair and his employees will have an additional 11,270 acres to manage.

In the proposal, Maine Coastal Islands, headquartered in Milbridge, will gain a biologist, a law enforcement officer, a public use

## MASQUERADING MASCOTS

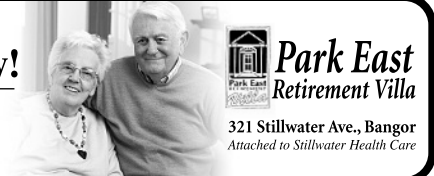


BANGOR DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO BY SCOTT HASKELL

**A flock of "dalmingos" took up residence in early April 2001 in front of Bangor Fire Department Station 6 on Griffin Road. Firefighter Norm Mitchell said that in the absence of a Dalmation the crew has adopted the dalmingos as mascots. "Some lady came along and put orange coats on them so they won't get shot during hunting season," said Mitchell.**

**Maybe it's time  
Call about availability! Call today!**

**Affordable, truly INDEPENDENT living  
that looks and feels like home.  
207-944-3650 • www.parkeastapts.com**



**Park East  
Retirement Villa**  
321 Stillwater Ave., Bangor  
Attached to Stillwater Health Care

specialist and a part-time maintenance position. Despite the increase in staff, however, Blair admits it will be difficult for him to maintain so much additional land.

"This doesn't mean that there won't be work done at Sunkhaze Meadows, but we're not going to be able to do the same kind of work that Tom [Comish] did," Blair said Thursday.

Local "friend" groups across the state may be called on to step up their efforts to preserve the refuges.

The Friends of Sunkhaze Meadows has been active for several years, according to Comish, but the burden of additional funding and labor could fall upon the group.

"Friends groups across the country need to start beating the drum and singing the same song to keep jobs to preserve the refuges," Comish said. "The friend groups will have to take on many more tasks and if something needs attention it may fall to them."

The proposed job elimination is not the end of staffing cuts, according to Leger.

"It would be irresponsible for me to not take action by not performing and letting refuges to get to the point where they cannot operate," the regional director chief said. "This plan doesn't take us to where we need to go; the proposal only cuts one-third of the need, so this is still phase one."

**25 years ago - April 28, 1991**

**BUCKSPORT** — Area high school students raised thousands of dollars for drug and alcohol free graduations during the Fourth Annual Great Car Wash held Saturday at Darling's Honda in Bangor.

The first place award went to Bucksport High School, which washed 280 cars during the one day event, earning the \$1,000 top prize. Hampden Academy, with 268 cars, brought home the \$500 second prize sponsored by Darling's.

All told, the nine schools washed 1,994 cars for free, although the total dollar figure is not yet available.

In addition to the prize

money, each school worked on pledges, \$1 per car earned for their efforts, and then split \$500 in a general fund from contributions.

Improvements to a section of U.S. Route 1A in Brewer and Holden have begun, according to a spokesman for the Maine Department of Transportation.

A separate, \$1.64-million project to improve 15 miles of northbound I-95 from Lincoln to Bangor has also begun. The work is the second stage, finish paving, of the original I-95 construction completed in the mid-1970s.

Rebuilding bridges over Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks, making sign improvements and adjusting guardrails are included in the project.

The Brewer project runs from a spot 250 feet northwest of the Brewer-Holden town line and extends southeast to Ellsworth over a three-mile stretch, said Galen Costigan, MDOT resident engineer.

Leveling and paving the roadway, updating guardrails and improving drainage will be done. Two lanes of traffic will be kept open where possible.

Lane Construction Corp. of Meriden, Conn., is the contractor for the \$348,446 project, scheduled to be completed July 1.

**50 years ago - April 28, 1966**

The founding group of the Hampden Health Council met for the first time on June 30, 1942, at the home of Mrs. Earle Spaulding, Summer various Street. The following representatives from various local organizations and different sections of town attended to get the program started: Joseph Lewis, town agent; Maud Reed, Hampden Garden Club; Mrs. Joseph Lewis, Hampden Highlands Benevolent Society; Mrs. Earle Spaulding, Red Cross; Mrs. Joseph Hickson, P.T.A.; Mrs. Alice Ward, Civil Defense; Mrs. Harry Bell, Hampden Highlands Methodist Church Society; Mrs. J. Francis Perry, East Hampden; Mrs. Clyde Jones, O.E.S.; Percy Severence, Ma-

sonic Lodge; Mrs. Ralph Patterson, 4-H Club; and Mrs. Benjamin Whittemore.

Officers elected for the first time were as follows: Mrs. Earle Spaulding, chairman; Mrs. Benjamin Whittemore, publicist; Mrs. Ralph Patterson, treasurer.

**100 years ago - April 28, 1916**

The committee which was appointed by the city council for the purpose of selling the old police patrol wagon, which has not been in use since the purchase of an automobile patrol, succeeded in finding the cart, although doubts were expressed in skeptical quarters that it would be discovered around the city stables in these days of mysterious disappearances of 20-ton steam rollers and 20-ton lots of cement, to say nothing of draft horses, dump carts, et cetera.

As stated, the old patrol wagon was found, which rather surprised the committee, but they were not greatly surprised to discover that someone had neatly removed the rubber tires from the wheels.

This fact was mentioned at the meeting of the board of aldermen on Monday forenoon and caused laughter mingled with remarks that it was lucky that the wheels or body were left.

**BANGOR** — The transformation of the former temporary quarters of the Bangor Post Office in Central Street to a handsome and unusually attractive store building has been such as to win many words of admiration from the citizens. Three large, light, artistic stores have been built. The familiar pillars at the entrance to the temporary Post Office are missing, but the cornice remains as before.

The building is about 60 by 66 feet, giving ample floor space as well as wall space for many store purposes.

The store at the southerly end will be occupied by the Nieman Motor Co. for the display of Franklin automobiles, etc. The other stores have not as yet been

taken, but will soon be occupied, as Central Street is today one of the most desirable in the city. The building was erected in 1911 after the great fire had destroyed the three-story Graham building which contained the popular Nickel Theatre,

Odd Fellows Hall and the Knights of Pythias in the upper floors. The new Graham building was built at the corner of Central and Harlow streets.

*Compiled by Ardeana Hamlin and Aimee Thibodeau*

## Death Notices

**BELANGER, Sylvia May**, 81, Glenburn; at Glenburn, April 11, 2016.

**BETTS, Charlotte E. (Quimby)**, 85, Orrington; at Bangor, April 16, 2016.

**BOYNTON, Ernest H.**, 84, Hampden; at Hampden, Dec. 27, 2015. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**BROWN, Shane**, 54, Corinth and Bangor, April 23, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Hillcrest Cemetery in LaGrange.

**CARDIN, Lucille F.**, Veazie and Castine; at Bangor, April 15, 2016.

**CRAIG, Thelma Avis (Thomas)**, Marysville, WA and Bangor, March 25, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Glad Tidings Church, 1033 Broadway, Bangor.

**CYR, Jane C.**, Bangor; at Bangor, April 17, 2016.

**DESCHAIINE, Joseph A.**, 70, Dedham; at Plymouth, April 21, 2016.

**ENGLAND, Robert J.**, 82, Old Town, Oct. 3, 2015.

**GRANT, Ward A.**, 93, Bangor and Bucksport, April 20, 2016.

**"HALLETT, Elaine**, 72, Glenburn, April 19, 2016.

**HIGGINS II, Leon F.**, 92, Bangor, April 22, 2016. Service 11 am Friday, June 17, 2016 at All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor.

**HOMSTED, Patricia B.**, 72, Brewer, Apr. 18, 2016.

**JUDSON, Maxine H.**, 80, Indian Island; at Bangor, April 23, 2016.

**LOWERY, Leland F.**, 88, Orono and Liberty, NY, March 29, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Church of Universal Fellowship, Main St., Orono.

**MACGREGOR, Roy A.**, 89, Bangor, Feb. 22, 2016.

**O'KEEF, Robert**, Orono, April 16, 2016.

**ROLFE, Stanley G.**, 68, Hudson and Bangor, Apr. 20, 2016.

**ROY, William M.**, 27, Bangor, April 3, 2016.

**SHERMAN, Larry Mitchel**, 69, Bangor, Apr. 21, 2016. Brookings Smith, Bangor.

Brought to you by  
**K&F KILEY & FOLEY FUNERAL SERVICE**  
kileyfuneralhome.com

**THE CIRCUS IS COMING!**  
**THE CROSS INSURANCE CENTER**  
**APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1**  
**PERFORMANCES:**  
FRI: 3PM 7PM  
SAT: 10AM 2PM 7PM  
SUN: 11AM 3PM  
**PRE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AND SAVE!**  
\$10.00 PER PERSON  
AT THE GATE: \$12.00 PER PERSON  
All Seats General Admission  
**AVAILABLE AT:**  
Anah Shrine Center  
1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME, 942-2254  
Fairmont Market - 662 Hammond St, Bangor  
Corner Store - 575 Hammond St, Bangor  
Bell's IGA - 6 Stillwater Ave., Orono  
G&M Family Market - 1024 Main Rd., Holden  
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ANAH SHRINE  
**2016 ANAH SHRINE CIRCUS**  
**SHRINERS BICYCLE GIVEAWAY**  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TO BE DEPOSITED AT THE SHRINE CIRCUS  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

**COUPON**  
**Buy 1 entree at regular price, get the 2<sup>nd</sup> entree of equal or lesser value for 50% off**  
*\* not to be combined with any other offer. Wednesday through Saturday 11 AM to close. Expires: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*  
**BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY!**  
**HERMON Restaurant FAMILY**  
**10% Senior Discount on Tuesdays!!!**  
**Kids eat FREE on Thursdays!!!**  
151 Billings Rd, Hermon, ME 04401 • 207 -848-5088  
Sun-Tues 7am-2pm • Wed-Sat 7am-8pm  
**Summer hours starting May 9<sup>th</sup>. 7am to 8 pm seven days a week**

**PENOBSCOT JOB CORPS CENTER**  
*Creating Futures for 36 Years*  
**OPEN HOUSE** May 5<sup>th</sup> 10-2pm  
1375 Union Street, Bangor  
www.jobcorps.gov  
**Open House for future Students**  
**"JOURNEY TO SUCCESS"**  
**COME SEE WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE!**  
Refreshments, Giveaways and Prizes  
open enrollment classes begin weekly