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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

"What was your first job?"



"Summer camp instructor for the Waldo County YMCA."
LURA WADE, HOLDEN



"Bag boy at the commissary at Dow Air Force Base."
STEVE B., ORRINGTON



"Sweeping the streets in my hometown of Milo."
TOBY RICHARDS, GLENBURN



"Working at a dance studio in Millinocket."
DEB ROUNDTREE, MILLINOCKET



"Delivering pizzas at Angelo's in Hampden."
BEN THYER, BANGOR



"Selling women's high end clothing in La Jolla, California."
DARAH LERNER, BANGOR

Forestry manager named UMaine employee of the year

COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Robin Avery, University Forest operations manager for the past 19 years, will receive the University of Maine 2016 Outstanding Professional Employee Award.

The annual award, presented by UMaine's Professional Employees Advisory Council, recognizes dedication to service, the highest level of professional services and standards within disciplines or areas of responsibility, a commitment to creating a better campus environment and public service contributions.

The award will be presented at the Employee Recognition and Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., April 8 at Wells Conference Center.

Avery has helped shape the management of 13,500 acres of forestland owned by the UMaine and the University of Maine Foundation,

including the 1,740-acre Dwight B. Demeritt Forest in Orono and Old Town.

In his commitment to responsible stewardship of forest resources, he also has influenced the education and careers of many UMaine forestry majors, and provided essential support to School of Forest Resources researchers. Avery also has mentored students employed by the Forest Office to help safely and sustainably manage the woodlands — young workers whose hands-on experience makes them sought-after in the industry. In his work, Avery can be found consulting with logging contractors, leading demonstrations for classes, and introducing third graders to maple sugaring activities in the University Forest.

Avery is well-respected for his deep roots in forestry and his Maine work ethic, and his knowledge of Maine forests,

wildlife management, road construction and forest operations. He grew up in a Marsh Island logging family and worked as a logging contractor before joining UMaine. For the past two decades, Avery has been active in Maine's Certified Logging Professionals (CLP), a program dedicated to training and certifying loggers in safe, efficient and environmentally sound practices. Avery is a CLP board member and instructor. His leadership, including curriculum development, has helped promote professionalism, and decrease injuries and fatalities in the logging industry.

Avery also is a registered Maine Guide and serves on the wildlife board of Downeast Lakes Land Trust. Throughout his career, Avery's expertise has been tapped for numerous committees of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.



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A grapple skidder and a feller buncher work in the woods last fall in Millinocket.

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Landscape center provides quality supplies, excentional service for your property

HERMON — A mild winter has Mainers thinking spring and when it comes to getting your lawn and yard ready, it's best to turn to the professionals for everything homeowners and contractors need to keep properties lush and vibrant.

Twin brothers Billy and David Russo, 32, owners of Landscape Supply Center in Hermon, are looking forward to helping homeowners and contractors find the perfect products to enhance the look of their property.

"Business last year far surpassed our expectations thank to our amazing customers," David said. "It was one of the best years in Landscape Supply's nearly 25 year history."

For landscapers and gardeners looking for top-quality supplies at affordable prices, Landscape Supply Center has everything you need (also available in bulk), including mulch, aggregate materials, topsoil and compost, grass seed, lawn edging, weed blocker, peat moss, sterilized mulch and straw, compost, seafood compost, white cedar chips for playgrounds, beach sand and washed sand.

"Our bark mulch is 100 percent pure bark mulch, aged 50-60 years, not mulch made from artificially-dyed wood products, which means it is not only decorative, it provides nutrients for your flowers and shrubs," David said. "We offer higher quality mulch and soils than the big box stores, often at a better price."

Need it delivered? Landscape Supply Center will deliver materials within a 100-mile radius of Bangor, and more often than not, the driver at the wheel of the dump truck will be Landscape Supply Center employee and Air Force veteran with 30-plus years of service, Rod "Rockie" Rockwell, who is happy to assist with getting your materials to your door.

Landscape Supply Center

also offers A.M. Leonard gardening tools, and sales, parts and service for RedMax power tools and Jonsered chainsaws.

"We are the only A.M. Leonard dealer within an 80-mile radius of Bangor," Billy said. "These are quality tools." He noted that Landscape Supply Center can special order items from A.M. Leonard — that company's 379-page catalog contains thousands of horticultural tools and other supplies — if a client has something particular in mind.

"We are the only RedMax dealer in the Bangor area," David said. "Service for the Jonsered chainsaws is through Dirigo Power Equipment in Brewer. Our mechanic there, Keith, is the best around."

Also ready for the gardening season is a Kubota R520 loader used for loading stone dust, gravel, stone, sand, vegetable garden soil and loam into customers' pickup trucks, and the center's delivery truck.

"We have an all-natural/organic emphasis here," Billy said. "Our loam is tested at the University of Maine. Our vegetable garden soil comes with spec sheets so people know what's in it."

Landscape Supply Center loam and garden soil are housed in its own building to protect it from the elements, making it readily available after rain storms and easy to work with.

"We've got 300 yards of loam ready to go. It's fluffy and moist," David said.

The brothers also have a vision for the future of Landscape Supply Center with plans in the works for a major expansion, including more space and more products, such as hardscaping supplies like pavers and natural stones.

"We also want to add greenhouses and make it a one-stop place for landscaping needs," David said.

"Everything from A to Z," Billy added.



As a 100 percent veteran owned and operated company, Landscape Supply is grateful to the men and women who serve our country, and offer a 5 percent discount to all veterans with valid military ID. As the company continues to grow, their desire is to hire more veterans because they know firsthand the challenges that veterans face.

The also offer a 5 percent discount to senior citizens, ages 65 and older.

Business hours are business hours are 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 941-2366, email landscapesupplyctr@gmail.com or visit landscapesupplycenter.net.

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(Top) Landscape Supply Center owners David and Billy Russo, stand with employee Rod "Rockie" Rockwell in front of their headquarters at 1196 Odlin Road in Hermon. (Bottom) Rod "Rockie" Rockwell makes a delivery in the Landscape Supply Center truck.