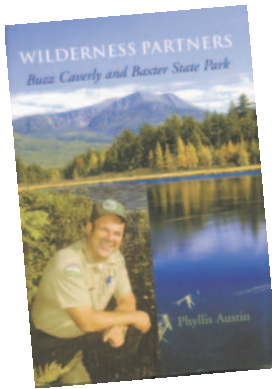


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Regional School Unit 5 proposes eliminating grades six through eight at Pownal Elementary School and offering the students the option to attend Freeport Middle School or Durham Elementary School instead.

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Rollover hurts spouse

A 64-year-old Arrowsic man told police he fell asleep at the wheel Thursday night, sending his Volvo over an embankment and causing minor injuries to his wife.

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Car rolls into cove

An unattended Chevrolet parked on the landing near Princes Point Road rolled backward into the water.

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Arrowsic gets high-speed Internet

After seven months and more than \$105,000 of investment in high-speed infrastructure, broadband Internet is now available to about 230 homes in Arrowsic.

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Nature halts Popham erosion

Storm, tides reroute Morse River; experts expect beach restoration

BY SETH KOENIG
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PHIPPSBURG

After nearly three years, dramatic erosion of Popham Beach has subsided.

State officials announced Thursday that a recent period of extreme high

tides helped reroute the Morse River away from the beach, where the meandering river caused historic levels of erosion.

Sand buildup at the mouth of the Morse River redirected the river across the face of the beach, washing away tons of sand, swallowing dune grasses and gouging into mature pitch pine stands. Last month, state officials began to worry that the water might reach a newly constructed \$1.4 million bathhouse on the edge of Popham Beach State Park's western-

most parking lot.

But according to a Maine Department of Conservation release issued Thursday, a two-day storm on Feb. 25 and 26 — combined with coastal flooding and several subsequent days of extremely high tides — helped push the river through a low spot in the sand buildup and straight out to sea.

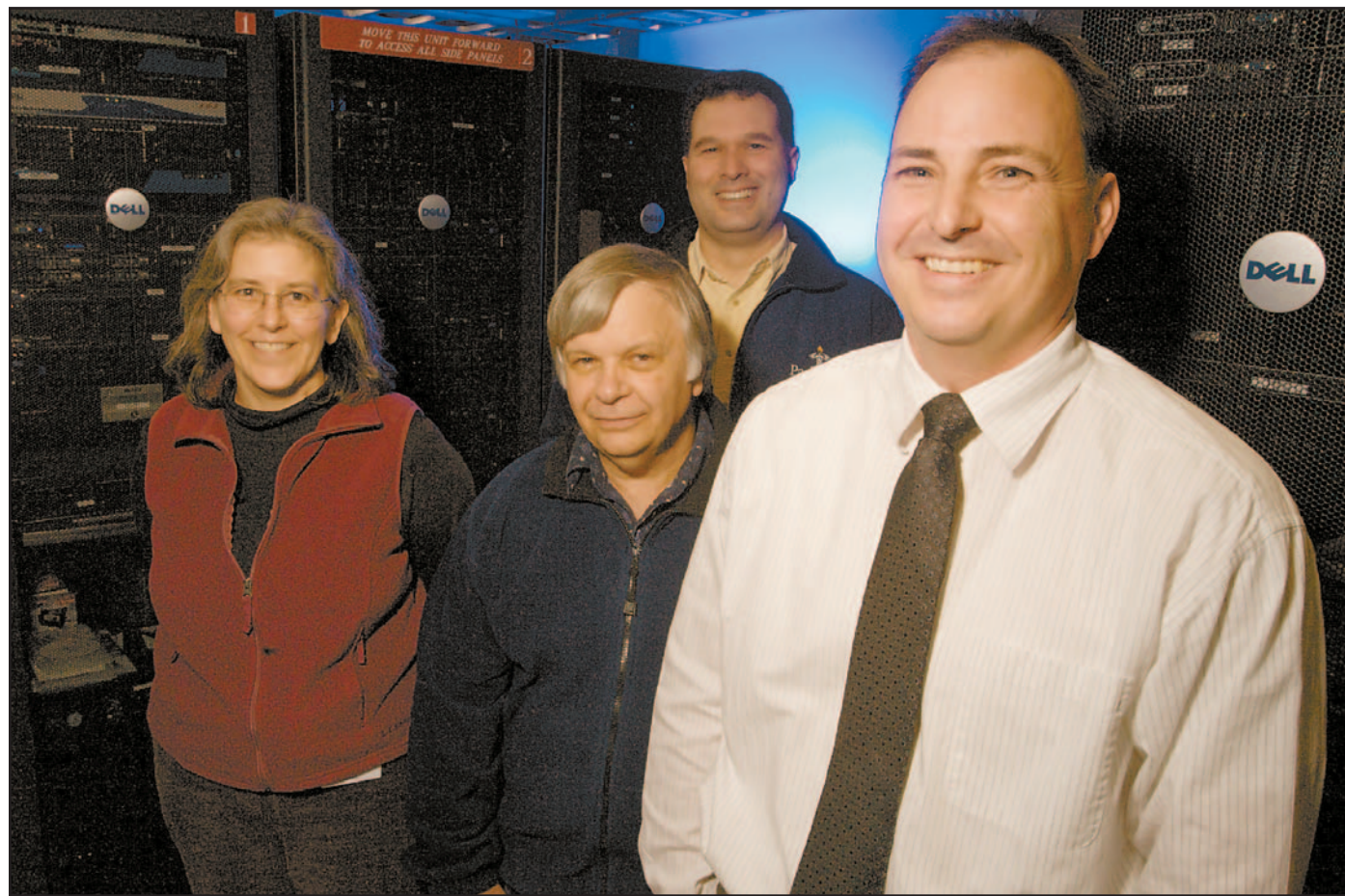
With the abrupt shift in the river's flow, the steady erosion of the beach at Maine's most popular state park

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"This is certainly what we've been looking and hoping for — for the Morse River to return to its original channel."

Will Harris
director of
state Bureau of Parks and Lands

PARKVIEW'S 'Mr. IT'



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BILL MCQUAID, right, is the chief information officer at Brunswick's Parkview Adventist Medical Center. Members of his IT staff include Troy Pelletier, standing in the rear; Ken Dobbins and Julie Brewer. Missing from the photo is Jayne Cloutier.

Bill McQuaid and his staff develop new health information system

BY PATRICK GABRION
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Right away you can tell Bill McQuaid loves his job.

The chief information officer for Parkview Adventist Medical Center bubbles with enthusiasm over the duties he performs, the people he works with, and the countless solutions just waiting over the horizon.

All this, while having a ton of fun.

McQuaid, along with his small staff, was instrumental in literally putting Parkview on the IT world map with the development of the medical center's new health information system.

And recently, he has been recognized for his efforts.

The Maine native was named to ComputerWorld magazine's 2010 Premier 100 IT Leaders list, and he was nominated as one of five finalists for "Chief Security Officer of the Year" by SC Magazine, a publi-

cation for computer security professionals.

In the challenge of getting the fully integrated and secure medical records system up and running at Parkview, McQuaid said, "We were told this was impossible because of our size, but I think it was possible because of our size."

McQuaid sat down with The Times Record to discuss the new technology at Parkview, the steps it took to arrive at that point, and what it has meant in terms of patient care and security at the hospital.



PHOTO BY CARL HYATT

About Parkview

■ Parkview Adventist Medical Center is a not-for-profit health services organization.

Number of employees at the hospital — about 300

Number of beds — 55

Number of patients the hospital sees per year (on average) — Parkview treats about 70,000 patients in all its services.

Parkview's yearly operating budget — \$35 million

Number of doctors affiliated with Parkview — 160

Parkview hospital covers 74,000 square feet. The medical arts wing covers another 24,300 square feet.

Q. Can you give a brief timetable for the new hospital information system? When the process started, key dates along with way, etc.?

A. I joined Parkview in 1999 as a network administrator. I was named Information Services (IS) Department director in 2003. By 2004, we could see that the "best of breed" approach, with multiple vendors, was no longer meeting the hospital's needs. We began looking for a single vendor solution. In late 2004, we signed a contract with a single vendor. Nine months later, in August of 2005, Parkview's Health Information System (HIS) went live with the "Big Bang" approach. In July of 2006, I was promoted to assistant vice president/chief information officer.

Q. As you said, the hospital went with a single vendor. Who is it and what is the company's background? What is the importance of going with a single provider?

A. Parkview chose Meditech (meditech.com) of Westwood, Mass., which has been serving the health care industry for 40 years, with more than 2,000 clients using its software. Meditech was the only vendor that offered a solution for every aspect of our hospital (pharmacy, billing, lab, nursing, physician practices, etc.), and

they were cost-effective.

Q. What was Parkview's reasoning for going with a new HIS and the hospital's overall objective for implementing it?

A. Parkview wanted greater ability to communicate among departments within the hospital. Vendors were no longer supporting the functionality we needed. By opting for a single vendor solution, our savings on maintenance alone would pay for the entire project within five years.

Q. I believe you and your staff basically built the system yourselves from the ground up. Why? Was there a big savings in cost?

A. Parkview chose to implement Meditech without expensive outside consultants and to use only in-house staff. We believed that if we were going to have a computer system of this configuration, we should be able to change as the health care environment changed, without the need for outside help. We felt strongly that if we couldn't handle it on our own, we shouldn't be doing it.

Q. Please talk about some of the neat features your team has devel-

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Lobster trappers talk shop

Visitors make stop in Phippsburg

BY SETH KOENIG
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PHIPPSBURG

A contingent of six lobstermen from around the globe shared stories and best practices with their local counterparts Thursday night during an international dialogue hosted at the Phippsburg Fire Hall.

The event generated talk of greater collaboration between Maine and Canadian lobstermen, more ergonomically friendly gear used in Australia, and how Mainers might be able to break into a lucrative Asian market where New Zealand lobstermen sell catch for \$28 per pound.

In addition to trappers from Australia, New Zealand and Canada, lobstermen from Tasmania and Ireland turned out for the informal presentation and discussion. The international group is in Maine as guests of the Maine Lobstermen's Association and has already visited several lobstering communities during its tour of the state, including Cutler, Stonington, Bar Harbor and Rockland.

"I think the international fishermen can't believe how rock-bottom our prices are and how hard our guys work for them," said Michele

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Delegation continues push for commissary

BY SETH KOENIG
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Members of Maine's congressional delegation continue to wait for a newly appointed Defense Department official to weigh in on the fate of the commissary associated with Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Mid-coast residents with military ties have lobbied hard to keep open the low-cost Navy shopping center after the base closes, which is scheduled to take place by May 2011.

Retired Marine Gen. Clifford Stanley was confirmed on Feb. 9 as the Defense Department's under secretary of personnel and readiness, the position in charge of commissaries.

Now, according to U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, the delegation awaits word from Stanley on whether he sup-

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