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County manager Betsy Fitzgerald to retire after 13 years in post

by Will Tuell

Known for a wry wit, Downeast humor, and as one who will pull people together to get the job done, Washington County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald has been a fixture at public meetings – locally and beyond – since she took over the day-to-day administration of county government in January 2010. Fitzgerald, who previously served as Machias Town Manager before joining county government, confirmed that she would be officially retiring from the post

she has held the past thirteen years on July 1, though she would remain active with county government while commissioners Vinton Cassidy, John Crowley, and Chris Gardner search for a replacement and complete the transition process.

"It wasn't [an] easy [decision] at all," Fitzgerald said. "I like what I do, and somebody once told me that if you like your job, you don't work a day in your life. For the most part, I like my job. There are days when

(Fitzgerald cont. pg. 19)

Beals to hold special meeting on school budget, election of officers

by Nancy Beal

The Beals Elementary School board finalized its budget for the island school early last month, and June 6 has been set as the date for a town meeting to consider it. The total cost after subtracting a balance from previous years is \$1,049,233. Taxpayers will shoulder \$988,855 of that amount, an increase of \$175,759, or 21.6 percent, over last year.

Although much publicity has been paid to the State of Maine

finally paying the 55 percent of education that was mandated at least a decade ago, the state will supply only \$60,378 of Beals' 2023-24 budget. This is because state reimbursement is based on factors that include the real estate value of a municipality, and since Beals has a lot of highly valued waterfront, it receives proportionately less subsidy than 55 percent. (Superintendent Lewis Collins frequently opines that median income should also be

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Machias ambulance elects Maker new chief as longtime director steps down

by Will Tuell

After forty years, Lois Libby, a name that has become synonymous with the Machias Ambulance Service, has retired as the organization's director – effective immediately. In a statement released by the ambulance, crew members have elected paramedic Ryan Maker of East Machias as their new Chief and Libby's successor, though Libby will continue as a "per diem" employee of the ambulance service

on a limited basis.

"Earlier this week, longtime chief Lois Libby of the Machias Ambulance Service announced her retirement as Chief, effective immediately," Maker said in a public statement May 23, adding that Libby's retirement signals the end of an era for the fledgling ambulance service, "Lois's retirement marks the end of a 40-year era, one in which she

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Machias receives \$786k grant to complete pump station siphon

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Thanks to a sizable grant, Machias has moved one large step closer to finishing its sewer reconstruction project, which began before the pandemic but stalled due to an increase in the cost of materials.

The grant of \$786,440 will not require a matching payment from the town, and adds to more than \$2 million in funds already set aside for the project.

The current sewer siphon uses gravity to carry water from the east side of the Machias River, under the river, to the wastewater treatment facility behind the Lee Pellon Center on the inland side of Route 1.

However, because the siphon lacks a pump, it is easily overwhelmed by massive rainfall or snowmelt events, leading to Combined Sewage Overflow events, which contaminate the Machias River.

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Time to plant your gardens. Please.

Photographer Tanya Decatur last week captured this darling image of a grinning raccoon. Memorial Day weekend is the traditional time to put in a garden in northern New England, but don't worry if you didn't get it in yet. There's also an old saying, "If you plant by the fourth of July, you'll get a garden." You won't get corn or pumpkins, but that's okay. Your area wildlife isn't picky. Photo by Tanya Decatur

Get ready to 18th-century dance the night away at the first ever Machias Liberty Ball

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

The Machias Historical Society wanted to expand events around its annual celebration of the Battle of Machias, the first naval battle of the American Revolution, which

took place in Machias on June 11-12, 1775.

This year, the Margaretta Days Festival and Craft Fair will expand from two to three days, will bring in more crafters, and for the first

time ever, will include a Saturday evening event, the Machias Liberty Ball. When it came time to plan it, they knew they wanted the help of Melissa Hinerman, who two (Liberty Ball cont. pg. 17)

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Machias Legion elects officers

by Will Tuell

Earlier this month, American Legion Post #9 in Machias named the following officers for the upcoming year.

Brian Smith of Jonesport will serve as overall commander of the post; Edward Southard 1st Vice commander; Mat Rogle 2nd vice commander; Bob Tracy Adjutant; Ronald Mosley Finance Officer; Donald Card Chaplain; Tommy Johnson Sargent at Arms; Lynn Davis-Pressley Service Officer; Historian Brad Stevens; Rod Kawashima and Steven Ramsey were also elected to the post's Executive Board.

The post's Ladies Auxiliary also selected officers, including President Lisa Griffin; Vice President Karen Wood; Secretary

Emily Manchester-Wood; Treasurer Crystal Cushing; Chaplain Lois Hubbard; Historian Agnes Smith; Sargent at Arms Linda Smith.

Post 9's branch of the Sons of the American Legion also installed the following officers for their year. Commander Glenroy Wood Sr. of Cutler; 1st Vice Commander Ty Richards; 2nd Vice Commander Lewis Church; Adjutant Joe Tuell; Finance Officer Sam Whitney; Chaplain Matt Maker; Historian Jade Murdick; Sargent at Arms Chad Parsons.

Post 9 is located at 42 Court Street in Machias. For more information or to become a member, call 255-8665 or drop them an email at americanlegionpost9@myfairpoint.net

SSC: Maine's opioid response strategic action

by Thiela Schnauffer

It is a tragic reality that Maine is facing a crisis with opioid drug use. In response to this, Sunrise Senior College is pleased to present as a public service a discussion with Gordon H. Smith, Esq., Director of Opioid Response for the State of Maine.

In 2022, there was a total of 10,110 drug overdoses reported in our state, and an estimated 716 Mainers died from these overdoses. The toll on the families is unimaginable, and entire communities suffer. A report by the governor's office in February of this year stated: "Nearly 80 percent of confirmed fatal drug overdoses in 2022 are attributable to highly lethal non-pharmaceutical fentanyl, either used on its own or in combination with other illicit drugs such as cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine." The problem is as complex as it is immense.

Our presenter will be Gordon H. Smith, Esq. Gordon was appointed by Governor Janet Mills as Director of Opioid Response in January 2019. He is responsible for coordinating and directing Maine's response to the opioid crisis, including prescriber education and reduction of opioid prescribing, prevention and treatment of substance use disorder, and harm reduction strategies. He has strong ties to Washington County. His mother was born and raised in Lubec, and his maternal grandfather was born in Wilsons



Beach on Campobello Island. His great-grandfather, Ephrain Johnson, was the lighthouse keeper at West Quoddy Headlight for nearly three decades in the early 20th century. His roots in the county are very deep, as is his love for this beautiful part of our state which he visits frequently.

Join us for this important and timely presentation on Thursday, June 29, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. It is open to the public and is free of charge. The presentation is a hybrid class - held in-person in UM@M's room SCI 102 and via Zoom. To register go to our website at <https://machias.edu/ssc/class/maines-opioid-crisis/> or scan the QR code.



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Beth C. Wright Walk for Life



Here, the 23rd Walk for Life takes off from Downtown Addison May 20. The runners were already out of sight. The event is a major fundraiser for the cancer resource center founded in the late 1990s by Beth C. Wright before breast cancer took her in 2000. Photo by Nancy Beal



Debbie Kelley's rendition of "You are the Wind Beneath My Wings" was part of the opening ceremonies at the 23rd Walk for Life put on by the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center in downtown Addison each spring. Photo by Nancy Beal



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a factor in computing subsidy and has so testified in Augusta.)

Election of officers

There will be several additional articles on the June 6 warrant, including the fix of an omission in the regular town meeting warrant: the election of a town clerk and treasurer. Inadvertently omitted from the warrant, selectmen appointed long-time clerk/treasurer Terry Beal to the post until a special meeting was held when she could stand for election to the usual three-year terms. (She was correctly elected as tax collector last March.)

Additionally, Selectman Jenny Fagonde resigned after the March meeting, and Selectmen Paula McCormack and Sarah Alley appointed Hope Dunphy to the post. On June 6, there will be an election, the winner of which will serve out the year left in Fagonde's three-term.

Money items

Beals' comprehensive plan is outdated, a lapse that restricts the town from being considered for most grants. An ad hoc committee has formed (Amanda Smith and Tina Beal have volunteered enthusiastically, but others are welcome) and needs money to put together, circulate and tabulate a survey and produce a final plan that is acceptable to the state. The Sunrise County Economic Council has agreed to help—for a fee. McCormack says she intends to ask



Money to mow Beals' Sewall Field Cemetery will be one of several articles on the school budget warrant to be acted on June 6. Photo by Nancy Beal

the town for \$15,000 to finance the creation of the plan.

The former wooden stage that the July 4th pageant committee used for the annual pageant and had stored in the old town office on Bridge Street went the way of that old building when it was removed for repair and paving of Bridge and Cemetery Streets last year. The pageant committee is asking the town to purchase a folding steel stage that will be stored at the school where the pageant takes place. The warrant will specify \$8,000 for the stage.

Last March, money was appropriated for the care of several island "historic" cemeteries, but the large Sewall Field adjacent to Osmond Beal's boat shop was not included because it was considered privately owned. McCormack says evidence has emerged that the town authorized money for mowing it as far back as 1925, so she is suggesting that an additional

\$3,000 be raised to cover the cost of mowing it.

Finally, \$600 will be asked to cover dues to the newly revived Washington County Council of Governments, a county-wide group that, among other things, assists towns to pull in money for infrastructure projects. The WCCOG disbanded a couple of years ago, after its last executive director left abruptly and was not replaced. Betsy Fitzgerald, who wears many hats, including assistant to the county commissioners, has taken the lead. McCormack, who has attended two WCCOG meetings, says several Washington County towns, especially those around Machias, have returned. She says its finances are being handled by an outside institution.

The Beals meeting will start at 5 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Copies of the school budget are available in the town office and post office.

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The economic impacts of the overflow events have landed almost entirely on Machiasport clambers because, for public health reasons, lucrative clam flats touched by the wastewater must be shut down to clamming for three weeks.

Annaleis Hafford of Olver Associates said she expects the contract to be awarded within the next month, which means the expected contract winner, Donovan Construction, can begin procuring materials soon.

"We are excited that we finally have reached this level of funding which was generously provided by the Maine DEP, State Grant, ARPA

funds, and the CDBG program," said Hafford.

"I've never been so excited about wastewater treatment in my life, truly," said Kitchen. We are blessed as a municipality to have a partner like Olver, who has these kinds of relationships with the DEP. And to have a grant where the principal is forgiven and we don't have to pay matching funds? That's just phenomenal.

"This will reduce the remaining overflow events, which will, in turn, reduce the overflow-related clam flat closures, and that's what it's all about. So to me, I think of this as 780,000 clams."



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Legislature's Marine Resources Committee approves new fish density regulations for aquaculture

by Will Tuell

The Legislature's Marine Resources Committee heard from proponents and opponents of a bill proposed by Senator Nichole Grohoski (D-Ellsworth) and House Minority Leader William Robert "Billy Bob" Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor) that initially imposed finfish aquaculture density limits at 22 kilograms per cubic meter – limits that would have impacted salmon farming activities in Hancock and Washington Counties according to Marine Resources Commissioner Pat Keliher. Ultimately though, the committee voted unanimously for much higher limits – 30 kg/m³ – that would be imposed on new finfish aquaculture ventures as they come online, and existing operations like Cooke Aquaculture, which operates finfish farms locally as their current leases come up for renewal.

Grohoski said that mass public outcry over a failed bid to locate an industrial-sized fish farm in Frenchman's Bay led her to submit the legislation, stating that her intention was not to impact existing salmon farming in Washington County which she acknowledged employs upwards of 200 people.

"In 2020, a Norwegian company announced its intention to develop a salmon farm in Frenchman's Bay in Hancock County to produce 66 million pounds of fish annually. American Aquafarms, as it was called, would use cutting edge technology, or in my words untested [technology] to grow these fish in one of Maine's most protected bays, and in close proximity to Acadia National Park," she said. "Our aquaculture regulations need improvement to protect current and future users of our marine ecosystems. To be good stewards of our common waters, we must do better when it comes to finfish aquaculture... It is not my intent to affect existing salmon operations, but rather to prevent future applications from unreasonable

and untenable projects."

Grohoski went on to tell lawmakers that based on feedback from the industry, she had increased her density threshold to 25 kg/m³, though DMR Commissioner Keliher suggested to committee members that further amendments would be needed for his agency to support such legislation.

"If there is a need to establish a statutory limit on biomass, it should be the same as the limits currently authorized [and observed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection] as there is no evidence that this limitation has been problematic," Keliher said. "The statutory construction of this proposed limitation is unusual, because it is the issuance of the lease that is impacted by stocking density that does not actually exist before a lease is issued."

Faulkingham said that although he cosponsored Grohoski's legislation, he wouldn't necessarily support it as originally designed, but that he did so in order to get the ball rolling legislatively.

"I don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater and negatively affect existing salmon operations or responsible aquaculturists," Faulkingham said. "I will only support a density ratio that the DMR finds acceptable and doesn't put existing aquaculture operations out of business. I know that at the time of me cosponsoring this, it wasn't legislation that I would end up supporting, but I cosponsored it because I know the proposal needed to come to you, and I expect you guys to do good work and get it right. I know there's some people from Cooke Aquaculture here. We're not out to go after them or attack them. We're here to make sure that we have a law in place that takes care of future proposals that we don't want to see in our waters."

Sebastian Belle of the Maine Aquaculture Association joined employees from Cooke Aquaculture in testifying against the bill on the grounds that it set arbitrary

limits, though both acknowledged that they go out of their way to maintain density levels well below the standard hammered out by Keliher and the committee during work session of 30 kg/m³.

"First of all, setting an arbitrary density limit does establish a pretty dangerous precedent," Belle said. "What happens in one species group bleeds over into other species groups. It wasn't just people opposed to salmon farming. It was people opposed to aquaculture in general... We are able to grow fundamentally differently than other areas in the world, and if we impose standards that come from those other areas, we actually have unintended consequences. Existing farmers who have already made market decisions and commitments will have to recalculate those business decisions and market plans, and may be forced to reconsider their commitment to the state of Maine."

During the committee work session, Keliher assured members of the committee that a limit of 30 kg/m³ would not directly affect existing operations, none of which operate above that limit, and would only come into play for aquaculture farms like Cooke only after their leases come up for renewal.

"It's not making a change to existing businesses, but it allows us to say no to these much larger applications that would come forward," Keliher said. "That's really the intent of the department – to stop these big American Aquafarm-type proposals from coming forward. I [also] think we'd be doing a disservice to the industry to say we are going to follow another country's recommendations... based on that, that's why I'm comfortable with 30 [kg/m³] because, I don't think Cooke's calling it best management practices, but it seems to be the practice that they're following now."

Marine Resources approved the bill with Keliher's modifications by a vote of 11-0.

Dr. Brodsky retires after 21 years at DECH

Down East Community Hospital bids a fond farewell to Anesthesiologist Dr. Leonid Brodsky after 21 years of dedicated service. In 2002, Dr. Brodsky and his wife Helen came to Machias, and he began his employment at Dr. Massaad's general surgery practice. Dr. Brodsky has been a member of the Down East Community Hospital medical staff since 2002, and he came on as a full-time Anesthesiologist at DECH in 2007.

Dr. Aziz Massaad on Dr. Brodsky's service, "I believe hiring Dr. Brodsky and recruiting him to this county was one of the best decisions I have made as a physician. He has been a great asset for this hospital, a superb addition to the medical staff, and a very compassionate and caring medical professional to our community."

Dr. Brodsky means a lot to many,



Center: Dr. Leonid Brodsky and his wife Helen, with a host of co-workers who, gathered to wish them well in retirement. Submitted photo

and saying goodbye was difficult. There was a nice get-together in the Skylight Café, complete with cake, ice cream, and many hugs. Earlier in the week, there was a night out with the medical staff and their guests and yet another evening with his co-workers from the OR and Ambulatory Surgery unit.

CEO, Steve Lail, on Dr. Brodsky's retirement, "Dr. Brodsky, a consummate professional, and an all-around pleasant human being, will be greatly missed by his DECH family and the patients he interacted with over these many years. We wish him and Helen a long, healthy retirement."

Meet the Candidate

Mike Hinerman Jr.

On Tuesday, June 13, Machias voters will go to the polls to fill two open selectboard seats. Board chairwoman Paula Johnson-Rolfé will not seek reelection, nor will selectman Les Haynes.

Ben Edwards and Mike Hinerman Jr. are running to fill their seats. This week, we bring you Hinerman's answers to some questions we asked, and next week you'll hear from Edwards. Then, plan to go to the polls on Tuesday, June 13.

Tell us a little bit about yourself

I was born and raised in Machiasport and attended Washington Academy and the University of Maine at Machias. For the past ten years, I have been employed in the hospitality industry with Ocean Properties LTD in Bar Harbor, Maine, and for a few winters in Sarasota, Florida. In the summer of 2020, after experiencing different parts of the country and meeting people from all walks of life, and listening to their stories, I realized that there really isn't any place else quite like Downeast, Maine. I decided to plant my roots back home here in Machias.

Why do you want to serve on the Machias Selectboard?

Growing up in a family with strong ties to the community instilled a hardy sense of civic duty into my core, and having invested my future here in Machias, I thoroughly believe in serving the community. What I bring to the table is unique with my background in hospitality. It's no secret that the tourism industry is growing statewide, and as a selectman, I'd like to find ways to better market our town to the thousands of people seeking the beauty of the Bold Coast. Every person that passes through on Route

One without stopping at our stores, restaurants, or hotels represents a lost dollar that is going elsewhere. Finding ways to better tap into the steady stream of vacation travel is an easy way to grow our town's economy, and if our economy grows, our revenue will increase, and many more public works and infrastructure improvements will come to fruition.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Machias?

Taxes are always on every resident's mind when it comes to the business of the town, and we need to find ways to keep this burden manageable. This pressing issue for the town is something that we need to take a long-term look towards. The needs we face in our schools, emergency services, and town infrastructure grow on a daily basis, so we need to find ways to make sure every dollar is spent in the most effective way. Until the needs of our schools, emergency services, and public works are met, many other needs of the town will be neglected. That's why I emphatically feel we need to look towards the future to ease our burden in the long term, whether that be by employing a full or part-time grant writer to apply for grants that supplement our funding or offering incentives to attract more jobs and businesses to this town in order to increase our tax base.

Another issue I feel the town is currently facing is an issue that I feel goes largely unnoticed. It's no question that the University of Maine at Machias is a shell of its former self, and questions have been raised about its future for many years now. As selectman, I would like to explore ways for the town to get more involved with the



universities future because if we as a town were to lose the university, the results would be devastating not only to our economy but to our identity as well. We can't afford to lose the jobs or money that the university creates, and if there is anything the town can do to encourage growth at the University, I wholeheartedly support it.

What do you see as Machias's greatest assets?

The people of our town are its greatest asset. Machias has a rich and proud history, and I feel that's woven into our everyday lives. There is a strong sense of community amongst us, and that is something that a lot of towns across the country struggle to attain. I see immense potential for our town, and I look forward to being a part of that future on the board of selectmen.

For fun, what's your favorite place in Machias?

My favorite place in Machias is College Hill. College Hill is the best vantage point to truly appreciate the serenity of our town as you look down towards Bad Little Falls, the steeples of our churches, and the belvedere of the Court House.

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OPINION

Maine Coalition endorses bill to improve community solar program

Leaders of Maine's renewable energy community today voiced support for LD 1986, a bill introduced by Energy Utilities and Technology Chairman Senator Mark Lawrence to reform Maine's Net Energy Billing (NEB) program, strengthen the development of cost-effective Maine-made solar, and deliver relief to low-to-moderate income customers by taking advantage of significant federal dollars that are available.

"Sen. Lawrence's bill provides a sensible framework for the future of community solar in Maine," said Kate Daniel, Northeast Regional Director of the Coalition for Community Solar Access (CCSA). "It provides the state a way forward towards an affordable and equitable energy future, without jeopardizing the great progress we've made toward fulfilling Maine's renewable energy goals."

Supporters of LD 1986 include: the Maine Renewable Energy Association (MREA), ReVision Energy, Natural Resources Council of Maine, Maine Conservation Voters, A Climate to Thrive, Acadia Center, the Northeast Clean Energy Council, Maine Audubon, and the Coalition for Community Solar Access.

Renewable energy advocates are praising Sen. Lawrence's approach to reforming NEB, in contrast to the potentially disastrous proposal put forward last week by the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) and supported by Central Maine Power.

"The OPA's proposal is simply bad policy, and will send Maine backwards while doing grave damage to our state's ability to attract new clean energy investment at reasonable prices," said Jeremy Payne, Executive Director of MREA. "We applaud Senator Lawrence for his thoughtful

approach to cost-effectively support Maine solar by putting forward a logical set of solutions that protects Maine consumers, accelerates the growth of our clean energy economy, and safeguards the future of renewable development in Maine."

LD 1986 makes reforms to NEB to address the concerns of both the renewable energy industry and consumer advocates. The bill would: Create transparency about the costs and benefits of NEB, shedding much-needed light on the important benefits that community solar projects provide to Maine and protecting ratepayers from overpaying based on speculative utility projections; Lay the foundation for a new program going forward based on collaborative work already done by a broad stakeholder working group, which recommended cost-effective program elements such as incorporating energy storage, ensuring municipal and nonprofit customers can participate, and providing benefits to low-to-moderate income customers; Allow for the continued development of local, Maine-made solar that directs benefits to low-income customers, capitalizes on available federal funds, and reduces costs to ratepayers, and avoid violating existing contracts that would harm thousands of solar customers.

Environmental and clean energy advocates commend Sen. Lawrence for taking action to protect Maine's climate legacy. Solar energy remains critical to meeting the bold climate and energy goals established by Governor Mills, and LD 1986 is the necessary step to pave the path forward to a cleaner, healthier, and safer future.

LD 1986 is currently being considered by the Energy, Utilities, and Technology (EUT) Committee.



Letters to the Editor

Speak up for life

The legislature will soon vote on LD 1619, which would expand abortion till birth. At the Judiciary Committee hearing on May 1, about 65 testified in favor, and 675—ten times as many—traveled to testify against the bill (besides online and written testimonies). The hearing started at noon and continued until 7:25 the next morning; pro-life Mainers advocated through the night for preborn children. It was an amazing time of fellowship, prayer, singing, and speaking truth.

As I told the committee, it doesn't matter so much what I or any other human thinks as what God, our Creator and Judge, states as truth in His Word. Genesis records, "God

created man in his own image." Human life is valuable because God made us to know Him and show others what He is like. David prayed in Psalms, "My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."

I encourage my fellow Mainers to speak up for life in three ways: cherishing and strengthening our families, urging legislators to oppose LD 1619, and personally reaching out. Let's make sure every local woman with (humanly speaking) an unplanned pregnancy knows the truth: the solution to a difficult situation is not ending an innocent baby's life; rather, Jesus

offers hope. He said in Matthew, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." As individuals, families, and churches, let's show His love to our neighbors in a practical way.

As the Gaithers wrote and as we sang at the State House,

"How sweet to hold a newborn baby,

And feel the pride and joy he gives;

But greater still the calm assurance:

This child can face uncertain days because He [Jesus] lives."

Emmeline Beal
Cherryfield

Nurse staffing bill threatens access to quality healthcare

Imagine showing up at your local emergency room only to be told it's "on diversion" and sending ambulances and patients out of town to other facilities. Or, waiting in that same emergency room for not just hours but days until an inpatient bed opens up. This happens alarmingly often.

We learned during the pandemic that these kinds of access issues can become all too real. Our healthcare system today is stressed. The lingering effects of the pandemic—including patients who have put off care and are sicker on average than before and a workforce shortage that blossomed with the weight of the pandemic on the shoulders of caregivers—are still with us.

And now, as we adjust and prepare for a post-pandemic future, another threat looms in the form of LD 1639, a bill in the Maine Legislature that would require healthcare facilities to enforce strict nurse-to-patient staffing ratios.

At first glance, the idea of mandated staffing ratios may seem like a good idea. However, when you take a closer look at the issue, it becomes clear that this legislation could have serious negative consequences for Maine's patients and communities.

For starters, there is no evidence to suggest that strict nurse-to-patient ratios will actually improve the quality of care that patients receive. Maine is already ranked in the top quartile for overall quality of care by the US Department of Health and Human Services. And the Leapfrog Group, which monitors and rates hospital quality across the country, recently named Maine its "State of the Decade" for Hospital Quality. Meanwhile, the one state that does mandate nurse staffing ratios, California, ranks in the bottom half of states in terms of healthcare quality.

But the real danger of LD 1639 lies in the fact that it would limit access to care for Maine people. Healthcare facilities that are unable to comply with the mandated ratios would be forced to close beds and divert ambulances. This would have a particularly devastating impact on rural communities, where access to healthcare is already a major concern.

That's because complying with those mandates will be impossible for many hospitals. Maine is already facing a nursing shortage, with 2,250 positions currently unfilled and no relief in sight. Like every other industry in

Maine, healthcare has a workforce shortage. Mandated staffing ratios would do nothing to address this shortage and would actually make the problem worse by creating an even more restrictive environment for healthcare providers.

The fact is, there are already staffing guidelines in place at Maine Hospitals, including DECH, and our safety record testifies to their effectiveness. When clinicians and management have the flexibility to deploy resources where they are most needed based on patient condition rather than arbitrary state mandates, hospitals, including ours, are able to maximize available resources to provide the best possible care. DECH management and Local 124 Nurses Union have used agreed upon ratios for years.

Even in a fantasy world where there is an unlimited supply of nurses, mandated staff ratios would raise costs - an estimated \$105 million annually for Maine hospitals to comply - with, as California has shown, little impact on overall quality.

As a healthcare organization dedicated to our community, DECH is committed to ensuring that

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A VIEW DOWNEAST CLASSIC

BY RUTH LEUBECKER

Keep so many memories alive by celebrating Poppy Day

by Ruth Leubecker

National Poppy Day, like everything else in the world struggling against the persistence of the pandemic, has changed with the times.

“We’re not going to be standing out again this year,” says Lisa Griffin, president of Post 9 American Legion Auxiliary, about the annual campaign that’s traditionally found ALA members stationed at the entrance of Hannaford’s and other sites around town. “We just can’t do it because of COVID.”

Instead there will be a poppy can at Post 9, and another one at Berry Vines. Anyone may also pay a dollar to put their name on a poppy in the post window. And there will be posters explaining Poppy Day hanging at the post and at Berry Vines.

Younger members in larger chapters of ALAs throughout the nation are saluted for being more ambitious. Thinking outside the box in these days of COVID is vital if anything is going to happen. Unit 45 in Greenbrier, Tennessee, does out their poppies in a drive-through event, and uses social media to spread the word. Others have held virtual fundraising events through Zoom, auctioning off such items as wreaths and cookies. Still others have started poppy programs involving children in coloring and poster contests.

This distinctive little red flower

is the official emblem of the American Legion Family, first memorializing the soldiers who fought and died during World War I. The little red bloom came to symbolize the blood shed during battle after the publication of the wartime poem (ital) In Flanders Fields (ital). Those poppies still flourish in the fields of France and Belgium, and in 2017 Congress designated the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day -- so this year it’s May 28.

Ephraim Johnson Post 9 in Machias will soon have a new commander. Doc Holliday is unique among men -- mostly because of his name. “Kirk Douglas played him in (ital) Gunfight at the OK Corral (ital) in 1968, and the next day I went to school and got in a couple of fights because everyone started calling me Doc. Finally I guess I just had to get used to it,” he laughs.

Holliday served six years in Vietnam and Germany. A retired mechanical engineer from Polaroid, he moved to the Machias area 22 years ago, eventually buying one of the first homes built in Machias, that of Rev. James Lyons, ironically across from Post 9.

“I used to come up here every summer to visit my Army buddies, and I liked it, so I just decided to move here,” explains Holliday, who is single and looking forward to being the next commander.

“We’re helping out the veterans and the community, and we want to do a lot more,” he says of his upcoming tenure as commander.

As he takes the helm of Post 9, Poppy Day 2021 is about to launch. Griffin, tireless worker and dedicated president, is hopeful that poppies could be the beginning of further participation. “We’re having a fish fry on May 21, and we’re going to start having suppers again,” she says. “Everyone is welcome.”

The ALA at Post 9 presently has 112 members. Crystal Cushing is secretary/treasurer; Lois Hubbard is chaplain; and Sabriina Card is sergeant at arms.

Support National Poppy Day by dropping by Berry Vines to pick one up, or Post 9 to learn more about what these tiny bright flowers are all about. Be sure and wear one, and pass along another for a friend to wear. They’re all about service, and their distribution for decades has meant that many, many contributions go to veterans, the military and their families. It’s a time-honored tradition with a motto cast in stone: Honor the fallen and support the living.

Honoring the service of so many who have given so much should be the duty of everyone. These poppies began with World War I, but since then have evolved into an annual mission to provide care and comfort for America’s heroes. Please pledge to take part.

OPINION

FREEDOM STUDIES

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

Defying DEI

“Two wrongs don’t make a right”- philosophy proverb

“Yes they do “- DEI and anti-racism advocates

“DEI stands for Discrimination, Exclusion and Indoctrination”- Ron DeSantis

The rise of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion advocates in higher education, corporate America, the Pentagon, and the deep state has been a disaster for our country. Their Marxist narrative of oppression/victimhood, systemic racism, implicit bias, white supremacy, and “anti-racism” has devastated meritocracy and freedom. It has empowered and enriched a large cadre of assorted race hustlers, grifters, progressives, and leftist authoritarians. This is the coalition largely responsible for electing Joe Biden, a lying, senescent, and corrupt political hack who has repeatedly identified “white supremacy” as the #1 threat to America while deliberately opening the southern border to millions of fraudulent “asylum seekers,” terrorists and fentanyl, and destroying freedom and prosperity with inflation and climate alarmism.

The head of the Biden crime family was installed and continues to be protected by a deeply corrupt FBI and intelligence community that hid payoffs from the Chinese Communist Party and assorted Russian, Ukrainian, and Eastern European oligarchs. The deep state, the left, and their fellow traveler legacy media worked to install and protect Biden, all the while promoting the utterly false Russian collusion lie fabricated by Hillary Clinton. There will not be any accountability for Clinton and her unindicted co-conspirators. The best freedom lovers can hope for is an electoral and social repudiation of their odious agenda. They are

remarkably impervious to logic and evidence, as is typical of religious cult members. Nevertheless, I shall continue to try.

Household income data from the census bureau puts the lie to “systemic racism” and “white suprema.” Coupled with the masses of non-white “asylum seekers” risking life and limb to come to America, the fictions of systemic racism and white supremacy should be laid to rest, but they are too valuable to the left to let logic and evidence prevail over demagoguery.

A promising group of Republican presidential aspirants challenging Donald Trump and the DEI swill gives me hope. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has the best record on the matter, directly challenging woke Disney, banishing DEI from Florida public higher education, pledging that Florida is “where woke goes to die,” and most memorably, branding DEI as “Discrimination, Exclusion, and Indoctrination.” Biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy is fearlessly promoting meritocracy, the American dream and American exceptionalism, as are former South Carolina governor and UN Ambassador Nikki Haley and Senator Tim Scott. In my opinion, any of them is preferable to Donald Trump, and all of them, including Trump, are the antidote to Biden and the corrupt climate cultist crap.

As I reflect on the blessings and price of freedom and prosperity this Memorial Day weekend, I also know how fragile and endangered they and our Republic are in the face of a determined leftist assault. The enemies of freedom and prosperity have been recognized and reconnoitered; the battle commences over the coming 17 months.



Letters to the Editor

The Kingfish Industrial Complex

The Kingfish RAS proposed in Jonesport has recently stirred several exceptionally biased letters supporting Kingfish. I am unable to fully comprehend why people harbor such animosity toward Kingfish opponents, particularly when opponents present scientifically rigorous data and receive Bronx cheers rather than constructive dialogue. One recurring comment is that the opponents are ‘from away.’ As the President of Protect Downeast, I fail to understand how I could be considered ‘from away’ if my family settled in this area in 1761? Moreover, supporters do realize that Kingfish is a Dutch company, don’t they?

And, just for argument, if the Kingfish Industrial Complex were totally self-contained, there would be no argument from Protect Downeast. Contrary to local opinion, Jonesporters do not own Chandler Bay. It is part of Maine’s coastal legacy enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Kingfish has stated that their facility will reduce taxes in Jonesport. Congratulations to supporters for choosing possible economic benefit over environmental integrity. This choice rarely results in a benefit to anyone except a profit-motive-only

corporation. For comparison, in 2021, lobster catch in the Jonesport/Beals Island zones accounted for \$34 million in revenue. The Kingfish Industrial Complex will undoubtedly have a negative impact on the lobster catch (and mollusks) thanks to the nitrogen, phosphorous, and formalin circulating in the coastal waters off Jonesport and Roque Bluffs. Perhaps readers are not aware that the Kingfish Zeeland plant extracts nitrogen for fertilizer rather than dumping it into the water as they plan to do in Jonesport.

The State of Maine’s Department of Economic and Community Development compelled the DEP to significantly raise its threshold for nitrogen concentration. UMO was paid \$40,000 by Kingfish for generating an economic report that utilized data provided by Kingfish and combined with standard data reflecting State averages. Not what I would call a rigorous, independent assessment.

There are three major points that have NOT really been analyzed properly. (1) The Land Use Development Ordinance for Jonesport clearly states, in Table 15, that industrial structures are not permitted in the Resource and

Residential District. A ‘functionally water-dependent use does not and should not override a prohibition of Industrial structures. (2) The 1639 lbs of Nitrogen per day, 393 lbs of Phosphorous per day, and unknown amounts of formalin deposited into Chandler Bay will cause serious environmental problems. The current flow pattern in Chandler Bay has never been accurately modelled, and if a circular current exists, then nitrogen, phosphorous, and formalin concentrations will build up over time. Of course, Kingfish contends this is not a problem, but it undeniably is. (3) The Kingfish Industrial Complex will take 43,200 gallons of fresh water per day from the Jonesport aquifer, equivalent to more than 850 new families in Jonesport, but without the benefit to the school or town. Big problem rarely mentioned. Further, Kingfish always highlights that their Zeeland installation is special because it is situated close to a protected area. Take a look on Google Earth and see that it is situated in the middle of industrial agricultural land, immediately adjacent to a 4-lane highway and nearby commercial shipping lanes feeding Rotterdam

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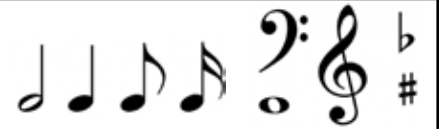
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Arts & Entertainment



Movie night at Henry D. Moore Library

The Henry D. Moore Library and Community Center in Steuben will show *Scoob!* at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 2. With hundreds of cases solved and adventures shared, Scooby and the gang face their biggest, most challenging mystery ever -- a plot to unleash the ghost dog Cerberus upon the world. As they race to stop this global dog-pocalypse, the gang discovers that Scooby has a secret legacy and an epic destiny greater than anyone could have imagined.

As always, admission is free, and refreshments are sold by donation. For more information, call 207-546-7301.



EAC to host two-day collage workshop

Eastport Arts Center will host 'Exploring Collage' with instructors JoAnne Houlsen and Deb Jellison, beginning Friday, June 9, from 4-7 p.m., and continuing Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The workshop, geared for older teens and adults, will allow participants plenty of playful time for experimentation. At the initial session, students will make their own patterned and decorated papers to be used in one-of-a-kind collages. The second session will include instruction in composition and ways to harmonize and refine collage works. Gluing methods and layering will be demonstrated. Each student will have time to complete a 12x12" mixed media artwork.



The workshop is designed for ages 18 and up, and space is limited. All materials are provided; attendees may wish to bring an apron to wear, and a bag lunch for the Saturday session. There is a \$30 registration fee. A sliding fee scale (pay what you can) is available by request. To sign up, or with any questions about the workshop, please email info@eastportartscenter.org.

Support for this workshop has been provided by Belvedere Traditional Handcrafts Fund of the Maine Community Foundation.

JoAnne Houlsen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education and earned her Bachelor of Science in Studio Art from the University of Maine, Orono. A landscape painter, Houlsen has been a member of the Eastport Gallery for many years. Originally from Boston, she describes her move to Maine 40 years ago as an awakening to the natural beauty of our environment. An avid oil painter, she has begun working on collages the last few years and finds it to be a wonderful creative outlet where you can just let go and become completely immersed in the creative process.

Deb Jellison earned her BFA in Art Education from the University of Maine and her MFA from Vermont College of Art. Raised in northern Maine,



Collage works by JoAnne Houlsen (tree) and Deb Jellison (cats.)
Submitted photos

Deb is a mixed media artist whose work is influenced by the wooded landscape and rocky coastline of her home. She frequently references this natural environment and the patterns created by barren trees, textures of plants, flowers and animals or shadows cast along the forest floors. By overlaying gold, texture and pattern over landscape or figure, her work tells lush visual stories from an ever-evolving personal mythology.

Eastport Arts Center is at 36 Washington Street, Eastport, and is handicapped-accessible. EAC abides by State of Maine CDC COVID guidelines, revisiting our policy monthly. At this time, the use of masks in our building is optional. More information about the educational offerings of Eastport Arts Center, where creativity and community meet, may be found at eastportartscenter.org/education.

Dining with Diane



There are many recipes for taco casseroles, but this is my friend's favorite "go to" recipe. Since it only takes 20 minutes in the oven, it is a quick meal and you won't heat up the kitchen too much.

LAYERED TACO CASSEROLE

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can refried beans
- 1 pkg. (envelope) taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 c water
- 6 Large flour tortillas
- 2 c. Mexican style shredded cheese
- Shredded lettuce, salsa, chopped tomatoes, sour cream, sliced black olives etc. for topping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In fry pan, cook the ground beef. Add the refried beans, taco seasoning mix and water. Stir to combine. Remove from heat. Spray a 9"x 13" baking dish, layer 2 tortillas in bottom, overlapping and slightly up the sides. Then half of the beef mixture and top that with 1/2 cup of cheese. Repeat with 2 more tortillas, meat and 1/2 cup cheese. Last layer is 2 tortillas and remaining cup of cheese. Bake for 20 minutes to melt cheese and warm the filling. Let sit a couple minutes before cutting into squares.



Get excited for Margareta Days

Every year the Machias Historical Society organizes a festival to honor Machias's rich — and unusual for Maine — Revolutionary War history. The first naval battle of the American Revolution took place in Machias on June 11-12, 1775, and this year you can learn all about it at the Margareta Days Festival and Craft Fair three-day event on the campus of the University of Maine at Machias. And don't miss the first-ever Liberty Ball! Learn more on these pages and at www.margarettadays.com Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

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Arts & Entertainment



Eastport Gallery invites all to opening reception

Eastport Gallery is excited to invite one and all to an opening reception for the season, 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 3!

The Gallery will be celebrating a fresh collection of local art from member artists, as well as showing off all the talent the Eastport area has to offer in the Annual Community Show. All are invited to visit the Gallery to shop local art and mingle with artists while enjoying complimentary snacks and wine.

The Eastport Gallery is located at 109 Water Street in Eastport's historic downtown. Beginning in June, the Gallery is open Thursday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daily hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be offered in July and August. Additional information, and a new Virtual Gallery exhibition, may be found at eastportgallery.com.



Eastport Gallery, at 109 Water Street in downtown Eastport, opens its doors June 3, with an opening reception, 5-7 p.m. Photo by Shelley Weber.

Sign up now for Bold Coast Variety Show and Potluck

The Bold Coast Variety Show (and Potluck) is coming to Stockford Park in Lubec, Maine, on Aug. 6, and it's your chance to show off your talents to the world. The event is open to anyone who wants to participate of any age, whether you're a ventriloquist, dancer, comedian, magician, acrobat, actor, musician, or have any other special talent.

In addition to the chance to showcase your talent, the event will feature a panel of judges who will

evaluate each performance. The best act will receive a grand prize, and each act will receive a prize just for participating.

The deadline to sign up is June 30th, and interested participants should email their name, address, phone number, and details of their act to boldcoastvariety@gmail.com.

"We are excited to bring this event to Lubec and showcase the incredible talent we know is in our community," said LAMPS

President Christopher Farr. "This is a great opportunity for performers of all levels to share their talents and compete for some amazing prizes."

The Bold Coast Variety Show promises to be an unforgettable event that will entertain and inspire. So mark your calendars for August 6th, and come out to Stockford Park to enjoy the show.

For more information, please visit www.lampsdowneast.org.

2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival is June 3 in Perry

The highly anticipated 2nd annual Rhubarb Festival is just around the corner, promising a delightful day filled with all things rhubarb. This year's festival, themed "Rhubarb is for Lovers," will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kendall Farm in Perry, Maine, Way Downeast in Washington County.

Food and craft vendors will be the stars of the day, offering a wide range of rhubarb-infused treats and products to indulge in. Festival attendees can savor the flavors of rhubarb through delectable options such as rhubarb hand pies, pavlova with a rhubarb twist, skewers of shrimp with rhubarb sauce, and ribs coated in tangy rhubarb BBQ sauce. For those seeking refreshing beverages, a rhubarb lemonade will be available for sipping.

Rhubarb enthusiasts will have the opportunity to purchase rhubarb rootstock and fresh rhubarb by the pound at the festival. Throughout the day, informative demonstrations will take place, teaching individuals how to care for their plants, properly harvest rhubarb, and prepare and preserve this versatile vegetable. Additionally, attendees can learn

the art of creating the perfect crust, explore mocktail recipes with rhubarb syrup, and witness a captivating glass demonstration by a local glass blower. Local farms will also sell their homemade preserves, while craft vendors will showcase exquisite jewelry and other fine wares.

The festival offers something for everyone, including fun games suitable for kids of all ages and vegetable printmaking activities. In addition, attendees can look forward to interacting with Echo's Geckos, where they can pat a turtle or hold a snake.

Last year's festival drew the attention of over 325 curious individuals, and this year, the organizers hope to surpass that number. Susan P. from Meddybemps & Palm City, FL, commented on her experience at last year's festival, stating, "Beautiful location and incredible food, drink, and crafts with a rhubarb theme. I loved it all!"

The Rhubarb Festival is a cash-and-carry event, so attendees must come prepared. Bringing a lawn chair is also recommended, as local musicians will provide a melodious backdrop to enhance the festival experience.

Here's how the day is lining up:
Live Local Music
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Pink Capos
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Billy Paul
1:45 - 2:45 p.m. - Duane Ingalls
3 - 4 p.m. - Patrick Cormier

Demos and Activities
12 - 3 p.m. - How to Harvest & Plant Rhubarb

A Tasting Table
12 Noon: Prep, Cook, & Preserve
1 p.m. - Perfect Your Crust
2 p.m. - Winemaking
2:30 p.m. - Rhubarb Stalk Eating Contest

3 p.m. - Mocktails
3:30 p.m. - Glass Blowing

For additional information and an updated schedule of events, please visit kendallfarmcottages.com/rhubarbfestival.

About Kendall Farm: Kendall Farm is a picturesque venue located in Perry, Maine, renowned for its scenic beauty and annual Rhubarb Festival. The farm aims to bring the community together in celebration of rhubarb, offering a diverse range of culinary delights and engaging activities for all attendees.

Public supper in Whitneyville

The Friends of Whitneyville Public Library will host their next public supper at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. Along with ham, there will be homemade pies and cake along with mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, and Janet's rolls and biscuits. The supper will be held at the Hillgrove Community Building



in Whitneyville. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

PBSO presents 'Finale Fantastique'



The Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra will perform in Eastport, Machias, and Calais next month. Submitted photo

The Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra will present its Spring Concert Series — *Finale Fantastique* — on Friday, June 2, at Eastport Arts Center (7 p.m.), Saturday, June 3, at Centre Street Congregational Church in Machias (3 p.m.), and Sunday, June 4, at Sunrise Opportunities in Calais (3 p.m.). The program features Phillip Silver playing the Mozart Piano Concerto in Bb Major, Symphonie

fantastique by Hector Berlioz, and the world premiere of A Short Overture composed by Ketil Hvoslef specifically for PBSO.

The suggested donation is \$15; students will be admitted free of charge. No one will be turned away. PBSO is a proud member of Eastport Arts Center; additional information may be found at eastportartscenter.org.

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Mayhew Public Library perseveres as town hub

by Wayne Smith

Marilyn Rittenhouse started working at the Mayhew Public Library in Addison in 1979. She graduated from high school in 1978, and she worked in the Narraguagus High School library. "I loved Narraguagus - absolutely loved it - the teachers and the classes. It was wonderful. I was in the band where I played at basketball games and at the tournament games," says Rittenhouse. "But the library was my biggest thing. It was a lot of fun. I always liked reading. At the Addison Library, I can give people information, or I can point a person in the right direction. I like seeing the people and getting people what they need in the library. That makes me feel happy."

Some of the things that she does are cataloging, cleaning, filing, and just generally helping people. "I don't like overdue books - please bring them back. We have lost a lot of books because they don't come back. It irritates me. It denies someone else who wants to look at that book. I'm not tired yet. If I was tired of it, I wouldn't be here. This isn't an exciting, high-profile job," she said.

"You get anybody you can imagine coming into this library and people that you wouldn't imagine coming in. Tourists pass through - some from far away that have a connection here, and some don't. People have to bond with something in their towns. Some people volunteer to be on the fire department, the school, the church, the historical society, but the library is the best for me," Rittenhouse

said. "It's a small town, and people stop by to chat. It's lovely. If they see a car, they stop in. It's a meeting place - not only for information, but for the townspeople. Stories here are fascinating. The stories people tell are real, and some are made up. Parents come in with their kids. Sometimes they read, and sometimes they play games."

"Technology has changed. I haven't had the money to change. I have an automatic system to link up to other libraries. The library has interlibrary loans with Bangor and Augusta. The person ordering the books needs to pay the return postage," Rittenhouse said. "I have such a low budget. The building is running, and I just try to be open two days a week. I have Apple computers that were donated. The library is part of the town. As long as I can do it, I will. I'm kind of sentimental about it. Not much changes in the Addison library. It's a nice place. We have donated paintings and photographs."

The original Mayhew Library was built in the late 1800s. The library burned in 1938, and it was rebuilt in 1939. They have a Memorial Day service along with Christmas programs and parties. There is upkeep for the library: lights, insurance, heat, new windows, reshingling the roof, and siding. "Things are coming due. This is a sound foundation structure. It will be here a long time after I'm gone. The Town of Addison gives us \$3,000 per year for the budget. We raise \$1,000 from book sales every summer. We try to get it done without a

lot of money. I have to prioritize everything that needs to be done," says Rittenhouse. "I have a hard time finding money. Some people are generous. I do the best that I can do to stay open year round."

"People think it is a lovely charming building - old fashioned. The library once had a fireplace that is not used anymore. The library is a record of information. People share, and things are written down for generations to come," Rittenhouse said. "Even though the world is going digital, the library is important. The library is a place to save things for the town - genealogy records, resource materials, and hard-covered books. I have public computers, so people can keep up with the resources."

Rittenhouse got married after high school and had six kids, raising her family for 20 years. "My father was a lobster fisherman. I love this beautiful town. I love the people. I love the river. I was fond of the river - the rhythm of the tide coming in and out. Boats coming in and going out. I spent a lot of time on the river and downriver. The river was a central part of my life. I loved growing up outside in the woods. On the shore and the water, I felt free," she said. "I was glad to raise kids in Addison. It was safe, and there was a lot of freedom. Addison was a nice school. Growing up, I sailed on a boat with my brothers. I dug clams. I ice-skated and rode a bike. What a typical Downeaster would do. I've always lived here and know everybody. I will always be here."

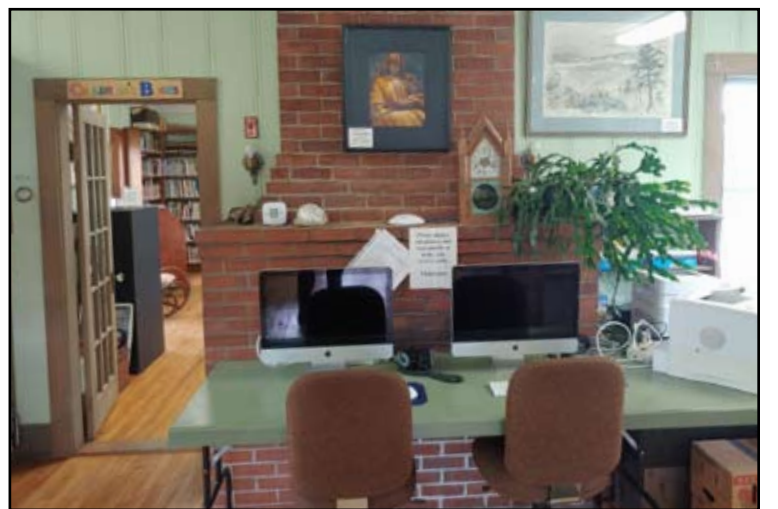
"When I went to grammar school, we never had a library. They had a section of books with a few shelves in each classroom. We had a bookmobile that came around once a month from the state," she said. "It was like food for the starving in getting a book from the bookmobile. Getting that book, you could have it for a month. It was something fresh and new. It was wonderful to come into the bookmobile and see what was available. Wow."

"We've lost a lot of things that were in the Town of Addison - the gas station, the church. A lot of stores and other things in this town are gone. Basically, the only thing left is the library. People come back to the library," she reflected.

Rittenhouse always had a fascination for books. "I'm always thinking about books," explained Rittenhouse. "I can't read them all, but I want to know what is popular even if I don't read them. Books are exciting, just like Christmas. It's nice to put on a cover for a new book. I like putting it on the shelf. Fun to see it being checked out for the first time. I have a feeling what people like. People love to read mysteries, love stories, and fiction. The library is a lovely place to be. It's a cozy atmosphere. The Addison Library has an old feeling to it. Someone spent a few hours here. It's right in the middle of the town of Addison. People come and go. I like seeing and talking to people that come in. People are comfortable coming into the library. You don't have to run in and run out. People can linger here.



There are magazines and newspapers at the Mayhew Library in Addison and around 7,000 books. This is the children's room of the Mayhew Library



The two Apple computers at the Mayhew Library

People can bring in their laptops. Spend an afternoon in here," she said.

Rittenhouse spoke about people that come to the library. "Some people didn't think we still had books here. We still have books. It's one of the last gathering places in this little town. We lost our grocery stores over the years. Towns are struggling with their grange halls. Obbie Davis's Garage was an institution in town. Where kids would buy candy bars and soda pop, it was a place like the library. People would find the news. People talked about it. People come in here, and they talk about what they got planted in their gardens. How many wreaths that someone might make in a day? How many jars of pickles that someone might do some canning in a day? What they might be doing for Christmas. It's about daily chatter. We are still a small library. We don't need everything. Stop in and see what is going on. We have caring people that put in the time and effort [to make it a successful and good library]," she said. "The Mayhew Library has two computers, magazines, and newspapers, and the library has free wifi out in the parking lot without any password. It has 6,000 to 7,000 books. People can make donations. The library has fundraisers, and the library gets a yearly budget from the town."

Rittenhouse finished by telling me, "The community sees what is going on. People remember that this was a pleasant place to be, and they enjoyed being here. It's fun remembering people when I find a card with all the names listed on it. It's nice to be reminded of those old names from people a long time



The oak table where people can check out books read newspapers and magazines



The outside of the 1939 Mayhew Library in Addison



Marilyn Rittenhouse is the librarian of the Mayhew Public Library in Addison

ago who might have taken a book out and enjoyed it. And they have been gone for years. It's good to remember. We're still here. And we're still open. Some other small libraries are struggling. In the summertime, people can come here in waves. I go home and feed my animals and fix supper. Doing the regular chores. The job of a librarian brings me pleasure and is relaxing. I always loved coming to the library, even as a kid," she said, with a smile on her face as she headed to her car on a lazy day in the springtime.

The Mayhew Library in Addison is open Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 3 p.m.

TOWNS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Out and About in Columbia

by Ronie Strout

I guess we have to wait for summer to come to get any warm weather. It has been really cold, I think, for this time of year. I suppose that is what has kept the flies away here on the Ridge; of course, the wind helps immensely.

Lots of errands that need to be done on the weekends keeps me busy. I stopped by the Langleys on Sunday afternoon and then worked around the home front the rest of the day.

Grades 1 and 2 students from DWM school went to the EDGE center on Monday for their trip. The sixth-grade students from Harrington went to the EDGE center on Wednesday, May 24, and Thursday, May 25, for leadership training.

Tuesday the 23rd was the only day that I had time to run to Beals and clean a stone. While I was there, Mariner and Donna Bunker and Danny Davis came in to work on their lots. The wind was blowing and the sun was out, it was a lovely day to do this job and with no black flies to bother me.

On Wednesday evening over a dozen residents turned out to a meeting held at the Addison Town Hall to see about Addison Daze. The selectmen have been given a list of names to vote on Tuesday May 30 for them to become members of this new group. Then on Wednesday May 31st the newly formed members will elect the officers and start their planning for Addison

Daze.

They are in hopes they can get it together in time for July 15. The fireworks will be that night regardless.

In my spare time I have been putting together some shelves that I want to use in my shed. Took me a bit of time but I finally got them all together.

I also have been trimming trees and shrubs not only with my regular chain saw but using my mini chain saw and trimmers to get what needed to be done. It is a never-ending job to keep the lawn mowed too. What with the cold weather and frost, I really don't want to be out there but inside reading a book. Hopefully I can get some flowers planted in my pots in the next few weeks.

Looking Back in History

Compiled by Ronie Strout

Secretary records of the Pleasant River Historical Society dated September 13, 1993, and goes to October 9, 2000, written by Clara F. Wass. Secretary.

Continued: May 8, 1995

Alexander Layman was our 4th guest speaker, and his essay was on the Brickyard at Columbia Falls. It was announced that his was the winning essay.

He brought bricks to show us, a picture of Henry W. Bucknam and deeds for the Brick Yard land. He described how bricks were made by saying that it is a very long and complicated process.

First workers dig clay and crush it-next the clay is ground thoroughly than sifted. Water is added and rotating knives chop and mix the clay to make it soft.

Clay is made into bricks using one of 3 processes and the amount of water used is the difference in these (1) the soft-mud process, (2) the stiff mud or (3) the dry

press process. After the bricks are molded-they are dried and fired.

Circulating air, which is heated from 100 to 300 degrees Fahrenheit removes much of the water-drying them slowly to prevent cracking or breaking. This can take from 1 day to 6 weeks depending on the amount of water in the clay. Once they are dry, they are put in wood or coal fired kilns. These, heat the bricks slowly increasing temperatures to 1600-to-2000-degree Fahrenheit. This causes the clay particles to melt and fuse together-making the bricks hard and strong.

The coloration of the bricks produced depends on the amount of iron ore and other minerals in the clay. Clay with high iron content produce red brick. This is the process of producing brick that was most probably used in the Columbia Falls Brick yard which operated in that town between 1888 and 1892.

In February 1888 Henry W.

Bucknam was getting out of timber to erect a brickyard building along the Eastern side of the Pleasant River in Columbia Falls, Maine just above the Addison Town-line and Bucknam along with capitalists from Boston propose to engage in the manufacturing of pressed bricks and terra cotta lumber.

The building containing the machinery will be 2 stories 30 x 30 ft to which will be annexed a 12 ft tunnel "sharer dryer" 53 x 110 ft. and an engine house 30 x 30, the latter to be built of brick.

The plant will consist of a Penfield Brick machine, a corrugated clay crusher, a disintegrator for reducing clay to a pulverous state and a horizontal plug machine-the whole to be driven by an atlas 75 horse-power engine.

When running to full capacity the operation will daily produce 50,000 bricks and 75 tons of terra cotta, according to the Machias Union newspaper June 1888.

To be continued Brick Yard

Whitneyville Library News

Saturday, June 3, it will be baked and smoked ham at our next public supper. As always, our public suppers are held at the Hillgrove Community Center in Whitneyville across from the library. The public supper begins at 5 p.m. Along with ham there will be homemade pies and cake along with mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans and Janet's rolls and biscuits. Come out and enjoy a great meal and some good company.

Its been a busy week at the library with homeschoolers coming to use the library and with many utilizing the internet. Living Innovations clients and their DSPs visited the library to play games, color and listen to music. They had a great time and the library looks so forward to their visits. With no charge for a library card or overdue charges for late return books since

1966 the library welcomes all readers from surrounding towns. The library also has interlibrary loan for books requested that we do not own at no charge to the reader. We are open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reminder that the library is now open on the Saturday of our suppers with the help of a volunteer.

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday, the Whatnot Gift Shop features 40 local and talented crafters. Goat soaps and lotions, wooden items, jewelry, knitted and quilted items, and many more items are sold in the gift shop. Run by volunteers the gift shop is also open the Saturdays of our public suppers. Looking for that special something to send to someone? Visit the Whatnot gift shop — we might have just what you are looking for!

Public Ham Dinner



Saturday June 3 @ 5 pm
at the Hillgrove Community
Building in Whitneyville



\$12.00 Adult | \$4.00 Children under 12

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RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for a Retirement Open House for Superintendent Ronald Ramsay to celebrate his 39 years of service to the district.

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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We hope to see you there as we send him off with wishes for a wonderful retirement!

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Cherryfield First Baptist Church - facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-Cherryfield-Maine-427258604284349/

Cherryfield First Congregational Church, 207-843-5656.

Christian Science Society of Calais. 207-454-3409 or 207-454-2295.

Christian Temple Church, 207-733-2887

The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints, 207-483-8055.

Cobscook Friends meeting, 207-733-2068

Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, 207-483-4094.

Community of Christ - 497-5723.

Comunidad de Cristo, 207-497-2618.

Cutler United Methodist Church, 207-454-0142 or the church at 259-2097

Dennysville/Edmunds

Congregational Church - FMI call 726-3905.

Downeast Baptist Church: Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m., Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. The church is located at 393 Dublin St, Machias, ME 04654. Call 255-5822 FMI.

Downeast Christian Church (Harrington) - facebook.com/decc.maine/

Faith United Methodist Church, 207-483-4094

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Cutler Rd., E. Machias, ME. 259-2101. The entrance to the Fellowship Hall is the road behind the church.

Holmes Bay Baptist Church, 255-8227

Holy Trinity Chapel, 207-726-5129.

Jacksonville United Methodist Church, 9:00 am Sunday Worship & 10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study. 325 Jacksonville Rd./Rt. 191, East Machias. The Rev. Penney Rahm, Pastor. 207-255-6282 or 207-726-4088.

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Lifespring Chapel Church of God, 207-460-1392.

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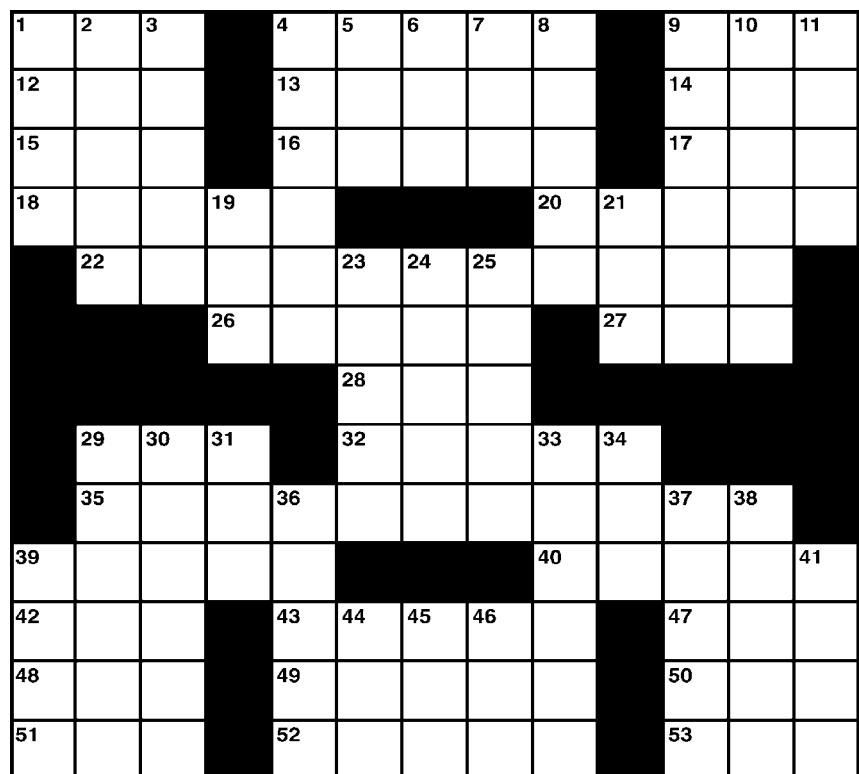
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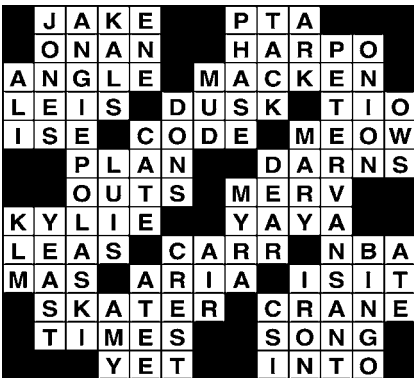
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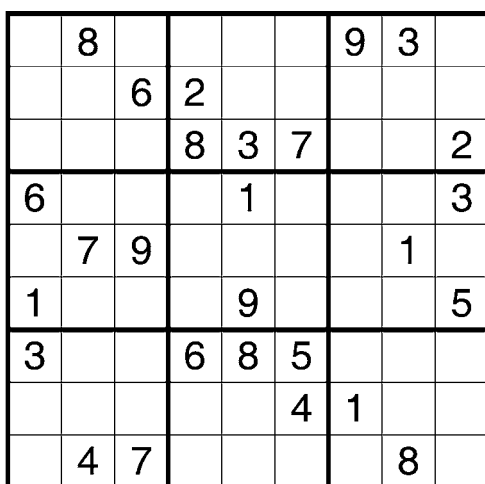


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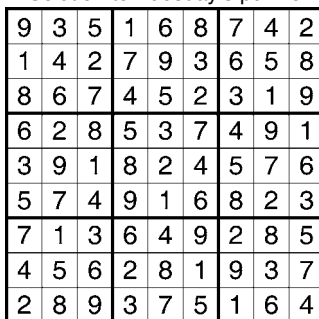
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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle 5/19/21



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



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BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
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- 7 letters = 6 points
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YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
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Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE WORDS RELATED TO THE HUMAN HEAD in the grid of letters.

Answers to Thursday's Boggle BrainBusters: IOWA UTAH MAINE IDAHO NEVADA VERMONT

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Community Calendar

Upcoming events

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 Quilt Raffle tickets to benefit the Columbia Falls Union Hall are on sale now. The quilt "Signe's Garden" can be seen at the Columbia Falls Town Office. Tickets \$5 each, with only 100 to be sold.

Eastport Arts Center events: **Through June 25**, Exhibition: Kenny Harris: Envisvivarium, Washington Street Gallery. Open 1-3:30 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays, during EAC events or by chance or appointment. Please email info@eastportartscenter.org with any inquiries. **June 2, 3 and 4**, Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra "Finale Fantastique", Friday, **June 2** at 7 pm, Eastport Arts Center; Saturday, **June 3** at 3 pm, Centre Street Congregational Church, Machias; Sunday, **June 4** at 3 pm, Sunrise Opportunities, 21 Calais Ave, Calais. By suggested \$15 donation, students admitted free, no one turned away. **June 9**, 4-7 pm, and **June 10**, 10 am-3 pm, Workshop: Exploring Collage with JoAnne Houlsen and Deb Jellison, Eastport Arts Center. For ages 18 & up. \$30 includes all materials, sliding fee scale available. Please preregister by email to info@eastportartscenter.org. Tuesdays, Ecstatic Dance, by donation, 5-6 pm. Meets most Tuesdays, to receive information about this group please email info@eastportartscenter.org. Thursdays, KinderArts, 10-10:45 am, meets weekly through June 29 at Sunrise Opportunities, 21 Calais Avenue, Calais. Free; register with info@eastportartscenter.org; walk-ins also accepted. Fridays, KinderArts, 10-10:45 am, meets **weekly through June 30** at Eastport Arts Center. Free; register with info@eastportartscenter.org; walk-ins also accepted. **2nd and 4th Thursdays**, 4-5 pm, World Dance. Suggested \$5 donation. Learn contemporary and classic dances from around the world. Questions: info@eastportartscenter.org.

Free kids' play and music event at Bad Little Falls Park, Machias. Every first Friday of the summer, beginning Friday, **June 2**, from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy an evening of live music & free play on the river at Bad Little Falls Park. These play sessions will align with the First Friday Art Walks taking place in Machias this summer. Follow Ok Play on Facebook for more details.

Breakfast, Sat., **June 3**, from 7 to 9 a.m.; parish hall, Dennysville; pancakes, eggs, home fries, baked beans, toast, juices, bacon, sausage, beverages; \$8 adults, \$4 kids.

Jonesboro Church Everything Sale, Sat., **June 10th**, 8:00-1:00. Chandler River Center, Jonesboro. Yard Sale, Bake Sale, Plant Sale and Book Sale all in one! Clothes \$3 per Bag (BYO Bag)

The Friends of Porter Memorial Library will host its Annual Plant Sale, Yard Sale, Craft Fair, and Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, **June 10**, at the library, 92 Court Street, Machias. The event will also feature children's crafts, music, a raffle, and food and drinks. For more information, call the library at 255-3933.

3rd Annual Touch-a-Truck Community

Event on **June 17th**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Jonesboro Grange No. 357. Free to attend and touch the trucks. Bounce houses and lawn games, hamburgers, and hotdogs for lunch. Donations are greatly appreciated for the Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department.

The Downeast Quilters will host a quilt show at the Roque Bluffs Arts and Community Center on Saturday, **June 24**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be items made by Downeast Quilters for sale as well as a raffle quilt made by Downeast Quilters. Fifty percent of the money raised on the quilt will go to the Machias Food Pantry. You may view the quilt and buy tickets at WOOLEEZ's new location beside the French Cellar in Machias and on the day of the sale at Roque Bluffs. Drawing will take place at 3:30 p.m. on the day of the show.

Recurring events

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 Recurring events at the Roque Bluffs Community Center, located at 4 Schoppee Point Road, Roque Bluffs. Barre Workout with Amanda Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Line Dancing with JoAnn starting at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Yoga with Geri every Tuesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Painting with Ellie from 1 to 3 p.m. starting Wednesday, June 21. Your Photographer's Eye with Bob from 4 to 5:30 p.m. starting Monday, July 10. For more info, call Bob McCollum at 207-263-8579

T.O.P.S., Maine: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 378 Port Rd., Machiasport. Tues: 10:10 a.m. Weigh-in Time, 11 a.m. Program Start Time. Max. Scale Weight: 500, Contact: 207-271-1689

MHS Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce building at 2 Kilton Lane in Machias. The public is invited to attend.

Machias Historical Society regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce building at 2 Kilton Lane in Machias. The public is invited to attend.

The Machias Rotary Club will meet at the Coffee + Crisp banquet room at 180 W Kennebec Rd. in Machias on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Maine Coast Sardine History Museum, 34 Mason Bay Rd. in Jonesport, now open from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, and Sunday. Call ahead to be sure, 461-9200.

Parenting in Recovery Support Group at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday, in person at Downeast Recovery Center, 11 Free Street, Machias. To register or for more information please call or text 263-5270.

Calais Area Playgroup at 10 a.m. every Tuesday, Lafayette Park, Calais. For more information please call or text 263-5270.

Machias Area Playgroup at 10 a.m.

every Wednesday on the town playground between Salem and Harwood Street, Machias. For more information please call or text 263-5270.

Open pottery studio: Cobscook Institute in Trescott hosts open pottery studio hours for past pottery students and anyone with basic clay experience. Studio fee of \$10 / hour. To sign up online visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc2ayjza> or contact Michelle Cousineau for help, 207-255-7246, or by email michelle@cobscookinstitute.org.

Monday Night Music Circle. **Every Monday at 6 p.m.** the Cobscook Institute will host its Monday Night Music Circle. A cornerstone of Cobscook Institute events, bring an instrument, or your voice, or just come to listen. You're sure to have a great time. Donations warmly accepted. To join the event on a computer or smartphone: <https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/88596925274> or by phone: +1 (646) 876-9923, Meeting ID: 885 9692 5274.

Porter Memorial Library Board of Trustees meets online and in-person on the **third Wednesday of each month**. For more information, call 478-4378. The library is located at 92 Court Street, Machias.

Machias Board of Selectmen meets **bi-monthly at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month**. The meetings are held at the Machias Telebusiness Center, Stackpole Road, Machias. FMI visit www.machiasme.org, or call 255-6621.

Machias Planning Board meets at **7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month**, at the Machias Town Office, Court Street, Machias. FMI visit www.machiasme.org, or call 255-6621.

Free community dinner: **Every Tuesday night**, the public is invited to enjoy a free community dinner at Machias Christian Fellowship, 3 Davis Road, Machias. The meals run from 5 - 6:30 p.m. All of the meals are provided by community members, and the church does not assume responsibility for any foodborne illnesses that may occur. For the most up-to-date information, and weather cancellations, visit the MCF Community Dinner Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/mcfcommunity. For more information, call 598-0583.

Children's Story and Craft Hour at Porter Memorial Library, **every Tuesday** at 11 a.m. at the library, 92 Court Street, Machias. For more information call the library at 255-3933.

Machias Food Pantry--**Mondays**, at Centre Street Congregational Church, 9 Center Street, Machias; 1-6 p.m. For more information, call the church at 255-6665.

Good News Club will meet in Addison at the Church Hill Community Center **Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M.** Children from ages 2 - 12 are invited to attend. For more information call Cathy at 483-4655 or Carol at 615-1602.

Support groups

Sunday AA Meetings: Downeast Group, Downeast Recovery Support

Center, 11 Free St., Machias, 7 p.m.; Head of the Tide Group, Grace Christian Church, 10 Leighton Point Rd., Pembroke, 7:30 p.m.
Monday AA Meetings: Alcoholics Only Group, Personal Residence, 90 Boardman St., Calais, 7 p.m.; Milbridge Group, Congregational Church, 10 Bridge St., Milbridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday AA Meetings: Crossroads Big Book Meeting, Grace Chapel, 10 Leighton Point Rd., Pembroke, 7 p.m.; Indian Township Meeting, Indian Township Meal Site, 8 Kennebasis Rd., Indian Township, 7 p.m.; Downeast Group Big Book meeting, 6 p.m. at the Machias DownEast Recovery Center 11 Free Street, Machias.
Wednesday AA Meetings: Pleasant River Group, Faith United Methodist Church, 444 US Rt. 1, Columbia, 7 p.m.; Brown Bag Meeting, Calais United Methodist Church, 849 Main St., Calais, noon.
Thursday AA Meetings: Machias Valley Group, St. Aidan's Church, 72 Dublin St., Machias, 7 p.m.; Bridge of Friendship Group, St. Croix Historical Society, 527 Main St., Calais, 7 p.m.
Friday AA Meetings: Eastport Step Meeting, Senior Center, 9 Boynton St., Eastport, 6:30 p.m.; Keep it Simple Group, Passamaquoddy Health Center, 401 Peter Dana Point Rd., Princeton, 7 p.m.; Downeast Group, Downeast Recovery Support Center, 11 Free St., Machias, 7 p.m.
Saturday AA Meetings: Bar 30 - Recovery Center, 311 Main St., Calais at 8 p.m.; Buy Time Women's Group, Downeast Recovery Support Center, 11 Free St., Machias, 10 a.m.; Moosebec Group, St. Aidan's Episcopal Mission, 36 Dublin St., Machias, 7 p.m.

Arise Addiction Recovery meetings — Monday 7 p.m. at Machias Christian Fellowship, 3 Davis Rd, Machias, ME. Paul Trovarello 207-271-7060.

Downeast Sexual Assault Services — 1-800-492-5550, ext. 258.

Intimate Partner- Violence/abuse 24/7 hotline 800-315-5579.

Machias Community REIKI Clinic, New phone contact # 256-0408 with voice mail Gillyin Gatto bobcatpath@myfairpoint.net

Recovery Meetings: Paul Trovarello, 207-271-7060, paultrovarelloarise@gmail.com; Lindsay Trovarello, 207-631-8382, lindsaytrovarello@gmail.com- Facebook: ARISE Addiction Recovery- Website: www.ariseaddictionrecovery.com

Road to Recovery — FMI: 1-800-227-2345.

Monthly cancer support and resource meetings — FMI: 207-726-5087 or 207-664-0339.

Circle of Hope — FMI: 207-255-3530.

NAMI Maine - FMI: Amy 207-726-0608 or 207-263-7889.

Quoddy Al-Anon meetings — FMI: 207-733-2068.

Arise Addiction Recovery - FMI: 255 5011.

Sunrise Opportunities Prevention

Council: Parenting in Recovery Support Group. Every Monday at 11:30AM -12:30PM via ZOOM. To register or for more information please call/text (207) 263-5270

Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council: Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group. The 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5:00PM - 6:00 PM via ZOOM. To register or for more information please call/text (207) 263-5270


Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council: General Parent Support Group. 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30PM - 5:30PM via ZOOM. To register or for more information please call/text (207) 263-5270

Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council: Machias Area Virtual Playgroup. Every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00AM via ZOOM. To register or for more information please call/text (207) 263-5270

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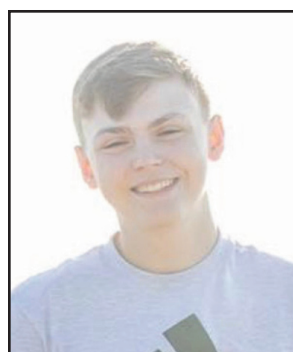
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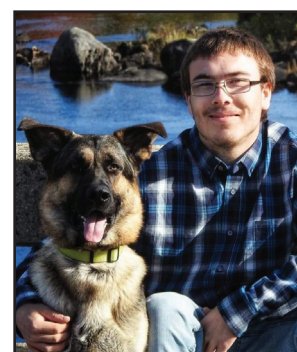
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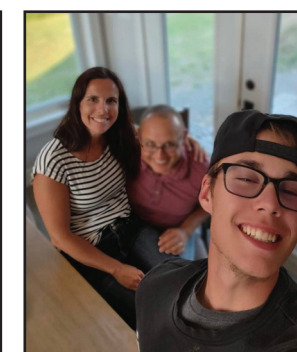
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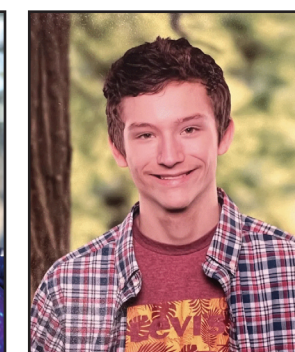
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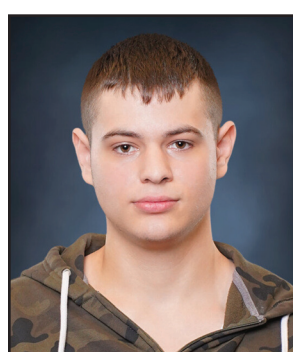
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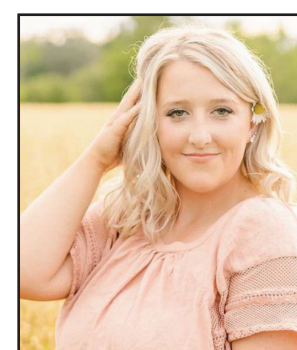
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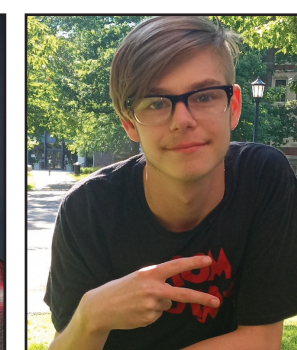
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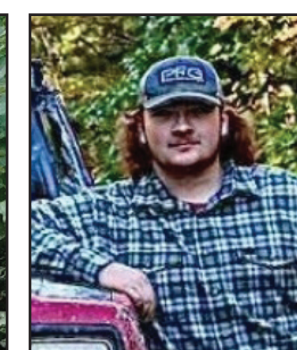
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MMHS Announces Top Honor Parts for the Class of 2023

Machias Memorial High School Principal, Nicole Case, is pleased to announce the honor parts for the graduating class of 2023. This year there is a tie for the top honor, and two valedictorians are recognized.

Jacey Barabe has earned the distinction of class Valedictorian. Jacey has been an active and vital part of her class for the last four years. She has consistently been on the honor roll and received classroom awards for her academic excellence. Jacey is a well-rounded student, involved in many extra-curricular activities, including varsity volleyball, JMGLeadership, and the National Honor Society. Jacey plans to attend the University of Southern Maine in the fall,

majoring in psychology. Jacey is the daughter of Andrea Barabe and Kris Smith of Whitneyville.

Sierra Colbeth has earned the distinction of class Valedictorian. Sierra transferred to Machias Memorial High School to start her sophomore year. She works hard, both in and out of school. Sierra is a leader in her class, a leader in our school, and is actively involved in both the National Honor Society and the Art National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington. Sierra is the daughter of Bruce and Tammy Colbeth of Marshfield.

Jaida Case has earned the distinction of class Salutatorian. Jaida is a member of the MMHS Chapter of the National Honor

Society, and on her own initiative, she has performed countless hours of community service. On the heels of an outstanding high school academic and athletic career, Jaida has been accepted at Southern Maine Community College, majoring in Liberal Studies. She will also be playing softball for the SMCC Sea Wolves. Jaida is the daughter of Troy and Lucy, Case of East Machias.

The following students (in alphabetical order) are the other seven members of Machias Memorial High School's 2023 top ten: Maggie Allen, Jaydin Anderson, Hayley Bishko, Shane Feeney, Emily Fletcher, Aidan Preston, Chloe Savage

Tradition holds that commencement exercises will be held on the first Sunday in June at 1 pm. Staff, family, friends, and community members are welcome to join us at the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 4.



MMHS Class of 2023 Valedictorian Sierra Colbeth.



MMHS Class of 2023 Valedictorian Jacey Barabe.



MMHS Class of 2023 Salutatorian Jaida Case.

STUDENT NEWS

2023 DECH scholarship winners

The Down East Community Hospital Auxiliary is happy to announce the 2023 winners of their three \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship program started in 1968 with the establishment of the Houghton/Bridgham/Ingalls scholarship of two \$250 scholarships; then, in 1981 they were increased to \$500 each. In 2010, they were increased again to \$1,000 each. The third scholarship, the Gaddis/MacBride Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000, was created in 2016. This is where the program stands today.

The first H/B/I Scholarship has been awarded to Haley Bishko, daughter of Will Bishko and Elizabeth Bridges of Whitneyville. Haley will be attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where she is enrolled in their 3-year Physical Therapy Assistant program.

The second recipient, Jenna Gallant, is the daughter of Jennifer Gallant-Schencks and Mel Gallant (deceased) of Machiasport. Jenna is also going to be on the Eastern Maine Community College campus where she has been accepted into their Medical Assistant Technology program.

This year's winner of the Gaddis/MacBride Nursing Scholarship is Zoey-Jean Alley daughter of Frank and Sarah Alley of Beals. Zoey-Jean will be joining the nursing program at Eastern Maine Community College in September.

In the event that Zoey-Jean should decide to leave the field of nursing, the alternate winner is Jaydin Anderson. Jaydin, the daughter of Mike and Sandi Anderson of Northfield, is enrolled in the nursing program at Eastern Maine Community College.

With Maine's aging population and the very real shortage of workers in the healthcare field, the Auxiliary is happy to help some of our own young Mainers with their education financial needs.



Hayley Bishko - 1st Winner of the DECH Auxiliary 2023 Houghton-Bridgham-Ingalls Scholarship



Zoey Jean Alley - Winner of the DECH Auxiliary 2023 Gaddis-MacBride Nursing Scholarship



Jenna Gallant - 2nd Winner of the DECH Auxiliary 2023 Houghton-Bridgham-Ingalls Scholarship

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years ago brought back a ball to the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival.

“When they said they wanted to put on a dance to add to the festival weekend, of course I said yes!” recalls Hinerman. “Add another ball to my resume? Yes.”

The free Liberty Ball will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, and will be held in the food hall of University of Maine at Machias, Kilburn Commons. It’s planned to be the kind of event anyone can enjoy, including children, and will feature the music and dance instruction of folk musicians Hunt and Allison Smith, who specialize in traditional American song and dance.

“Hunt and Allison will perform with a special guest,” Hinerman said. “They are going to provide 18th century speciality music and teach us simple dances.”

The entire festival will take place on the grounds of the University of Maine at Machias, which also donated space and refreshments for the Liberty Ball.

“We’re super excited to get together with families and celebrate Machias’s rich history,” said Hinerman. “It’s an important part of our country’s history. We should be proud of it.”

Using her lifelong talents as a seamstress and her expertise in historic garb, Karen Benn of Eastport is creating Hinerman’s gown for the occasion. But, you don’t need a full 18th-century outfit to enjoy the Liberty Ball. You can start small, with a kerchief and cap. Benn recommends online retailer Burnley and Trowbridge.

Dressing up for historical events can transform your perspective, says Benn.

“I feel strongly that the costuming, the garb, shall we say, really helps people understand. It really just brings them in,” Benn said. “If anyone’s ever been to Colonial Williamsburg, for example, right



Karen Benn of the Machias Historical Society, right, specializes in 18th century women’s clothing, like the dress she’s wearing. She made that herself. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

away you really get absorbed seeing the ladies in their dresses.”

Benn is a historic costumer by trade, specifically working with women’s clothing.

“I study and try to recreate clothing,” she said. “My background is in women’s history in America.”

All are invited to come as they are to the Liberty Ball, but if you’re looking for ideas on some period clothing, there are vendors on Etsy, says Benn, and you can get ideas from Pinterest, or YouTube.

Or, talk to someone in the Machias

Historical Society, like Benn, when you attend Margarettas Days.

“We have a great group of well-educated individuals. Talk to them and join the historical society, and bring your children. It’s great for kids,” said Benn. “If you see someone wearing a costume you like, just ask them about it. I try to help people do it with the smallest budget I possibly can.”

To learn more about this year’s Margarettas Days Festival and Craft Fair, visit www.margarettadays.com.

NOTICES / LEGALS

**STATE OF MAINE
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
18-C M.R.S. §3-801 (1)**

The following Personal Representatives have been appointed in the Estates noted. The first publication date of this notice is **May 31, 2023**. If you are a creditor of an Estate listed below, you must present your claim within four months of the first publication date of this Notice to Creditors or be forever barred.

You may present your claim by filing a written statement of your claim on a proper form with the Register of Probate of this Court or by delivering or mailing to the Personal Representative listed below at the address published by the Personal Representative’s name a written statement of the claim indicating the basis therefore, the name and address of the claimant and the amount claimed or in such other manner as the law may provide. See 18-C M.R.S. §3-804.

ESTATE OF JOHN W. DRAY, II, LATE OF NORTHFIELD, DECEASED. Ava M. Dray, 13 Charles Street, Machias, ME 04654 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-135

ESTATE OF EDWARD RICE ELDRIGE, LATE OF MACHIAS, DECEASED. Mylinda Grinstead, 125 Crossroad, Machias, ME 04654 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-131

ESTATE OF CONSTANCE ANN MARSTON, LATE OF MACHIAS, DECEASED. Ruth Treat, 41 Smithfield Drive, Machias, ME 04654 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-083

ESTATE OF DONNA M. MINGO, LATE OF CALAIS, DECEASED. Alden Mingo, 405 Shattuck Road, Calais, ME 04619 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2020-167

ESTATE OF KEITH ALAN PENNELL, SR., LATE OF EAST MACHIAS, DECEASED. Valerie L. Carter, 2173 Northfield Road, Northfield, ME 04654 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-137

ESTATE OF DOROTHY HOPE PRATT, LATE OF ROQUE BLUFFS, DECEASED. Aaron H. Pratt, 3481 Danvers Walk, Smyrna, GA 30080 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-130

The following Personal Representatives have been previously appointed in the Estates noted.

ESTATE OF MADELYN D. PHINNEY, LATE OF CHERRYFIELD, DECEASED. Linda E. Willey, 5 Ficketts Point Road, Milbridge, ME 04658 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-078

ESTATE OF CARLTON L. PINKHAM, JR., LATE OF STEUBEN, DECEASED. Marie E. Hurlbert, 33 Stevens Drive, Steuben, ME 04680 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2023-067

Date: May 31, 2023
Publish on May 31 & June 7, 2023

/s/ Darlene M. Perry
Register of Probate

MVN000011785

**STATE OF MAINE
WASHINGTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
PROBATE NOTICES**

**TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN ANY OF
THE ESTATES LISTED
BELOW:**

Notice is hereby given by the respective Petitioners that they have filed the following proceedings. These matters will be heard at **10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as they may be on **June 21, 2023**. The requested actions may be taken on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard.

IN RE: MOLLY M. WHITE, OF COLUMBIA Petition for Appointment of Valorie P. Geel and Kerry E. Geel as Guardians for said Molly M. White, minor, presented by said Valorie P. Geel and Kerry E. Geel, grandparents. THIS NOTICE IS PARTICULARLY DIRECTED TO: UNKNOWN FATHER of said MOLLY M. WHITE, name and whereabouts unknown, as well as to all other interested parties. The deceased mother of said minor is Jamie Lynn Geel. Valorie P. Geel and Kerry E. Geel, Petitioners, 11 Pea Ridge Road, Columbia, ME, 04623. Docket #2023-127. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-C M.R.S. § 5-205(1)(C) and Probate Rule 4.

IN RE: MOLLY M. WHITE, OF COLUMBIA, Petition of Valorie P. Geel and Kerry E. Geel, Grandparents and proposed Guardians, requesting that the name of said Molly May White may be changed to Molly May Geel. THIS NOTICE IS PARTICULARLY DIRECTED TO: UNKNOWN FATHER of said MOLLY M. WHITE, name and whereabouts unknown, as well as to all other interested parties. The deceased mother of said minor is Jamie Lynn Geel. Valorie P. Geel and Kerry E. Geel, Petitioners, 11 Pea Ridge Road, Columbia, ME, 04623. Docket #2018-081. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-C M.R.S. § 1-701(2-A) and Probate Rule 4

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and Antwerp.

Consider this: Jonesport residents harbor the false notion that Kingfish will rescue Jonesport. How many new people could possibly come to Jonesport and/or Addison to help populate the schools? There is NOT enough housing to accommodate more than a handful of families

within the Jonesport school district. Moreover, how many people will desert businesses such as AC Inc. and defect to Kingfish? That is a zero-sum game.

At the final Planning Board meeting, I acknowledged that all the members had weathered a grueling nine months to evaluate comments

on both sides. Even this statement resulted in baseless heckling from proponents. When did we abandon informed discussion in favor of choosing a side and sticking with it regardless of logic and facts?

Richard Aishton
Jonesport

NOTICES / LEGALS

Notice to Cooper Residents, Taxpayers and Contractors doing business in Cooper

At a Special Town Meeting on April 15th, 2023, Cooper passed new ordinances and policies covering the Town Beach and Building Permits. The ordinances and policies are posted on the Town web site at coopermaine.com.

The Town Beach ordinance restricts use of the Town Beach to Cooper residents, taxpayers and accompanied guests. Glass beverage containers or bottles, alcohol, tobacco products, marijuana, illegal drugs, motorized watercraft, open fires, dogs, body or hair washing, soap, shampoo and cleaning agents are prohibited. Enforcement of the ordinance will be by the Beach Steward and county and state law enforcement as necessary, with up to a \$100 fine for each violation.

Cooper residents, taxpayers and contractors doing business in Cooper are reminded that the Town requires building permits before demolition and/or construction commence, and failure to fully comply with state and local permit requirements can and will result in fines and penalties up to \$1000 per violation.

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For more information

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Jonesport selectmen news

by Nancy Beal

Jonesport selectmen Harry Fish and Denise Cilley met May 24 and dealt with bids on repairing and paving four town ways: Alexander Avenue, Feeney Street, E. Norton Circle and Lamson Lane. The only bid submitted was one from Carver Construction, offering to repair for \$156,975 and pave for \$199,500. At town meeting last March, voters appropriated \$300,000. The additional \$56,475 needed to meet the bids will be taken from a (rollover) road reconstruction account which has a balance of approximately \$90,000.

An ordinance governing fields of solar panels is ready to go before voters. Selectmen plan to integrate consideration of the ordinance into the school budget meeting, which is tentatively set for June 21 pending finalization of the budget by the school committee early next month. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance would precede that meeting.

Folks who take applications for

fuel assistance have requested the use of the town office conference room for a day near the end of July. Selectmen voted to grant the request.

The Summerfest committee has secured the attendance of two sheriff's deputies to patrol the July 4th celebration dance in the tent on the Ball Diamond June 30. An amount of \$600 has been set aside for the deputies.

Selectmen are looking for two alternate members of the planning board and, following an executive session, announced that they will also be advertising for an assessor.

Elaine Abbott of the Sunrise County Economic Council gave a presentation on community resiliency funding through which towns can apply for grants up to \$50,000 for infrastructure projects. No match is required and success with one grant qualifies towns to reapply for others.

The board's next meeting is set for 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 7.

Board will consider neighbor's appeal of cabin project

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

An appeal filed by attorney Mary Costigan on behalf of Machias resident Jeanne Tennison went back in front of the Machias Board of Appeals last Thursday, May 25. First heard on April 13, the Machias Appeals Board tabled that meeting due to technical difficulty.

Tennison's appeal asks for reconsideration of the Machias Planning Board's February approval of Graham Holdings' 12-cottage riverside building permit application. Before that meeting, Machias Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Brodie signed the building permit himself, citing an ordinance that

says the board must approve, approve with conditions, or deny all permit applications within 35 days of receipt.

At last week's meeting, the discussion centered on whether or not Tennison has standing to file an appeal because her name is not on the deed of the property. Tennison's sister Susan Marble explained that Tennison had been ill the day they closed on the property, and they were in the process of adding her name to the deed.

Ultimately the board voted 4 to 1 in favor of allowing the appeal to proceed, with most saying that Tennison had demonstrated she had a personalized and pecuniary

interest in the Graham Holdings development, which neighbors her home.

Now, the board of appeals will request written documentation of the planning board's process in approving the permit and then meet to assess whether the planning board carried out its duties concerning zoning and land use code, building code, or property maintenance code.

The next meeting of the appeals board has not been scheduled.

The Machias Board of Appeals is comprised of five Machias residents: Benjamin Edwards, Andrew Mulholland, Carol Christiansen, Tora Johnson, and Ann-Marie Evans.

House speaker pulls controversial bill to shelter homeless from prosecution

by Will Tuell

Speaker of the House Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Portland) has withdrawn a controversial bill that would have given homeless people legal protections from prosecution from trespass charges if seeking emergency shelter. The bill, formally withdrawn on May 25, drew attention from law enforcement agencies across the state, including the Machias Police Department, which took to social media to inform residents of its existence earlier this month.

"This bill is currently being considered by our legislature. It will exempt homeless persons from prosecution for criminal trespass and in some cases, aggravated criminal trespass. If passed, it will impact public and private spaces, businesses, private homes, parks, sidewalks, outbuildings and privately owned lands," the department said, adding upon news that

Talbot Ross had withdrawn the bill, "The sponsors of this bill have decided to withdraw it from the legislative process. Safe to say it would have been a disaster if they proceeded with it. Common sense seems to have prevailed here."

Machias PD added that they saw the bill as overly vague.

"This bill is entirely too vague in scope," Machias PD wrote, "It still does not address consequences or any course of action to address the trespass issue. There are a lot of 'what if's' that are not being addressed here. For instance, what to do with repeat offenders, property / business owners rights etc. I understand the intent of wanting to address the homelessness issue, but this bill seems to create more issues for the citizens who expect to have some type of security for their property."

Wright Law of Portland took issue with the Machias PD post,

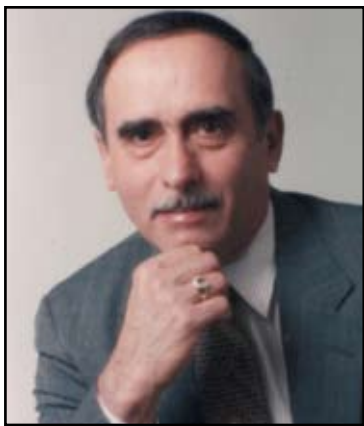
saying that in its view, the bill could have helped address the issue of homelessness, and that "the sky is not falling."

"It creates a legal defense TO a prosecution. That's it. People could still BE prosecuted. A homeless person would still have to *prove* homelessness if a prosecution was brought and taken to a trial - hence the term *affirmative* defense in the bill (which is not even law)," Wright said. "People could still be arrested. We can all relax if moving, arresting, and prosecuting homeless people out of sight is what you really feel the need to do - should it even become law. Seriously, the sky isn't falling and won't anytime soon even if it does."

Talbot Ross requested the bill be pulled minutes before a public hearing soliciting testimony was set to get underway.

OBITUARIES

Joaquim August Jr.
1937 - 2023



On May 12 we lost Joaquim August Jr., a long time resident of Wesley, Maine. known to us as Jack. To say Jack was talented is an understatement. He was an accomplished master carpenter and home builder. He also was an accomplished stained glass artist, roller skating champion, and Vietnam war veteran. Jack was born in 1937 in Fairhaven, Massachusetts and moved to Maine for the love of the state and its people. He is survived by his siblings: Victoria Marginson and Robert August senior; significant other Dorothy Baker; nephews Donald Cooper Jr., Robert August Jr, Larry August Jr.; nieces Vicky Cooper, Kim August, Janice August, Karen Goodhue, Mary August, as well as several great nephews and nieces. He is predeceased by parents Mary and Joaquim August, siblings Joseph August, and Larry August senior. Per Jack's wishes he is to be cremated and placed in the family's resting place in Massachusetts. Jack did not want to be remembered or seen in a state of death. Rather, he wanted those who loved him to remember the times you shared. If you knew Jack at all, you know when he had an opinion of mind he was firm without waver. The family asks you to respect his wishes. A celebration of Jack's life will be held in his honor at a later date and will be announced.

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Graveside Service

A graveside gathering for Kenneth Snowdeal will be held at Great Cove Cemetery in Roque Bluffs on June 24, 2023 at 2 PM. Please bring your memories to share.

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The Porter Poets invite local poets

The Porter Poets, a group of Downeast writers that meet at the Porter Memorial Library in Machias, are looking for local poets to join their group this month.

The group, organized by Les Simon and Gerard NeCastro, meets on the last Friday of each month at 2 p.m. Some of the poets gather in the reading room at the library, while others join via Zoom.

The group began around 2005 when local poet Kelly Lombardi taught a Sunrise Senior College class on Irish poetry in which she invited class members to write their own poems. When the class was finished, she invited them on a regular basis to her home in Roque Bluffs to share their work in progress. At that time, they called themselves the Salt

Coast Sages.

When Lombardi was no longer able to host the group, they found a home at the Porter Library, where they have been ever since. They were on hiatus during the early months of the pandemic but re-gathered on Zoom. Now their meetings are "hybrid." Lee Downing, Library Director at the Porter Library, always assures that the group has proper accommodations.

The Salt Coast Sages published one collection of poetry, titled "A Rump-Sprung Chair and a One-Eyed Cat," in 2010. The Porter Poets published "From a Far Corner" in 2018.

The poems that members write and share are as varied as the writers. Some write rhymed poetry, some in a form, some in free verse. In speaking about

the group, Les Simon says, "Your original poems, or some from your favorite poets, are the focus of the Porter Poets, a long tradition now in Machias."

The Poets welcome members of all ages and experience levels. According to NeCastro, "The idea is to practice our craft in the company of other poets who will offer their support, honesty, and expertise, all in hopes that we will learn to write the best poetry we can."

New members need only to show up. For more information, please contact Les Simon at lessimon@tds.net, Gerard NeCastro at gerard.necastro@gmail.com, or Lee Downing at porterlib@porter.lib.me.us or 207.255-3933. Their next meeting will be on May 26.

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has given so much dedication to the community, her patients, and the Ambulance Service. Lois's skill and knowledge of the job is unmatched, and she will be

severely missed in the profession by many, both inside and outside of Machias Ambulance Service. While she is retiring as Chief, [Lois] will continue to serve as a

per-diem Advanced EMT."

Following Libby's announcement, crew members voted to install Maker as their new chief.

"It is the honor of my life to be Lois' successor," Maker said via social media, "I have huge shoes to fill. I give my promise to the community and citizens that I will work my best to move Machias Ambulance forward while maintaining the patient care you've come to know and expect."

Machias Ambulance Service has also appointed a new assistant chief in Stephen Simmons, according to Maker, who also referenced the departure of longtime paramedic Sally Taylor on his social media.

"I'm incredibly thankful for my support group throughout this changover. Newly Appointed Assistant Chief Stephen Simmons, Amanda Fielder, my family, friends, my Crew at Machias Ambulance, and of course, Lois and Sally," Maker said. "For as long as I could remember, Lois and Sally were on the Ambulance. They've been the face of Machias Ambulance Service for a combined 60 Years of Service. The amount

of time, effort, blood, sweat, tears, and dedication these two have put into the Ambulance Service is unmatched. As a community, we all owe them a debt of gratitude and a thank you from the bottom of [our] heart."

Cindy Moore Rossi, a dispatcher with Washington County Regional Communications Center and member of the emergency services community, echoed the sentiments of many, including Maker, as word spread throughout the tight-knit community.

"Ryan, I know you can do this. That's [Lois's] a huge pair of shoes to fill. No doubt in my mind, you are the right choice for this position," Moore-Rossi said. "Chief Maker has a nice ring to it. Carry that torch right into the future. Your good-hearted nature will help keep our towns safe while attracting some new and young blood to join the amazing force that Machias Ambulance is. Lois, CHIEF LOLO, you have led by example to many over the years. You both [Libby and Taylor] have earned the time to run the roads and enjoy your adventures. The

words thank you are not enough. Know one thing your dedication, commitment, and love for helping others has been exemplary."

According to their most recent annual report, available on the Town of Machias website, Machias Ambulance "Over the past year, Machias Ambulance has responded to approximately 900 to 1000 calls including emergency calls in our local communities, mutual aid to surrounding towns, as well as emergent and non-emergent transfers to higher level and specialty facilities."

The service has also been faced with increasing demands, a worker shortage, and low reimbursement rates, which are threatening many rural ambulance services across the state and region.



Lois Libby, right, has retired from her position as Machias Ambulance Service Chief after 40 years of service. Ryan Maker, left, has been elected as its new chief. Submitted photo

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I think to myself, 'Have I lost my mind? What am I doing?' but then, most of the time, it's really good. I work with good people. I like the things that the commissioners support. They have been really good about letting me do my job. They do not micromanage me, and if any manager fears something, it's being micromanaged. They have been really wonderful about letting me do my job."

When asked about why she made the decision to retire, Fitzgerald said she is looking to reduce her workload and enjoy her retirement years while not slowing down completely.

"I work a lot of hours, and I would like to work fewer hours," she said. "What I hope happens here is that the county hires somebody to replace me on a day-to-day basis. There are some things I'm still going to be involved in simply because of the uniqueness of the situations, like representing the county on a board," she said, adding that her soft retirement date is July 1. "The commissioners are very understanding about that and have said yes. Hopefully, starting July 1, I won't be here on a daily basis, but if they haven't hired anybody, then I will still be here. I would go to part-time, and as the year progresses, I would become more part-time, and more part-time."

Fitzgerald, who serves as code enforcement officer for several area communities, said that while she would not be taking on additional communities, she has been doing code work since 1988 and plans to keep active with the towns she currently serves – Jonesboro, Jonesport, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville, Cherryfield, and Machiasport. She also will continue as plumbing inspector for the Town of Wesley.

When asked to reflect upon her career in county government, Fitzgerald recalled numerous trips to and from the state capitol in Augusta, representing the county commissioners at meetings around the state, and working closely with state and county officials to improve services at the county level.

"When I first started as county manager and attended meetings – outside of a very limited number [of places] – it was like 'you're from Washington County.' It was like Washington County didn't exist on the playing field for a lot of things that happened, and I've gotta tell you, I've worn out a couple of vehicles but I have made sure that whenever possible, that Washington County is represented at whatever it is that is going on. The commissioners do the best they can, but some of this stuff is during the day. I've got a meeting in Augusta one day next week at 1 p.m., for example. The funniest thing is when someone looks at me and [asks me why] you drove all the way down here and you're going to drive all the way back. It's not all that far, but the perception is it's Siberia, for Lord's sake. That part of the position has expanded. Before COVID I was in Augusta quite a bit."

Fitzgerald's approach to county government can best be described as that of a facilitator, or, as she puts it, one who doesn't have all the answers but who knows who to ask and how to move things forward.

"I guess one of the things I've always said is that I don't know a lot but I know who to call," she said. "I would call somebody and say I need to know XYZ, and I would call so and so, and move the project along. Shepherding some of the things that the departments

are doing, or just being supportive of the work here, is part of my job. I guess if I look at anything I've done, I've been able to be supportive for the commissioners, for the departments that are here. I may not agree sometimes with what's going on but that's not my job [to agree]. I just want to see things work for people in Washington County."

For all of that, Fitzgerald considers her most important accomplishment as that of ad hoc historical preservationist, saying that she and others fought hard to save as much of the look and feel of the original 1855 Washington County Courthouse during the state's renovation of the facility in 2015.

"It was really an interesting process as the construction went on in 2015. We rescued basically all of the historical stuff that was in the Superior Court Room," she said, adding that she argued with architects to save as many of the contents and character of the facility as possible. "and anybody who comes into my office now – here it is. Or the bench that was built back in 1896 or 98 is in the Probate Court Room. I mean we saved everything that we could. The State of Maine were going to renovate the Superior Court Room – because they wanted to put in all of the new modern stuff – and they were going to gut the room...He [the architect] called me three days later saying that he had used everything but three feet of bench and asked if I was okay with that. So [now] when you go up into Superior Court, the room was significantly renovated, but it doesn't look like it. I know that people value the historical nature [of the county courthouse]. I'm sitting in a building that was built in 1855. I

walk on floors that were put down in 1856. You can't replicate that."

This sense of history and the need to preserve that which previous generations of Washington County generations created, may have prompted Washington County's longest serving county manager to close with the observation that Washington County residents "undervalue" themselves and their way of life.

"I worry that people who live here undervalue themselves," she said. "I would put some of the folks here in Washington County that I have met over the years up against anybody in the world. In fact, I'd take them first because people here are resourceful. They are proud of what they have and what they've done, but they don't see that – at least some of them – I don't think people understand what they have here and how valuable it is. We have some secret stuff that nobody else knows about. I don't even know how to say it. I just worry that people don't understand what they have, and they're not proud of it, and they should be. If I have tried to do anything, it has been to represent the county in a positive light."

The Ten Commandments

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

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Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness.

Thou shalt not covet.

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REQUEST FOR BID

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Please submit your request in a sealed envelope marked "Roof Bid" no later than 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Interested parties can visit the school located at 44 South Street, Lubec, ME 04652 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Lubec School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids
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Bids should be delivered to:

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Superintendent of Schools Office
P O Box 190
100 High Street
Eastport, ME 04631
853-2567

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BUREAU OF RESOURCE INFORMATION & LAND USE PLANNING
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PUBLIC NOTICE

May 16, 2023

This is to inform all interested parties that the Town of Jonesport has requested that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry review the municipal comprehensive plan for consistency with Maine's Growth Management Act (M.R.S.A.30-A, Section 4301). As part of its review, the Department invites members of the public to submit written comments.

The Jonesport Comprehensive Plan may be viewed at:
maine.gov/dac/municipalplanning/comp_plans/

Written comments will be accepted by the Department through **June 21, 2023.**

Please submit comments to:
Tom Miragliuolo, Senior Planner
tom.miragliuolo@maine.gov

- OR -

Municipal Planning Assistance Program
Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022

MVNO000011788

NOTICE

The Town of Cutler is accepting bids for the 2023-2028 Snow Removal Contract

A copy of the contract and bid form may be obtained from the Cutler Town Office. Interested individuals must be bondable and proof of such must be submitted with your bid. Sealed bids must be received by mail or delivered to the Town Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. All bids should be submitted to: "Attention: Selectboard" and marked: "Snow Removal Contract." Bids will be opened and reviewed at 4:00 pm on June 15, 2023. A contract will be awarded at 4:00 pm on June 19, 2023. The Town of Cutler intends to award this contract to the individual or firm that provides the lowest responsible and responsive bid that is deemed by the Selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town. "Responsible" means the Bidder has the skill, judgment, integrity and ability to perform the work. In order to measure whether the Bidder is responsible, the Town is requesting the Bidder provide demonstrated ability in municipal snow removal operations and references. The Town of Cutler reserves the right to investigate the references provided as well as other sources. "Responsive" means the Bidder has submitted a bid that corresponds to and addresses the criteria and specifications in this Notice of Bid. The Town of Cutler reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any technical or legal deficiencies or any bids deemed by the Board of Selectmen not to be in the Town's best interests, and reserves the right to negotiate with any bidder.

*The Town of Cutler is an equal opportunity employer.

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Town of Addison

2023 - 2024 Shellfish Licenses

Resident Licenses

Resident Commercial Licenses will go on sale beginning Friday, June 23, 2023. Resident licenses are available to any person meeting the residency qualifications listed in the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. Fees are as follows: \$600.00 without conservation, \$300.00 with two (2) conservation activities and \$200 with three (3) conservation activities. Junior Student Resident Commercial licenses will be \$50.00 without conservation and \$25.00 with conservation. Senior Resident Commercial licenses are complimentary. Resident Recreational licenses will go on sale beginning Monday, June 26, 2023 and the fee will be \$25.00.

Any question in Residency will be addressed by the Shellfish Committee as stated in the Shellfish Ordinance.

Non-Resident Licenses

New this year - - ALL Non-Resident Licenses will be drawn by respective lotteries and issued on a 10% basis. The lotteries will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Addison Town Hall and begin at 1:30 PM. The following licenses will be drawn: Non-Resident Commercial, Senior Non-Resident Commercial, Student Non-Resident Commercial, Non-Resident Recreational, Senior Non-Resident Recreational and Student Non-Resident Recreational Licenses. Applicants must be present, with a picture ID and payment in full, at the time of drawing. Anyone not meeting these criteria will be placed at the bottom of a waiting list and will be notified by phone if and when another license is available. Licenses awarded from the waiting list must be purchased within five (5) business days from the date of notification.

Licenses fees are as follows: Non-Resident Commercial: \$900.00 without conservation; \$450.00 with conservation. Junior\Student Non-Resident Commercial: \$100.00 without conservation and \$50.00 with conservation, all Non-Resident Recreational Licenses are \$50.00 and all Non-Resident Senior licenses are complimentary.

Names for the lotteries will be accepted until 4 pm on June 22, 2023. If interested, please contact the Town Office at 207-483-4678. Regular office hours are Monday - Friday 8am- 4pm and Wednesday 8am - 6pm.

Licenses will be effective on July 1, 2023 and expire June 30, 2024.

Contacts: Shellfish Warden Shawn Dowling 207-598-7776 Shellfish Chair Philip Rusecky 207-598-8221

MVNO000011781



Machias students unveil revolutionary 3D Smart Rocket at Bangor's Challenger Center

Educate Maine, the Maine Space Grant Consortium, and MaxIQ Space, an international team that specializes in student space programs, announced this month that they would team up with 34 high-school students from across Maine to launch a high-altitude balloon and unveil a first-of-its-kind-in-the-world 3D Smart Rocket program. The event took place May 25, at the Challenger Learning Center of Maine, and showcased the technology of space exploration and inspired a new generation of aerospace pioneers.

High school students, teachers, and community members from Machias Memorial High School, Edward Little High School in Auburn, and Foster Career & Technical Education in Farmington, worked together to launch a series of science-based payloads via a high altitude balloon with the aim of collecting atmospheric data. The event featured the unveiling of Maine's Revolutionary 3D Smart Rocket Program, a first-of-its-kind initiative that combines 3D printing and modular electronics to enable rocket flight data collection. For the first time, students had the ability to analyze a series of data points to determine acceleration, vibration, g-force, altitude, rocket engine efficiency, air resistance, and much more. The high-altitude balloon is expected to rise over 30



Machias Memorial High School Principal Nicole Case, Science Teacher Jim Lenke, and eight MMHS students represented Machias at the event, including Evinne Reed, William Good, Tyler Evans, Aidan Preston, Sierra Colbeth, Brandon Buck, Pepper Beal, and Kayden Morris. Submitted photo

km or 100,000 feet.

The event is the culmination of a NASA Funded Maine K-12 Space STEM program that kicked off last November across 15 Maine schools and is designed to create workforce capacity for Maine's emerging aerospace industry. The ground-breaking program provided 15 schools with a series of satellite chipset programming modules and experiments and was the result of congressionally directed funding made possible by the office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins and awarded to Educate Maine.

“Because of efforts like Educate Maine, the Maine Space Grant Consortium, and The Maine Space Complex, Maine has an early-mover advantage in the space race for talent and skills,” said Judi Sandroek, co-founder of MaxIQ Space. “We believe that Maine is well-positioned to train its young people to meet the urgent need for a space-savvy workforce, and that these immersive experiences have the ability to inspire a new generation of innovators, explorers, and scientists who will drive the future of space exploration.”

Bills to expand access to ‘overdose reversal’ drugs inch closer to passage

by Will Tuell

A pair of bills designed to increase access to so-called “overdose reversal” medication are one step closer to becoming law after policymakers moved them forward recently. One, LD 1036, submitted by Rep. Nina Milliken (D-Blue Hill), would require law enforcement officers on patrol to carry and dispense naloxone, passed the House by voice vote early last week. The other, a bill authored by Senator Marianne Moore (R-Calais) that sought to expand the types of drugs that could be administered when an overdose occurs, passed the Health and Human Services Committee unanimously on May 17 and the Senate last week.

Milliken’s bill initially sought to mandate that all police officers

– whether on patrol or not – be trained and equipped to distribute Narcan, triggering a partisan split on the committee with both Democrats and Republicans making technical changes to the legislation. Ultimately, Democrats amended the bill to limit it to officers on patrol, while Republicans offered tweaks that would have made the legislation optional.

Moore’s bill, which is designed to expand the types of overdose reversal drugs available to Mainers, would position the state to offer newly emerging overdose reversal medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration, still faces a series of votes in both the House and Senate, but is widely expected to become law in the coming weeks.

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patients have access to the care they need, when they need it. We believe that the best way to accomplish this is by focusing on efforts to increase the pool of qualified nurses with expanded education opportunities, loan forgiveness and fair pay and benefits for those who choose to enter this rewarding but demanding profession.

We urge Maine legislators to reject LD 1639 and instead focus on policies that will increase access to care and support our healthcare providers.

Joe Bragg, RN
Nursing Supervisor
Down East Community
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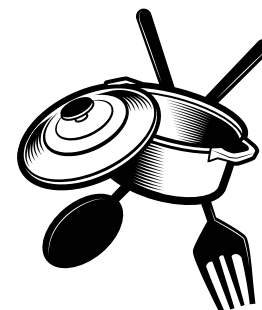
The Bluebird Ranch Family Restaurant, Machias is Now Hiring Cooks

We are offering full and part time employment for line cooks

Position Overview

The Bluebird Ranch Family Restaurant is currently seeking Line Cooks in a busy restaurant. Applicants should be a responsible, motivated, reliable, detail oriented and self-directed person who enjoys cooking in the fast-paced restaurant industry.

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If you enjoy cooking, take pride in your work and are looking for an opportunity to become part of a long-term TEAM, that is looking to grow and succeed together, then we encourage you to apply today! Besides that, the team likes to joke and encourage a fun work environment – we work hard but we play as well! Wage is negotiable depending on experience, references and skills.

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- High School diploma; college degree or applicable experience.
- Excellent decision-making skills, professionalism, and desire to provide quality service to clients.
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- Tribal Health billing and coding along with RPMS system experience a plus.

Submission of applications/resumes will remain open until the position is filled. Application/resumes can be submitted by mail, email and/or delivered in person to:

Sara Nicholas, Deputy Director - WIC Director
Passamaquoddy Health Center
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(207) -796-2321 ext.14 • sara.nicholas@ihs.gov

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Machias Memorial High School students pick up academic, athletic honors

by Will Tuell

Last week Machias Memorial High School announced a flurry of academic and athletic awards as the school year winds to a close.

Two Bulldog baseball players who have their eyes set on a return to the Class D state championship were named to the Downeast Athletic Conference (DAC) Allstar Team – seniors Ethan Foss of East Machias and Kason Ferguson of Cutler. Both were also an integral part of the school's basketball team, which won the Northern Maine Championship in 2022.

Bulldog softball players Seniors

Jaida Case, Jaydin Anderson, and sophomore Maleah Rhodes were named to the DAC All-Star Softball Team. Their coach, Kate Whitney, was named DAC Coach of the Year for the 2023 season.

Anderson and Case were also named DAC Academic All-Stars, along with MMHS students Maggie Allen, Jacey Barabe, Hayley Bisko, Shane Feeney, Emily Fletcher, Aiden Preston, and Chloe Savage.

MMHS Principal Nicole Case said in an interview following the announcement that the school is very proud of its students, both on and off the court, and is honored that they have been recognized for

their achievements by the DAC.

“Here at Machias Memorial High School, we pride ourselves on well-rounded students who are ready and engaged to advance in life, and I feel that participation in athletics is an important aspect of their education. We are proud of our student-athletes – the performance both on the playing field or court and in the classroom,” Case said. “This particular class is very talented athletically and also academically. We are quite proud of them all.”

MMHS is located at 1 Bulldog Lane in Machias. The school can be reached at 255-3812 or by email at ncase@machiasbulldogs.org

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Farm Equipment Operator & Applicator Deblois, ME

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REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Valid driver's license
- Ability to work independently and without oversight
- The ability to identify and react appropriately to hazards
- Performing daily maintenance on tractors and other equipment (Training provided)
- The ability to follow written and verbal instructions
- Must possess a current applicators license and be able to obtain additional certifications as needed.

The position requires considerable physical activity, including walking and standing often. Employees must be prepared to assume uncomfortable positions such as crawling, kneeling, and squatting. Employees must have sufficient strength to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position including occasional heavy lifting and/or pushing and pulling of heavy objects. Employees work outdoors and are regularly exposed to dirt, dust, noise, adverse weather conditions, and mechanical hazards. We are located on Rt. 193, about 30 minutes south of Rt.9 or 15 minutes north of Rt. 1. Hours are 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Extended hours during our harvest season. This is a fulltime, year-round position including full company benefits. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, company paid Life Insurance, AD&D, STD, LTD, 401K Savings Plan and more. Pay rate is dependent upon experience. Apply directly at the farm or submit applications to:

Please contact: Jasper Wyman & Son
Jamie Spencer, Human Resources Generalist
P.O. Box 100
Milbridge, ME 04658
Ph: (207) 800-4664
Email: jspencer@wymans.com (Preferred)

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Community teamwork builds new dugouts

It was a beautiful Saturday to build dugouts at Southside Field in Machias! The new dugouts will be used by many but especially the Machias Memorial High School softball team. A huge thank you to all those who showed up this month to volunteer their time, equipment, and expertise. We are extremely lucky to be a part of such an amazing community. Pictured are: From Cobscook Construction, Justin Wentworth, Thomas Buck; ByUs Company/Bent to Last Metal: James Presley, Eric Buck; 10:31 Builders: Ariel, Ayden, Carter Wannemacher; Joey Hanscom of Hanscom Construction, Troy Case, Patrick Whitney Not pictured: Jessie Davis and Adam Simmons. Photo courtesy Patrick Whitney

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Superintendent of Schools Office
127 Snare Creek Lane
Jonesport, ME 04649-3138
Tel. (207)497-2154/Fax (207)497-2703

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Applicants should hold appropriate certification for the position they are applying for or be eligible for such. For more information or an application, please contact us at the Superintendent's Office, 1020 Sacarap Road, Harrington ME 04643. You may also email dfickett@msad37.org or phone us at 207-483-2734.

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Deckhand - Large Vessel

New DHC Inc., a Cooke Aquaculture USA company, is currently recruiting for highly motivated, career-minded and results-oriented Deckhands to join the Company's team. These positions report to the Captain.

Primary duties of this role include but are not limited to:

- Perform Watch-keeping duties as required;
- Perform fire and security rounds;
- Perform general maintenance and hygiene duties as directed, including painting, cleaning, planned maintenance work

This position is a 2 week on/off rotation off the coast of Maine.

Salary commensurate with experience which includes a competitive health, dental, & vision benefit package.

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MATE

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Requirements:

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Jasper Wyman & Son is seeking a highly motivated individual to join the **Human Resources** department! The **Human Resources Generalist** will have both administrative and strategic responsibilities, helping us to plan and administer important functions, such as staffing, leave programs, monthly reconciliations, data tracking benefits and more. The ideal candidate has a degree in Human Resources, Business Administration or related field, B.S. preferred, excellent written and oral communication skills, and keen problem-solving abilities. The HR Generalist position reports directly to the HR Senior Manager but works to support all levels of the organization. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Reviews, tracks, and documents compliance with mandatory and non-mandatory training, continuing education, and work assessments. This may include safety training, anti-harassment training, and other regulatory training.
- Assists in implementing new hire orientation and employee recognition programs.
- Performs routine tasks required to administer and execute human resource programs including but not limited to compensation, benefits, and leave. Other areas of assistance related to performance and talent management; productivity, recognition, and morale; occupational health and safety; and training and development.
- Ensures the accuracy of all benefits enrollments in the HRIS to provide vendors with accurate eligibility information and aligns with the Payroll Department.
- Performs quality checks of benefits-related data.
- Assists with the organizing of community service projects.
- Other duties as required.

Education and experience:

- B.S. in related field, preferred.
- 1-3 years of HR experience, preferred.
- Mastery of MS Suite, as well as other general office technology.
- Proficiency in English & Spanish, preferred.

This position requires the highest level of confidentiality from an individual who is a strong leader with the ability to motivate and ensure follow through on all projects. This is a perfect opportunity to join the Wyman's HR team and experience this exciting time with the company!

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Please Email resume & cover letter to:
Jamie Spencer, Human Resources
Wyman's
P.O. Box 100
Milbridge, ME 04658
jspencer@wymans.com (preferred)
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Healthy Acadia, a non-profit community health coalition providing health services primarily in Washington and Hancock counties and across Maine, is seeking compassionate and motivated individuals to join a dynamic team passionate about making it easier for all people to lead healthier lives.

Internship Opportunities - Maine Recovery Core

Maine Recovery Core interns offer direct peer support with the aim of improving recovery success among individuals facing substance use disorders. Community-serving organizations across northern and eastern Maine serve as host sites for one or more Recovery Core interns who support clients within the service area of the host site. Recovery Core interns are trained as recovery coaches to support individuals in all stages of recovery in various settings. Interns are currently needed to serve in Kennebec (up to 20 hours/week), Hancock and Washington counties (up to 35 hours/week). Pay rate is \$13.80/hour. Apply at bit.ly/Maine-recovery-core.

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Key Responsibilities:

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- Take care of Clients and reach out to potential clients and present advertising options that are best suited to their needs and budget.
- Set prices and terms of the advertising contract with the client enter details in to Sales System.
- Build and maintain long-term relationships with clients by providing excellent customer service and addressing their concerns promptly.
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- Ensure delivery: Ensure that all advertising materials are delivered on time and within the agreed pricing and descriptions.
- Meet or exceed sales targets set by the company.

Qualifications:

- Marketing or sales experience, advertising, business administration or related field.
- Proven sales experience in advertising, media or related field.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment.
- Strong negotiation and sales skills.
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- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

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ENGINEER

New DHC is currently recruiting for a highly motivated, career-minded and results orientated Engineer to join the Company's vessel fleet. This position is located off the coast of Maine.

The Role:

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The successful candidate will have three (3) years' experience as a qualified designated Duty Engineer. Excellent people management and communication skills are essential to build effective crew and organizational relationships.

Salary commensurate with experience which includes a competitive health, dental, and vision benefit package and 401K.

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Applications can be picked up at 384 Ridge Rd. in Marshfield.

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Position is a 2 week on/off rotation off the coast of Downeast Maine.

License is not necessary; skills are what we are looking for.

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Role: The WIC Coordinator assists the Passamaquoddy Health Center Director and WIC Director in accomplishing the administrative and fiscal requirements of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. The WIC Coordinator is under the supervision of the WIC Director.

This a permanent, full-time position offering full benefits.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED required.
- Strong clerical skills in typing and filing.
- Sensitivity to cultural needs and differences.
- Experience or willing to learn nutrition education and lactation management.
- Experience and knowledge of basic medical techniques including CPR and First Aide.

Submission of applications/resumes will remain open until the position is filled. Application/resumes can be submitted by mail, email and/or delivered in person to:

Sara Nicholas, Deputy Director - WIC Director
Passamaquoddy Health Center
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(207) -796-2321 ext.14 • sara.nicholas@ihs.gov

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Must be able to work independently; have strong interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills; promote feelings of trust and security by establishing strong, caring relationships; and display tact, discretion, and sound judgment.

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For a job description, request an application, or submit a resume contact: Sierra Morrison, HR
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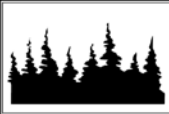
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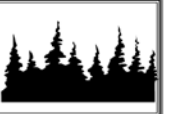
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OUTDOORS IN MAINE



For the Love of Loons

By V. Paul Reynolds

The Common Loon is such a revered and iconic waterbird in Maine and elsewhere that an outdoor writer who implores his readers to keep a sober perspective about this celebrated critter does so at his own peril.

But here goes:

Grand Lake Stream in Princeton is arguably Maine's most fabled and frequented fly fishing water for landlocked salmon. The stream, which runs between West Grand Lake and Big Lake, gets its flow from the waters of West Grand Lake via a dam with a spillway. The flow of the water through this dam is controlled by Woodland Pulp and Paper in Baileyville. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses this dam, and Woodland Pulp and Paper must adhere to the FERC

requirements when it comes to drawing down the lake or blocking the flow into the stream.

The third week in May, this popular section of moving water was practically unfishable due to record low stream flow for this time of year.

The culprit? Nope, not the dry spring. From all reports, water levels on the lake above the dam are unusually high, almost over its banks. So why is the stream being denied a flow of water from the lake?

Answer: Apparently, to accommodate the loons during their nesting season! The FERC license requires that the dam operators stabilize the lake level between May 15 and July 15. This is called the "loon nesting window" and is intended to minimize flooding of a potential loon nest.

Here is the regulatory language from the Woodland Pulp and Paper's FERC license:

To protect smallmouth bass and enhance nesting conditions for common loon and breeding conditions for muskrat and beaver, the license requires Woodland Pulp to limit impoundment level fluctuations at the Sysladobsis and West Grand impoundments to less than a 6-inch increase and 1-foot decrease from May 15 to July 16.

It is the nature of regulatory actions to deal with competing interests. In this case, it's the loons and beavers versus anglers, the economy at Grand Lake stream, and, perhaps, the salmon themselves, who need fast-flowing, highly oxygenated water to survive.

Given the fact that loon populations in Maine are on the rise, and that natural predators,

boat strikes, and boat wakes are the single greatest cause of loon mortality, not water levels, common sense would suggest a compromise, or a temporary relaxing of the FERC loon nesting provision so that stream levels can be returned to at least minimum flows.

Good luck in cutting through the layers of regulatory bureaucracy to find out who has the authority to allow Woodland Pulp to open the spillway. Parties involved include, Woodland Pulp and Paper, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, FERC, and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

At press time, with the exception of the waterbird research leader at MDIF&W, none of the regulatory agencies have returned my repeated phone calls in an attempt to get

information.

For thousands of years, long before these regulatory agencies set up shop, the loons, and beavers survived all manner of climatic and meteorological upheaval. Today, loons and beavers in Maine are doing very well. Do regulations always have to trump common sense? Shouldn't we strive to strike a balance in our regulatory approach to protecting wild things, even with the ones whose haunting vocalizations enthrall us so?

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The Nature of Phenology

A weekly feature on the timing of outdoor occurrences

By Hazel Stark and Joe Horn

Blue-eyed grass

by Joseph Horn

Back in my college days, I had a summer internship that took me to Missouri — the first time I had ever lived in a landlocked state. Specifically, I was in the southeast corner of that state in the Ozarks, where the landscape was as crinkly and rugged as my hands and feet after soaking in a tub for too long. The flinty, dry pine and blueberry uplands cascaded haphazardly into lush, moist bottomlands full of sugar maple, paw paws, sassafras, persimmon, and great cane. I was a field botanist tasked with identifying the species of plants as part of a long study on fire regimes and biodiversity. Punctuated throughout

the study area were small grasslands we called dolomite glades, so-called for the dolomite bedrock that sat near or on the surface, changing the pH drastically and, therefore, the plant communities. It was in these glades that I discovered two things that nearly blew my mind. The first was a small parasitic mite called a chigger, whose intense burning itch made me long for black flies. The second was a small grass-like plant that was topped with a delicate, small blue flower—the aptly named blue-eyed grass, which can right now be seen flowering across our fine New England state of Maine.

Blue-eyed grass, or as we field botanists call it, *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*, is a common plant

from eastern Canada and Maine west to Minnesota and south to Florida and Texas. I've seen it growing in perfusion in glades, lawns, roadsides, and most other areas that have fairly bright sun and a good deal of short to medium-length grass. Short or medium grass is important, as larger species easily overtop blue-eyed grass. The largest blue-eyed grass only grow to be about eighteen inches tall with narrow leaves.

Contrary to the plant's common name, blue-eyed grass is not a grass at all but rather a member of the *Iridaceae*, or iris family. If the eager naturalist gets down and inspects the plant closely, this botanical grouping makes sense. Much like a minuscule iris, the few thin leaves of the plant are equitant—that is to say that, like irises, the leaves are overlapping one another at the base in an almost fan-like fashion.

Out from the center of these equitant leaves grows a stem atop which the flowers bloom, but this is where the similarities with irises of gardens and wetlands seem to drop off. Rather than the quintessential fleur-de-lis shape of most irises, blue-eyed grass has a somewhat more modest structure. Being in the iris family, however, it does have petals in multiples of three—six in this case—and in color, ranges from light periwinkle to deep violet with a yellow center. The petals are arranged in a fairly typical star shape, as is common for so many flowers. Multiple flowers usually appear on each stem, but only one flower will typically bloom at a time.



Contrary to its name, blue-eyed grass is not a grass but a member of the iris family. Photo by Hazel Stark

While blue-eyed grass is a handsome plant in its own right, grown up in its own wild community of grasses, sedges, and small forbs, it can also make a handsome and showy addition to a native garden. When in such a planting, the underground rhizomes will spread more easily, forming dense spiky clumps of foliage topped with many flowering stems, just as irises tend to do. And like those common garden perennials, blue-eyed grass will also come back year after year and can easily be divided and planted out again into more and more colonies over the years. If you want a somewhat wilder look in your lawn, but still one with ample flowers, you can also plant the rhizomes of blue-eyed grass right into your lawn, just like crocuses, so you can enjoy the flowers coming up right amongst the grass.

So this weekend, consider keeping an eye to the grassy places in your

ramblings for the bluish-tinged leaves and periwinkle flowers of the often overlooked blue-eyed grass. If you happen to be thinking of doing some gardening, you could check in on your favorite native plant nursery for some specimens of this lovely little plant for your own home gardens.

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Summer tanager visits Machiasport

Harry Lingley of Machiasport is a devoted bird enthusiast and recently spotted this summer tanager visiting a nearby tree. He looked back over his years of records and found he had sighted another summer tanager on the exact same day in 2012. "And this bird was in pretty much the same trees!" said Lingley. "This time, it was the unusual call that attracted my attention." Summer tanagers are an unusual sight in Maine because New Jersey is the typical northern limit of their range. Lingley supplements his own bird identification knowledge with the app Merlin Bird ID. Photo by Judy Lingley