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Maine Senate kills county DA bill in midst of rising crime Downeast

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

First established in 1987 and unchanged in 35 years, Maine's eight prosecutorial districts now seem certain to survive another year unaltered. Last week, the Maine Senate voted 14-16 to leave LD 272, *An Act To Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine* on the table, where it will likely die.

The bill aimed to give Washington County its own district attorney by creating a new prosecutorial district and its fate remains a source of frustration for local legislators and law enforcement who say that Washington County needs more prosecutorial help now, of all times, and that its voters are unable to

fairly participate in elections. Since the districts were formed in 1987, its district partner Hancock County has grown to be 75 percent larger than Washington County.

As of 2019, Hancock County had a population of 54,601, and Washington County had a population of 31,491.

"Unfortunately when it comes to voting, if we're in a district together, Hancock is always going to have the advantage as far as voting goes," said Rep. Will Tuell (R-E. Machias), who sponsored the bill. "Every 10 years we redistrict our house and senate seats because of population changes and shifts, and yet the district attorney districts

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Three local girls seek help to travel to horse show in Oklahoma

by Natalie Boomer

Three young girls from The Future Stars Horse Club at Little Oak Farm in Wesley are looking to their community for help in making their dreams a reality.

They have been busy selling raffle tickets to raise money for a very special trip. These girls, and their beloved horses, would love to compete in the Morgan Youth Oklahoma Championship Show in October.

Thirteen-year-old Aria Lombardo has a gray Morgan colt who was born right on the farm. She hopes to show at Worlds in Hand, and possibly Harness.

"She wants to show in

showmanship, and her age division for western and hunt seat pleasure and equitation on a gelding we have here named Strike Zone," said farm owner of Janine Hawkins.

For years, the eighth-grader has been working hard to be able to participate in the Oklahoma National Show.

"I never thought my love for horses would get me to this point. I am excited, nervous, and happy to represent Downeast with Zoey and Rae," said Lombardo.

"We all work so hard every day for this. It's not just riding horses. We clean stalls, we groom horses, we do horse

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County donates cruiser to CWCIT auto tech program

Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology Director Lucille Wiley and Automotive Instructor Joshua Wilbur were on hand Friday to accept delivery of this 2018 Ford Cruiser, donated to the Columbia career and technical education school by the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Wilbur says he expects his students will be eager to work exclusively on the cruiser, which is newer than most of the vehicles in their workshop. From left to right, Deputy Eric McLaughlin, Director Lucille Willey, Sheriff Barry Curtis, Deputy Abby Allen, Automotive Instructor Joshua Wilbur. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Nursing shortages 'created' by hospital practices

by Ruth Leubecker

Complicated by COVID and a nationally spiraling need, hospital nurses have become an attractive commodity, often rewarded handsomely to rethink where they

work.

Registered nurses make up the largest segment of the healthcare workforce, with more than three million nationally on the job. However, burnout and multiple

back-to-back shifts are exacting their toll, and millions are retiring at the average age of 51.

Without sustainable action, the nation's statisticians predict a

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Commissioners support 'Sheriff's Garden', wage increases

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Healthy Acadia's Food Program Manager Regina Grabrovac was the first to present at this month's meeting of the Washington County Commissioners, held Thursday,

Feb. 10, at the county courthouse in Machias.

Grabrovac, who is well known throughout the county for her work on behalf of food security and Downeast farmers, attended

the meeting to deliver a Healthy Acadia proposal that would create a community gardening project on county land.

"Gardening has long been

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At Sipayik, Edison phonograph will help tell Passamaquoddy history



Sipayik Museum Director and Curator Dwayne Tomah and Carlene Holmes of the Machias Historical Society stand behind an original 1901 Edison phonograph, on loan to the museum from the Jonesport Historical Society. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

By Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Dwayne Tomah is delighted. He's on his way home from Jonesport, where the local historical society has just offered to lend him an original 1901 Edison phonograph. Passing through Machias, he can't resist stopping to share the excitement with fellow history enthusiast, Carlene Holmes, who organizes Machias' Revolutionary-era history festival, Margaretta Days.

Holmes is delighted, too. "This is actually a Thomas Edison machine. This is the wax cylinder sleeve, here," says Tomah, pointing, then he winds the crank and sets the needle down on the black wax cylinder. Out comes a tinny yet enthusiastic performance of 1904's song *The Preacher and the Bear*,

sung by Arthur Collins.

Many people envision phonographs as early record players, and later versions did use discs. But the earliest phonographs used hollow wax cylinders, about 2 inches in diameter, and four inches long.

Tomah is a respected Passamaquoddy language expert and the curator and director of the Sipayik Museum at Pleasant Point. At the museum, he plans to use the phonograph to demonstrate how 19th-century anthropologist Jessie Walter Fewkes would have made and listened to the world's first field recordings, made in Calais in 1890 of Passamaquoddy tribal members singing and speaking.

Today, those Passamaquoddy

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Free community dinners

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.

Library house plant sale and clipping swap March 12

Just when we think we can't wait another moment to see growing things, Porter Memorial Library to the rescue with its 2nd Clipping Swap and House Plant Sale, to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 12.

Do you have houseplants you can split and share? Please bring them to the library! Potted slips can be donated for sale, and clippings can be set out to exchange and share with your fellow indoor

gardeners.

Porter Memorial Library has served the greater Machias community from its beautiful stone library since 1893. For more information, call 478-4378. Porter Memorial Library is located at 92 Court Street. We are open Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To learn more, call 255-3933, or visit www.porter.lib.me.us. Follow us on Facebook, too!

Upcoming Machias meetings

The Machias Board of Selectmen will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Machias Telebusiness Center, Stackpole Road. The board meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. Next month, the board will meet Wednesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 23.

The Machias Planning Board will hold its March meeting at 7

p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at the Machias Town Office.

The Machias Budget Committee will begin meeting to discuss the 2022-23 fiscal year budget in March. Those meeting dates and times are as yet unscheduled but will appear here when they are finalized. More information is available at www.machiasme.org, including the minutes of past meetings. The town office can be reached by calling 255-6621.

A big thank you to the firemen who fought the fire at our house in the worst storm of the year. Bitter cold, snowy and windy. Bless them.

*Thank you so much,
Charles & Marilyn Fritz*

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Maine's unique senior colleges

by Anne Archie

Sunrise Senior College is bigger than it seems! The Washington County-based volunteer organization is one of 12 senior colleges in Maine. Maine is the only state in the US with a Senior College Network. The network was founded at the University of Southern Maine (USM) following the establishment of a successful Senior College on the Portland campus in 1996. In 1999, Maine's Legislature approved an appropriation that assigned funding to USM to support a senior college initiative statewide.

The Senior College at USM went on to assist in developing 16 additional Senior College sites across Maine. Today the network of 17 colleges reaches from Fort Kent in Arrostock County to Wells in southern Maine, Bethel in western Maine and Machias in Washington County!

Anne Carsdale has been the Maine Senior College Network (MSCN) Program Director since September 2014. USM still supports the Maine office and she works closely with the senior college now known as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI); OLLI is the largest senior college in the state and very supportive of the Maine Senior College network.

The Maine Senior College Network (MSCN) depends on dedicated volunteers. Without volunteers, there would not be any senior colleges! Volunteer instructors run classes and serve on the boards that manage the senior colleges. The MSCN office is a resource hub for the network. It aims to help the leaders of the colleges by sharing information across the network, helping with technology, and encouraging college leaders to meet together and share their experiences and ideas. Many of the colleges face similar issues at some point, and hearing from each



other helps navigate the next steps. MSCN also promotes the network and represents the 17 colleges by attending statewide meetings, health fairs, and conferences.

Ms. Carsdale believes that senior colleges will continue for another 20 years at least. They may take on a slightly new look as online technology can reach and enrich isolated people at home. If the senior colleges continue to deliver online classes they will build an online lifelong learning community. However, it is vital to keep face-to-face meetings, classes, lectures, and social gatherings running simultaneously alongside online classes and events. Through technology, instructors can be anywhere in the country but can teach a class gathered together in Machias, for example, chat with them and show them videos and a PowerPoint. This way, classes will have many more high-quality instructors available to enrich participants who are gathered together and enjoying each other's company in the classroom! Those who live too far away or cannot get to the college because of health reasons can still join the class from their homes using online technology such as Zoom. It sounds like science fiction, but we are very close to seeing such opportunities!

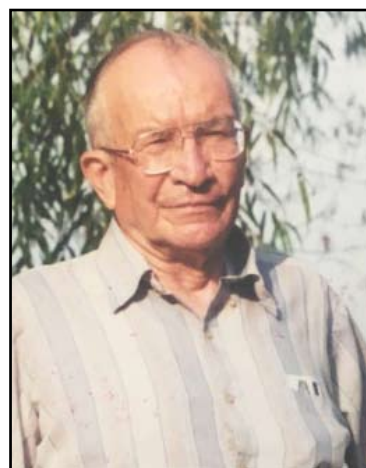
Sunrise Senior College is proud to be part of this unique educational system in Maine. Check out the fun and easy classes and activities at maine.edu/ssc Membership is \$25 per year and it will take you to new and interesting places through zoom. Take a look – you will like what you see!

Nominations sought for Norman W. Duzen community service award

The Washington County Extension Association seeks nominations for the 2022 Norman W. Duzen Volunteer Award, honoring a Washington County resident whose volunteerism has enhanced the lives of community members.

Norman W. Duzen had a special place in his heart for the people of Washington County and donated many hours of his time to make their lives better. University of Maine Cooperative Extension Washington County staff and the WCEA Executive Committee established the Norman W. Duzen Community Service Award in his honor. The recipient will receive a wooden keepsake box, engraved with their name, at the WCEA annual meeting. The recipient's name also will be added to a plaque at the Washington County UMaine Extension office.

The deadline for nominations is



Norman W. Duzen. Photo courtesy of Betty Duzen

Friday, April 1. Nominee forms and more information are available on the award webpage [extension.umaine.edu/washington/duzencommunityserviceaward] or by contacting 800.287.1542 (in Maine), 207.255.3345; tara.a.wood@maine.edu.

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Be a lifesaver: overdose response and naloxone training March 11

The Community Caring Collaborative (CCC) and Maine Access Points (MAP) invite you to join us for a free virtual lunch and learn event on March 11th: *Be A Life Saver: Overdose Response & Naloxone Training*. This educational event will be held on Zoom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Hour Certificates will be provided.

Our communities have been significantly impacted by opioid overdoses in recent years. With a continuing increase in fentanyl-contaminated substances, we encourage all community members to be aware of the signs of opioid overdose and trained in

overdose response and naloxone administration. Naloxone is an opioid reversal medication that a bystander can easily administer. "While Naloxone only reverses the effects of opioids, this training is beneficial for all since many other street drugs are now contaminated with fentanyl analogues," says Chasity Tuell, Washington County Program Director with MAP, who is delivering this training with Abby Frutchey, CCC's Substance Use Response Coordinator. "So, I wouldn't want someone to think they shouldn't attend or know how to respond since they or their loved one uses a different substance."

Please join Abby and Chasity for this free virtual training that focuses on harm reduction in practice and harm reduction services available in our area by signing up at www.cccmaine.org. Following the event, participants will have a better understanding of the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, how to respond in the event of an overdose, and how to administer Naloxone. Participants will also have the option to have Naloxone mailed to them. "Everyone should carry Naloxone and know how to use it," says Chasity. "Lives truly depend on it. Naloxone is a safe medication that only enables a

person to breathe again and will do no harm if no opioids are present." Therefore, as Abby reminds us, "we can all be a lifesaver."

Maine Access Points offers Overdose Response and Naloxone training, Naloxone distribution, Syringe Service Programs (in Calais and Machias), Post Overdose aftercare and support, consulting and capacity building, as well as collective organizing and advocacy. For more information or to connect with our Washington County Program email chasity@maineaccesspoints.org or call/text 207-370-1042. Our website is maineaccesspoints.org.

The CCC is an organization that incubates programs and convenes and supports partners at the local, state and federal level working to improve the lives of all individuals and families in Washington County. Providing learning opportunities to the community through ongoing training is one of our core commitments. Visit our website, www.cccmaine.org, or find us on Facebook to learn more. Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter to stay informed about our events by visiting our website and scrolling down the homepage to the Wednesday Communique sign-up link.

New state Silver Alert law aimed to protect some of our state's most vulnerable citizens

Losing a child in a split second can happen to anyone but for parents of children with an intellectual or developmental disability the chances are higher and the worry greater.

"It was something we were in constant fear about," said Maeghan Swanson of Presque Isle who is the mother of a 12-year-old boy with autism. Swanson knows all too well that children with autism are known to wander or bolt which can lead them into dangerous situations.

Swanson's concern for her child and other children with disabilities prompted her to contact representative Senator Harold "Trey" Stewart. Their

conversation is what ultimately led to the creation of LD 28, An Act to Create an Alert System to Notify the Public when a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability is Missing. The bill was signed into law by Governor Mills on May 25, 2021.

"I was thrilled to see the support that LD 28 garnered throughout the legislative process. It's an example of the positive outcomes' parents can see when they advocate for their children, as my constituent Maeghan did for hers" said Senator Stewart. "By coming together with stakeholders and the Maine Department of

Public Safety we were able to address a serious gap in Maine's emergency alert system and fix it through the bill that I sponsored. I'm confident that this legislation will protect some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens and help to save lives in emergencies and am proud to see it go into effect."

To increase efficiency the Department of Public Safety incorporated the new program into the state's Silver Alert program which in 2010 was developed for missing senior citizens with cognitive impairments. The updated Silver Alert now includes both alert programs.

"This update to our Silver Alert program provides Law Enforcement and families in our State with another means to quickly disseminate information on a missing endangered person without an age limit," said Brodie Hinckley, Director of Emergency Communications. "It is another effective tool in our toolbelt to help during these stressful situations. I want to thank Senator Stewart and Maeghan for bringing this bill forward and working with us to update the current Silver Alert program."

Maine is now the 18th state and the only New England state to have an alert system for

children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"As the mother of a special needs child, I know all too well that often mere minutes can make a difference when it comes to finding a child that has eloped or wandered" said Maeghan Swanson. "The passage of this bill provides first responders and the public with critical information that will more than likely help save the lives of children across the state. For my son and for so many others, I am so grateful to live in a state that has moved in this direction and is striving to support our special needs community."

DOWNEAST TIDE TABLE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY



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25 Fri	5:15	18.4	5:54	16.8	11:50	1.1			6:10	5:11
26 Sat	6:23	18.4	7:03	17.0	12:15	2.1	12:58	0.9	6:08	5:12
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To Brian and Shelby Getchell, of Roque Bluffs, Maine, a girl Gabby Lee Getchell born on February 14, 2022 weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz., 21.5 inches long.

To Erin L. Frost and Spencer D. Ward, of Charlotte, ME, a girl Olivia Janen Ward born on February 16, 2022 weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz., 20 inches long.

To Sarah Sterner and Kevin "Trey" Murray, of Robinston, Maine, a girl Harper Lee Murray born on February 17, 2022 weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz., 20 inches long.



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Innovation grant awarded to eastern Maine Life Sciences & Technology Hub of Excellence

A group of nonprofit organizations working collaboratively to promote a Life Sciences & Technology Hub of Excellence in Eastern Maine has received a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation's Downeast Innovation Fund. According to organizers, the Hub of Excellence will build awareness in Maine and beyond of the region's depth and breadth of facilities, opportunities, and talent engaged in life sciences and technology. The Hub will create connections among R&D, education, entrepreneurship, and investment, provide networking and learning opportunities, and promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. The grant will be used to develop messaging and marketing materials, including a website, that will help job seekers, new entrepreneurs, and investors get connected.

Eastern Maine has the highest concentration of biomedical research expertise and National Institutes of Health funding in the state of

Maine and The Jackson Laboratory, University of Maine, Downeast Institute, and MDI Biological Laboratory are all located between Orono and coastal Hancock and Washington Counties and conduct federally-supported research in life sciences. Judy Sproule of MDI Biological Laboratory in Bar Harbor is one of the Hub's Advisory Committee members. Sproule says the group has already identified 28 companies, six research institutions, four academic institutions, five technical training institutions, two outreach organizations, 14 incubators, accelerators, and workspaces, and four economic and business development organizations which together comprise a supportive "ecosystem." "If this Hub is promoted and managed deliberately, it can spark more collaboration, innovation, and economic development," said Sproule, "and attract even more talent to the region."

Fostering Hubs of Excellence is a key strategy in Maine's Ten-

Year Economic Development Plan, which defines them as areas with conditions present for strong economic growth, driven by talent and a convergence of research, higher learning, skilled workforce, and business, and a livable, healthy space. The Eastern Maine Hub was the first to be officially recognized as a collaborator on the strategic plan by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

Other members of the initial Advisory Committee include leadership from the University of Maine, Downeast Institute, Maine Small Business Development Centers at Coastal Enterprises, Inc, and Mount Desert 365. These individuals met at an innovation networking event sponsored by Maine Community Foundation in 2019 and began planning for the Hub soon after.

Those interested in connecting with the group are encouraged to contact hub@lifesciencesmaine.com.

Jonesport looking into broadband

by Nancy Beal

Prompted by an expectation of federal infrastructure money, Jonesport officials have been looking into a way to bring broadband to the citizens not currently served by the local internet provider. Spectrum, that provider, is willing to hook up structures no further than 200 feet from the road without cost, Selectboard Chairman Dwight Alley said recently. Beyond that, however, users have to pay for installation. Sparsely populated areas also lack service, since Spectrum's optimum is 20 houses per mile.

The selectmen's assistant, Irene Rogers, has been gathering information from various internet providers, with varying degrees of luck. She said last week that she had had no response from Spectrum or Down East Broadband. On February 9, however, Mark Ouellette of Axiom Technologies came to town and gave selectmen a primer on broadband.

Over the next two years, he said, the federal government will make

approximately \$250 million in infrastructure money available for internet service to rural, unserved and underserved areas. Formulas determining funding he called "complex," and added that there was a match required of recipients that, in some cases could tap federal COVID relief funds. The Island Institute also offers a \$15,000 grant for broadband planning.

Ouellette advocated fiber optics over cable—Spectrum has installed cable in Jonesport—because fiber is faster, lasts into the future and is easily upgradeable. It can provide phone, internet and streaming, and it delivers recipients "what they want, when they want it, and for less money," he said.

Axiom is presently working with the town of Roque Bluffs on a system that will hook up every home and business in the town with varying options. The cost, he estimates, will run between \$1.5 and \$1.2 million, and 75 percent of it will be paid by federal grants. The town will own the system; Axiom will run it.

Other Jonesport news

Town meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. The warrant will include an article on aerospace rockets pursuant to a petition signed by 77 residents. The article will ask citizens to vote "to see if the Town is in favor of an aerospace facility being allowed to launch commercial rockets in the Town of Jonesport." The inclusion of the article in the annual town meeting was initiated by the recently-appointed Aerospace Committee tasked with writing an ordinance governing the launching of rockets.

The planning board is undergoing training with the town's attorney, John Hamer of Rudman & Winchell of Bangor. There will be a workshop at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 8 on the town's shoreland zoning ordinance. Rules stemming from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) constitute another subject of study.

David Rier was appointed to the Board of Appeals following the resignation of Jane McMichen.

MSB launches statewide \$100k 'YES!' Grant

Machias Savings Bank has opened the first round of voting for its year-round "YES!" Grant program, designed to support nonprofits and charitable organizations across the state that are helping to move Maine forward. Over the course of 2022, the "YES!" Grant will provide \$100,000 to organizations that refuse to take "no" as an answer to helping others succeed.

Each quarter, five \$5,000 grants will be awarded to nonprofits in a designated region. From now through March 4, people from around Maine can vote for their favorite nonprofits in Washington and Aroostook Counties. While the first round of voting is open to organizations in the Northern

and Downeast Region of the state, Quarter 2 will feature organizations from Maine's Coastal Region, Quarter 3 focuses on the Southern Region, and Quarter 4 is open to those in Central Maine.

"At Machias Savings Bank, we're always focused on moving Maine forward, and we know that the best way to do that is by doing it together," noted Melissa Denbow, VP, Community Experience Manager at Machias Savings Bank. "Supporting these organizations around the state allows us to directly support our fellow Mainers and all the wonderful work they are doing in our communities."

Participants can find nominated organizations online at www.

movingmaineforward.com/yesgrant and vote for their favorite nonprofits once during each 24 hour period. The pre-selected organizations on the voting page each have a demonstrated history of improving lives of community members in their region, but participants are also invited to write in any unlisted organization that they'd like to vote for.

After the voting period has ended, the top-voted organizations will go to Machias Savings Bank's Giving Committee, which will make the final decision about which organizations will receive funding. More information about the grant and voting can be found online at www.movingmaineforward.com/yesgrant.

Downeast Yesterdays

Stories from the past...
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Machias Lumbermen

An interesting article from an 1859 article in a Machias newspaper recently came upon on Facebook. I share it here.

The Machias lumbermen are getting their logs down in good shape. The Union that place says that the prospect for a good supply of spruce logs for the mills at East Machias is, since the heavy rain o last week, very encouraging. One drive of about 1, 00,000 came in last Monday. Another drive of about 20000,000 feet will be in soon. A drive 2,500,000 feet by Luther Hanscom is now in Round Lake on the main river, and will be in about the 20th of June. The Hundley Brook drive of about 1,800,000 feet and a drive of about 1,2000,000 on the Northern stream, are about



Pine log drive on the west branch of the Machias River, ca. 1950. The men are working their way across to "pick a jam" to dislodge logs and get them moving again. Photo courtesy the Ambajejus Boom House Museum, <http://themaineboomhouses.org>

hung up for want of water; quite size and handsome logs.

a proportion of these logs are spruce; those are being driven by Luther Hanscom are good

Messers P. Talbot and Sons of East Machias

Documentary of East Machias church restoration to proceed this summer

The fundraising and planning for the restoration of the First Congregational Church of East

Machias has met its initial goal with great success. A final decision has been made to

proceed with the TV documentary filming of the church's restoration this summer.

According to Michael Henry, spokesperson for Friends of First Congregational Church of East Machias: "There is still more fundraising to do, but our results to date give us confidence that we will be successful. We are grateful to the overwhelming support and generosity of our many donors. We now have several months to raise the balance. This is shaping up to be a special project for the entire community. Engineering will proceed immediately. We have made commitments for construction and restoration work to start in late Spring. We are looking forward to the work ahead."

Erica Famous, volunteer fundraising coordinator for the Friends group, reported: "Since starting this very fast-paced project less than three weeks ago, we already have over 125 donations for two-thirds of our restoration budget. The amount of community support for this project has been incredible."

The First Congregational Church of East Machias has long been recognized as a special Maine building in peril. This historically important church, built-in 1836, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The church was recently named to Maine Preservation Society's 2022 List of Maine's Most Endangered Buildings.

"Today it is among the most critically threatened architectural



The First Congregational Church of East Machias is one of the only examples of Carpenter Gothic architecture in Maine. A group of devoted volunteers is raising money to save the structure, which is considered one of the "most threatened architectural resources in the state of Maine." Submitted photo

resources in the State of Maine," said Tara Kelly, executive director of Maine Preservation. "Structural damage to steeple timbers has resulted in a dangerous level of instability, and if immediate action is not taken it will soon be beyond repair."

This project went into high gear in January when a national cable company expressed interest in filming the restoration of this landmark for a one-hour television special. The filming contract could only be agreed to if the community could immediately line up construction finances and qualified tradespeople to complete the work by the end of August. With the successful community effort now well advanced, the parties made the final decision on February 14 to move forward. The film production company plans ten or more filming days spread over this spring and summer. The production project will bring significant positive attention to Washington County, with millions

of views across America.

Over \$75,000 is still needed to complete the fundraising effort.

How to help:

1. To make a tax-deductible donation visit this GoFundMe page, "East Machias Church Steeple" <https://gofund.me/04346821>
2. Check donations can be made payable to First Congregational Church of East Machias Restoration Fund. Mail should be directed to: Friends of the First Congregational Church of East Machias P.O. Box 68, East Machias, Maine 04630
3. Funds may be directly deposited at Machias Savings Bank made payable to the First Congregational Church of East Machias Restoration Fund.
4. To volunteer with the fundraising effort please email: EastMachiasFriends@gmail.com

TRANSPLANTS BY PRENTISS GRAY

Your home is your castle

Our area here in Downeast Maine has a unique quality or feature that is hard to describe. It's more of a feeling than anything else. There is a particular sense of ownership that comes with living in this part of Maine. A certain sense of "Don't tell me what to do with my stuff" prevails around here.

Consequently, we were surprised by how few inspections, permits, and certificates were required to build a home. In other areas we've lived there are reams of requirements just to go day to day, let alone create something new. We've had our dreams dashed a few times by multitudinous rules and regulations. One time the steepness of a proposed driveway finished plans for a whole house remodeling. I really don't think driveway steepness plays into building plans hereabouts, at least not officially. I've seen a few driveways that probably require rappelling gear to descend in the winter.

Some naysayers might speak out about the lack of building codes and regulations in far eastern Maine. As far as safety goes they would have an argument. However, that would be quickly countered by the aforementioned feeling of autonomy in one's own place. Land is used as the owner sees fit and houses are constructed the way the owner wants them for the most part. There is a possessiveness in this feeling. "It's mine and I'll do what I like with it," are the bywords.

On the negative side, this possessive feeling also results in dilapidated dwellings being left to disintegrate, and there are quite a few of them. Repairs are made to the best of one's ability and the resources at hand. Which means baling wire and duct tape in many cases. This is as much a product of lack of resources, the ever present "I can fix this!" attitude of hardy Mainers, as it is the pride of ownership. But sometimes structures and land are simply ignored for many reasons.

What's really lacking is the "What will the neighbors think?" fear that is very strong in other parts of the country. I'm not so sure


that's a bad thing. I really can't see that kind of fear fitting in with the independence of Downeasters. I am subject to that fear, but I wish I wasn't. So, that's my dilemma.

We recently were discussing roasting half a pig or lamb in a pit and it occurred to me that while this would have shocked and horrified my neighbors down south, here no one would care. In any other place I've lived in the last 66 years there would have been multiple calls to the police and fire departments and possibly Animal control ending with me explaining my bright idea to a judge soon after. Here, in this blessed place, a neighbor or two might wander by to see what smelled so good. At least I hope it smells so good.

I'm not used to all this freedom, I think it's giving me hives. However, there are things I would like to build, things that would shock and distress different neighbors, but will be of little consequence here. Part of that is living almost a mile down a dirt road with no visible neighbors for 90 percent of the year, but the biggest part is that general attitude and feeling of independence. Sixty-foot wizard's tower, no problem! Field of dish antennas, let her rip!

Of course it's not exactly Liberty Hall, as my mother used to say. I would have to consult with the boss, my wife. I have solved those differences before however. I managed to sneak in two 20 plus foot vertical antennas by placing them on the top of a 30 foot high garage. Nobody ever sees them because most people don't look up. If they do crane their necks that far then we'll have even more "Stiff-necked yankees."

Maybe what I'm try to express is a "live and let live" attitude, or alternatively a "I'll live and you can grumble to your little heart's content" stance on life. Maybe that's a quality of "Intangience," which is a brand new made up marketing word, brought to you by the people who coined "Signage." Intangience is the level of an intangible quality that a product or place radiates. So, we got your intangience right here baby, whether you like it or not.



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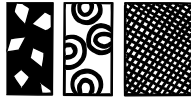
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What the Cuban Missile Crisis can teach us about today's Ukraine crisis

by Lawrence S. Wittner

Commentators on the current Ukraine crisis have sometimes compared it to the Cuban missile crisis. This is a good comparison — and not only because they both involve a dangerous U.S.-Russian confrontation capable of leading to a nuclear war.

During the 1962 Cuban crisis, the situation was remarkably similar to that in today's Eastern Europe, although the great power roles were reversed.

In 1962, the Soviet Union had encroached on the U.S. government's self-defined sphere of influence by installing medium-range nuclear missiles in Cuba, a nation only 90 miles from U.S. shores. The Cuban government had requested the missiles as a deterrent to a U.S. invasion, an invasion that seemed quite possible given the long history of U.S. intervention in Cuban affairs, as well as the 1961 U.S.-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion.

The Soviet government was amenable to the request because it wanted to reassure its new Cuban ally of its protection. It also felt that missile deployment would even the nuclear balance, for the U.S. government had already deployed nuclear missiles in Turkey, on Russia's border.

From the U.S. government's standpoint, the fact that the Cuban government had the right to make its own security decisions and that the Soviet government was simply copying U.S. policy in Turkey was of much less significance than its assumption that there could be no compromise when it came to the traditional U.S. sphere of influence in the Caribbean and Latin America. Thus, President John F. Kennedy ordered a U.S. naval blockade (which he called a "quarantine") around Cuba and stated that he would not permit the presence of nuclear missiles on the island. To secure the missile removal, he announced, he would not "shrink" from "worldwide nuclear war."

Eventually, the intense crisis was resolved. Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev agreed that the USSR would remove the missiles from Cuba, while Kennedy pledged not to invade Cuba and to remove the U.S. missiles from Turkey.

Unfortunately, the world public came away with a misunderstanding of how the U.S.-Soviet confrontation had been brought to a peaceful conclusion. The reason was that the U.S. missile removal from Turkey was kept secret. Thus, it appeared that Kennedy, who had taken a hard line publicly, had won a significant Cold War victory over Khrushchev. The popular misunderstanding was encapsulated in Secretary of State Dean Rusk's comment that the two men had stood "eyeball to eyeball," and Khrushchev "blinked."

What really happened, however, as we now know thanks to later revelations by Rusk and Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, is that Kennedy and Khrushchev recognized, to their mutual dismay, that their two nuclear-armed nations had arrived at an incredibly dangerous impasse and were sliding

toward nuclear war. As a result, they did some top secret bargaining that de-escalated the situation. Instead of stationing missiles on the borders of both nations, they simply got rid of them. Instead of warring over the status of Cuba, the U.S. government gave up any idea of invasion. The next year, in an appropriate follow-up, Kennedy and Khrushchev signed the Partial Test Ban Treaty, the world's first nuclear arms control agreement.

Certainly, de-escalation could be worked out in connection with today's conflict over Ukraine and Eastern Europe. For example, as many countries of the region have joined NATO or are applying to do so thanks to fear that Russia will resume its domination of their nations, the Russian government could provide them with appropriate security guarantees, such as rejoining the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty, from which Russia withdrew more than a decade ago. Or the contending nations could revisit the proposals for European Common Security, popularized in the 1980s by Mikhail Gorbachev. At the very least, Russia should withdraw its massive armada, clearly designed for intimidation or invasion, from Ukraine's borders.

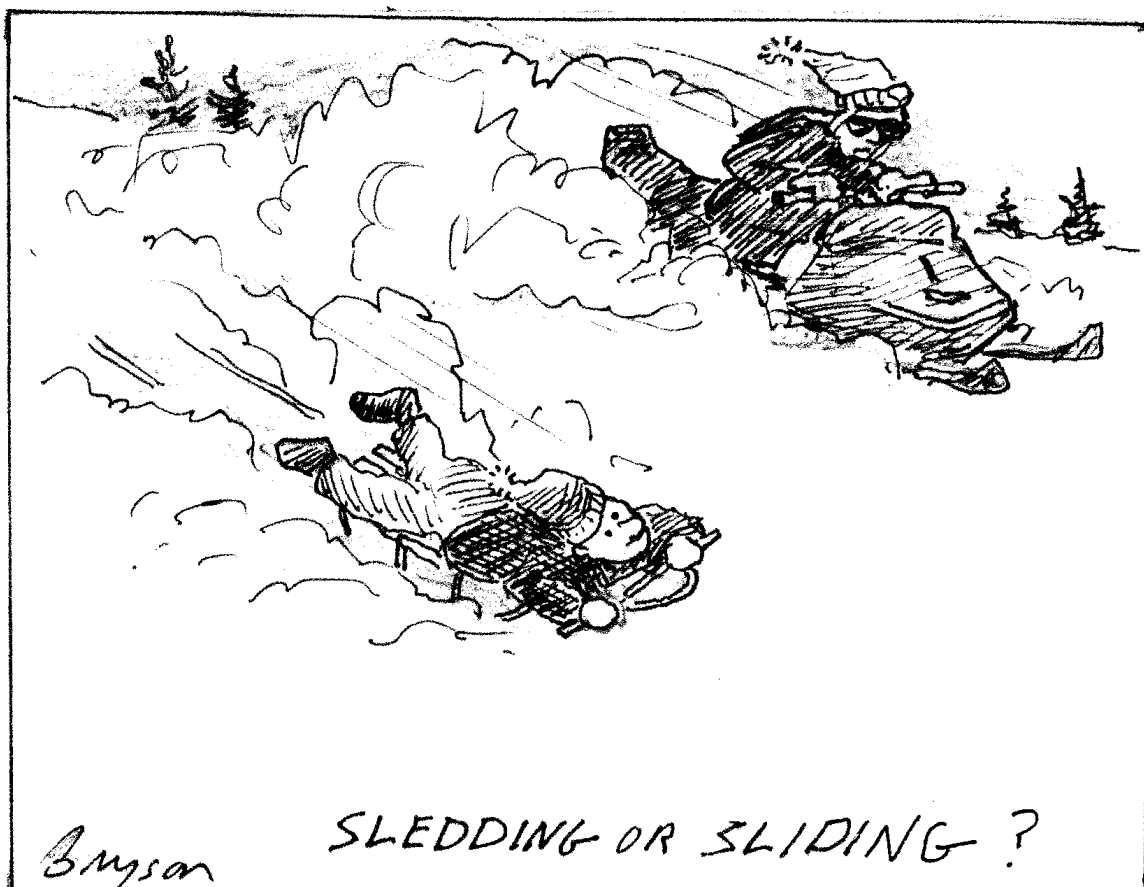
Meanwhile, the U.S. government could adopt its own measures for de-escalation. It could press Ukraine's government to accept the Minsk formula for regional autonomy in the eastern part of that nation. It could also engage in long-term East-West security meetings that might work out an agreement to defuse tensions in Eastern Europe more generally. Numerous measures are available along these lines, including replacing offensive weapons with defensive weapons in NATO's East European partners. Nor is there any need to take a hard line on welcoming Ukraine's NATO membership, as there is no plan to even consider its membership in the foreseeable future.

Third party intervention, most notably by the United Nations, would be particularly useful. After all, it would be far more embarrassing for the U.S. government to accept a proposal by the Russian government, or vice versa, than for them both to accept a proposal made by an outside, and presumably more neutral, party. Furthermore, replacing U.S. and NATO troops with UN forces in East European nations would almost certainly arouse less hostility and desire to intervene by the Russian government.

As the Cuban missile crisis ultimately convinced Kennedy and Khrushchev, in the nuclear era there's little to be gained—and a great deal to be lost—when great powers continue their centuries-old practices of carving out exclusive spheres of influence and engaging in high-stakes military confrontations.

Surely, we, too, can learn from the Cuban crisis — and must learn from it — if we are to survive.

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THE EDITOR'S DESK

Sarah Craighead Dedmon

As I write, my lawn more closely resembles a pond than grass, and as is so often the case, a stiff wind has followed the rains, leading to falling limbs and power outages. I'm not sure whether to wear snow boots or rain boots these days. To confuse things, a Bucks Harbor neighbor and I recently noticed some robins have returned, for me at least eight weeks before normal. What does a groundhog know, I think, anyway? Maybe this *is* an early spring?

Maybe. But there's also another possibility, and that is that we're now in Fool's Spring, the second in the popular rebranding of New England's seasons, of which there are now 12, not four.

First comes winter, followed by Fool's Spring, Second Winter, Spring of Deception, Third Winter, The Pollening and Actual Spring (which together make Mud Season). Then comes Summer, Hell's Front Porch, False Fall, Second Summer (one week), and lastly, Actual Fall.

Whether we're experiencing a late January thaw or Fool's Spring is anyone's guess, but as of Feb. 5, we are officially in Solar Spring, which marks the end of the year's darkest quarter and the beginning of the three months which bring us the greatest light gains we'll experience all year. In Machias, the hours between sunrise and sunset have climbed from an even 10 hours on Feb. 5, to 10 hours 49 minutes on Feb. 23. Maine will enjoy equal parts light and darkness on the spring equinox, March 20, and then it's straight on to summer.

Well, straight on to summer, just as soon as we get through Third Winter, the Pollening, and Actual Spring.



Letters to the Editor

Kingfish fish farm concerns

I am writing out of concern for the foreign company Kingfish constructing an inland fish farm in Jonesport along the shore of Chandler Bay. They are planning to build a large inland fish farm. The company will pump 28,000,000 gallons of water containing enormous amounts of nitrogen into Chandler Bay each day. The nitrogen, according to scientists, will deplete the amount of oxygen in the water in the bay. Much lower amounts of oxygen will cause the water temperature to rise causing an algae bloom. The algae bloom will be capable of killing all forms of shellfish growing and living in Chandler Bay and Englishman Bay. Millions of dollars worth of lobsters, mussels, scallops, and clams have been harvested there for years. Is it right to destroy the livelihood of shellfish harvesters

to make money for a foreign company?

I have fished Chandler Bay and Englishman Bay for 50 years. Kingfish claims the nitrogen and other forms of pollution will have little effect on the water of the Bay. I know from years of experience the water flowing into Chandler Bay is a stronger current than what comes out. So what goes into the "Bay" will remain there making an algae bloom possible spelling the end of abundant shellfish harvesting.

"Kingfish" promises local employment. The State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development thinks this is great. Only 10 of those numerous promised jobs will be skilled workers. Companies in our area cannot hire enough workers, now. How will Kingfish hire low-wage employees? I believe they

will employ migrant workers paying as little as possible to fill their employment needs. So the employment promises will probably fall short.

The company should be paying taxes, but it is my understanding the State of Maine is giving Kingfish a 10-year tax break. Will Jonesport also give them a tax break as well?

The Beals-Jonesport Co-op, Inc. and A.C. Inc. put millions of dollars into the area towns' economies. They have many fishermen from this area. Young harvesters let your voice be heard before it is too late. I will not be able to fish too much longer, but the younger harvesters have a lot to lose and Kingfish has everything to gain.

Robert L. Beal
Beals



THE VIEW DOWNEAST

BY RUTH LEUBECKER

Remembering February storms of another era

Historically, winter is far from over. For all those fans of spring, just because the first day of the season occurs next month, don't ever hold your breath in February.

Today we can't even envision what those ferocious blizzards brought us in February's past. After a February 12 storm dumped 30 inches of snow in Patten in 1952, more than 100 people emerged on foot and snowmobiles and trucks four days later, following snowplows and bulldozers that had freed them from northern Maine logging camps.

The last to arrive were 10 woodsmen who had been trapped behind 12-foot snowdrifts in a camp 45 miles north of Patten. Half of them had trudged four miles in snowshoes through shoulder-deep snow to reach snowplows that were clearing the remainder of the escape route.

Bush pilots dropped bundles of food to inhabitants until they could break out and reach civilization. Hard to imagine, but 70 years ago these awesome storms were often life-threatening traps, long before cell phones or any other means of letting worried families know where you were.

I myself can recall, probably

65 or 70 years ago, a terrific blizzard trapped several families in Pilot's Grill, and they had to break up and burn furniture to keep warm until rescuers could arrive.

In 1978, wind, snow and record-high tides battered southern Maine, slicing off two-thirds of the Old Orchard Beach pier, several buildings and wharves. Dubbed the "blizzard of '78," it would be the worst to hit New England since 1888, eventually killing 56 people. Four hundred homes were destroyed in York County, and an inn ripped off its foundation and slipped into the sea at Kennebunk Beach.

Firefighters were knocked to their knees trying to fight it as waves rose over a burning house while they tried to gain control. Many all along the coast were forced to evacuate, taking shelter in fire stations, churches and Salvation Army buildings.

Another killer blizzard pounded Maine in 1952, killing several people and leaving more than one thousand cars stranded on highways. The storm dumped 22 inches in Portland and greater amounts inland. Bangor was reported as "virtually cut off from the rest of the world," and several doctors at the height of the storm used horse-drawn sleighs to reach

mothers in labor to deliver babies.

Another milestone in a major storm: In the middle of a raging blizzard, Henry Wing of Lewiston produced the first daily edition of the *Lewiston Daily Sun* on February 20, 1893. This paper would later become today's *Sun Journal* in a merger with the *Lewiston Evening Journal*.

In February 2009, a brief but intense storm dumping heavy, wet snow slashed the power from over 130,000 CMP customers. This was the third massive power outage for CMP customers within three months.

However, many contemporary Mainers still harken back to the Great Ice Storm of '98 to focus on the granddaddy of them all. A powerful, debilitating storm slammed Maine pre-February this time, in January 1998.

Causing unprecedented damage, about 700,000 Mainers lost power for days while a thick coating of ice gripped trees and powerlines. Special publications and even t-shirts advertised the horrific event. In the wake of this storm, extraordinary destruction, the killing of four people and a cost to Maine of \$320 million exacted a skyrocketing toll.

FREEDOM STUDIES

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

Expensive, unreliable energy: Thank you climate alarmists and President Brandon

Over the last year, the price of gasoline and crude oil has increased by more than 40 percent, the price of natural gas has increased by more than 50 percent, and the price of electrical energy for Versant and CMP customers (about ½ the bill) has increased by more than 80 percent (thus increasing electrical bills by 40 percent or more). At the same time, sales of home generators to supplement an increasingly unreliable electrical grid have skyrocketed nationwide, especially in California where scheduled outages have made the golden state resemble Venezuela and Haiti. Maine's PUC chairman warned that Maine faced potentially catastrophic outages if intermittent (unreliable) solar and wind generation combined with natural gas shortages (we need a natural gas pipeline through Massachusetts more than a hydro energy connector for Massachusetts) and a severe cold snap created a perfect storm this winter which would put all those green new deal heat pumps and electric vehicles into "no mas" mode.

The increase in energy prices is the result of deliberate policy choices made by the Brandon administration at the behest of the climate alarmist lobby. Thank you Maine 350, Gov. Mills, and every member of the Maine legislature who has supported climate alarmism. Expensive gas, heating oil, propane, and electricity are on them. They can and will try to avoid blame, but it is absolutely clear that expensive and unreliable energy is their fault.

Among Brandon's first acts in office were executive orders shutting down the Keystone pipeline (the safest and cheapest way to transport fracked oil and natural gas), ending federal drilling leases, and hobbling fracking wherever and however they could. The subsequent reductions in US energy production led directly to the ongoing rise in oil prices.

The climate alarmist obsession with intermittent (as in unreliable) solar and wind has led to overinvestment in those plus the necessary natural gas backup

generation that we must rely on when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow (which is most of the time). New England in particular is dependent on increasingly expensive natural gas. Climate alarmism has increased the demand for and decreased the supply of natural gas, a sure prescription for higher prices. When Massachusetts wanted clean Quebec Hydro, a non-climate alarmist Maine Governor could have said- sure- just approve that natural gas pipeline we need to keep our lights on and service all those green heat pumps and electric vehicles we like to brag/virtue signal about.

Recently, three Maine Democrats/climate alarmists and energy policy experts appeared on Maine Public's (State Media) "Maine Talk". The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, the Public Advocate, and the Governor's Chief Energy advisor all took questions from host Jennifer Rooks and a like-minded statewide call-in audience. I had a class during the show, but sent in the following question/comment:

In my view, the high and rising cost of energy is the direct and predictable consequence of policy choices the Biden administration has made, including ending the Keystone pipeline and curbing federal leases and fracking. The reason is to make more expensive "green" alternative energy more competitive. Following this path, like Germany, we can expect increasingly expensive fossil fuels and electricity in the .30 to .40 / kWh range by 2030. Would you care to disagree?

Alas, Ms. Rooks chose not to ask my question. Maine Public has numerous climate alarmist underwriters (advertisers), listeners and supporters, including the Natural Resources Council of Maine, Efficiency Maine and of course Gov. Mills. It would not be prudent to rile them up by allowing such an impertinent question. It would be prudent for Maine citizens to consider who pays the bills for state media/propaganda, as well as who benefits from and who pays for climate alarmism.



Letters to the Editor

Mask mandates: follow the medical or political science?

Like a flock of sheep, we followed the "political" science of COVID-19 obediently off the cliff for two years. Medical Science has since proven the ineffectiveness of lockdowns, masks, and mandates. The paper on lockdowns from a professor at John Hopkins University supports the theory that lockdowns are ineffective. National Center for Biotechnology Information further states that mask-wearing and vaccine mandates are also ineffective.

As these two facts are clinically proven, why did the Biden administration oppress and punish the American people so brutally over vaccine and mask mandates? The Biden Administration rode us all hard and punished people in every way possible for not complying. Self-righteous "Mask Nazis" heckled and harassed those of us that refused to comply. I experienced this personally in my own community and family. I never responded in kind. Instead, I respected their right to wear a mask if they chose.

Many of the mask mandates

are being removed from state to state, as citizens demand to get on with their lives. But the Biden Administration refuses to cancel the mask mandate federally. The vaccine mandates are also still in effect even with school children., as the parents fight school boards for their kids' rights. Vaccine mandates continue crushing employees as they are fired from their jobs. The military is experiencing the same, as are most medical workers.

So what has this horror all been for? "Never Waste A Good Crisis". The Socialist Democrats running the DNC used this to increase mail-in, absentee ballots, and ballot harvesting during the 2020 election. Both Mask and Vaccine mandates are tactics to crush many small businesses and get the American people used to complying with the "state" (Feds) to control us like they do in other Socialist/Communist countries.

Hopefully, the American people learned something from this oppression. While the Canadian truckers are feeling the "boot on their necks" right now. it's

crucial that we watch totalitarian Trudeau's response. Biden and his socialists consult with Trudeau about how he can crush the truckers' "Insurrection" in Canada. The American leftist Democrats have some experience in labeling freedom-loving USA citizens as "Insurrectionists" and "Domestic Terrorists" on Jan 6, 2021.

I hope that the mask wearers that jeered at me and other non-maskers have learned something from all this. If not, they will be the volunteers in the front line facing us; when the time comes to suppress those of us that fight for our rights. Nazi deaths camps often used Kapos; they were inmates appointed as guards to oversee other prisoners in various tasks. Socialism in the American Democrat Party, you are either with them or against them. You can let them turn the USA into Cuba or Venezuela or you can fight back to keep our country free.

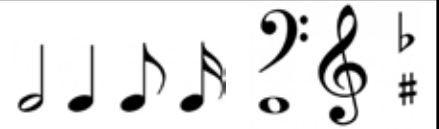
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UMaine Extension to host 'How Not to Kill Your Houseplants' webinar March 4

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer a webinar for home gardeners about effective houseplant care on March 4, noon-1:15 p.m.

"How Not to Kill Your Houseplants" includes tips for matching a potting medium, watering, lighting, containers, pest control and humidity to a plant's needs. Karen Ramsey, owner of Ledgewood Gardens Greenhouses in Orrington, will lead the workshop.

Registration is required; a sliding scale fee is optional. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive the recording link. This is the second in a five-part spring gardening webinar series offered through April for Maine gardeners. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207.781.6099; extension.gardening@maine.edu.

UMaine, UNH Extensions offer webinar on propagating trees, shrubs March 7

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Extension will offer a webinar for home gardeners on propagating trees and shrubs in winter months, from 6-7:15 p.m. March 7.

"Propagating Trees and Shrubs in the Winter Months" includes suggestions on which trees and shrubs to propagate during late winter or early spring dormancy, essential tools and supplies, and best practices. Bryan Peterson, UMaine associate professor of environmental horticulture, will lead the workshop.

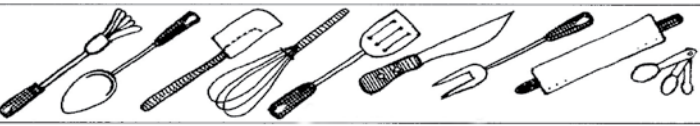
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to attend live or receive a link to the recording. This is the last in a six-part winter gardening webinar series offered monthly through March for Maine and

New Hampshire gardeners. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207.781.6099; extension.gardening@maine.edu.

Dining with Diane



I really loved this recipe. It's easy but looks fancy. Definitely use a small ice cream/cookie scoop to form them into a nice shape. These need to be shaped and then refrigerated so that they keep their shape while baking, so allow time for this step. I used frozen riced cauliflower, cooked for this recipe.

CAULIFLOWER TOTS

- 2 c. cauliflower, steamed & shredded
- 8 T. parmesan
- 1 T. butter
- 1 lg. egg yolk
- 1/4 t. onion powder

Place all ingredients in a small mixing bowl and stir together well. Using a small cookie scoop or tablespoon, drop onto a parchment lined cookie sheet. If using a tablespoon, you will need to shape them as best as you can. I prefer using a scoop. Refrigerate for 10 minutes to allow them to firm up. Bake @ 425 for 15-18 minutes or until golden and crispy. Move to paper towels to drain. Serve warm or room temperature.

NOTE: You can skip the 10 minutes in the refrigerator but the tots may not hold together as well after baking. I think it's an important step that you shouldn't skip.

PML introduces Moosabeckers to Bendable Power Hours

by Nancy Beal

A learning marketplace sponsored by the Maine State Library is being introduced to Moosabeckers by its local library. Peabody Memorial Library recently announced that a learning marketplace calling itself Bendable Maine, shaped for Mainers by Mainers, will be available as a series of webinars on a wide variety of subjects.

Topics will range from home hobbies to work-related skills suggested by major Maine employers, labor leaders, and workforce developers. They may

include webinars on managing personal finances, cooking, home repairs, and technology. In certain cases, classes will help aspiring workers meet license qualifications. All are designed as learning opportunities in concert with Maine's present and future economy.

Bendable Maine will offer dozens of choices on a variety of learning levels and delivery systems. Most content will be available via computer and smart devices. Some classes may be held in person. Minimal personal

information will be collected and never shared. The program's goal is to cultivate continuous learning, foster resiliency in the face of a fast-changing world, and improve one's overall sense of well-being.

The first Bendable Maine Power Hour, PML Librarian Heidi Hinkley announced last week, is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, February 24, and will feature playwright Mark Macey, currently the artistic director of Stage East in Eastport, whose subject will be creative writing. To join on Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us/j/99356565739>.

Eastport mural project to poll for community ideas

Eastport Arts Center has announced an upcoming mural project that will seek community input. Questionnaires will be distributed starting January 28th both online and at physical locations around the county. Respondents will be asked to share their perspective on the value of the arts and community, including memories, images, associations, etc. All respondents are welcome; the questionnaires may be returned in person at several Washington County locations, as well as accessible online.

Artists Ellen Nicholas and Kristine Gordon Moore will create mural sketches for a mural to be created in the Arts Center, based on questionnaire responses.

"I'm excited to have been given this opportunity," said Nicholas, who teaches K-8 art at Sipayik Elementary. "It is my hope that this collaboration will result in a piece of art that's warm and welcoming to all."

"I'm happy to be a part of this project, working as a small part of what this community has to offer," adds Moore, a multi-media artist who is the latest in a long line of traditional Passamaquoddy basket makers. "I'm mostly excited to interpret the voice of the community through art as we explore and recognize how it is woven into the fabric of our daily lives and lived experiences."

The mural project, which has been funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts

Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, has a six-month timeline. A culminating event, at which the artists' sketches will be revealed, as well as a documentary about the process and the artists, will be held at the Arts Center on May 21. Project organizer Mark Macey will lead a discussion on arts inclusivity.

Eastport Arts Center is at 36 Washington Street, Eastport, and eastportartscenter.org, and is handicapped-accessible. EAC abides by State of Maine CDC COVID guidelines. Additionally, at this time, patrons are required to wear masks when in the EAC building.



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PML awarded restoration grant by Davis Family Foundation

Porter Memorial Library in Machias is the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation. The funds will be used to repair damage around the reading room chimney.

“We are so grateful to the Davis Family Foundation for assisting us in this repair to one of Machias’ most beautiful and historic structures,” said board president Sarah Craighead Dedmon. “Taking good care of this building enables Porter Memorial Library to continue its vital economic and cultural work in Machias, as it has done since 1893.”

The Davis Family Foundation



is a public charitable foundation established by Phyllis C. Davis and H. Halsey Davis of Falmouth, Maine, to support educational, medical, and cultural/arts organizations located primarily in Maine.

The Foundation was established following Mr. Davis' retirement as President and Chairman

of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc. Their overriding goal for the Foundation was simple and straightforward: “to make grants where they will do the most good and where our gifts make a real difference.” The Foundation has provided more than \$63.5 million in grants since its grantmaking activities began in 1986.

Acclaimed progressive Acadian folk band, Le Vent du Nord at Gracie Theatre Feb. 26

The award-winning and highly acclaimed Acadian folk band, Le Vent du Nord brings their vast repertoire of hard-driving and soulful music to Husson University’s Gracie Theatre in Bangor on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

“I remember first seeing Le Vent du Nord perform at the American Folk Festival years ago. Their raw energy, talent and sheer musicality have stayed with me to this day,” said Jeri Misler, managing artistic director of the Gracie Theatre. “Local residents will be excited to know that they’re coming back to Bangor!”

Le Vent du Nord’s intense, joyful and dynamic music expands the boundaries of traditional folk music by embracing a variety of global influences. With concert performances that feature button accordion, guitar and fiddle, the band’s unique sound contains the surprising addition of the hurdy-gurdy. Their infectious melodies, combined with the passion of the musicians, is sure to have everyone on their feet.

As a leading force in Quebec’s progressive francophone folk movement, the group draws their musical inspirations from both traditional sources rooted in the Celtic diaspora, and original compositions.

Since its inception in August 2002, Le Vent du Nord has enjoyed meteoric success. The band has been the headline performer at over 1,800 concerts on four continents. Over the past two decades the group has racked up a series of prestigious awards including a Grand Prix du Disque Charles Cros, two Junos (Canada’s Grammys), a Félix at ADISQ, a Canadian Folk Music Award, and “Artist of the



Year” at the North American Folk Alliance Annual Gala.

In addition to awards, the group has appeared regularly on Canadian, American, French, and United Kingdom television and radio. Le Vent du Nord has also participated in a wide variety of special musical projects. They’ve collaborated and performed with a diverse range of artists including Harry Manx, Väsen, Dervish, The Chieftains, Breton musical pioneer Yann-Fañch Kemener, Québécois roots legend and master storyteller Michel Faubert, the Scottish folk band Breabach, singer Julie Fowlis, and the trans-Mediterranean

ensemble Constantinople.

The band performs at the Gracie Theatre on Saturday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert range from \$23.50-\$30.00 and are available by calling 207-941-7888 or visiting the theatre’s website at gracietheatre.com.

The Gracie’s season is made possible with support from Bangor Savings Bank. The theatre also gratefully acknowledges the generous support provided throughout the season by additional show sponsors including Downeast Toyota, Governor’s Restaurant and Bakery, the Mimi Foundation and Pepsi.

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This weekend! Great Machias Outdoor Winter Family Fun Day

Are you ready for a winter challenge? Build your own cardboard box sled and come race it down the snowy hill at Middle River Park at the Great Machias Outdoor Winter Family Fun Day!

Compete in the contest for best designs and the most spirit. Get creative and have some fun!

Put together a great-looking sled with a team of friends, family, or on your own. Get ready for the competition by registering your sled in advance with our co-host Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce by calling 255-4402. Online event info can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/1KmqSIH6>.



Lily and her cardboard box sled from last year! Submitted photo



Margareta Days Festival June 2022

Celebrating local 18th-century history, after a pandemic hiatus this year the Margareta Days Festival will return on Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, on the grounds of the University of Maine at Machias. The festival is the work of the Machias Historical Society, and is always scheduled in June in recognition of the first naval battle of the American Revolution, the Battle of the Margareta, which took place off the coast of Machiasport June 11-12, 1775. In this photo, Passamaquoddy language expert, museum director, and curator Dwayne Tomah performed several Passamaquoddy songs at the 2019 event. Festival organizer Carlene Holmes stands to his right, and a cutout of Burnham Tavern on the left highlights the place where the Machias patriots originally fomented their rebellion. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

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TOWNS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Belated Valentine thoughts

by Wayne Smith

Robin and I had a quiet Valentine this year. We went out to eat and we watched television together. I will give the reader some memories that Robin and I share together. Robin and I went to Nova Scotia. I drank coffee at Tim Hortons and I ate hamburgers at AW Root beer. We went to her parents' gravesite and wept together. Robin is the

only one left in her family. We visited her friends and family. I played cards late at night. Days turned into nights. Soon, the trip was over. We went to horse races in Bangor and bet on the same horse. We giggled when the horse got last place. We hollered in anticipation as the winning horse took to the finish line. We went to fairs, watching the people on the screaming rides, watching the horse pulls, etc. We ate fair food like it was going out of style. We wine and dined at every restaurant around.

It all started when Robin saw my picture, at the former Red Barn in Milbridge, of me at my comedy show. I got the last laugh. Robin took the poster home and she never stopped looking at it. I kept calling her on the phone and she finally went out with me. Robin, at times, was caught drooling at my poster late at night dreaming about me. She did her shift at the nursing home. Robin works hard in the nursing home. Yet the morning after the first date, she was in a daze. She seemed to be in love. All that played in her mind was me. Robin seemed to be dancing with the mop handle close to her as she was doing housekeeping.

We were really nervous on that first date. We didn't talk to each other on that blind date all the way up to Bangor to the dance. We were both shaking. We kind of buried our thoughts inside ourselves until we got home to Cherryfield. We ordered food in Hermon at Dysarts. She can't remember, but she ordered a western. I got on my knees and proposed to her in the bank. She said yes. But we haven't got married yet. We went to a high school basketball tournament in Bangor. We pretty much did it all, yet there's a lot more to do. We ate at the buffet at Hollywood Slots. We even gamble there. We went

to funerals and weddings. I'm one lucky man- somebody told me not to long ago. I guess we are both lucky. We are two survivors of a sinking ship. I like writing poetry to her. Here are some from over the seventeen years. Enjoy.

Robin is the love of my life. The rock that keeps the fires burning. The same light that keeps the candle lit. I would not have it any other way. The best thing is where we have each other. So many memories that we share every day. Some things have been difficult yet we came to conquer them with shiny armor. Can't believe it has been 17 years. It's great and awesome. We complete each other. Every day has been a new adventure. Robin, my best friend and companion. We have a lot of ups and downs, twists and turns. Some days, I didn't think we would have made it. We were like a ship that sails the ocean blue. It has been all about meeting a beautiful person with a beautiful soul.

The language of love I understand is where the vowels and the rest of the letters are spelled out in each other's hands. It's been a beautiful ride. Our souls are one, living day to day, hour to hour, and minute to minute, living every precious memory together. When we first met, it was like two lonely hearts, trying to find directions. We never gave up on our dream because they never gave up on us. That first kiss at Fox Pond. The moonlight at our backs. We would soon be couples like a rainbow on the most rainy day. The night turned early in the morning. The water of Fox Pond gusts blowing water with so much magic. It turned out to be really special. The memory of living in a castle if we won the lottery. We always build dreams together. We built mountains jumping out of valleys. We do it the best we can. The best we know how.

We made it through Valentine's Day without killing each other. Robin always put a smile on my face with that dry sense of humor. She has guided me through the best and worst times. We have seen every sunset and sunrise. We crossed every bridge that always had an ocean view. We have driven every road and seen almost all the highways in between; The



Me and Robin eating out on Valentine's, 2022.

ship at times nearly sunk, yet we held on because we needed to to get through all that was behind us. And anything in front of us. And we pray for the moment that we are living. We have crossed every unpredictable thing that has come our way. As I look up to see all the stars on a clear night, I have nothing without you. As I look in your eyes, I cry with happiness. The spotlight is always near. So close, we can almost touch it. Every day the show must go on.

I can hear that soft music ringing in our ears after dancing. We need it for our souls, for our purpose of being together for our existences just the way we move in our thoughts and actions. I can feel your feelings. And see the tears run down your face, a puddle of dreams, hope, and love. Everywhere. I see the night sky just to be with Robin. We laughed like mad children, playing in the rain. All the warm open conversations that we had over the years. Ideas that seem to come with smiles, some with gratification mixed with disappointment, getting to the top of the biggest mountain, finding peace of mind. From every breath that we take together. Every movement has a purpose. Life is a dance. Everybody's got a reason and the right to walk across the universe.

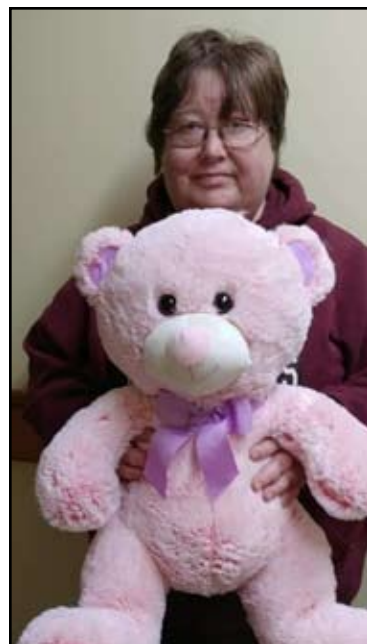
Everything comes together like a puzzle. Someday the pieces might not fit. Robin, we keep trying every day. We either are going forward or we might be going backward. Things might be complicated. Or may not be worth it. Robin, we look at life as if it's like a movie script without the



Valentines Flowers

actors or even a reason to be read. We write our own script. We are the actors. We write a script that says: love, understanding, respect, dedication to each other, nothing else matters except being nice and kind and gentle to each other.

Love is not an island. We work together on dry land. Where we can hear the birds sing in the summertime. Or see the trout splashing in the brooks. We can taste the food that we eat in restaurants, and Robin we can feel the sunlight on our faces on a good day. The moonlight in our hair. Every day is a different day. Every day has its challenges and problems to solve. Each day we try to find that pot of gold that makes us happy. We step in our own footsteps, walking hand in hand to the nearest beach, combing for good luck and seashells. Our heartbeats are one. I love you, Robin!



The Teddy bear I won at the Blue Hill Fair



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Out and About in Columbia

by Ronie Strout

On Sunday the 13th, I met my youngest daughter Diadem and we headed for Bangor for the day. We went to quite a few stores as she was looking for items that she thought she needed. We even went to the Christmas Tree Shop as she had never been there.

We had lunch at Olive Garden before we finished up getting what she wanted in the stores that were on her list. I did find a few items for myself as well. Needless to say, I was beat and was glad when my bedtime came early that night.

Cold weather sure does take the life out of you. I have been keeping the fire going, the wood box filled, and trying to keep ahead on splitting some kindling wood to build my fires. It is a never-ending job. I can hardly wait for some warmer weather.

On Monday, Feb, 14th I had my

second genealogy class, it is still not too late to join us.

The Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society on Wednesday evening the 16th had a zoom program with Todd Little a Professor of History at the College of Atlantic as the presenter for this program. He talked about the history of the Wabanaki people and French presence in the Downeast region.

The Eastport Maine Quoddy Crafts and Border Historical Society on Thursday evening the 17th featured a program by Zoom with Pam Beveridge hosting a discussion on the origin of Passamaquoddy Place Names with a slide show.

To attend Border Historical Society's online and in-person presentations on area history and genealogy, visit the Events page of their website

eastportmaineborderhistoricalsociety.org or contact eastportmainebhs@gmail.com.

Thank goodness that I can still attend their programs and not have to travel to them to hear this.

Upcoming events

Indoor Yard Sale: Jonesboro/Roque Bluffs Volunteer Fire Dept & Jonesboro Grange #357 are having an indoor yard sale on March 12-13 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds to be split between two organizations. Contact: LouAnn & Norm Cox 207-434-2131 to bring donations to them before the sale.

Cherryfield Free Library is starting up its "Drive-Thru" dinners at the library. On Saturday, March 19th at 4 p.m. \$10 a meal. "Luck o' the Irish" dinner featuring Cottage Pie (Shepard's Pie made with hamburger instead of lamb,) a Roll, and Guinness Gingerbread.

Looking Back in History

by Ronie Strout

Feb. 17, 2022

YESTERDAY from Machias Union of 1866, extracted by M. Myers

MU. 4 Apr., 1893, How Harrington got it's Name, by Helen B.C. Beedy

In 1729, David Dunbar, "A Surveyor of the King's woods", gave the name, "Harrington" to a township near the mouth of the Kennebec River. He laid out three towns and named them after English statesmen.

One of them was James Harrington. He was an eminent political writer who lived in the stormy times of Charles II and Oliver Cromwell. He labored to reconcile Charles and the Parliament. But he failed. During the Protectorate, he passed his

time in retirement and wrote his "Oceana". In this, he tried to set forth the "perfect and immortal commonwealth". He also established a kind of debating club, which he called The Rota". It was for the propagation of the principle of republicanism.

After Cromwell's death, Harrington was imprisoned and he suffered much. But he was released. While his book was in the press, Cromwell seized it. Through the intercession of his daughter, Mrs. Claypole, it was restored and given to the public.

In November, 1764, it was decided that a new town should be laid out. This new town would include the three Dunbar townships, - Warpole; Townsend; and Harrington. The new town was called "Bristol".

On Feb. 20, 1797, when the capita of the state was incorporated, it was given the name, "Harrington". For some reason, on June 9, 1797, it was allowed to change its name to "Augusta".

On June 17, 1797, No. 5 was incorporated and called "Harrington"

It is hard to determine whether the General Court of Mass. had this name on their hands and did not know what to do with it and were glad to give it a permanent abiding place on No. 5, - or whether the early settlers of No. 5 expressed a reference for the name.

In the record of the petition asking for incorporation, no name is mentioned.

Of this, however, we are sure; it is a very good name, one that we love and delight to honor.

News of the Jonesboro Grange

by Rebekah Hodgson

We would like to thank Chris Getchell of Shannon Drilling Water Wells for drilling the well on our Grange property last week.

We finally did it. It took over 120 years, but there is a well on our property. I cannot help but think of all those members who came before us. What would they think? I have a feeling in my heart that they are cheering us on as you can feel the love from generations before when you step through the Grange doors.

As a non-profit organization, we fundraise for our entire yearly budget, building fund, and, all we do. Besides the gift of water, Chris gave us an incredible discount when he presented the bill. Cheers and clapping erupted when the announcement was made at our

monthly meeting. It will allow some funds that were supposed to go to the well, to be transferred to help us get indoor plumbing in the building, hopefully, sooner than we thought! We have a goal to plant a big community garden and an

outside water spigot will help make that happen.

We are so blessed as an organization thanks to exceptional business owner Chris Getchell of Shannon Drilling.



Whitneyville Library News

Last week the library had a small Valentine's party for the clients and workers of Living Innovations. Valentine's pins made by Pat Davis formerly of Whitneyville were given out. Cookies and punch were served and the clients and workers also enjoyed karaoke. "It's all about sharing the love and making people feel welcomed in the library." explained librarian Pat Brightly.

The Friends of the library have been busy planning events for the year and are getting ready for the first public dinner of the 2022 season. The first public dinner will be on Saturday, April 2, and turkey with all the fixing will be on the menu. As always our public dinners are held at the Hillgrove Community Building in Whitneyville across from the library. The dinners begin at 5 p.m. This year the price of the dinners is

\$10 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Open daily Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the library welcomes readers from surrounding towns. Open since July 1966 the library has never had a charge for a library card or any overdue fines for late return books. We offer interlibrary loans for books requested that we do not own.

Our gift shop which is located inside the library is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. features 43 local crafters. All items are made in Maine. The Friends of the Library are working on applying for grant money for an addition to the library and gift shop. The addition to the gift shop will allow us to add around 30 more crafters and allow us to sell used hardcover books year-round as well as paperbacks.

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Machias Christian Fellowship meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Prayer meeting held Thursday night from 7-8 p.m. We offer a Wednesday evening service at 6:30 p.m. 3 Davis Road, Machias. FMI call 255-8287.

Centre Street Congregational Church, UCC - www.centrestreetchurch.org/ 10 a.m. Sunday, online. Email

centrestreetworship@gmail.com for Zoom link. Include your name, as well as a cell number if you'll be using it. 255-6665.

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

Cherryfield First Congregational Church, 207-843-5656.

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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.

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St. Peter the Fisherman's Parish, 207-255-3731.
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Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church, 207-497-5985 or 207-497-2294.
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Steuben Union Church, 207-546-2656.
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Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Community Church, 207-259-4400.
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Unionville Church of God, 207-546-2668.
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United Pentecostal Church
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Wesley Community Church (508)450-9672
.....

West Lubec United Methodist Church, 853-4603; 207-733-2426; 207-483-4052.
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Whitneyville Congregational Church, 207-255-8640.
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Catholic services: www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass

Community Calendar

Upcoming events
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Kids Winter Break Mini-Camp for kids ages 5-10 will be hosted by the Downeast Coastal Conservancy at Middle River Park during school vacation from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, **Feb. 22-24**. For more information visit downeastcoastalconservancy.org/event/february-vacation-winter-camp/ or call 255-4500.
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Porter Poets poetry group will meet online and in person at Porter Memo-

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 2/27/22

- ACROSS**
1 Harrington of "S.W.A.T."
4 Matthew ___; role on "Chicago Fire"
9 Word that means more in Mexico
12 "Men ___ Certain Age"
13 Sitcom about a waitress
14 Mel the Giant
15 Texter's giggle
16 "Perry ___"
17 Fraternity letter
18 "Back ___ Future"; Michael J. Fox movie
20 "___ Momma from the Train"; Danny DeVito film
22 Role on "New Amsterdam"
26 Gary Burghoff's famous role
27 Female animal
28 Late coach Parseghian
29 ___ Russell; role on "B Positive"
32 Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby ___"
35 Chloe ___ of "La Brea"
39 "Doe, __, a female deer..."
40 "___ from the Crypt" (1989-96)
42 Ms. Ullmann
43 Fred of "Hunter"

- 47 "___ Got a Secret"
48 "The Singing ___"; karaoke game show
49 Singer Gormé
50 Pop singer Bobby
51 Donkey
52 View again
53 Conclusion

- DOWN**
1 Sudden impact
2 "___ and his money are soon parted"
3 ___ Conference; crucial 1945 meeting
4 "Candid ___"
5 So. state
6 Lisa, to Bart
7 Prefix for sphere or system
8 1983 Barbra Streisand movie
9 Rob ___ of "Northern Exposure"
10 "Jeff, Who Lives ___"; Jason Segel film
11 Store away
19 "Ben-___"; film for Heston
21 Soil turner
23 Cheeses from Holland
24 Drug agents
25 Actress Sônia ___
29 Albert & Fisher
30 Jane ___ of "Frasier"
31 Suffix for infant or project
33 Main course
34 Letter from Greece
36 "Law & ___"
37 Popeye's love
38 Number of seasons for "Cold Case"
39 Actress Jessica ___
41 "___ of Chucky"; Jennifer Tilly horror film
44 Bread for a Reuben
45 Linear measures: abbr.
46 Start of the "Old MacDonald" refrain

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group
Level **1** **2** **3** **4**

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle 3/3/21

1	7	2	9	3	4	6	8	5
4	3	8	1	5	6	9	2	7
5	6	9	8	7	2	1	4	3
8	2	4	5	1	7	3	6	9
3	5	1	6	4	9	8	7	2
7	9	6	2	8	3	5	1	4
2	8	3	7	9	1	4	5	6
9	1	7	4	6	5	2	3	8
6	4	5	3	2	8	7	9	1

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 Kurek

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find **AT LEAST FOUR TEETH** in the grid of letters.

Answers to Thursday's Boggle BrainBusters:
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rial Library at 2 p.m. on Friday, **Feb. 25**. For Zoom link contact Les Simon, lessimon@tds.net. Porter Memorial Library is located at 92 Court Street, Machias. FMI call 255-3933.

Great Machias Outdoor Winter Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, **Feb. 26**. Leap into winter with sledding, tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, a bonfire, hot dogs, s'mores, cocoa, and more! Build your own cardboard box sled and come race it down the snowy hill at Middle River Park. Snow date March 26. FMI call 255-4402 or 255-4500.

Milbridge Farmers' Market 2022 Vendor Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, **March 5**. We are meeting at the Cherryfield Public Library to discuss the beginning and ending dates, dues, and set-up fees. If you are interested in setting up at the Milbridge Farmers Market you are welcome to attend. The library is located at 35 Main Street, Milbridge.

Overdose response training: The Community Caring Collaborative (CCC) and Maine Access Points (MAP) invite you to join us for a free virtual lunch and learn event on **March 11: Be A Life Saver: Overdose Response & Naloxone Training**. This educational event will be held on Zoom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register at www.cccmaine.org. For more information or to connect with our Washington County Program email chasing@maineaccesspoints.org or call/text 207-370-1042. Our website is maineaccesspoints.org.

The Porter Memorial Library House Plant Sale and Clipping Swap will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, **March 12**. Have clippings to share or donate? Start

them now in water so they'll be ready for the big day! Join us at the library, located at 92 Court Street, Machias. FMI Call 255-3933.

Drive-Thru Dinner at the Library: Cherryfield Free Library is starting up its "Drive-Thru" dinners at the library. The first will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, **March 19**, \$10 a meal. "Luck o' the Irish" dinner featuring Cottage Pie (Shepard's Pie made with hamburger instead of lamb,) a Roll, and Guinness Gingerbread.

Public supper at Whitneyville Public Library, 5 p.m. Saturday, **April 2**. Turkey and fixings on the menu. Cost \$10 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. Held at the Hillgrove Community Building in Whitneyville across from the library, 42 South Main Street, Whitneyville. FMI call 255-4662.

Recurring events

Children's Storytime and Crafts: Porter Memorial Library's Children's Storytime and Crafts take place **weekly at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. each Tuesday**. FMI call 255-3933. PML is located at 92 Court Street, Machias.

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.

Story Time & Craft at Porter Memorial Library, **every Tuesday** at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the library, 92 Court Street, Machias. FMI Call 255-3933.

Machias Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the **first and third Wednesday of each month** at Pat's Pizza Machias. New members and visitors are welcome. FMI call President Mike Hinerman, 263-5990.

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

Arise Addiction Recovery meetings — Monday 7 p.m. at Machias Christian Fellowship, 3 Davis Rd, Machias, ME. Tuesday 7pm, at Christian Temple Church in Lubec. Friday night meeting at the Church of the Open Bible, 559 Milbridge Road, Cherryfield.

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 Maxie, 903-371-1502, John Dunn, 207-669-5520; Paul Trovarello, 207-271-7060, paul.trovarello.1978@gmail.com Lindsay Trovarello, 207-631-8382, lindsaytrovarello@gmail.com- Facebook: ARISE Addiction Recovery- Website: www.ariseaddictionrecovery.com

Recovery Wellness Group will meet at the Downeast Recovery Center in Machias on the first Friday of every month, March through November 5:30 - 6:45. Pizza is provided. Topics include alcohol use, opioid use, smoking, marijuana, and managing anxiety and depression in recovery.

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

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



Jim Miller

Do I have to file income tax returns this year?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What is the IRS standard tax deduction for 2021? I didn't file a tax return last tax year (2020) because I lost my job and my income in March due to COVID. But I got a part-time job in 2021 and am wondering if I made enough money that requires me to file this year.

Part-Time Retiree

Dear Retiree,

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year depends not only on how much you earned last year (in 2021), but also the source of that income, as well as your age and your filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2021 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married

and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you may not have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- **Single:** \$12,550 (\$14,250 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2022).
- **Married filing jointly:** \$25,100 (\$26,450 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$27,800 if you're both over 65).
- **Married filing separately:** \$5 at any age.
- **Head of household:** \$18,800 (\$20,500 if 65 or older).
- **Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child:** \$25,100 (\$26,450 if 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "1040

and 1040-SR Instructions for Tax Year 2021," or you can get it online at IRS.gov.

Check here too

You also need to be aware that there are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2021, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an online tax tool that

asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes approximately 12 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/Help/ITA – click on "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" Or you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

Check your state

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

Tax prep assistance

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you

can free file through the IRS at IRS.gov/FreeFile if your 2021 adjusted gross income was below \$73,000.

Or, if you need some help, contact the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TCE provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate services near you.

You can also get tax preparation assistance through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide service. Call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp for more information.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC *Today* show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

OBITUARIES

Kurtis Paul Johnson

Kurtis Paul Johnson, 41, passed away on February 7, 2022, in Bangor. He was born in Machias, the son of Cathy and Paul Johnson.

Kurt spent his childhood surrounded by family and friends. As a young boy growing up in Bucks Harbor, he and his older brother could often be found biking or playing hockey at the local pond with the neighborhood boys. Kurt would return years later to this same pond with his own children, teaching them to kayak, swim, and fish. He loved collecting things, including bringing home the occasional stray cat or dog. The last one, Rufus, has been in the family for thirteen years. His paternal grandparents, Carolyn and Allen Johnson, and great-grandparents, Ruth and Darrell Page, made their home on Page's Hill in the Harbor, and Kurt spent many happy hours there and at the family's Cove camp. Kurt came by a love of the outdoors naturally, with many extended family gatherings, barbecues, and camping. His grandparents were active in the local historical society, and the numerous fundraisers kept him busy, including dinners at the old Machiasport Town Hall where he and his brother helped by running up and down the two floors carrying casseroles and pies. After graduation, he honed various skills and made his livelihood working in landscaping, carpentry, fishing, and clamming. He made his home in Machiasport and was the proud and devoted father of four children, Gage, Iris, Emma, and Ezra, with his former spouse Bethany (Barnard) Heniser. They were a blessing in his life. Kurt was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Dorothy (Wood) Muzzy; his father; his brother, Darrell; his grandparents Carolyn and Allen Johnson and his uncle Douglas Johnson. Kurt is survived by his mother Cathy Johnson of Machiasport and his cousin Ellen Smith of Arizona. A funeral service will be held on April 30 at 1 p.m. at the Machias Christian Fellowship on 3 Davis Road.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in any way you wish.

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Dennis E. Wood, Sr.

October 18, 1943 - February 5, 2022



Dennis "Tata" E. Wood Sr., age 78, passed peacefully at the FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care in West End, North Carolina, on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

Tata was born October 18, 1943, in Machiasport, Maine, to the late Clarence and Ida Wood. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his spouse of 56 years, Judith "Judy" Wood; his brothers Reginald "Reg" Wood, Nelson "Hanna" Wood and Vernon Wood; his sisters Dorothy "Dot" Muzzy, and Emma Holmes; and a grandchild Kirby Catherine Wood.

He was a Truck Driver in Machias, Maine, for most of his life where he and his spouse, Judy raised their children. Tata exemplified a strong work ethic. He worked at Pejepscot Paper Division, S.D. Reynolds & Son Logging, and Hanscom's Construction. In 2019, Judy and Tata moved to West End, North Carolina. Tata had a fun loving, teasing personality and was always ready to share his kind smile. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandparent, and friend whom enjoyed family gatherings, playing poker, going for rides, hunting and fishing, mowing lawns, and socializing on the Machias Dike.

Tata is survived by his children, Terry and spouse Bobby Millay of Maine, Sandy and spouse Travis Saul of Maine, Denise Wood and fiancé Shawn Ingalls of North Carolina, Dennis Jr. and spouse Leslie Wood of North Carolina, Rodney and spouse Candy Wood of North Carolina, Corey and spouse Michelle Wood of North Carolina, Tobey and spouse Jennifer Wood of Maine, and Scott Wood of Maine; his sisters Jackie Pettigrow of Maine, Joyce Hooper of Florida, and Sharon Gately of Maine; his brother Algy and spouse Amy Wood of Florida; fifteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Tata will be missed by his friends and family, but his memory will live on in the many fond stories shared by those who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Moore Humane Society <https://moorehumane.org>, PO Box 203, Southern Pines, NC 28388 or The Ark Animal Shelter <https://thearkpets.org>, PO Box 276, Cherryfield, ME 04622. Tata and Judy adopted dogs from The Ark and enjoyed the daily visits from the family rescue dogs.

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Kathleen Ann Dardis

September 25, 1946 - February 5, 2022



Milbridge — February 5, 2022, at home with her finance' by her side, Kathleen Ann Dardis passed peacefully from this world. September 25, 1946, she was one of five children born to the late Sanford and Jean Schmaling.

Kathleen was a longtime resident of Connecticut, having lived in Stamford, Brookfield, and Sandy Hook. After retiring from the State of Connecticut Department of Corrections as a dental assistant, she moved to Milbridge, Maine, in July 2015, with her fiancé, Charles Ruskouski. Kathleen began visiting the area in the 1970s with her late husband, Thomas R. Dardis, spending time at the Dardis cabin on Petit Manan Point with their family. Kathleen was a very creative artist, having participated in numerous art shows in the area. Her love of art spanned several types, such as painting, drawing, crafting, stained glass, and leaded glass, just to name a few. Kathleen often used locally sourced items found along the shores to create some of her artwork.

In addition to her fiancé, Charles Ruskouski, Kathleen's survivors include her son, Thomas S. Dardis of Ridgefield, Connecticut; daughters, Regina A. Dardis, Sheila A. Dardis, Mary A. Cook all of North Kingston, Rhode Island, and Renée Kaposta of Cossackie, New York; brothers, Wayne Schmaling of Vernon, Connecticut; sisters, Sandra Boltz of Thornton, Colorado, Laureen Aasen of Mooresville, North Carolina; grandchildren, Thomas L. Dardis, Elizabeth K. Dardis, Kayla Lasky of New Milford, Connecticut and Lily Dardis of Waterbury, Connecticut, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Kathleen was predeceased in life by her brother, Bruce Schmaling, and her sister, Rebecca Schmaling-Watson.

Gifts may be made in memory of Kathleen A. Dardis to St. Jude's, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or by visiting www.stjude.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Homes, Mibridge, where online condolences may be shared: www.bragdonkelley.com.

MVNO00010286

Sandra Priest

March 8, 1929 - February 14, 2022



Sandra Priest peacefully transitioned from this life on February 14, 2022. She was born on March 8, 1929.

Sandra was a renowned artist that had a rare eye that captured the quiet moments of life, in Downeast Maine – the relics of an era past, dooryard poppies at dusk, a dory waiting, spruce covered headlands – were some of her famous themes.

Sandra resided in Harrington, Maine, close to the area where her great grandfather built sailing ships in the late 1800's. While growing up in Maryland, she attended Western Maryland College and the Maryland Institute of Art, and spent summer holidays at the family home at Ripley Point, Harrington, Maine. During those long, blissful days, she absorbed, in her words, "the essence and healing power of the Maine spirit".

Later in life, she studied with her late husband, noted marine artist, Alphonse Shelton. After making her permanent residence in Harrington, she studied watercolors with Ed Foster, a local Downeast artist. Her style developed into fluid, richly colored, watercolors that have been commissioned for many private and corporate collections.

Sandra lived an active and interesting life. Her characteristic wit and sharp mind never deteriorated, and she remained astute, humorous, and active. A gifted conversationalist, Sandra loved to engage in deep, philosophical discussions. She had a big smile, and a sympathetic ear, but also a strong voice, and helped many find strength, courage, and understanding. She strongly believed in the spiritual goddess of the universe and the afterlife. Her spiritual community was a large part of her life, and far-reaching, beloved, and touched by many. Sandra was a wonderful mentor and friend; she encouraged those who understood the spiritual way to delve more deeply into their spirituality. Her great knowledge of the Universal way as well her writings were deeply spiritual and aided many. She was a Reiki Master, guided hundreds of meditations, questioned much, and encouraged others to question as well. She had a love of learning and never stopped looking for more answers. She traveled her final journey trusting she was part of the natural rhythm of the earth, one with nature moving toward her true place, the true center, bringing her home to the Great Mother.

Sandra is survived by her niece Linda Gray, her soul sisters, Susan Corbett and Kathleen Shannon, and many cousins. She was predeceased by her husbands George Priest and Alphonse Shelton, sister Patricia Gray, and niece Shelly Orne. She leaves behind many loving, spiritual soul sisters and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at her beloved Ripley Point, Harrington, Maine this summer.

Donations in Sandra's memory may be made to The Ark or Gallison Memorial Library in Harrington.

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recognized as healthy, therapeutic, and calming,” said Grabrovac. “Our proposal is a request to use land owned by the county to produce vegetables and other crops to be used by food security organizations as well as by the jail’s kitchen.”

Jail residents, said Grabrovac, could be involved in the garden’s maintenance and the harvesting of the crops, which would create educational opportunities and potential employment skills, such as horticulture, landscaping, and the culinary arts.

“Healthy Acadia has been working with the corrections department... with jail administrator Rich Rolfe to develop the recovery coaching program,” said Grabrovac. “We would be building on that effort to better serve all residents.”

Commissioner chairman Chris Gardner quickly signaled his support, saying there was for many years a garden not far from the jail, known as the “Sheriff’s Garden.”

“We had a lot of success with the county garden before,” said Gardner.

Rolfe said the produce would be welcomed in the jail kitchen, and once pandemic restrictions permit

them to send the inmates out, it would be beneficial for them, too.

“It would teach a skill, and it’s therapeutic,” said Rolfe. “There are more benefits than negatives.”

Healthy Acadia has enjoyed success with other community gardening projects, said Grabrovac, including its gleaning program where, in partnership with Downeast farms, volunteers collect produce from the fields, and distribute it to area food pantries. In 2021, that program distributed 14,179 pounds of food, or 75,716 servings, in Washington County. In partnership with Washington Academy and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, an East Machias community garden of about 5,000 square feet produces 2,500 pounds of food annually.

The proposed Sheriff’s Garden would be much larger, around one acre. Saying the nonprofit would secure all funding for the program, including liability insurance, Healthy Acadia requested a long-term lease of at least 10 years, on county land located off Broadway bordering the Versant Power property in Machias. Rolfe suggested another site may work better, and that discussion is

ongoing.

Gardner said the commissioners would be in favor of the project. Grabrovac said Healthy Acadia’s first step will be soil testing and then, if those results are favorable, clearing brush off the land. If all goes well, this year would involve planning training, and cover-cropping, with the first food plantings planned for 2023.

Wages

Rolfe said he and regional communications manager Joshua Rolfe would like to increase part-time entry-level wages for corrections officers and dispatchers to \$17.79 per hour.

“Our budgets will support it and we don’t need to ask for anything more than we already have,” said Rich Rolfe.

Gardner said the commissioners favor the wage increase because of the tight labor market.

“These are stressful times and thankless positions, \$17 is starting to become the new bottom norm,” said Gardner. “If we don’t raise the wage, you’ll have a lot of money leftover in your budget because you won’t be able to hire anybody.”

Gardner and commissioner



At this month’s meeting of the Washington County Commissioners, Healthy Acadia’s proposal of a community garden on county land was well received. Commissioners Chris Gardner and Vinton Cassidy read as Healthy Acadia’s Food Program Manager Regina Grabrovac distributes handouts about the proposed ‘Sheriff’s Garden’ as a former version was once called. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Vinton Cassidy voted in favor of the increase. Commissioner John Crowley was not in attendance. The increase was set to take effect as of the next pay period.

Probate

County register of probate Carlene Holmes said her department has been conducting analysis around a state-proposed transfer of probate out of the county’s control and into the control of the district court.

“The Maine County Commissioners Association was unanimous that we are not going

to be in support of a move to the district court system. Everybody recognized there could be improvements made [to the county probate system],” said Gardner. “But we are going to stand against [transferring control to the state].”

The Washington County Commissioners meet monthly at 4 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month, in the Probate Courtroom of the Washington County Courthouse, Court Street, Machias.

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shortage of 3,200 RNs by 2025. For nearly a decade, this need has been critical. But now, experts say the causes are threefold: an aging population, an aging workforce, and a limited supply of new nurses.

“The union takes the position that the reasons for the shortage are the conditions created by the hospital industry,” explains Todd Ricker, leading labor representative for the Maine State Nurses Association. “Here, or anywhere else, there are no fewer licenses needed than necessary. There are 26,000 active licenses in Maine – many more than needed. The issue is there aren’t enough nurses who want to work under the conditions the hospitals are giving them. That’s the issue.”

A recent National Nurses Union report also identifies an inequitable distribution of nurses across the country rather than a nationwide shortage. They claim the hospital industry “is crying false tears” over the lack of nurses willing to stay in direct care when these insupportable working conditions are entirely of their own making.

“It’s clear that hospitals have no excuse for a staffing crisis they have created,” said one spokesman. “The hospital’s response to nurses unwilling to work under unsafe conditions is to overload the remaining nurses and – where allowed – force them to work

mandatory overtime.”

Speaking for the Calais Community Hospital Dee Dee Travis says, “Travelers always have and always will be with us. We haven’t had an increase in temp staffing, and we don’t have that many. But there’s always a need – in respiratory, PT, ambulatory, all over. It’s always been a given. It’s a way to maintain staffing while recruiting permanent staff.”

Traveling nurses were initially intended as a stopgap during emergencies, but have gradually evolved into the norm. With pandemic burnout, 93 nursing homes facing a growing nursing need, and a steady increase in the aging demographic, such a norm – now appearing here to stay – presents challenges.

This is occurring while a lack of faculty and clinical training sites are forcing nursing schools to turn away qualified applicants. Kelley Strout, director of the University of Maine School of Nursing predicts an alarming shortfall of 2,700 registered nurses by 2025.

To ensure a strong pipeline for sustaining the profession, National Nurses United continues to advocate for more funding for public nursing schools and better pay for nursing faculty. Presently, a significant barrier to becoming a nurse is the inflated expense and lack of admission slots in nursing programs.

Allegedly, hospitals intentionally understaff every shift with fewer numbers than are actually required to safely care for admitted patients and their severity of illness.

Nurses contend that hospitals’ actions, and inactions, have resulted in a lack of critical care staff during COVID. Staffing needs, such as cross-training and adding nurses have resulted instead with layoffs and canceled travelers’ contracts.

“By our definition, there is no shortage,” says Cokie Giles, a nurse for 42 years at EMMC, vice

president of the NNU and president of the Maine Nurses Association. “Ever since nursing has become a for-profit business, everyone down to work would come into work. If anyone couldn’t, it left glaring holes.”

A staffing crisis had festered for years before the pandemic, according to Giles. “There was no cushion, no backup,” she explains. “Nurses have left because they’re clearly not safe. There’s not enough PPE. We’ve gone to the federal government for help, but California

is the only state that has a mandated patient-staff ratio.”

Giles predicts Maine is not close to seeing a change in this facet of nursing care. “The Maine Hospital Association is very powerful and not in favor of a mandated ratio,” she says. “We had a bill, but the legislators were pressured and they dropped it.”

The federal bill advocating Medicare for all includes a mandated ratio, but so far remains a political nonentity as far as potential passage.

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homework, we help other people with their horses, and now we are trying to fundraise. The national competition is not just about us and our horses. It's about my entire family, barn family, and the community that has helped me, Rae, and Zoey get this far. I want to make them all proud and happy. I want them to know all our hard work, falling off, and getting back on was for something."

Rae, who is seven years old, has plans for Showmanship in Oklahoma.

"Rae was new to the horse world and hit it at a gallop and has not looked back! She is our current state champion in the lead line," said Hawkins.

Ten-year-old Zoey Theriault has been at the farm for two years. She hopes to show at the Worlds in Showmanship, Western and Hunt Seat Pleasure, and Equitation.

"She was hooked from day one. We helped them find and buy their first Morgan who is now with another trainer in Vermont, the one we bought her from, so she could work through the winter," mentioned Hawkins.

Zoey has even started her very own "Oklahoma Fund" by collecting bottles in her hometown of Princeton.

In addition to this, she and the other girls are raffling off some great items. On May 28, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be drawn. In order, the winners will be able to

choose from a T/C Compass 6.5 Creedmoor rifle, a Charles Daly 12 Ga Semi-Automatic, or a pair of Heritage Rough Rider .22 LR revolvers.

Tickets are available at Johnson's True Value in Calais, Lots of Tots in Princeton, and at Little Oak Farm in Wesley, \$10 for one or \$20 for three.



Ten-year-old Zoey Theriault of Princeton with her horse Maggie. Zoey and two other young girls from Little Oak Farm in Wesley hope to raise enough money to compete in the Oklahoma National Show in October. Photo courtesy Penni Theriault



Thirteen-year-old Aria Lombardo stands with Strike Zone. Lombardo has a gray Morgan colt who was born right on the farm in Wesley. She hopes to show at Worlds in Hand, and possibly Harness. Submitted photo



Seven-year-old Rae is seen atop Little Oaks Custom Chrome. All three girls are seeking sponsors and support to attend the Morgan Youth Oklahoma Championship Show in October, in Oklahoma. Submitted photo

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wax cylinder recordings are in the Library of Congress, where, in cooperation with the tribe, a years-long process of transcribing and digitizing their contents is still underway.

"Actually, that's what I'm working on now, trying to get some of the Passamaquoddy cylinders so we can play them. We don't own [the recordings], but we do have exclusive rights to them," says Tomah. "We're trying to establish who has authority over our oral and historical knowledge. Those are some of the complicated issues we're trying to work out right now."

"Their voices were the first human voices ever recorded in the field, I think that's pretty cool," says Holmes. "I'm looking forward to hearing Dwayne speak, educate, and share what he knows again at the Margareta Days Festival. I'm honored that he wants to do that, he's so generous and enthusiastic."

Tomah says he was searching for an Edison phonograph the museum could purchase when he learned of this one in the collection of the Jonesport Historical Society. Already friends with the society, he asked if they had any leads to find another. They surprised him by suggesting he borrow the one they had, on loan from local historian



Seen here in 2019, Tomah holds a Library of Congress Magazine featuring a story about the 1890 Passamaquoddy field recordings, made in Calais, now considered the first field recordings in the world. The 31 recordings contain songs, folktales, origin stories, vocabulary, and numbers. Later this day at the 2019 Margareta Days Festival, Tomah performed songs he learned from the cylinder recordings. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Bill Plaskin.

"[Bill] said absolutely," says Tomah, enthusiastic. "For me, this isn't just receiving a phonograph, it's the whole concept of trading. We're still trading today, we're still communicating, we're still building

friendships."

To hear some of the original 1890 recordings, visit passamaquoddypeople.com/ and click on the 1890 Passamaquoddy Phonograph Recordings link.

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haven't been redistricted since the mid-1980s."

It's no coincidence, therefore, says Washington County Sheriff Barry Curtis, that there has never been a district attorney from Washington County.

"We need our own people [in Washington County] to prosecute all of the cases that we have. We have some serious crimes here in Washington County if it isn't obvious by now," said Curtis, pointing to 11 homicides since 2017 — five since November — and a growing problem with organized crime and drug trafficking.

According to recent research published by the *Bangor Daily News*, Hancock County had less than half the violent crime rate of Washington County in 2020, and in terms of all crimes, both violent and non-violent, had a rate of 8.1 crimes per 1,000 residents compared to Washington County's higher crime rate of 9.3 crimes per 1,000 residents.

Of the counties' combined DA staff of seven, four are fully dedicated to Hancock County, and one is fully dedicated to Washington County. The remaining two cover cases in both counties, and one position is vacant in Washington County.

Curtis says he is concerned.

"I blame [our growing crime problem] in part on the fact that our court system is weak, and the DA's office is weak. Is it the fault of the DA that's here? No," said Curtis, referring to DA Matthew Foster, who was elected to a second four-year term in 2018. "It's the fault of the system put into place years ago

that doesn't work, and it's never been looked at again."

Foster acknowledges his staff is seriously overworked. A Jan. 21 pending case report issued by the Maine Judicial Information System shows 522 pending cases in Washington County, but Foster says the real number is much higher.

"Every prosecutor in the state of Maine is handling three to four (or more) times the number of cases than would be an acceptable caseload, District 7 included," said Foster, who estimates a reasonable caseload at 200 misdemeanor and 50 felony cases per prosecutor.

According to Foster, Chu, the dedicated Washington County Assistant DA, is currently handling 392 cases, and Toffolon is handling 973, roughly two-thirds of which are in Washington County. Foster himself is assigned to 358, split between the counties.

A surprising turn

In the first year of this biennial, LD 272 sailed through the House of Representatives. Near the close of the first session last June, it passed the house with overwhelming bipartisan support — 136 to 1, and on the same day passed the Senate "under the hammer," meaning approval is presumed unless an objection is raised.

Because the small budget of the bill, roughly \$24,000, was already included in a budgetary agreement between the caucuses, Tuell and Sen. Marianne Moore (R-Washington) expected it to fly through special appropriations, too. They were both stunned when a July 2021 vote to move it off the appropriations table failed 18 to

16.

Moore said she spoke to two Democrat senators whose support she had expected. They both informed her they were "lobbied" to prevent the bill from progressing.

Sen. Joe Baldacci (D-Penobscot) last July voted in favor of moving the bill off of the appropriations table, but when a second vote was called Feb. 10, he voted against it on advice from his party.

"Because I think the leadership on my side felt that it circumvented procedures," said Baldacci last week. "If we can get the appropriations committee to report it out in the normal fashion then I will vote for it."

Last week, Moore asked Sen. Cathy Breen (D-Cumberland), who chairs the Senate Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, what could be done to move the bill off the table, and reports Breen said, "Nothing. It's not coming off the table."

Moore remains puzzled by the sudden change of support in the Senate and says she sees no path forward for LD 272 in this biennial, and certainly not in time for potential Washington County DA candidates to organize themselves for a November election.

This is a matter of extreme frustration for many in county law enforcement. Curtis says he remains "passionate" about Washington County having its own district attorney.

"The people I represent are very much in favor of it, people here understand the need for it. To have this go this way is absolutely pathetic," said Curtis.

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STUDENT NEWS

Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

Principal MaryEllen Day is pleased to announce the second quarter honor roll for the 2021-22 academic year.

GRADE 12 High Honors: Sara Bickford, Fatima Herrera Vargas, Anyelis Perez Padilla, Joseph Ray-Smith **Honors:** Marissa Arey, Hanlon Meijer, Jamie Monroe, David Moores, Ryan Rolfe, Emily Sawyer, Mali Smith

GRADE 11 High Honors: Jeremiah Bunnell, Lydia DeSchiffart, Emmalee Donahue-Ripley, Matthew Haire, Laney Oliver, Tristin Rodriguez, Ceanna Wallace. **Honors:** Luciano Aguirre Paredes, Pedro Aguirre Paredes, Bianca Alejo, Katrina Hatt, Andie Lovejoy, Kaycee McGuire, Estrella Paredes-Vazquez, Jenny Perez-Vazquez, DeVae Reynolds, Austin Rusecky

GRADE 10 High Honors: Courtney Bagley, Gabriel Hanscom, Chloe Look, Delaney (Finn) McDowell, Autumn Peterson **Honors:** Lucy Berry, Katrina Evanson, Dakota Fahey, Emma Fraser, Taylor French, Daniel Ledford, Kaitlyn Lee, Blake Lovejoy, Timothy Mague, Jacob McLaughlin, Emma Moores, Trinity Morris, Logan Norton, Brisa Ortiz-Garcia, Jasmin Schoppee, Sydney Strout

GRADE 9 High Honors: Paidyn Cashman, Abigail Holubrinklw, Emma Parker, Charles Willey **Honors:** Jose Garcia Ortiz, Caleb Homan, Brayden Kane, Dylan Lovejoy, McKade Robertson, Hannah Roeber, Nevaeh Schoppee

GRADE 8 High Honors: Ada Bickford, Anabella Cirone, Leyla Flores, Reagan Haycock, Sarah

Haycock, Emily Kennedy, Micah Look, Derek MacLeod, Cain McKenna, Cameron Morris, Marin Norton, Lukas Pounder, Fatima Zamora Paniagua **Honors:** Noa Alicea, Daniel Caler, Alexander Figueroa-Flores, Eden Fraser, Sarah Grant, Hayden Hanscom, Alexa Johnson, Angie Moores, Natalie Stanwood, Miles Worcester, Chase Wright

GRADE 7 High Honors: Ryder Fenton, Ella Fraser, Kaitlyn Grant, James Leighton Jr, Colin Phinney, Erica Rackliff, Ivy Stanwood, Ava Worcester **Honors:** Kevin Barbee-Bamford, Isaac Chipman, Elmer Dolqueist, Kyle Dorr, Miranda Flores, Amelia Gamez-Seavey, Meredith Lail, Martin Lara, Bo Moores, Alexa Murphy, Keyontae Pinkham, Antony Jayden Rodriguez-Vazquez, Carlton Wallace

Bay Ridge Elementary School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Bay Ridge Elementary School Principal Darlene Wheeler is pleased to announce the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2021-22 academic year.

Grade 5 Honors: River Balyint

Grade 6 High Honors: Nevin Ingalls, Myra Look, Lylah Dinsmore, Etta Crosman, Chase Cates, Brooklyn Wood, Annie McCaslin. **Honors:** Summer

Paul, Lily Balyint

Grade 7 High Honors: Noah Faulkingham, Aubrey Faulkingham, Phoenix Meyes, Nevaeh Simonson, Naryah Dinsmore. **Honors:** Alex Sachs Jordon, Alyssa Beam, Jarrett McGuire

Grade 8 High Honors: Matt Bryant, Parker Cates, Clay Crosman, Olivia Jorgensen, Linus Patterson, Mallory Wood.

U Maine announces Dean's List

The University of Maine recognized 3,102 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2021 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 2,025 are from Maine, 1,009 are from 39 other states and 68 are from 25 countries other than the U.S.

The following students made the Dean's List from Washington County. **Baileyville:** Toni Gagner, Erika Isnor, Bogumil Korasadowicz. **Beals:** Ryan Alley **Big Lake Township:** Selena Williams **Calais:** Kenzie Bennett, Devon Carrier, Patrick Corbett, Megan Greene, Andrew McLellan, Ivy McLellan, Gavin

Parks Cherryfield: Emmaline Bierman **Dennysville:** Gabe Brady, Seana Mackeldey **Harrington:** Emma Denbow **Jonesboro:** Jinny Davis, Kendra Johnson **Jonesport:** Bayleigh Alley, Stephen Cirone, Morgan Rocks **Lubec:** Hailey Boutin, Mollie Jackson-Coates **Machiasport:** Marc Michaud, Marissa Wood **Marshfield:** Isaac Atkinson, William Clifton, Shaelea Perkins, Alex Renshaw, Morgan Schwinn, Lydia Sprague **Perry:** Jacob Cook, Alex Morgan, Madilyn Newcomb, Marek Veal **Whiting:** Chloe Alley, Burdette Brown, Haley Cherry

UMaine Extension series for next generation of farmers starts March 4

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will host an eight-session series online for Maine farming, fishing or forestry producers ages 20-35 who are interested in agricultural business training. Webinars are scheduled 10 a.m.-noon starting March 4 and continuing each Friday through April 22.

"GenerationNext Training Series in Maine" is a comprehensive program designed for those interested in managing an agricultural business or entrepreneurs starting and growing a business. Topics include leadership and management, financial and strategic planning, marketing, risk management and estate planning. Chris Laughton, Farm Credit East director of knowledge exchange and FarmStart program manager, will lead the training.

The \$199 series fee includes



Photo courtesy UMaine Cooperative Extension

course materials and full financial assistance is available for eligible Maine farmers. A minimum of 12 participants is required for the training. Register on the program webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Chris

Howard, 207.944.6391; christina.howard@maine.edu.

Funding for this program is provided by UMaine Extension Equipping New Farmers with Practical Skills and Knowledge Project: USDA NIFA Grant #2021-70033-35716.

Journalism scholarships available for Maine students

Maine students interested in careers in journalism are invited to apply for post-secondary scholarships from the Guy P. Gannett Journalism Scholarship Fund at the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF).

The scholarship honors businessman and entrepreneur Guy P. Gannett, who launched his newspaper career in 1921 with the purchase of two newspapers he merged into the *Portland Press Herald*. By 1998 when the family sold Guy Gannett Communications, its media reach spanned several states with three daily newspapers in Maine and seven television stations.

Gannett's granddaughter Maddy Corson and her uncle John Gannett established the Guy P. Gannett Scholarship Fund in 2000 to pay tuition and expenses for Maine students who dream of careers in

journalism. Since then, the initial \$3 million scholarship fund – MaineCF's largest – has helped educate nearly 150 students with more than \$3.8 million in support. In 2021, 16 students were awarded \$332,000 in scholarship support.

The Gannett Scholarship provides renewable support for students majoring in journalism or a field reasonably related, including print, broadcast, or electronic media. The fund helps pay the cost of attendance to attend an undergraduate, graduate, trade, or technical school.

Applicants must be graduates of Maine high schools or have been home-schooled in Maine during their last year of secondary education. Students are chosen based on demonstrated interest in journalism through their choice of coursework and extracurricular activities, as well as financial

need and academic achievement. The application deadline is April 1, 2022. Apply online at www.maineef.org.

For more information about the Gannett Scholarship, visit <https://www.maineef.org/find-a-scholarship/available-scholarships/guy-p-gannett-scholarship-fund>, and hear from past Gannett scholars here: <https://www.maineef.org/2020/11/maines-eyes-on-the-world/>.

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University of Maine at Machias announces fall 2021 Dean's List

The University of Maine at Machias recognized 101 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2021 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 82 are from Maine, 12 are from six other states and seven are from six countries other than the U.S.

To be eligible for the Full-time Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 or more calculable credits in the semester and have earned a 3.30 or higher semester GPA. Students who have part-time status during both the fall and spring semesters of a given academic year are eligible for Part-time Dean's List. They must have completed 12 or more calculable credits over both terms and have earned a combined GPA in those terms of 3.30 or higher.

Please note that some students have requested that their information not be released; therefore, their names are not included.

Washington County students

Alexander: Anna Johnson, **Baileyville:** Amy Hold, Jaydn Smith **Calais:** Jana McDonald,

Amy Moe, Kendra Parks **Charlotte:** Tammy Downes **Cherryfield:** Bishmita Dahal, Anna Taylor **Cutler:** David Glidden **Dennysville:** Jessica Griffin, Layna Pardue **East Machias:** Caleb Brown, Lauren Sachs **Eastport:** Kiesha Scott **Harrington:** Josh Denbow, Ashley Engstrom **Jonesboro:** Alyssa Summerson **Jonesport:** Kirk Smith, Rana Turchi **Lubec:** Nicholas Arruda **Machias:** Abbey Allen, Elizabeth Coulibaly, Katelynn Holland, Joe Horvath, Alicia Jonah, Jonathan Lelu, Suzie Milkowich, Praise Moore, Aubin Mugisha, Yani Nganzobo, Keely Tibbetts, Jo Dee White **Machiasport:** Brielle Davis, Hayden Sekula, Austin Simmons **Marshfield:** Tyler Beal **Milbridge:** Dayana Ortiz-Garcia, Trevor Riggan **Northfield:** Kole McDonald **Pembroke:** Megan Cote, Ethan Lank, Katie Leighton, Jessica Williams **Perry:** Patricia Tilton **Princeton:** Emma Soctomah **Robbinston:** Chloe Ann Crews **Steuben:** Veronica Tingley **Trescott Township:** Logan Richards **Waite:** Kadie Crowe **Wesley:** Sarah Regan

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SPORTS

Prelims in record numbers

by Phil Stuart

This year with COVID-19 on the rise again and no tournament last year the Maine Principal's Association decided to allow all schools to participate in the past season and out of 16 Washington County teams involved, only the top-seeded and undefeated boys of Machias have a direct route to the cross center.

In Class C girls, the number two Calais girls who finished 14-3 will face the 15th-seeded Penquis Valley Patriots who defeated the Searsport Vikings 50-18 in a play in-game.

Woodland and Narraguagus both have to travel the 12th-seeded Lady Dragons at 8-10 head north to Hodgdon to face the 5th seeded 14-3 Hawks, while 10th ranked Narraguagus at 8-10 will take on the 10-6 Dexter Tigers the number 7 seed in Dexter.

In Class B girls, 11th-seeded Washington Academy at 8-9 will play at Ellsworth the number 6 seed with an 11-7 record.

In Class D girls, the 4-14 Jonesport-Beals girls, the number 10 seed, will head north to Sherman Station to face a 7th ranked Katahdin Cougar team that is 8-9.

Number nine Shead, a 6-11, has

an even longer journey as they make the long trip to Aroostook County for a matchup with the 8th seeded Ashland at 6-9.

The East Grand Vikings are above 500 once again. The Vikes finished 6th at 10-7 and will host 11th ranked Van Buren who finished 2-12.

The Lady Bulldogs of Machias, a number three seed at 12-4, will face 14th-seeded Bangor Christian who is currently winless at 0-16.

In Class D boys, the East Grand boys at 0-16 will play the 10-6 number three Van Buren Crusaders.

Number 12 Shead High School at 3-13 will head to the Queen City

for a matchup with the 5th ranked Bangor Christian Crusaders with a 10-6 mark.

Jonesport-Beals, the 8 seed at 8-10, will host the 9th ranked Bears of Easton who will travel to Snore Creek with a 6-11 mark.

Top-seeded Machias at 15-0 will play the Jonesport-Beals/Easton winner in the Northern Maine Class D quarter-finals at the cross center.

The Narraguagus Knights, the 14th seed in Class C boys, defeated 19th ranked Piscataquis at 2-13 and defeated the pirates 48-44 in a play in-game. The 9-10 Knights will now trek down to Woodland to face

the 3rd seeded 14-3 Dragons.

The much improved Calais Blue Devils, the eighth seed at 9-8, will host the 9th ranked 12-6 Hodgdon Hawks.

In Class B boys, 13th seeded Washington Academy at 5-13 will take on a 12-6 4th seeded old town squad in the Canoe City.

Hopefully, all-area teams can get out of the preliminaries but that is not possible because Narraguagus and Woodland boys have to face off against each other.

At least all teams will have an opportunity to advance and there will be a regional tournament this year.

Desperate need for officials

by Phil Stuart

The need for basketball officials started several years before COVID-19 struck and each year things have gotten worse.

Anybody who knows much about the game can tell that the caliber of play has gotten worse year by year.

The number of mediocre and poor teams has grown considerably.

Games have had to be canceled due to the lack of officials.

Schools tend not to schedule games on Saturday evenings or even on back-to-back nights.

Junior High and middle school games very seldom are played on weekends when more officials would be a variable.

It doesn't take many snowflakes

to fall in this day and age before school is canceled which results in the cancellation of a game even if it clears up by midday.

Cancellations sometimes make it tough to find referees when games are piled up and sometimes officials work two or even three games a day.

The major focus is on the high school varsity games so if bad weather strikes, the junior varsity freshman and middle school teams got the short end of the stick, and playing a ten-game schedule or less a year just isn't going to cut it if your school has postseason hopes each year which should be the case.

Basketball is the lifeblood in rural Maine each year and people look

forward to it and it makes it a lot nicer if your team is competitive.

The official shortage is not away overnight. This is a nationwide problem and it has gotten serious in Eastern and Northern Maine.

The lifespan of a new official is probably less than five years on average.

The sportsmanship at games has gotten out of hand and some of these new officials can only stand so much.

It is impossible for the athletic administrator or principal to monitor all of the ridiculous behavior that goes on in the stands.

Perfectly normal people out on the street come to basketball games and their IQ suddenly drops below

that of room temperature, and if you get several of these people badgering the officials it makes for a long night.

The players on the court need officials more than they need this kind of behavior in the stands

Officials do not win or lose games.

If you watch a game close and keep track of the turnovers, missed layups, or foul shots it might change your mind on why a certain team won or lost the game.

There is always room for more officials regardless of age. Instead of complaining join the organization and invest in a whistle. You will look at the game from a different perspective.

Give it a try even at the elementary

or middle school level.

The chances are good you will be paired up with a veteran official who can guide you along.

The pay is very good and it is a great way to get exercise and stay involved with the game. There aren't many jobs in the area that pay 50 bucks an hour and if you work three nights a week that can add up to some pretty serious cash. It is a much more healthy scenario than eating a couple of hot dogs and some nachos at the halftime break.

If you have any desire to help out you can get more information from Kevin Barbee 632-6792, Lowell Edward 598-5801, Candy Cummings at 214-2746, or Wallace "Alvin" Hall at 557-7065.

Basketball in the 1920s

by Phil Stuart

In 1921 the University of Maine at Orono and Bates College in Lewiston hosted eight town tournaments. The state was divided up into sixteen counties and the eight-county winners for the most part made up the tournament for east and west.

The two tournament winners would meet for the state championship starting a year later in 1922.

At that time there were no classes other than Class A which covered all of the small schools as well.

Ten years later in 1931, the YMCA of Bangor started a 16-team tournament for schools with enrollments of under 200 but schools of their size did not play for a state title until 1939 when Mattanawcook would defeat Shead in overtime.

Shead would win the state title in 1940.

In 1921 the eight schools selected to play at UMO were Wilton Academy, Gilman of Northeast Harbor, NH Fay of Dexter, Jonesport, MCI, Rockport, Dexter, Sangerville, and St. Mary's College, a Catholic high school from Van Buren.

Jonesport High School got off to a good start by defeating NH Fay High School of Dexter in the quarterfinals 31-22.

Bill Church scored 18 for the Seahawks with Alonzo Farnsworth and Kyle Lomson chipping in with 9 and 4.

The Seahawks went into the

semifinals to play St. Marys of Van Buren and lost a close one to the Saints 23-19. Bill Church scored a game-high 13 for Jonesport.

The Saints would defeat Wilton Academy 30-29 in the championship game.

In 1922 there were no Washington County Teams entered in the tournament which was won by Mattanawcook Academy of Lincoln.

After the first year, the prep schools like MCI Coburn Classical and Ricker Classical had their own tourney at UMO with eight teams participating.

In 1923 Jonesport and Danforth were scheduled to play for the Washington County title with the winner moving on to the UMO tournament but a blizzard along the coast kept the Seahawks from boarding the train to play Danforth. The lack of time for a makeup prompted the tourney committee to select Danforth and the Tigers were beaten soundly by Bangor High School 49-13 in the quarterfinals. The Rams would represent the East in the State final.

A year later both Jonesport and Danforth would both be invited along with defending champ Bangor, Gitman, Pemetic, Fort Fairfield NH, Fay, and Sangerville.

The Rams of Bangor edged out the Seahawks 22-17. Forrest Atwater and Bill Church each scored 4 for Jonesport. Fort Fairfield crushed Danforth 39-11. CC Gilpatrick and Bruce Wayne

led the Danforth club with 4 and 3. Gilman High of Northeast Harbor would win the tournament.

In 1925 the eight-team field consisted of Bangor, Houlton, Jonesport, Mattanawcook, Sangerville, Pemetic, Searsport, and Winslow.

The Seahawks of Jonesport had a powerful team under coach Ken Woodbury that included Elmer Farnsworth, Almer Carver, Clyde Lamson, Ken Mansfield, James Woodworth, Don Mitchell, and Herb Farnsworth.

In quarterfinal action the Seahawks edged the Houlton Shiretowners 17-16, Sangerville took out the Bangor 31-29, Pemetic defeated the Lynx of Lincoln 39-22, and Searsport got by the Black Raiders of Winslow 22-18.

Clyde Lomson scored 7 followed by James Woodward and Herb Farnsworth with 4 and 3 to lead the Seahawks.

In the semifinal round, Jonesport defeated the Sangerville Knights 21-17 and Pemetic ousted Searsport's Vikings 43-34.

Don Mitchell and Jame Woodward were the top scorers for Jonesport with 7 and 6 while Gerry Worcester added 4 more.

Jonesport would meet Pemetic in the championship contest and defeat the Indians 30-26. Don Mitchell had a big game for the Seahawks with 13 followed by Woodward, Worcester, and Lamson with 6, 5, and 4 in that order.

The all-tourney team consisted of James Woodward and Clyde

Lamson of Jonesport, Pete Wass and Wendall Galley of Pemetic, and Orrin Eder of Sangerville.

Jonesport was scheduled to play western Maine champion Westbrook for the state title in Portland but both teams were invited to play in the New England Tournament at Tufts College in Medford, Massachusetts, with an agreement that the team that forced the best would be declared the state champ of Maine.

Jonesport got edged out in the quarterfinals by Commercial High School of New Haven CT 25-21 and Westbrook lost to Salem High School's Witches of Massachusetts so the two teams ended up as co-champions.

In 1920 the defending champs qualified for the UMO tourney once again along with Bangor, Bar Harbor, Cony, Fort Fairfield, Mattanawcook, and Sangerville.

The Seahawks would lose to Cony High School's Rams of Augusta 26-21 and the Bangor Rams would win the tourney.

In 1927 Shead High of Eastport would make it for the first time and was joined by eventual champ Bar Harbor, Bangor, Winslow, Houlton, Nit Fay, Guilford, and Fort Fairfield.

The Tigers of Shead would lose to the Tigers of Fort Fairfield 39-18.

Ozzie Townsend scored a team-high 10 for Shead.

The Bar Harbor Seasideers would win again in 1928 with no Washington County teams in the field.

In 1929 Shead High School would defeat Jonesport for the Washington County title 24-12 and move on to the UMO tourney. The Tigers would be joined by Tourney winner Old Town, Fort Fairfield, Gardiner, Brownville Jct, Houlton, NH Fay, and Gilman.

The Shiretowners of Houlton would defeat Shead 31-28 in quarterfinal action.

Kennie Kane, George Swett, and Doug McGregor all scored 7 points for the Tigers.

In 1930 Calais High School defeated Beals 29-27 for the Washington County title and would enter the UMO tourney. The Blue Devils would end up losing 22-14 to eventual champ Houlton in the quarterfinal round.

In 1931 the YMCA of Bangor started hosting a 16 team tournament for the smaller schools in the state which was won by Machias High School.

In 1931 and 1932 Calais High School would enter the large school tourney at UMO and their big center Val Lauridson would make all-tourney.

Presque Isle would defeat Calais 42-24 in 1931 and go on to win the tourney.

In 1932 Calais would lose to the Bangor Rams 34-30.

Back in those days, the scorers were more like a football game of today with 40 point games a rare occurrence.

The smaller schools could compete with the larger ones on a fairly regular basis.

SPORTS

1969: WA Raiders unveil new gym

by Phil Stuart

On Nov. 10, 1959 Washington Academy became the second high school in Washington County to have an official sized basketball court.

Believe it or not, the Raiders played their first game of the season that early which is about a month earlier than the opening dates today.

The Raiders hosted rival Machias in the varsity contest while the Tourn Hall School of East Machias before Elm Street School hosted Harrington in the Preliminary game.

The Raiders had a roster of Billy Holmes, Al Beverly, Itchy Robinson, Roger Ackley, Dick Lindsay, Harry Dowling, David

Armstrong, Billy Beverly, Doug Holmes, Jimmie Gibson, and Frankie Gatcomb. The Raiders were coached by Tart Gardner who was in his 3rd year as head coach.

Meanwhile, Milt Beal was in his second season as Bulldog Coach.

The Bulldog roster consisted of Bruce Fennell, Bobby Watts, Donnie Foster, Glen Feeney, Gordon Feeney, Dickie Malar, Jimmie Ries, and Ernie Smith.

Judge Bill Talbot, president of the Washington Academy Board of Trustees, gave a welcome address to those attending the game as part of the dedication ceremonies and introduced WA principal, Harold Grant, and Machias principal, Thomas Longfellow.

The preliminary contest saw

the East Machias junior high team defeat Harrington in double overtime 25-23.

The varsity game which started a few minutes later was officiated by Tony Tammaro of Woodland and Jim Casey of Calais.

The Bulldogs were no match for the Raiders who led from start to finish.

Tart Gardner's club led 25-4 after a quarter and 35-17 at the half.

The Bulldogs couldn't generate enough offense to stay in contention and after three quarters the Raiders were on top 49-20.

WA would add to the dedication of their new gymnasium with a 62-25 win.

David Armstrong led the 1-0 Raiders with 14 while Doug Holmes

and Billy Holmes each scoring 12. Itchy Robinson and Dick Lindsey finished with 10 and 9. Jimmie Gibson and Rusty Beverly each scored two points while Harry Dowling added 1 point.

Dickie Mallar led the Bulldogs with 7. Ernie Smith and Bobby Watts each finished with 6 and Gordon Feeney scored 6 points. Donnie Foster rounded out the scoring with 2 points.

Future Washington Academy players like John Gaddis, Jimmie Gaddies, Cecil Howard, Dick Purington, Cedric Dennison, Dutch Whitney, and Jim Talbot were all members of the East Machias Grammar School team that won the first game in overtime. Several members of that team

would be on strong Raider teams in the future.

None of the Downeast Board of Basketball officials in 1959 are not officiating today but you might remember some of the names.

Ralph Ray of Eastport was the president of the board. The board of officials included Charlie Davis and Jimmie Mitchell of Eastport, Frank Harrison, Stan Boynton, Ossie Tinker, and Tommie Morrison of Lubec, Tart Gardner of East Machias, Eldridge Elkhorn of Jonesboro, Donnie Wright of Milbridge, Bob Smith of Jonesport, Jim Casey and Will Farrar of Calais, Donnie Mallar, Albart Foster, and Paddy Reeves of Machias and Tony Tammaro of Woodland.

1932 hoop highlights

by Phil Stuart

1932 was a year filled with basketball activity at the high school, college, and semipro level.

Seventy years ago, Calais academy, Washington Academy, Milbridge, and Machias were the top teams while the Columbia Falls Cubs, Cherryfield Modoc's, and Machias AA were top tourn teams Downeast.

Shead High School hosted Washington State Normal School and defeated the teachers 32-23. Hugh Chaffee led the Tigers with 12 points while Charles Lawrence scored 12 for the Teachers.

The Bulldogs of Machias rolled over Columbia Falls 44-17 with Jimmie Andrews and Dough Lowell each scoring 10 points. Robert Foss scored 7 to lead the Trojans.

WA had very little trouble defeating the Harrington Hornets in East Machias.

Ken Ingalls and Clarence Small led the Raiders with 16 and 12 while Forest Beale scored a game-high 17

for Harrington.

Beals got a game-high 19 points from Farrell Lenfesty in a 38-29 victory over Addison. Phil Plummer and Dick Gaudet led the Bucks with 14 and 9.

Milbridge High outlasted the Beals Braves 38-31. Carroll Leighton led the winners with 19 while John Yeaton and Barney Beal each served 9.

Farrell Leufertey and Alfred Beal were the Braves' high scorers with 14 and 13.

Machias rolled over the Seahawks of Jonesport 31-13 as Joe Coffin and Dough Lowell each scored 8.

Marcus Faulkingham led the Seahawks with 6.

WA shut out Machias 6-0 for a half before edging the Bulldogs 11-10.

Ken Ingall scored 6 for the Raiders while Hollis and Jimmie Andrews each had 6 for the Bulldogs.

Addison got 12 points from Dick Gaudet and 11 more from Phil Plummer in a 23-18 victory

over Jonesport. Maurice Gray and Marcus Faulkingham led the Seahawks with 11 and 6.

Machias won the season series against Beals. At Beals, the Bulldogs won 32-22. Dough Lowell led a balanced attack with 10 while Jimmie Andrews and Joe Coffin each scored 7. Farrell Lenfesty scored a game-high 12 for the Braves.

At Machias, Jimmie Andrews scored 10 in a 30-20 Bulldog win. Dough Lowell and Lowell Mallar combined for 13 more.

Alfred Beal and Farrell Lenfesty each scored 9 for the visitors.

The Beals roster back then was Vince Alley, Jerome Crowley, Fletcher Alley, Alfred Beal, Farrell Lenfesty, John Peabody, Clay Alley, and Don Backman.

Machias edged Harrington at Harrington 20-19 as Dough Lowell and Jimmie Andrews combined for 15.

Forrest Beale and George Frye led the Hornets with 12 and 5.

Washington State Normal School won a doubleheader. In game one, they defeated the Maine School of Commerce from Bangor which later became Husson College 43-30. Phil Mealey scored 17 while Bike Allen added 8 more.

In game two, WSNS got by Bucksport Seminary 38-31. Mealey led the way with 14 while Gerry Mitchell and Bike Allen added 11 and 9.

The Cherryfield Modocs had one of the best semipro teams around.

Their roster included Don Strout, Holly Fickett, Saul Stanley, Art Strout, Sid Tucker, Vic Grant, and Al Davis.

In one of their games, the Modocs rolled over the mystery 5 of Gouldsboro 74-29 as Don Strout and Vic Grant led the way with 22 and 20. Saul Stanley added 16 more. Jackie Young led the Gouldsboro club with 12.

The Columbia Falls Cubs came into the 1932 season with a 35-4 record over the last three years.

The Cubs had a roster of Don Higgins, Bike Allen, Joe Pinco, Maurice Tibbetts, Keith Drisko, Reggie Hathaway, Phil Kilton, and Ralph Bailey.

The Cubs rolled over the Inter College Five of Bangor 47-26. Keith Drisko led the way with 13 while Reggie Hathaway and Don Higgins chipped in with 12 and 11.

Columbia Falls edged the Beals Lobster 28-25. Bike Allen led the way with 10 while Hathaway and Higgins finished with 8 and 7. Closson Alley led the Lobsters with 10 while Don Alley and Mel Kent each scored 6.

The Machias AA handed the Cubs one of their few defeats by a score of 32-21 with three Mealey brothers on the roster.

Bullet Bagley led the way with 12. Rip Mealey added 7 more with Phil Mealey scoring 5.

Julie Mugnar and Jim Mealey each finished with 4.

Don Higgins and Bike Allen led the cubs with 8 and 6.

Consolidation casualties

by Phil Stuart

The State of Maine for the most part consists of small towns that all have their own identity.

Most are located near a body of water like the ocean, river, or lake.

At one time most towns with five or six hundred people had their own high school.

Some of those schools had 35 or fewer students but still managed to come up with a basketball team.

The Jonesboro Jolters in 1950 were a prime example. Jonesboro that year had an enrollment of 23 students. There were 12 boys in the school and all 12 were members of the basketball team.

Gradually, these smaller schools began to disappear.

Today there are very few schools with enrollments under 50 students.

Most of those are located on islands or remote areas that make consolidation almost impossible like Vinal Haven, Islesboro, Forest Hills, North Haven, and Rangeley.

After the state developed a tournament for the Class M and Class S schools it was very important to win your league or

district tournament if you hoped to qualify for the tournament.

In those early years, there were no Heal Points to determine the top eight and there was no 60 percent rule which today is in effect on a normal basketball year.

Washington County was divided up into Class M, Western Class S, and Eastern Class S, and out of those schools only Calais, Woodland, Shead, Washington Academy, and Machias remain.

Seventy years ago the Western Class S schools in Washington County were the Jonesboro Jolters, Beals Braves, Addison Bucks, Columbia Falls Trojans, Harrington Hornets, Milbridge Skunks, and Cherryfield Academy Panthers.

Class M included the Jonesport Seahawks, Machias Bulldogs, Washington Academy Raiders, Shead Tigers, Woodland Dragons, the Calais Blue Devils, and Lubec hornets.

The Eastern Class S schools were the Dennysville Bobcats, Pembroke Seagulls, Princeton Bombers, Grand Lake Stream Lakers, Vanceboro Railroaders, and Danforth Tigers.

Practically every county had its

own league and some leagues had some schools that played in the east tournament and some in the west.

Schools no longer in existence in the Northern Penobscot League were the Medway Indians, St. Martin of Tours Saints in Millinocket, Mattawamkeag Keagers, Eastern Maine Institute, Stealers of Springfield, Winn Wolverines, and Wytopitlock Pirates.

Southern Aroostook County had schools like the Oakfield Falcons, Island Falls Elks, Merrill Mustangs of Smyrna Mills, St. Benedicta Saints, Ricker Classical Institute Raiders, Sherman Hornets, and the Bridgewater Classical Institute Bulldogs.

Teams in the Central Maine league were the Milo Panthers, Brownsville Bears, Brownville Jct Railroaders, Carmel Bobcats, Newport Bulldogs, Hartland Academy Bears, Corinna Union Academy Cavaliers, Higgins Classical Institute Knights, and East Corinth Academy Red Devils.

The Waldo County League featured the Winterport Rivermen, Stockton Springs Rockets, Morse of Brook Tigers, Monroe Mustangs, Freedom Academy Indians,

Clinton Tigers, Besse of Albion Owls, Coburn Classical Institute Tigers, Hinkley School Mules, Unity Royals, and Walker High of Liberty.

Teams in the Hancock County League were the Pemetic Indians, Mt. Desert Mustangs, Gilman Blue Streaks, Sullivan Tigers, Winter Harbor Vikings, Stonington Rockets, Brooksville Bears, Brooklin Vikings, Deer Isle Seahawks, Castine Patriots, and the Clark High School Cougars of Penobscot.

Upper Kennebec Valley had its own league. Jackman High School's Tigers now known as Forest Hills is the only town left with a school. Other league members back then were the Somerset Academy Huskies of Athens, Anson Academy Bobcats, Solon Wildcats, Harmony Huskies, Monsoon Academy Slaters, and Central High School of North New Portland.

Teams in the Knox Lincoln League were the Rockport Beavers, Comden Mustangs, Union Eagles, Warren Tigers, Thomston Clippers, Bristol Blue Blazes, Waldoboro Blue Jaysm Appelon Huskies,

North Haven Hawks, Vinyl Haven Wikings, and North Haven Hawks.

Ninety percent of these schools no longer exist. Towns lose their identity when they lose their high schools.

Many athletes that would play if a school was in town sometimes don't play at the large consolidated school.

In some cases, it is a 30 mile or more bus ride to school and it makes it difficult in some cases to stay after school or go home and come back for practice or games.

These small schools that no longer exist are a very important part of Maine's rich high school basketball history.

Many of them won state championship gold balls like Milo, Brownville Jct, Patten Academy, Sherman Monson Academy, Beals, Jonesport, Stonington, Pemetic, Mt. Desert, Bridgewater, and Carmel.

As time goes on there will be more casualties. It isn't too far-fetched to think three high schools could service Washington County and four schools could accommodate Aroostook County.

NOTICES / LEGALS

**STATE OF MAINE
WASHINGTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

**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 **February 23, 2022**. 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 WENDELL T. ALLEY, LATE OF BEALS, DECEASED. Joyce C. Alley, P.O. Box 217, Beals, ME 04611 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-028

ESTATE OF ANTHONY AMMENDOLIA, JR., LATE OF ABINGTON, MA, DECEASED. Anthony Ammendolia, Sr. and Meridith Ammendolia, 1098 Fairbanks Road, Farmington, ME 04938 appointed Co-Personal Representatives. Docket #2022-035

ESTATE OF WILFRED JOSEPH DOUCETTE, JR., LATE OF WHITNEYVILLE, DECEASED. Brenda L. Donaghy, 266 Smith Ridge Road, Dennysville, ME 04628 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-029

ESTATE OF JOHN A. GIANNETTI, SR., LATE OF JONESPORT, DECEASED. John A. Giannetti, Jr., 30 Juniper Lane, Saugerties, NY 12477 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-031

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MARIE HATTON, LATE OF CALAIS, DECEASED. Brenda L. Robb, 34 Mahar Street, Calais, ME 04619 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-033

ESTATE OF GERALDINE A. LIBBEY, LATE OF MACHIAS, DECEASED. Belinda J. Polk, 80 Port Road, Machiasport, ME 04655 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-030

Date: February 18, 2022
Publish on February 23 & March 2, 2022

/s/ Carlene M. Holmes
Register of Probate

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**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 **March 15, 2022**. The requested actions may be taken on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-C M.R.S. § 3-403 and Probate Rule 4.

ESTATE OF NANCY LYNN DeANGELO, OF CUTLER. Petition of Nancy Lynn DeAngelo, requesting that that person's name may be changed to NANCY LYNN MOLINSKI. Nancy Lynn DeAngelo, Petitioner, 131 Ackley Road, Cutler, ME 04626. Docket #2022-038

ESTATE OF SHELBY NICOLE FULLER, OF LUBEC. Petition of Shelby Nicole Fuller, requesting that that person's name may be changed to SHELBY NICOLE PECK. Shelby Nicole Fuller, Petitioner, 103 Main Street, Apt. 13, Lubec, ME 04652. Docket #2019-033-02

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
14 M.R.S. § 6323**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 18, 2022 which judgment was entered on January 25, 2022, by the Superior Court for Washington County at Machias, Maine, in an action brought by **Machias Savings Bank** against **Penelope P. Foss**, Docket No. MACSC-RE-2021-13, and wherein the Court adjudged a foreclosure of a Mortgage Deed granted by Penelope P. Foss dated April 22, 2018, and recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 4549, Page 116, the period of redemption from said judgment having expired, all of the following described property will be sold at a public sale at 1:00 p.m. on March 31, 2022, at 25 Center Street in Machias, Maine. The property to be sold is further described on the Town of Machias Tax Maps at Map 15, Lot 44, together with and subject to the rights, covenants, easements, and encumbrances affecting the property. Reference should be had to said mortgage deed for a more complete legal description of the property to be conveyed.

TERMS OF SALE

THE PROPERTY HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED IS BEING SOLD ON AN "AS IS" "WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY WHATSOEVER AS TO THE CONDITION, FITNESS, SIZE, OR LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY OR THE STATE OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY.

The bidder to whom the property is sold must, at the time and place of sale, make a deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by cash or certified check, and must sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Machias Savings Bank, which agreement shall provide in part (i) that the purchaser will be responsible for all real estate and/or personal property taxes and other municipal charges attributable to the respective property unpaid and in arrears and for all subsequent tax years as assessed by the Town of Machias, and (ii) that a closing of the sale shall be held within thirty (30) days of the public sale where the remaining balance of the purchase price will be paid in cash or certified funds. The conveyance will be by Release Deed. Machias Savings Bank expressly reserves the right to bid, to modify the terms of the sale set forth above, to add additional terms as it so wishes, and to authorize the mortgagor to sell the property prior to the sale date. All other terms and conditions of sale, including any modification or additions to the terms set forth above, will be announced by the auctioneer at the time of the sale.

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SPORTS

WA female wrestler Izzy Lamb takes 3rd at the PVC Championship

Washington Academy's Izzy Lamb of Jonesboro has wrestled for three years of high school against mostly boys.

After missing last year due to COVID-19, Lamb hopes to return to the podium for both Girls and Boys competitions.

Izzy Lamb was an All-State Female Runner-up her sophomore year while her teammate senior Taylor Bridges was crowned Champion in 2020.

This year Izzy is the senior and making headway by beating male and female wrestlers.

Saturday, Feb 5, Izzy went

into the PVC Championship with a 14-7 record against all opponents.

In her 120 weight class, she defeated all but one wrestler losing only in her semi-finals match.

She came back to pin two opponents from Foxcroft and Bucksport to place 3rd overall at the PVC Championship.

In his second year of wrestling, Teammate Junior Kyle Lund of Pembroke took second place, losing only in the championship finals. And Sophomore Neaven Little of Machias placed fourth.



Washington Academy wrestlers Izzy Lamb, Neavin Little, and Kyle Lund. Lamb recently took third place at the Penobscot Valley Conference Championships. Photo courtesy Lupe Soto



WA wrestlers Siobhan Duffy and Izzy Lamb get to work at a recent 4 a.m. practice. Photo courtesy Lupe Soto

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Are you affiliated with a church or group who likes to appear in these pages? We're seeking information to make sure our church directory and calendar listings are up to date. Please submit your information to editor@machiasnews.com.

HELP WANTED



Maintenance Mechanic - Cherryfield and Deblois, Maine

Jasper Wyman & Son is seeking a Maintenance Mechanic. The applicant must be knowledgeable in maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, and the structure of an establishment in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting, maintaining high pressure boilers, insulating, welding, machining, carpentry, repairing electrical to mechanical equipment, installing, aligning, balancing new equipment, and repairing buildings floors or stairs.

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Qualifications –

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- Must be able to work and get along with others.
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- Must have a valid driver's license.
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This position is a full-time, year-round position. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, Company Paid Life Insurance, AD&D, STD, LTD, 401K Savings Plan, competitive vacation time and more. Hourly rate TBD based on qualifications.

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EOE/AA

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Washington County's largest schools announce end to mask mandates

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

When Machias and Washington Academy students return from winter break on Monday, Feb. 28, mask-wearing will be optional.

Washington Academy, located in East Machias and the county's largest high school, Feb. 17 announced they would end their mandated masking policy the next day. In a letter to

parents, WA Headmaster Judson McBrine said the removal of the mandate was a response to a "low number of COVID cases" and that the school would remove the mandate to mask, "while encouraging the option to mask" especially using KN95 masks.

"With KN95s being rated as highly effective and available, people are able to provide one-

way protection," wrote McBrine. "These masks demonstrate that a well-designed and fitted mask is better protection than universal masking with unpredictable mask efficacy."

Both the Machias elementary and high school also announced an end to their mask mandate effective Feb. 28. Rose M. Gaffney Elementary is the county's largest elementary

school, located on the same campus as Machias Memorial High School.

A concise announcement on the school's Facebook page said the decision was made "due to a reduction in COVID cases and positivity rates" and that mask choice would be implemented after winter break.

Both Machias schools are members of A.O.S. 96. Fort O'Brien Elementary School in Machiasport has also announced it will return from break with optional masking, which means the eight A.O.S 96 schools will be masks optional.

In all schools, masking will continue on buses, due to a federal rule requiring masking on all public transportation nationwide.

The course of COVID-19 Downeast has become difficult to track over the past six weeks of Omicron surge, which sent most people to home testing kits, thus watering down publicly reported positive test results, and also due to a tremendous testing backlog at Maine's labs.

For instance, Washington County's confirmed and probable case counts for the past five weeks — 58, 88, 69, 173, and 234 for this week (Feb. 18) — appear to show an upward trend. However, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention this week advised that a massive testing backlog would create skewed results,

cloaking improved pandemic conditions. According to Maine CDC spokesman Robert Long, case counts are no longer the best way to evaluate COVID-19 activity.

"Deaths, hospitalizations, and wastewater screening data remain the best metrics to determine the evolving impact of COVID-19," wrote Long.

The Portland Press Herald last week reported Maine's positive test rates have actually plummeted by 80 percent from the state's recent peak, in late January. According to the PPH, today the seven-day daily average of positive tests stood at 485, down from the peak of 2,486 on Jan. 22, and the state received just 244 positive tests Thursday compared to 3,400 submitted to the state on Jan. 12.

Two Downeast towns, Machias and Calais, are participating in the statewide municipal wastewater testing program. In Machias, testing conducted Feb. 2 and Feb. 3 detected COVID-19 at concentration levels greater than 74 percent and 83 percent of all quantifiable samples collected nationwide in the prior six weeks

One week later, Machias tests conducted Feb. 9 and 10 detected COVID-19 at substantially lower levels, greater than 58 percent and 48 percent of all quantifiable samples collected nationwide in the prior six weeks.

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Free psychosis detection webinar

The University of Maine Rural Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care (RIBHPC) Training Program will offer a free, live webinar about early detection of psychosis from 10:30 a.m. - noon on Friday, April 1.

The webinar is: "Screening for Early Emerging Mental Experiences (SEE ME): A model for early detection of psychosis within integrated primary care." Despite the prominence of primary care in the prevention of serious and chronic physical health conditions, its role in the early detection of and intervention in major mental health conditions has been peripheral, particularly in the U.S. Screening for Early Emerging Mental Experiences (SEE ME) is a three-stage psychosis screening, triage and engagement model designed to address this in U.S. integrated care settings.

The webinar will be presented by Kristen Woodberry, faculty scientist at Maine Medical Center Research Institute and research assistant professor at

Tufts School of Medicine, and Whitney Taggart, behavioral health clinician at Midcoast Pediatrics. The workshop will cover the arguments for and against psychosis screening within integrated care; the stages of the SEE ME model; and the skills that mental health clinicians embedded in primary care can employ to improve early detection and intervention in serious mental health conditions. It will also offer a chance to hear directly from individuals with lived experience of psychosis and a behavioral health clinician involved in the Maine feasibility project.

Register for the webinar online. A certificate of attendance will be provided to participants. For more information, contact Dyan Walsh, dyan.walsh@maine.edu.

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$1.48 million.

How to...speak up about your electric bill

by Nancy Oden

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Nancy Oden likes to answer questions and come up with solutions. Send yours to nancy.cleanearth@gmail.com or phone 207-434-6228. Her Twitter handle is keepearthcool2

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Research shows importance of proper soil moisture for wild blueberries

Wild blueberries are one of Maine's most iconic and important native cash crops. New research shows that to help wild blueberries thrive in all sorts of conditions, proper soil moisture management is even more essential than previously thought — especially over the long term.

According to a UMaine study conducted in collaboration with the Milbridge-based wild blueberry company Jasper Wyman & Son, wild blueberries, which are regarded as a relatively drought-tolerant crop, are more sensitive to dry water conditions over a long period of time. The study, published in the journal *Climate*, highlights the importance of effective plant water management, especially as the warming climate is predicted to dry out Maine's soil.

The study looked at changes in monthly drought conditions for 89 wild blueberry fields in Maine's Washington and Hancock counties over a period of 71 years. The researchers looked at how changes in drought-related to the health of wild blueberry vegetation in the same areas over a period of 21 years, from 2000 to 2020, which were measured using satellite-based remotely sensed data from Google Earth Engine. Researchers also analyzed how water conditions affected wild blueberry yield using data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Jasper Wyman & Son.

The results showed that drought has not significantly increased in these areas over the past seven decades, but the areas are warming quickly and, as a result, the moisture of the

soil is expected to decrease in the future due to increased evaporation and crop water loss. Although the study did not investigate precipitation frequency, it did show that long-term water conditions were more likely to affect wild blueberry crops' vigor and yield than short-term conditions. It also showed that drought conditions affected fields that weren't irrigated more than ones that were.

"Wild blueberry fields should be well prepared and introduced to effective irrigation management systems to mitigate the impacts of projected future warming conditions," says Kallol Barai, a master's student in the School of Biology and Ecology who led the study.

Maintaining the right amount of water in the soil in wild blueberry fields is tricky, though, as the soil doesn't uniformly hold moisture even within the same field. As such, the researchers emphasized the importance of precision irrigation systems — which use technology to schedule and target watering at just the right time and place — in wild blueberry fields as a way to efficiently and effectively manage the crop's water needs.

"By adopting precision agriculture, wild blueberry fields can be divided into management zones that each receives customized management inputs. Precision irrigation management requires regular monitoring of crop water stress to forecast crop water needs in real-time. To do that, future research should be focused on developing efficient water stress monitoring techniques specifically for wild blueberries," Barai says.

Artisan food experiences more meaningful with more information, research says

Foodie culture is growing in Maine, as more consumers seek to know where their food comes from and how it gets to their plate. If artisan food producers want to make their goods stand out in the crowd, new research from UMaine says that providing more information about the products is a good way to do so.

A Maine Business School study published in the journal *Sustainability* examined how consumers expect different benefits from specialty foods compared to more typical or conventional foods. Specifically, researchers Erin Percival Carter, assistant professor of marketing at the Maine Business School, and Stephanie Welcomer,

professor of management at the Maine Business School, found that specialty foods are more likely to be associated with purpose, connection, and meaning than their conventional counterparts.

"So much of the information out there that is designed to help farmers selling commodity products in commodity markets," Carter says. "But when I buy a beautiful wheel of artisan cheese from one of Maine's amazing cheesemakers, everything about my experience with that product is different from my experience with a more conventional, everyday cheese. We wanted to dig into the psychology of consumers of specialty products

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and help producers determine how to make products even more appealing for those consumers."

The researchers conducted a survey of consumers at the Maine Cheese Festival. Participants were asked to compare the shopping experience of a "typical" versus "special" cheese. For both types of cheese, survey participants were asked how likely they were to closely read labels, to seek out additional information beyond the package (for example, from a website); how much the buying experience is improved by the information; and how pleasurable and meaningful the experience of buying and consuming the cheese was overall.

The results showed consumers are more likely to read and value information about "special" cheeses than they are for "typical"

cheeses. Consumers also deemed the "special" products to be both more meaningful and pleasurable, though the information was only beneficial for driving meaning- and not pleasure-related benefits.

The research suggests that to stand out and increase profits, artisan cheesemakers and other producers should carefully craft personal, meaningful information about their products. For example, cheesemakers could use cards near their cheese displays that share where the cheese is sourced, the date of milking, and the process used to make it. The cards could direct consumers to a website, podcast, video series, or social media account with more detailed information and personal stories from the cheesemonger.

"While many artisan producers feel pressure to imitate market leaders and adopt clean and stripped-down packaging, that kind of packaging does not play to the strengths of an artisan product," Percival Carter says. "If you have an artisan product, it's important to think of the story of your product. Partnering directly with smaller-scale producers in Maine to do this kind of research that is specific to their strengths and challenges has been really exciting and I look forward to doing more of it in the future."

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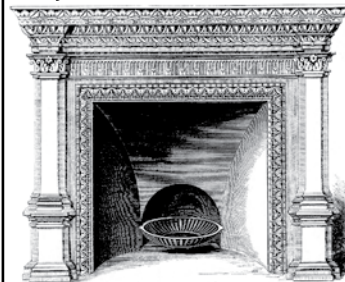
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The Nature of Phenology

A weekly feature on the timing of outdoor occurrences

By Hazel Stark and Joe Horn

Skunks breeding

by Hazel Stark

From dogs getting sprayed to driving through the smelly miasma resulting from its roadkill, everyone has a skunk story. They are the most iconic local species that we smell more than we see. Given that skunks are nocturnal, this isn't too surprising for the diurnal among us — we're unlikely to encounter them since we're most active when they're not. But their seasonal patterns do make them more likely to encounter at some times more than others. On those last warm fall days, I expect to see more of them on the move or as roadkill from seeking the last fattening morsels of food before winter. On unexpectedly warm winter evenings when the temperatures nudge above freezing and fog licks the snowpack, I almost always expect to catch a whiff of these shuffling, black and white mammals, roused from their slumber by the warmer temperatures that might allow for a midseason snack. But in February and March, we are poised at another season for skunks: their mating season.

There are four skunk species native to North America: the spotted, hog-nosed, hooded, and, the only one we have in Maine, the striped skunk. These mostly

black striped skunks have a thin white stripe down the center of their faces and a white cap that splits into two thick white stripes running along either side of their backbones. Their long tails that are one part fluffy and two parts shaggy sport an almost even mix of black and white fur. This bold black and white coloring serves as a warning to would-be predators who will regret a close approach that results in a stinking spray ranging ten feet. While previously grouped in the Mustelidae, or weasel family, skunks are now more accurately grouped in the Mephitidae along with stink badgers.

It can be hard to believe that such a short, bumbling creature with poor vision could survive our harsh winters without being true hibernators, but skunks manage it quite nicely. When we see them on the move in the fall, they are focused on eating as much as they can so they can build up a thick layer of fat to rely on come winter. During the coldest times, skunks will go into torpor, where they metabolize these fat reserves quite slowly and their body temperature can decrease by 20 degrees. Sometimes they'll spend this dormant time in dens with other skunks, benefitting from the warmth and insulation of each

other. But if the temperatures rise and food is accessible, they will rouse themselves in the middle of winter to try to maintain those energy reserves.

While February and March may still seem like the depths of winter depending on the year, and the idea of staying dormant and snuggled down may seem like the preferable option, the long-term survival of the species drives skunks from their slumber. Males are seeking multiple females to mate with now, though females will mate only once per season and deliver six kits in mid to late spring. Given that skunks may lose 30% of their body weight over the course of the winter and breeding towards the end of the winter uses even more energy reserves, they will seek any food they can get as soon as the weather and conditions allow for it.

Skunks are one of those creatures that people so often like to dislike due to their smell, their ability to carry rabies, and their penchant for snuggling down under the porch, but they are one of my favorite animals. Adapted to keep unwanted visitors away while still being able to waddle along sniffing out delightful morsels of food seemingly without a care in the world, these animals are great



While February and March may still seem like the depths of winter depending on the year, it is in these months that the long-term survival of the species drives skunks from their slumber. Photo courtesy Pixabay

role models for living in the present moment. I once saw a skunk flop into the ocean where it proceeded to swim to the other side of the bay. Was there better food over there? Or did it simply enjoy the feeling of the cool water? The next time you're outside, you could waddle along on all fours like a skunk and see what you discover.

The author lives year-round in Downeast Maine, is Co-Founder of Maine Outdoor School, L3C, and is a Registered Maine Guide.

She volunteers to co-produce The Nature of Phenology for WERU-FM with Joseph Horn. This piece is an excerpt from that weekly 5-minute radio program, which airs on 89.9FM near Blue Hill or streaming at weru.org at 9:30am Saturdays. To learn more, listen to episodes, submit observations, or subscribe as a podcast, visit thenatureofphenology.wordpress.com. Hazel can be reached by emailing naturephenology@gmail.com.

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Lady Bulldogs win Class D North quarterfinals, advance to semifinals Thursday

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

A strong first quarter set the tone for the Machias Lady Bulldogs 47-36 win against East Grand, during the Class D North quarterfinals game played Saturday, Feb. 19, at Bangor's Cross Insurance Center.

Matt Johnson, who coaches the Machias Memorial High School Lady Bulldogs together with coach Mary Rhodes, said this team has come far even as a "young team."

"We don't start any seniors, we start two juniors, two sophomores, and a freshman," said Johnson. "It's the first tournament game for the Machias girls' team in six years, so this has been quite a work in progress to rebuild the program and get back to the tournament."

Against East Grand, some early baskets helped steady the team's nerves, said Johnson. The Lady Bulldogs shut out East Grand 13 to 0 in the first quarter, and were strong on defense, too.

"I thought we definitely controlled

the pace of play which was something we wanted to do," said Johnson. "East Grand started to get rolling and every time they made a run we were able to answer it."

Junior Jaydin Anderson was Machias' high scorer for the game, with 18 points. Sophomores Skylah Tinker and Kristin Grant each scored 11.

"Jaydin Anderson kind of took over the game in the second half and propelled us to victory," said Johnson. "I thought our girls showed some good poise especially when East Grand started to show some offense and cut the lead down to 6 points a couple of times."

Saturday's strong showing comes after a strong season, said Johnson, capped off by a particularly strong final week, during which the Lady Bulldogs met three worthy opponents, and defeated two of them.

"We had to play Calais who had beaten us pretty well earlier in the year," said Johnson. "We played

them straight out for most of three quarters, and they're the second seed in Class C."

In the same week, the Lady Bulldogs went up against Schenck High School of Millinocket, a team that defeated them earlier this season.

"So that was a must-win and we won that game in overtime," said Johnson, seeing a positive in the Calais loss. "I'm not sure that if we hadn't had a strong resiliency in three quarters against Calais, if that win would have happened."

The final game of the year enabled the Lady Bulldogs to level up from fourth seed to third when they defeated Deer Isle.

"Deer Isle had beaten us by 30 the first time we played them," said Johnson. "We ended up pulling out the victory and going into the tournament as a #3 seed."

The Lady Bulldogs now advance to the Class D North semifinals against #2 seed Wisdom High School of St. Agatha. The game will be played at

the Cross Insurance Center at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. The winner of that game will advance to the regional finals, to be played at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. The winner of that game will advance to the state championships, to be played at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, all in Bangor.

Looking ahead to next year, Johnson said it's difficult to predict what kind of players might come in as part of the 2022-23 Machias freshman class, though the 8th-grade basketball program at Machias' Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School is improving.

"Hopefully some of those girls decide to go to Machias for high school. The complexity of our school system is there are a lot of elementary schools in the area, so you don't have a single feeder program that feeds the high school," said Johnson. "You hope they choose Machias Memorial High School, but you really won't know until you see that incoming freshman class."



#12 Sophomore Skylar Tinker



#10 Junior Jaida Case



#5 Freshman Maleah Rhodes



Coach Matt Johnson watches play on the court, while coach Mary Rhodes talks with sophomore starter Kristin Grant.



#4 Junior Jaydin Anderson



#14 Sophomore Kristin Grant. All photos by Jason Overby

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