

Machias Valley News Observer

SERVING WASHINGTON COUNTY CITIZENS & BUSINESSES SINCE 1852

"For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light."



Follow us on Twitter
facebook.com/machiasnews

Since 1852 • Vol. 169 • No. 37

Machias, Maine • April 20, 2022

\$1.50

Machias drafts municipal budget; town property sales considered

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

The Machias Budget Committee and selectboard last week finished working through the municipal portion of the town's 2022-23 budget, which anticipates a net increase of less than five percent, or \$68,880, above last year.

The Machias schools will present their proposed budget April 27. As in most towns, the Machias

schools represent the lion's share of the town's budget, usually more than double the municipal gross expenditures. For instance, last year the municipal budget totalled \$2.365 million, and the schools total expenditure budget came to \$6.209 million.

Both the town and schools receive significant state financial contributions and are not funded
(Committee cont. pg. 23)

J-BHS considers transgender policy

by Nancy Beal

The Moosabec CSD board that governs Jonesport-Beals High School was introduced to a model transgender policy last week which, after a month of study that will include a 90-minute training session, it will discuss and may act on at its May meeting. The policy is crafted in accordance with the Maine Human Rights Act, 20-A

MRSA Section 4601. The reason for its consideration at this time remained confidential.

The policy identifies gender identity as "a person's sincerely held core belief of their own gender." An assertion of gender identity different from the biological sex will be accepted when "there is consistent assertion of gender identity
(J-BHS cont. pg. 3)

Machias board talks airport, playground, 4th of July fireworks

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

The town's only public playground is getting ready to grow again with the upcoming addition of a children's merry-go-round, paid for using a \$3,600 donation from Machias Savings Bank.

Machias Town Manager Bill Kitchen, who has championed recreation area improvements for years, shared the news with the Machias Board of Selectmen

April 13 at their regular bi-monthly meeting.

"Eventually we'll put up a plaque to recognize all the [playground] donors," said Kitchen.

A man from Gettysburg, Virginia, would like to construct an airport hangar in Machias where he will store his helicopter, said Kitchen. This would be the first hangar at Machias Valley Municipal Airport
(Machias board cont. pg. 4)

Local young woman fights back against sexual assault

by Kaileigh Deacon

During the month of April, a light is shown on a topic that can often make people uncomfortable. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which gives a voice to survivors to share their stories, highlight means of support, and give strength to efforts for change. There is still a stigma around sexual assault despite progress having been made in the last several years, but thanks to survivors and their

supporters, they are working to change that.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 1 in 5 women are the victims of attempted or completed sexual assault, and 24.8 percent of men. During April and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the focus turns to how to better serve the survivors — and protect those who might be — in hopes that those numbers change
(Awareness cont. pg. 5)



Patriots' Day remembered in Machias

In honor of Patriots' Day, the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine on Monday gathered and marched from the historic Burnham Tavern to Machias's Memorial Park, at the base of College Hill. The names of local Revolutionary War dead and injured were read in a solemn observance before the gathering proceeded on to the O'Brien Cemetery, where many of those involved are buried. The reenactors will next be seen at the Margarett Days Festival & Craft Fair to be held June 17-18 at the University of Maine Machias. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

BES board okays \$998K budget, public to vote on May 17

by Nancy Beal

Last week, the Beals Elementary School board met and approved a proposed budget of \$997,983 for the 2022-23 school year. This amount is an increase of \$88,934 (9.7

percent) over last year's bottom line of \$909,049 and will cause taxpayers to foot a larger share of the total local appropriation.

Local share will go up from \$715,878 last year to \$813,096 this

year, a hike of 13.3 percent. The increases are partly due to a drop of \$30,000 in state subsidy—from \$65,171 last year to \$34,887 this year—to step increases in salaries,

(Beals cont. pg. 4)

PRATT

GMC
WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE

The Way Buying a Car or Truck Should Be

www.prattcars.com

US Route 1, Calais • 207-454-0600

Index

- Arts & Entertainment.....8-9
- Calendar of Events.....13
- Church Directory.....14
- Classifieds31
- Community News..... 10-11
- Games.....12
- Help Wanted.....23-30
- Legals/Notices.....21-22
- Obituaries.....14
- Op-Ed.....6-7
- Outdoors.....32
- Science.....5
- Sports.....16-17,19
- Student News.....18



START YOUR RECOVERY TODAY

NOW OPEN

43 UNION STREET
CALAIS, ME 04619

207.952.3965

Introducing Karen Davis, FNP
Photo Credit Lauren Warren Photography

SaVida Health

OUTPATIENT OPIOID & ALCOHOL ADDICTION TREATMENT

SAVIDAHEALTH.COM

- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Suboxone® Medication Management
- ✓ Support Services
- ✓ Same Day Appointments
- ✓ MaineCare / Medicaid / Uninsured

Patients - mention this ad for a monthly chance to win a \$100 gas card.

Bridge, Bridge, Bridge! Is this a Bridge too far? We don't think so!

by Jackie O'Clair

Sunrise Senior College is offering you the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of Bridge. The Cambridge Dictionary defines Bridge as a noun (game), a card game for four players who play in pairs. But Bridge is so much more than that!



What can Bridge do for you:
-It can help keep your brain young. Bridge is a game that requires you to constantly use both sides of your brain.

-It can build your concentration skills and soft skills.

-It can help your immune system. Some studies have shown the area of your brain that is used and stimulated while playing Bridge, is the same area of the brain that is suspected to stimulate the immune system.

While Sunrise Senior College cannot guarantee these statements, here is your chance to learn the basics of Bridge from the ground up - taught by an experienced Bridge instructor who has been playing competitively and for fun since 1964. Over 10 sessions, this course will carefully explain the rationale and principles behind each bidding sequence and the play guidelines used in the game to help you acquire the skills needed to be a successful Bridge

player.

Bridge is the card game played by more people than any other played in English-speaking countries and throughout the world. Once you learn the foundational rules, you'll have the skills needed to enjoy playing Bridge with the new friends you'll make. So, if you've always wanted to learn now's your chance!

If you are looking to become part of a social group, here is an inexpensive and fun way to do so.

This could be just the ticket for you. This is an in-person class being held at St. Aidan's Church undercroft in Machias. Proof of COVID vaccination and booster must be presented however, masks are optional.

This class starts May 16 and runs for 10 weeks. Please check this class out at <https://machias.edu/ssc/> or call contact us at 255-1384 for further information.

LOCAL POETRY

Editor's note: April is National Poetry Month. Here, the poet Joseph Monaghan III celebrates the assistance of his long-time friend George Sprague of Bucks Harbor, after the pair worked side-by-side in their heavy machinery. Monaghan was previously a chief at Cutler Naval station. He now teaches high school English in Florida, still summering in Washington County. - SCD

Mechanical Ballet

Shovel in hand, I thought, "What then?"
And low and behold there came our friends?
George and Larry in heavy metal
Worked all day to make us better.

I was humbled again as I watched today,
Two friends dance a mechanical ballet
A classic backhoe, Case 580 Super E,
And the Captain-commanded, Bobcat S205 Mightily!

They lifted, sifted, front-and back-drug,
They pushed over trees and masterfully dug.
They reached for rocks and trees and stumps;
They whirled and twirled with hydraulic pumps!

They scooped and scraped and tore and tugged
They tipped on two wheels, strained and chugged!
They conquered, smoothed and tamed the land;
They transferred boulders with mechanical hands!

The cold rain came hard and dropped,
But the intrepid artists couldn't be stopped.
"Chief! Bring us more coffee and some red hotdogs...
And step aside as we pirouette with these logs."

They lifted stumps and put rocks in the sand;
They pushed cracking debris and smoothed our land!
Then Neil and Mark, in his feisty - dump truck, came to say,
"We'll cart the stumps and branches away."

This world, the great northern woods of Maine,
Is a home we returned to again and again.
From our travels in the Navy, far and wide,
Maine and our friends return with the tide.

Downeast, hard hands, shrewd thoughts, and strong hearts!
I'm thankful to know you and live in these parts
Bravo! Bravo, and BRAVO, for sure!
With friends like ours who could ask for more?!

Honestly, I have no words...

Joseph Monaghan III
St. Petersburg Florida, Cutler



The poet at work.



George Sprague at work in his skid steer loader, which he uses again and again to assist friends and neighbors in need. Photos courtesy Joe Monaghan III

Washington County Weekly
Published Since 1852

Telephone Numbers:
(207) 255-6561
Fax: (207) 255-4058

Website:
www.machiasnews.com

Email:
editor@machiasnews.com

Open: M - F 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Advertisements, Subscriptions, and Payments must be mailed to
Post Office Box 357
Machias, ME 04654

Online subscriptions can be placed by credit card at
www.machiasnews.com

Published weekly on Wednesday, the Machias Valley News Observer.
41 Broadway (PO Box 357)
Machias, Maine 04654

Edited and Designed in Maine
Printed in Canada

Periodicals Postage Paid at Machias, ME

Publisher/Managing Editor/
Owners

PIERRE & WENDY LITTLE

Controller/Administrative Manager
WENDY LITTLE
wendy@machiasnews.com

Editor
SARAH CRAIGHEAD DEDMON
editor@machiasnews.com

Graphic Designer
DYLAN LINGLEY
[mvmographics@gmail.com](mailto:mvnographics@gmail.com)

Advertising Sales Support
EBONICA CARSON
advertising@machiasnews.com

Reception
TABETHA YOUNG
reception@machiasnews.com

Proof Reader
GARY LAMB

Reporters
NANCY BEAL
PHIL STUART, SPORTS
JAYNA SMITH
NATALIE BOOMER
HAILEY WOOD

Cartoonist
BOB BRYSON

Office Pooch
POMPING

Subscription Price:
Payable in advance by credit card,
check or money order:
\$48.00
Newsstand price \$1.50 per copy

All ARTICLES, PRESS
RELEASES, and COPY should be
in the body of the email or attached
as a **Microsoft Word Document**
(.doc)

All CAMERA READY ADS and
PHOTOS should be attached .jpg,
.pdf, or .tif files.

We reserve the right
to accept or reject any editorial or
advertising material.

We are not responsible
for any materials that are unsolicited
by mail, fax or email; for typing
errors that do not change the mean-
ing or content of any ads or articles
placed with us; for emails that do not
reach our mailbox or comply with
our requirements.

Deadlines:
DISPLAY ADS - Monday 12 p.m.
COPY - Sunday 5 p.m.
CLASSIFIEDS - Monday Noon



ACCEPTED HERE

Seeking Local Poetry Submissions

April is National Poetry Month and how better to celebrate than with the work of our many talented, local poets? Would you let us share your work in these pages? You retain all rights to your work, we just want to print it! Please send submissions to editor@machiasnews.com.



Notice to mail subscribers: We have received reports of newspaper delivery delays since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Please be aware that we will continue to mail your newspaper quickly, but the pandemic could affect its timely delivery.

FREE PAPER OR DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION for Active or Retired, US Military, Police, Border Patrol, Fire Fighters and First Responders.
Call (207) 454-3561 or Send Email to heroes@machiasnews.com



Machias Valley News Observer is grateful to all our heroes in uniform and retired who served our great nation for the protection of others.

If one of your loved ones are serving overseas please let us know and we will send their copy in US Military Mail Service (MPS)

J-BHS Continued from page 1

or any other evidence that the student's gender identity is sincerely held as a part of their core identity," according to the policy. If there is a credible reason to believe a claim is being asserted improperly, additional evidence may be requested.

Such evidence could include written statements from health professionals or adults close to the student, legal and familial documents indicating the student's legal gender; medical records, however, may not be requested. If there is a disagreement between the student and his or her legal guardian, the school "shall abide by the wishes of the student."

The policy has language on privacy and confidentiality with respect to school records and other official documents, and direction regarding the student's name on certificates, diplomas, rosters, and yearbooks. Harassment and bullying are prohibited and are addressed in other school policies.

Transgender students shall be permitted to use restrooms and locker rooms that correspond to the student's asserted identity, according to the policy. Separate facilities will be provided if requested, but no transgender student shall be required to use a separate facility. "Interscholastic athletic activities should be addressed through the Maine

Principals Association Transgender Participation Policy," reads the policy with respect to school sports.

There were a few comments from board members, but eventually, they agreed to reserve judgment until after the training session. Superintendent Lewis Collins invited them to email him questions and comments during the interim before the May meeting.

JES to take on J-BHS in interim

Late last year, J-BHS Principal Michael Kelley announced that he would retire at the end of this school year. Collins began advertising the position in December. Four months later, no suitable applicant had presented him or herself and the superintendent was worried that there would be no one in June to carry on.

Last week, he asked the CSD board to let him hire Heidi Fairbanks, who had moved east from Alaska last summer to assume the reins as principal of Jonesport Elementary School. While retaining the JES principalship, he said, he wanted her to serve as interim principal of the high school.

"I've got to have someone in place," he said of the impending vacancy. "If a suitable candidate is found, I will bring that person to you."

Julie Farris, who chairs the JES school board, remarked that the workload of both jobs would "be a lot." She also expressed concern that Collins had not brought the matter before the JES board, which met a week earlier. Colin Alley asked if Collins was still advertising. Answer: yes.

When the matter came to a vote, five members approved the hire, one voted against it and two abstained.

Budget, boys volleyball

J-BHS athletic director Mitch Worcester was present April 13 with a request to form a boys volleyball team during the gap between basketball and baseball seasons. It would be a club sport, he said, with the possibility of participating in a tournament in Aroostook County. Surrounding schools, such as Machias, Narraguagus and Woodland High Schools and Washington Academy were interested, he said.

The cost, said Worcester, would be minimal because of the availability of equipment from the girls' volleyball program. He added that seven or eight boys had expressed interest, while only six players are needed for a team. No action was taken by the board.

A budget totaling \$1,776,070 was approved. (Details in next week's issue.)

STATE POLICE BLOTTER

Maine State Police Report for March

March 2 - Trooper Jarid Leonard conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Wesley. As a result of the investigation, Terrence Prellen, age 57, of Baileyville, was summoned for Operating After Suspension.

March 2 - Trooper Jarid Leonard conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 1 in Baileyville. As a result of the investigation, Codie Barton, age 19, of Baileyville was summoned for Operating After Suspension.

March 2 - Trooper Jarid Leonard

conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 1 in Baileyville. As a result of the investigation, Michell Lewey, age 34, of Indian Township, was summoned for Operating After Suspension.

March 3 - Trooper Jarid Leonard conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 1 in Machias. As a result of the investigation, Brad Turchi, age 44, of Jonesport, was summoned for Unlawful Possession of Scheduled Drugs.



Drum and fife corp returning to Margareta Days this year

The Piscataqua Rangers Jr. Fife & Drum Corps will once again return to the Margareta Days Festival and Craft Fair this June 17-18 in Machias. Based in New Hampshire, the corps works to teach the next generation about the colonial history of the United States, and to represent the city of Portsmouth and its cultural heritage. The corps' mission dovetails perfectly with the mission of Margareta Days, which aims to educate and highlight the Revolutionary War-era history of the Machias region. To learn more about the festival visit <https://www.margarettadays.com/>. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

DOWNEAST TIDE TABLE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

DECH Births

Eastport

DATE	HIGH			LOW			☀		☾	
20 Wed	1:53	20.9	2:25	19.3	8:24	-1.6	8:44	0.2	5:32	7:20
21 Thu	2:44	20.3	3:19	18.6	9:17	-0.9	9:39	1.0	5:31	7:22
22 Fri	3:41	19.6	4:19	17.8	10:15	-0.2	10:39	1.7	5:29	7:23
23 Sat	4:43	18.8	5:24	17.3	11:17	0.5	11:45	2.1	5:27	7:24
24 Sun	5:50	18.2	6:33	17.1			12:24	1.0	5:26	7:25
25 Mon	7:00	18.0	7:40	17.4	12:53	2.1	1:30	1.0	5:24	7:27
26 Tue	8:07	18.2	8:41	18.1	2:00	1.7	2:32	0.7	5:23	7:28

Lubec

DATE	HIGH			LOW			☀		☾	
20 Wed	1:53	20.9	2:25	19.3	8:24	-1.6	8:44	0.2	5:32	7:20
21 Thu	2:44	20.3	3:19	18.6	9:17	-0.9	9:39	1.0	5:31	7:22
22 Fri	3:41	19.6	4:19	17.8	10:15	-0.2	10:39	1.7	5:29	7:23
23 Sat	4:43	18.8	5:24	17.3	11:17	0.5	11:45	2.1	5:27	7:24
24 Sun	5:50	18.2	6:33	17.1			12:24	1.0	5:26	7:25
25 Mon	7:00	18.0	7:40	17.4	12:53	2.1	1:30	1.0	5:24	7:27
26 Tue	8:07	18.2	8:41	18.1	2:00	1.7	2:32	0.7	5:23	7:28

To Jessica Schrader and Christopher Parker, of Franklin, Maine, a girl Everleigh Annette Parker born on April 14, 2022 weighing 5 lbs., 7 oz., 19 inches long.



Cutler

DATE	HIGH			LOW			☀		☾	
20 Wed	1:46	15.9	2:21	14.5	8:09	-1.3	8:27	0.3	5:34	7:21
21 Thu	2:38	15.5	3:16	13.9	9:02	-0.8	9:22	0.9	5:32	7:22
22 Fri	3:34	14.9	4:16	13.3	10:01	-0.2	10:24	1.4	5:30	7:23
23 Sat	4:37	14.3	5:22	12.9	11:05	0.3	11:32	1.7	5:29	7:25
24 Sun	5:44	13.8	6:31	12.9			12:14	0.6	5:27	7:26
25 Mon	6:54	13.7	7:38	13.2	12:43	1.7	1:22	0.7	5:26	7:27
26 Tue	8:01	13.8	8:39	13.7	1:51	1.4	2:24	0.5	5:24	7:28

Machiasport

DATE	HIGH			LOW			☀		☾	
20 Wed	1:54	14.4	2:26	13.3	8:15	-1.1	8:35	0.2	5:32	7:20
21 Thu	2:45	14.0	3:20	12.8	9:08	-0.6	9:30	0.7	5:31	7:22
22 Fri	3:42	13.5	4:20	12.3	10:06	-0.1	10:30	1.2	5:29	7:23
23 Sat	4:44	12.9	5:25	11.9	11:08	0.4	11:36	1.5	5:27	7:24
24 Sun	5:51	12.5	6:34	11.8			12:15	0.7	5:26	7:25
25 Mon	7:01	12.4	7:41	12.0	12:44	1.5	1:21	0.7	5:24	7:27
26 Tue	8:08	12.5	8:42	12.5	1:51	1.2	2:23	0.5	5:23	7:28

Jonesport

DATE	HIGH			LOW			☀		☾	
20 Wed	1:31	14.0	2:14	12.2	8:06	-1.5	8:18	0.3	5:48	7:31
21 Thu	2:22	13.7	3:11	11.7	9:00	-1.1	9:14	0.8	5:46	7:32
22 Fri	3:21	13.2	4:15	11.3	10:01	-0.5	10:16	1.2	5:44	7:34
23 Sat	4:26	12.6	5:23	11.0	11:07	-0.1	11:25	1.5	5:43	7:35
24 Sun	5:37	12.2	6:32	11.1			12:16	0.2	5:41	7:36
25 Mon	6:49	12.0	7:38	11.4	12:38	1.5	1:24	0.3	5:40	7:37
26 Tue	7:57	12.1	8:37	11.9	1:49	1.2	2:26	0.2	5:38	7:38

Milbridge

DATE	HIGH			LOW			☀		☾	
20 Wed	1:49	13.3	2:28	11.8	8:32	-1.0	8:46	0.6	5:36	7:23
21 Thu	2:42	13.2	3:24	11.5	9:27	-0.8	9:43	0.9	5:35	7:25
22 Fri	3:39	12.8	4:23	11.2	10:26	-0.5	10:45	1.1	5:33	7:26
23 Sat	4:41	12.4	5:27	11.0	11:29	-0.2	11:51	1.2	5:32	7:27
24 Sun	5:47	12.0	6:35	10.9			12:34	0.1	5:30	7:28
25 Mon	6:57	11.7	7:40	11.1	12:59	1.1	1:38	0.1	5:28	7:29
26 Tue	8:04	11.7	8:39	11.4	2:04	0.8	2:37	0.1	5:27	7:31



SERVICES

Put your service in the directory today!

ADVERTISE FOR \$15 A WEEK!
Make it easy for consumers to find you!




- Custom design
- Specialty Stone Setting
- Appraisals, Repairs and Coins
- Watch Battery Replacement
- Redesign Unworn Jewelry

https://www.downcastjewelers.com/
63 Dublin St Suite 3, Machias, ME 04654
(207) 735-7561 | downcastjewelers@gmail.com

Canane & Sons
Home Improvements & Small Excavating Services

Snow Removal and Push Back
Foundation Issues? Drainage Issues?
Give us a call!

(207)255-6384 or Cell: (207)271-6384



Riverside & Murphy's Electric

Full-service electrical contracting company serving Downeast Maine. Free estimates.
Over 26 years experience • 24/7 emergency service

Machias • 255-3060
support@riversideelectricinc.com
www.riversideelectricinc.com

ATM Construction Service NO JOB TOO SMALL

Building • Remodeling • Painting
Concrete Work • Stone & Brick Work

Your one stop for construction needs • Get your money's worth
30 Years Experience Service Washington County
207-214-0033 • Alan, Tom and Margaret



Your local Machias Bay area Realtors®
www.CoastalPropertySpecialists.com

Shirley Erickson 207-255-4063 serickson@roadrunner.com
Aaron Currier 207-200-1697 acurrierrealestate@gmail.com

Put your service in the directory today!

ADVERTISE FOR \$15 A WEEK!

Make it easy for consumers to find you!

Machias Glassworks

let our mobile shop come to you

255-6900 /1-866-641-6922

Porter Memorial Library wins REvitalizeME grant

MDF's Maine Downtown Center is pleased to award \$656,789 through the REvitalizeME Gen2 National Park Service Sub-grant program for four historic preservation projects involving historic downtown buildings in Maine. These projects all support economic development in rural downtowns during this critical time.

Porter Memorial Library is awarded \$48,000 for plans and specifications to add an elevator to make the library accessible for the first time in its history, and to redesign the interior space

"We are pleased to make these awards for catalytic projects in Maine downtowns," says Anne Ball, program director, Maine Downtown Center. "The program set out to drive the connection between economic development and historic preservation. These projects illustrate this in four unique downtowns in four different Maine counties and in four different

building types: a library, theater, mill, and former jail."

The four awards prevailed through a process aimed at identifying new opportunities that will have a fundamental impact on economic revitalization and historic preservation. The other award winners were: Colonial Theater, Augusta, \$160,229 for repair of windows and exterior doors; Old Hancock County Sheriff's Home and Jail, Ellsworth, \$200,000 for repair of masonry; Bag Mill, Rumford, \$200,000 for roof repair and energy efficiency improvements and \$48,560 for plans and specifications and a window survey.

MDF's partner in this effort was the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. "We are pleased to be able to support rehabilitation work on several historically significant buildings," says Kirk Mohny, director, and state historic preservation officer. "The variety

of buildings that received awards underscores the rich architectural heritage of Maine's downtowns."

The REvitalizeME Gen2 sub-grant program was funded by the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program of the National Park Service, Department of Interior. The objective of the program is to support the rehabilitation of historic properties that will drive economic development in rural communities.

"One of the MDF's strategic priorities is improving the economic vitality of the state's downtowns," says Yellow Light Breen, MDF president, and CEO. "Even in difficult economic times, rehabbing our historic properties boosts the long-term prospects for sustaining businesses and jobs in our downtowns. These grants enable downtown historic building owners to be good stewards of their buildings and drive economic development."

Machias board Continued from page 1

(KMVM), realizing a years-long goal of expanding the airport along with its ability to generate revenue for the town.

"The engineering firm, Maine Department of Transportation, and the airport committee are all in favor of this," said Kitchen. "It has all been triple-checked. It will allow us to place this hangar in such a way that it would be at the end of the taxiway and allow us [room to build] the four hangars we want to build right now."

The airport was recently awarded \$1.25 million in funding through Sen. Susan Collins' transportation earmarks. The funding will be used toward engineering and land purchases with the goal of someday building a 5,000-foot crosswind runway. The longer runway will be able to accommodate small commercial aircraft, and will

enable LifeFlight to land at KMVM using fixed-wing aircraft and to make instrument landings in all forms of weather.

The helicopter owner will sign a 20-year lease for a 3,600-square-foot parcel, paying the town \$430 per year. The hangar owner will pay all costs of construction on the 20 by 15-foot structure.

Kitchen said increased use of the airport helps the town make a stronger case for future grant funding.

"Everything in terms of airport growth and funding is based on what is called operations, and an operation is when someone lands and takes off," said Kitchen. "The other thing it's based on is how many aircraft live at your facility."

Fourth of July
Machias normally celebrates

the Fourth of July with an early evening parade and nighttime fireworks show. Kitchen last week notified the selectboard that in order to secure fireworks for the actual Fourth, the contractor would require \$5,000 instead of the normal \$4,000 fee, and a three-year contract.

The board discussed the relative merits of having the fireworks on the holiday, versus surrounding dates, and some expressed concern that the evening of the Fourth always seems to be foggy in Middle River Park, where the fireworks are detonated. The fog places pressure on the local fire chief to make the call whether or not to go on with the show in adverse conditions.

The board was generally favorable to continuing the effort of a July 4 event, and Kitchen signed the contract last week.

Beals Continued from page 1

and to the need to fund a school nurse who was previously paid with federal dollars.

Superintendent Lewis Collins reflected on the drop in state subsidy. In the three years since he came to Union 103, he said, BES' subsidy had dropped from \$120,000 to \$35,000. "Waterfront property kills you," he said of the high value placed on shorefront by state assessors. Townspeople will vote on the proposed budget May 17.

The largest line item increase is in instruction in grades 3 through 8. Three full time teachers last year grew to 3.5 teachers this year, and a part time physical education teacher will be paid triple the 10 hours per week of last year. Associated insurances and retirement contributions push that section of the budget up \$80,000. Adjustments in teacher days in K through grade 3 and PreK reduce the increase to about \$52,000.

In the special education portion of the budget, a decrease of nearly \$10,000 in health insurance and elimination of a secretary in the director's office (the director was

eliminated last year) brings down the total cost from \$77,245 last year to \$64,231 this year. Other instruction (coaches' salaries, art program, drivers' salaries) goes up about \$4,000 as the nine coaches' salaries move from \$800 to \$1,000, and drivers' hourly pay increases \$3 per hour and more hours are budgeted for.

Under student/staff support services, the total new cost of the school nurse—roughly \$17,000—is partly offset by a \$10,000 drop in the sport physicals line. Elimination of money for the library saves another approximate \$2,500, lowering the total increase for support services to about \$6,500.

BES's share of the cost of the superintendent's office went from \$68,438 last year to \$77,577. An increase in the principal's salary of approximately \$5,800 and a bump from \$15.81 to \$17.09 per hour creates \$2,000 more for the secretary and produces an increase of about \$8,500 in the principal's office line.

Custodial money increases approximately \$9,500, due largely

to a hike from \$11,418 to \$17,107 in BES' share of the maintenance director's pay, which grows from 23.5 percent to a third. (The maintenance director services all three schools in Union 103.)

A \$5,400 increase in property insurance pushes plant operation and maintenance to \$90,765, and a second payment of \$13,703 on the school's energy project is a new entry for 2022-23. Those costs are canceled by the drop from \$18,000 to zero on the building improvement/upgrade line. Food service increases by \$10,000.

In addition to approving the budget, the school board approved continuing contracts for the following teachers: Brenda Kelley, pre-K/kindergarten, Susan Chandler, grades 1 and 2, George Crawford, grades 3 and 4, Christopher Crowley, grades 5 through 8 history, Laura Fish, grades 5 through 8 English/language arts and art, and Kristi Carver-Kenney, grades 5 through 8 math/science/health. Crowley also received a two-year principal's contract beginning next September.

Local hospitals promote National Donate Life Month

Please join Calais Community Hospital (CCH) and Down East Community Hospital (DECH) in the celebration of National Donate Life Month this April. The month-long celebration showcases various perspectives of those touched by donation and transplantation.

DECH and CCH is recognizing National Donate Life Month by placing signage around the hospital campuses, sharing social media messages, providing seeds and planter kits with organ donor registration info in local businesses, encouraging the community to take part in Blue Green Day, sponsoring a photo contest and conducting awareness events for staff.

The entire county is encouraged to take part on April 22 – Blue Green Day – by wearing green and blue, setting up blue and green decorations, making blue and green food items or art, or challenging co-workers and organizations to take part. Show us how you can go Blue and Green to share the message of being an organ donor. Submit your pictures to either hospital or the DonateLife.net national organization for a chance to win a prize. At CCH send pictures to molly.fletcher@calaihospital.org



at DECH send pictures to jhixson@dech.org or for the national contest upload pictures at: donatelife.net/blue-green-day-photo-contest.

Every year since 2002, April has been filled with stories to spread the lifesaving message of donation in order to motivate people to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. You can become a donor by registering at www.DonateLife.net.

In 2021 Calais Community Hospital celebrated 100% timeliness for referrals and Down East Community Hospital celebrated 96% timeliness for referrals. Taking the time to make these referrals is the first step in our CCH and DECH being able to collaborate with New England Donor Services to offer a

grieving family the ability to give through organ & tissue donation.

Approximately half of the U.S. adult population is registered as donors. Still, the number of people in need of transplants continues to outpace the number of donor organs. On average, 22 people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time. Registering your decision to become a donor is the most effective way to ensure you can save lives through donation and serves as a sign of hope to those who continue to wait. To register as a donor or for more information about how to get involved, please visit www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org.

Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes every community's role in assisting children

April is National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Awareness month. The theme of this year's awareness and impact campaign is "Growing a Better Tomorrow for All Children, Together."

"Too often, our society thinks of raising healthy children as a parent or caregiver's responsibility alone. In reality, we all benefit when groups of people work together to collectively care for children, who grow up to become successful, contributing adults," said Monica Olivares, Community Coordinator for Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council.

April 2022 marks the third year CAP Month occurs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The risk to our nation's children for experiencing child abuse and neglect in times of extreme stress and uncertainty remains high. COVID-19 adds stress that can overload parents and caregivers, such as loss of employment, loss

of income due to lack of paid leave, the necessity of new child care and schooling arrangements, and food insecurity. The social connections and community services and activities that serve as protective factors against child abuse and neglect may not exist in this extraordinary time of physical distancing.

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month the Prevention Council would like to introduce two professional trainings to the community, the Mandated Reporter Training and the Front Porch Project. Both trainings are free, facilitated by the Prevention Council and are critical building blocks to protecting our children.

Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council recommends the following ways that people everywhere can dig in and help raise awareness and impact virtually during this year's CAP Month:

- Follow Sunrise Opportunities

Prevention Council on social media and share our posts throughout April. Encourage friends and family to do the same. Use the hashtags #GrowingBetterTogether and #CAPMonth to signify your commitment to helping children, families, and entire communities to thrive.

- Participate in Prevent Child Abuse America's nationwide Digital Advocacy Day on April 27.
- Register for a Front Porch Project Training or Mandated Reporter Training.

Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council proudly serves Washington & Hancock Counties with the goal of reducing and preventing child abuse and neglect. We do this through offering parent support groups, playgroups, parent workshops and professional training to the community. All of our training is free and open to the public.

Awareness Continued from page 1

for the better.

Local survivor Lindsey Daggett has become one such force fighting for change and calling for justice when she sees the need for it. Lindsey has been vocal about the need for change regarding the living restrictions for offenders. The need for change was spurred by her own experience so she took matters into her own hands when her abuser was released and lived in an area with children. Lindsey reached out to Senator Marianne Moore for help.

Senator Moore heard Lindsey's story and her concern about the lack of regulation regarding where offenders live. So she drafted "An Act to Establish Statewide Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders," later named LR2217. The bill would put into place statewide restrictions that are consistent across the state, rather than leaving it up to municipalities

to adopt ordinances.

The bill proposes specific guidelines on proximities to parks, schools, or other public areas where children are the primary users. It would establish an ordinance for municipalities to follow that would only restrict residency and would not have any other restrictions or requirements.

Senator Moore agreed with Lindsey's stance and submitted a bill, LR2217, before the Legislature on Sept. 8, 2021. At that time in the second year of the biennial, the legislature was only considering bills that were deemed an emergency; LR2217 was not deemed an emergency and so was not allowed to go forward. On Nov. 1, 2021, Senator Moore appealed the decision asking for reconsideration, and the bill was denied; however, Senator Moore, if reelected, plans on bringing the bill before the legislature again.

Rep. Gramlich submitted a bill entitled LD1888, "An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Parental Rights and Responsibilities." This bill, while not the same as what Lindsey is proposing, does increase the protection of victims and was passed.

The push for justice not just for herself but for other survivors of sexual assault is something Lindsey is passionate about. She has shared her story online, in workshops, in schools, and even on tv, hoping that her story will help others and spur action into change.

For information, you can go to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's website at www.nsvrc.org. While April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the importance of this topic does not diminish. It persists all year, and through knowledge and action, change can happen.



Tempus fugit

It's nearly everyone's favorite enemy on Monday mornings: an alarm clock. Where would we be without it, or our phones nowadays? But can you explain how either of these knows what time it is? I mean, they are nothing but plastic and metal. How could they possibly know what time it is? For that matter, how do you know accurately what time it is?

Anyone who has experienced a beautiful September in Maine will know precisely when the sun goes down and the temperature plummets, signaling the time to get ready for supper. Mankind has had a loose but inaccurate relationship with time from Neanderthal till the 1700s. There were candles with lines indicating the hour, sundials, and of course, swinging pendulums. Swinging pendulums were more or less OK until one needed to travel, whether by road or sea.

After a tragic loss of ships, the British government commissioned a competition to create a sea-worthy clock. Although rudely not fully awarded, the only successful inventor was James Harrison and his H1 sea-clock that successfully operated at sea under any conditions, quite accurately, in 1735. Thus allowing sailing navigators to move around the oceans by comparing the exact time difference between two clocks to know the longitude relative to London, which is why the prime meridian originates just east of London in Greenwich, where the British Naval offices are.

Why two clocks? For every hour difference between them exactly at noon wherever the ship is, means the ship has traveled fifteen degrees of longitude or just over 1,000 miles.

From an inventor's perspective, Harrison was amazing. His first clock chimed in at 75 pounds and three variations later came back with a reduced weight for H4 of 3.1 pounds. He spent many years in pursuit of success and we ultimately have him to thank for our modern wristwatch which the H4 was the precursor.

Most of us remember the common household name of Timex. Employees James Schwarzschild and Raymond Boxberger developed the quartz timed watch in 1974-5, ushering in a new era in body worn timekeeping and more importantly, using atoms to create a pulse for timing. Nothing against the Swiss (or Germans) and their punctuality, but wind up watches were bound to be replaced.

The quartz crystal, which is exactly as it sounds, a tiny piece of quartz, has a tiny voltage applied to one side causing it to vibrate an exact number of times. This minuscule vibration is not affected by gravity or humidity, thus allowing operation in many conditions with good accuracy. Until the battery runs out. Perhaps you'll recall "Takes a licking, but keeps on ticking."

Since then man-made clocks have improved and miniaturized.

The quartz crystal has undergone improvements and mass production over these decades such that it is now almost everywhere. Rare indeed are wind-up watches or clocks, so hold onto yours if you have one. Nonetheless, one of the few places quartz crystals can't navigate is the internet and radio frequency communication (aka cell towers).

We are all familiar with time zones, but what about UTC time or Coordinated Universal Time? Since the late 60's this time and synchronization method was globally adopted to be the exact time on the prime meridian at the equator. All time zones are relative to this master time either by distance or political borders. Our EST is +5 hours west of the Prime meridian. Side note, am and pm refer to ante meridian (before the longitude) or post meridian (after the longitude) for essentially the position of the sun.

However good they are, quartz crystals aren't actually that good. Using the AVAR (Allan variation) terminology that compares the performance of one device to another, which is usually stated as "accurate to 1 second per year", leaves quartz crystals in the dust. As small as 1 second per year sounds, it is still a huge amount when timing is really important.

Believe it or not, because of the distance away from earth's core there is a subtle time loss for the GPS satellites that has to be corrected daily lest everything go awry. That might be a little mind boggling but you can thank Einstein for figuring that out. If you're not familiar with this, look up the twin paradox. Or wait for a future story about relativity.

Enter the US Naval Observatory, which is responsible for undoing the time loss of those satellites and other military satellites so that ultra precise communication and locations are available to the military and now us civilians. But how does the USNO add on 250 picoseconds daily, with confidence? A picosecond, by the way, is one trillionth of one second.

Along comes the atomic clock. Take some regular old cesium metal, heat it up just enough and a gas is created. Cesium is a non essential mineral that can be found in really tiny amounts in mineral water. You might also be surprised to know that an atomic clock system is available off the shelf from Hewlett-Packard. So how does HP make one second using a mineral?

Take a small amount of super pure Cesium and heat it up until it becomes a gas. Keep the atoms with the lower quantum state (the slower moving atoms) and expose them to a high frequency of microwave light. Yes, the same kind of light used in your kitchen microwave but just at a different frequency. When blasted with microwave light, these atoms will emit back a lower frequency

(Tempus fugit cont. pg. 14)

GUEST VOICES

Making it more affordable to become a healthcare worker in Maine

by Gov. Janet Mills

Our hospitals, nursing homes, and other members of the health care sector are one of Maine's largest employers. They put thousands of Maine people to work in good-paying jobs and they protect the lives and health of Maine people.

But for a long time now, health care facilities across the state have had to grapple with a shortage of workers. This shortage has been over a number of years, but the stress and the length of the pandemic only made that problem worse.

This week, I announced a new program through my Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan. It's called Healthcare Training for ME. It provides free and low-cost career training to make it easier and more affordable for people, especially young people, to pursue careers in health care and to move up the career ladder into higher-paying jobs.

We've created a website — www.maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme — that website connects individuals and employers with training curricula from adult ed programs, and community colleges, and the university system. People can then apply for tuition assistance

to enroll in training programs, or employers can offer training to their employees, at little or no cost.

This program will help healthcare workers advance their careers, and support workforce training needs of healthcare employers, and it will attract new workers to these fast-growing fields. It is funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act, with support from the Harold Alfond Foundation.

My Administration is committed to supporting our hospitals and nursing homes and other health care employers and to strengthening our health care workforce in the long-run. That's why we're also investing in scholarships and student loan relief for people in health care professions; also new recruitment efforts to encourage young people to enter careers in health care; and creating health care career navigators to direct people who are interested in health care fields to the right career path for them.

If you are a health care worker and you want additional training, or if you employ health care workers and want training for your staff, please visit maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme to see a list of upcoming, free training.

Maine Med-Anthem rift underscores why we need universal health care now

by Katrina Ray-Saulis

Rachel King, a community college advisor from Boothbay, woke up Thursday Morning to an upsetting email from MaineHealth. The email, which went out to previous Maine Medical patients who have Anthem insurance, read: "I'm writing to let you know that MaineHealth has made the difficult decision to serve notice to the health insurer Anthem that, beginning in 2023, Maine Medical Center will no longer be an in-network provider of non-emergency care for those with Anthem commercial coverage." The email went on to describe what healthcare Anthem consumers would and would not be able to access come 2023 and was signed by MaineHealth CEO Andrew Mueller, MD.

King was devastated. "I have a brain aneurysm that has to be checked every two years. If they are out of my network, the cost to me is financially a hardship." King, like many Mainers, runs the risk of being deeply impacted if this split between Anthem and Maine Medical Center goes through. But the frustrating part is, as King put it, is "the fact that we are getting these letters means we are pawns in the game."

Corporate negotiations moving into the public sphere aren't an uncommon act. In fact, it is an effective negotiating tactic and likely will result in Anthem and MaineHealth brokering some sort of deal. In the end it is highly unlikely that one of Maine's largest healthcare providers will actually make a complete disconnect from one of the nation's largest insurance providers.

I am beyond tired of the volatility of the American healthcare system. I think most of us are. We are tired

of worrying about losing healthcare, negotiating near-impossible standards within the healthcare system, and paying exorbitant rates for something that so many other countries have proven can be handled in a much better way.

One need only search "American healthcare" on any social media site to find countless discussions about the hidden costs, exorbitant rates, and evidence of the unreliability of the American healthcare system. American healthcare is literally a joke among people in other countries.

It's not that efforts aren't being made to make healthcare more accessible. Democrats have been trying for years. The Affordable Insulin Now Act, which was cosponsored by Maine's independent Sen. Angus King this year and just passed the House this week, has the potential to keep insulin costs at a reasonable level nationwide. Actions like expanding Medicare, and passing the Affordable Care Act, similarly opened up healthcare to more and more people. Attempts are being made.

But how long are we going to keep trying to make these tiny fixes to our healthcare system when the real solution is one broad, sweeping change to a universal health care system? Medicare for all, universal healthcare, consumer-run healthcare. Whichever you choose, it is the only real way to stop American people from feeling like pawns at the negotiating table between corporations. A universal healthcare system is the only way to fully ditch Americans' fear and anxiety over who can and can't access affordable healthcare coverage.

This article is shared by permission of the Maine Beacon.



Letters to the Editor

Citizens, get informed

It is time to prepare for our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the USA and residents of the state of Maine. In this day and age, it is easy to feel powerless and on the sidelines when it comes to decisions that affect our lives. I know I have a voice and a vote, but have I been squandering that right through apathy or the feeling of isolation that I may be the only one who holds certain values and beliefs?

Now, what can I do to make sure my voice is heard, and my vote is counted? I realize that my responsibility is to be informed,

first about my own values and beliefs, and then about those of the candidates that are seeking office. This work needs to be done at all levels where I have a vote as a citizen and resident of Washington County, Lubec, Maine, USA. I have been lax in my duties at the local level. The local level is where our candidates for office for state and federal positions get their start.

I was happy to find like-minded people in values and beliefs. Some of those values are respect for our Constitution and the rule of law, respect for all human life from

conception to natural death, and a love for my country, the United States of America. There needs to be equality of governance using the rule of law at all levels.

I am not alone and have been doing my homework to become, not only an informed voter but a participant at the beginning of the process that guarantees my rights. Do you want your voice heard and your vote to count? Let's get started!

Mary Lou Turkington
Lubec

bluShift vision blurred by Jonesport

In Bill Nemitz's March 20 article in the *Portland Press Herald*, *To boldly go where no Maine rocket has gone before*, Deri states: "a very small contingent of folks who were very negative, wouldn't even let me finish my presentation. It was a stream of questions they didn't really want me to answer – it was just a way to lock up time – it was like a filibuster."

The launch site wasn't divulged to the general public until October 2021. bluShift's venues generated legitimate questions with answers that didn't meet the concerns of the community. Lack of specificity fostered distrust over plans for

launch execution, impact on fishing, jobs, environment and town infrastructure.

Deri promised to pursue another location if consensus wasn't attained. Not fulfilling that promise was Deri's downfall.

The town's decision was not respected. Consensus proved 80-97 percent against rockets via multiple municipal

processes i.e., straw vote, petitions, surveys, a moratorium and town vote. The actions backed the establishment of an ordinance to restrict launches.

Jonesport consistently relayed their decision to Deri, underscoring

his refusal to fulfill his promise.

The democratic system was used to convey that decision, it wasn't negative nor was there a filibuster.

Jonesporters are not unwelcoming people, they want industry that enhances their fishing heritage and down east culture. Rocket launches posed a threat to their livelihood, quality of life, environment/natural resources, tourism and town infrastructure.

Deri's vision simply wasn't the vision of the Jonesport community.

Carrie Peabody
Jonesport

On Kingfish: No discredit to DEP appeals board

In my letter *Maine DEP denies rights of citizens [MVNO March 23]* I did not discredit the science experts who make up the Maine DEP Board. They all have credentials described that are noteworthy. As anyone can read from the descriptions though, not one has a primary education or expertise in oceanography as his/her specialty.

I feel a specialist in the study of marine life and ecosystems, ocean circulation, geology of the seafloor and chemical/physical properties of the ocean should be on this board. With the thousands of miles of ocean, how can this Ocean Expert not be part of the Department of Environmental Protection Board?

The Kingfish Application states their intent on discharging *810 million gallons of wastewater per month into Chandler Bay*.

190 million gallons of this will be culture/processing effluent which after sterilization will still put huge amounts of nitrogen, virus, and many pollutants, cleaning chemicals, fish waste, fish feed etc., into Chandler Bay and beyond.

All expected outcomes for pollution, and possible ocean impacts were given by the applicant, Kingfish. Without actual oceanography experts looking at all impacts, there is not outside vetting.

The modeling companies used to predict ocean circulation of this effluent state in their report little actual studies has been done by

the DEP or scientists on the ocean circulation of the waters in the areas of Chandler Bay, Englishmen's Bay and Machias Bay. As they say with models: "garbage in, garbage out".

My criticism of the DEP Appeals Board was their denial of the Sierra Club's timely Appeal. This takes away citizen's rights under Maine Law. Sierra showed scientific possibilities of negative impacts to the ocean and ecosystem in the area of the outfall pipes and beyond.

The Board denied the appeal request stating since Sierra Club did not specify one actual person to be harmed in a way "greater than all the public", the appeal was thrown out. How ridiculous!

Maine Law states the DEP "serves non-governmental interest groups" - Maine Sierra Club is that and also has 31 members who are from Jonesport. The Sierra Club Appeal should be heard and their important concerns addressed.

The economic benefit of this large project sounds good but the Universities are studying Robotics to do the work of people in the future. RAS technology used in operating land based fish farms is still in experimentation. Many of these RAS technology fish farms in the world have failed to succeed according to reports.

If Kingfish pollutes our waters, kills off eelgrass and negatively impacts our marine ecology harming local economy from lobsters, tourism, clamming and

our enjoyment of our environment what "bond" or guaranteed financial backup have they given to clean our oceans and region?

140 million gallons a day will be taken from land wells on site. Will this impact groundwater levels in Jonesport? How about septic systems? How large will the onsite septic be and what will go into it? Cleaning chemicals which could pollute groundwater? Now is the time to get this right. These Fish Farms are planned for many areas in Maine and the USA, both freshwater and ocean.

Alternative wastewater systems are possible, expensive, but possible. The Land Base Fish Industries will make plenty of millions of dollars, let's make sure our environment and land/oceans we enjoy are not damaged.

Transporting millions of pounds of fish to market and millions of pounds of polluted waste/sludge across the State to Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town, owned by the State, (money to the state, conflict of interest?) will put great wear and tear on our roads - a two-lane highway already in poor condition much of the time and inadequate. In tourist season, this is a real problem. Transportation is not part of any oversight in the permitting by DEP, then who?

A very concerned citizen and oceanfront property owner,

Paula Aschettino
Cape Cod / Machiasport

GUEST VOICE

Kingfish – Setting the record straight? Really?

by Richard Aishton

When I was a child growing up, I often watched a TV Program called “It’s Not What You Say That Counts, It’s What You Don’t Say”. A recent Guest Voice article by Kingfish (KF) seems to echo the same approach. While the article emphasizes the possible misinformation from opponents, let’s look at a few facts. The fresh water use projected, according to the Kingfish “Near-And-Far-Field Discharge” modeling report attachment 4, shows that KF will inject 107 gallons per minute (gpm) of fresh water into their system. However, it seems that the well capacity on their purchased property can only support 35 gpm, which may limit their fresh water use – good citizen or victim of well pressure?

-Kingfish reports that the background concentration of Total Nitrogen (TN) is 0.27 mg/L but it appears that this figure came from a survey done by MDEP in 2010. Applying a 12-year old concentration value as a substitute for fresh and accurate, on-site readings is extremely poor science and does raise red flags.

-The near field mixing model, CORMIX, is known to perform poorly near coastlines and tidal estuaries yet was used by KF for their MEPDES (Discharge Permit). This kind of science would be like testing for strep throat with an eye exam.

-Velocity data on Chandler Bay currents that KF collected from

the ADCP should have included error estimates. Data is normally quantified to verify how the model is performing. This was not done, rendering the velocity data useless;

-No monitoring and action plan was created for the MEPDES, which is an essential component of any permitted facility, and is an unacceptable omission in the Kingfish proposal.

-This project will dump more than twice the amount of Total Nitrogen than is dumped by the city of Portland into Casco Bay and more than 3 times the accepted MDEP TN threshold. How could this, in any way, be good for Chandler Bay?

KF will state that it’s MDEP’s responsibility for these shortcomings and they are not wrong. Maine’s lax regulations are part of the reason we are so attractive for foreign investors with deep pockets.

Early documents indicated that Kingfish Maine will create 100 jobs – a statement directly from the CEO of Kingfish Zeeland (O. Maiman). More recently the number of jobs is now at 70 according to a report used by the Department of Economic and Community Development to justify exceeding the MDEP standards for Total Nitrogen (TN) in the effluent. My request for estimated positions and jobs from KF has been denied.

As for the sterilization comment made – the UV light ‘sterilizes’ (read kills) everything that passes

through the pipe. But, consider this: the pipe is 4 feet in diameter and the water is moving at 324 gallons per second. Think about this – 324 gallon milk jugs passing by EACH SECOND. Is the UV coverage and penetration enough to kill everything in the pipe such as lobster larvae, fin-fish viruses and organisms critical to marine ecosystem of Chandler Bay? I suppose the answer is moot because it is clear that, regardless, we have a lose/lose situation.

We, the people of Maine, are constantly facing the reality that our State chooses to support economic development at the expense of environmental integrity, which in the end will cost us more jobs than we would gain. It doesn’t make sense at all to favor a foreign corporation that is beholden to its stockholders over our heritage industries. It is a shame that people from both sides of this argument can’t sit down together and put all of the cards on the table and rationally discuss FACTS. But transparency does not appear to be a strong suit for corporations. The money at stake for Kingfish is considerable, but why do large amounts of money seem to be directly proportional to lack of transparency? Kingfish writes letters that can contradict some statements from the opponents, but they fail to mention that there are many other facts that cast a rather dark shadow over their project. Remember – “It’s what you don’t say that counts.”

students to a current enrollment of approximately 70 students, resulting from similar trends in the Moosabec Community’s two elementary schools.

Economic diversity is a key ingredient of community sustainability and resiliency. A vocal minority (only 10 percent) of registered voters of the town of Jonesport recently rejected Blushift, which would have provided job opportunities, as well as property

tax relief in our towns. It’s time for the silent majority of the Moosabec Community to speak up in support of Kingfish, a well-established company planning to bring job opportunities and property tax relief to our area, enabling us to sustain our communities, as well as our schools.

Lynn Alley
Moosabec community life-long
resident and educator



Letters to the Editor

Save Our Moosabec community

The overall population, including school enrollment, of the Moosabec Community (Jonesport and Beals) is declining. Jonesport’s population dropped from 1,530 in 1990 to 1,245 in 2020 (a nearly 20 percent decrease), while the population of Beals dropped from 699 in 1999 to 443 in 2020 (a nearly 30 percent decrease). Enrollment at Jonesport-Beals High School has decreased approximately 50 percent since the 1970’s, from approximately 150

US Attorney Darcie N. McElwee: Enforcement of the new federal ‘ghost gun’ rule a top priority

In response to the announcement of the “Frame or Receiver” Final Rule last week, U.S. Attorney Darcie N. McElwee, District of Maine, issued the following statement:

“One year ago, the Department of Justice committed to addressing the growing concern of ghost guns and their increasing role in violent crime. These weapons, often assembled from kits, generally do not contain serial numbers and are

sold without background checks, making them difficult to trace and easy to acquire by criminals.

This week, following an extensive public comment period, the Department announced the “Frame or Receiver” Final Rule, which modernizes the definition of a firearm. Including privately made firearms in the definition of what constitutes a federal firearm expands our ability to enforce

federal law and assist our state and local law enforcement partners in keeping Maine streets safe.

Those who sell and use these weapons to commit crimes in Maine should know ATF and the U.S. Attorney’s Office are prepared to take action. Prosecuting gun crimes – including those involving ghost guns – in order to reduce violent crime is a top priority of my office.”

FREEDOM STUDIES

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

Justin Day, RIP

Justin Day, who served Down East Maine with honor and dignity for more than 50 years, passed away last week. He was 86 years old.

Justin served as the First Selectman of Cooper for many years. He was also the primary assessor, land surveyor, a major landowner and blueberry grower, and the link between the Town County, and State government.

My first interaction with Justin came in 1986, soon after we moved to Cooper. Justin came to my door on an early spring Saturday morning requesting my assistance in complying with a State Department of Environmental Protection order to clean up Cooper’s dump. He didn’t need my professorial expertise, but rather my labor to help clean up the open trash buffet which the local bear and rat population had been enjoying. His quiet but serious demeanor impressed me, and I was glad he asked.

Later that year Justin organized training for the volunteer fire department. The Department needed some of the 20- and 30-year-old new residents of Cooper to train up and relieve the older generation. My wife and I both got some rudimentary training on the hoses and the equipment in the firehouse. The volunteer fire department lasted another 25 years or so but was eventually disbanded due to low numbers and a scarcity of volunteers under 60.

Justin supported my election to the Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative Board and appointed me to the Planning Board soon thereafter.

When the State mandated the closure of municipal dumps, Justin led a coalition of Down East Towns in establishing the Marion Transfer station. Getting independent Towns and their leaders to work together under the threat of state penalties is somewhat akin to herding cats – a thankless task requiring many hours, forbearance, and patience. Justin did it. In the end, municipal solid waste management isn’t costing Cooper much if any more than it did when we ran a dump.

Justin watched expenditures carefully, although he did support the purchase of a parcel on Cathance Lake which guarantees the citizens and taxpayers of Cooper access to swimming. It may be something of a headache occasionally (most of the non-resident summer users are area mothers and kids, but not all). The largest expenditure in most towns (half or more) is for education, and the school board and state education funding policies control that more than the Selectmen. In the mid-’90s Maine’s state educators determined that Cooper was a “wealthy” town and state education funding cratered, leading to a big spike in property taxes. There was nothing Justin could do about it.

I led an unsuccessful effort to de-organize the Town, which was the only way we could lower taxes. Neighboring Township 14 (now Cathance Township) had de-organized from Plantation status in the late ’70s and enjoyed better services at half the tax rate Cooper paid. The legislature wouldn’t consider it, although the Education Department somehow found some additional funds for Cooper which lowered the taxes by about 15 percent. Justin was glad the Town still existed, but he had had enough. He came to my house on another early spring Saturday morning in 1996 and told me he would not stand for election as Selectman again, and asked me to replace him. He agreed to stay on as an assessor and eminence grise to train me, and at Town Meeting it came to pass.

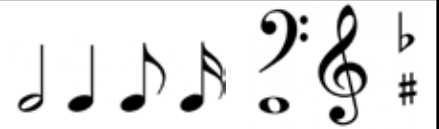
Justin taught me about summer and winter road maintenance, dealing with the State and County, contractors, taxpayers, school boards, and much more. In recent years I would see him infrequently when I needed a burn permit or had a question about past practices and history. Last week I was thinking of going up the hill to get a burn permit when I heard that he’d passed, apparently alone and under unfortunate circumstances. He’ll be missed, but he leaves a legacy of service and honor. Rest in Peace Justin.

Letters Policy

Letters to the Editor: We reserve the right to publish or not publish a letter. We may edit for taste, clarity, and length. Letters that are potentially libelous, slanderous or written with harmful intent will be rejected. We do not publish form letters, petitions, quotations, or anonymous letters. Please limit letters to roughly 300 words, and send by email to editor@machiasnews.com, by fax 207-255-4058, by mail to Machias Valley News Observer, 41 Broadway, Machias, Maine, 04654. We prefer letters that beget letters — that offer sound opinions on current events, editorials on the community, city, state and federal matters.



Arts & Entertainment



Yoga on tap at Cobscook Institute

Cobscook Institute (formerly Cobscook Community Learning Center) is offering two separate series of Yoga classes during the months of April, May, and June. Mindful Flow Yoga will be held on five consecutive Saturdays beginning April 23 through May 21 from 9-10 a.m. Slow Flow Yoga will be offered Thursdays starting May 5th and finishing Thursday, June 9, from 5-6 p.m.

Both classes are taught by nationally accredited and Yoga Alliance member, Samantha Williams. Sam has 19 years of

experience in the field and is passionate about yoga and wellness. Her commitment is "to aim to foster stability and mobility in the physical body." To find out more and/or to register for Sam's classes go to cobscookinstitute.org, call 207-733-2233, or visit 10 Commissary Point Rd, Trescott, ME 04652.

Cobscook Institute has been creating responsive educational opportunities that strengthen personal, community, and global well-being since 1999.

Sunday Afternoon Series concludes with musicologist Mark DeVoto on Franck's Symphony April 30

The Sunday Afternoons at the Arts Center series will conclude with a 3 p.m. presentation on Saturday, April 30 by Mark DeVoto, who'll speak about César Franck's Symphony in D minor.

According to DeVoto, Franck (1822-1890) composed most of his best concert music near the end of his life; we celebrate this year the 200th anniversary of his birth. His only Symphony, in D minor, was very popular for many decades in Europe and America, then gradually fell out of favor, but now, in his bicentennial year, is making a strong comeback.

DeVoto will tell attendees all about how and why he has always loved this famous symphony that will soon be performed by the

Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra for everyone to hear and cherish.

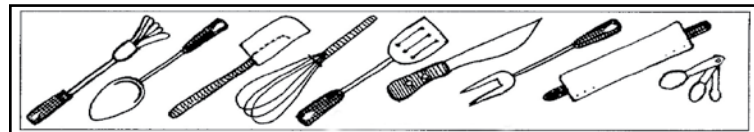
DeVoto is a musicologist, music writer, and retired Professor of Music at Tufts University, and has been a regular summer resident of Eastport since 1985. He has published extensively on the music of Alban Berg, Debussy, Schubert, Stravinsky, and Ravel, and on 20th-century harmony, and has long been an EAC Sunday series favorite!

Sunday Afternoons at the Arts Center programs are held in the Washington Street Gallery, downstairs at EAC. Voluntary donations sustain these programs; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds are shared equally between the presenters and

EAC constituent group The Concert Series, which offers year-round programming run by volunteers. For more information, and to view the rest of the series lineup, please visit <https://eastportartscenter.org/constituent-groups/the-concert-series/>. Video and audio recordings of many of these talks have been released; these can be accessed via the EAC site and YouTube channel.

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.

Dining with Diane



This is an easy fudge dessert topping. You can use it hot or cold. After you've refrigerated it, you can just microwave in the jar for a minute or so. It will keep in the refrigerator for 3 weeks or more. We used it on Éclair Cake. If you love éclairs or cream puffs, this is a great cake to make for company. I've posted it before and will repost it one day soon.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE SAUCE

- 1 c. sugar
- ½ c. cream
- ¼ c. cocoa
- 3 T. salted butter
- 2 T. light corn syrup
- ¼ t. salt
- 1 t. vanilla

In a medium-sized pan, heat the first six ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring often. Once it comes to a boil, boil it for 1 minute. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla. Pour into a jar and refrigerate if not using right away.

Palaver Strings' statewide tour to include Eastport show

Portland-based chamber orchestra Palaver Strings will present Welcome Here, a touring production celebrating Maine's cultural diversity, resilience, and stewardship at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 1, at Eastport Arts Center. This multidisciplinary performance features guest artists of Congolese, Puerto Rican, and Wabankai heritage with storytelling directed by Sherri Mitchell and co-presented by the Abbe Museum, Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, and Indigo Arts Alliance, Welcome Here explores themes of Motherland, mother tongue, and mother love, interweaving stories of our relationship with the natural world, our cultural and linguistic traditions, and our dreams for the future generation of our grandchildren.

Welcome Here features Palaver Strings alongside storytellers, Sherri Mitchell, Adele Ngoy, and Blanca Santiago; guest musicians, Kaylee Kazadi, Tania Morey, Mbanza Gabriel Nienguesso, Zayra Pola, Lauren Stevens, and Viva; and visual art by Pam Chévez.

Performances will be given April 28 in Caribou; April 29 in Rockport; April 30 in Bar Harbor; May 1 in Eastport; May 5 in Portland; May 6 in Farmington and May 7



Palaver Strings will perform in Eastport at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Submitted photo

in Lewiston. In addition to these live performances, the concert will be filmed and made available online in the months following.

Palaver Strings is a musician-led string ensemble and nonprofit organization based in Portland, ME, whose mission is to strengthen and inspire community through music. Palaver's musicians share artistic and administrative leadership, guided by a passion for engaging new audiences, addressing social justice issues, and amplifying underrepresented voices through classical music. Each year, Palaver presents over 40 live performances featuring diverse musical programming, cross-genre projects, and community collaborations.

Equally committed to education, Palaver offers music instruction to over 325 students per year through the Palaver Music Center in Portland.

Tickets are \$15; reserve seats are available for \$20. Attendees 17 and under will be admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased via the EAC site, <https://eastportartscenter.org/event/palaver-strings-welcome-here/>, or at the door prior to the event.

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.

Return of Birding Festival 2022

Cobscook Institute, in collaboration with Maine Audubon, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, and bird enthusiasts throughout the State and beyond, is once again the headquarters of the Downeast Spring Birding Festival. The Festival which will be an in-person event will run on May 27, 28, and 29. In addition to a full schedule of guided walks, special presentations at Cobscook Institute will be held daily. As in years past, puffin trips to Machias Seal Island are offered. These exciting trips fill up fast, so early registration is recommended.

Our piece of Maine is unique, being home to a multitude of

nesting and migrating birds during this time of year. Named "one of the best in the country" by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Downeast Spring Birding Festival is an annual event that showcases Washington County and Campobello Island's amazing variety of bird species. In addition, the breadth and depth of knowledge from the guides and presenters enhance the experience for everyone whether from here or away.

For more information and/or to register online go to: cobscookinstitute.org/birdfest. Or call 207-733-2233, or visit 10 Commissary Point Rd. Trescott, ME 04652

GREENEST GRASS SEASONAL SERVICES

MOWING
PLANTING
LANDSCAPING
HARDSCAPING
PRESSURE WASHING

PLOWING
SHOVELING
TREE WORK
CLEAN-UPS
CARETAKING

207-598-5747
* RELIABLE SERVICE

whitneys_us@yahoo.com
FRIENDLY PEOPLE

CONTACT US TODAY TO SCHEDULE SPRING CLEANUPS/GET ON OUR MOWING LIST. WE MOW FROM LUBEC TO ADDISON AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN!

For all of your advertising needs:

Advertising Department

EBONICA CARSON

advertising@machiasnews.com

Call: 207-454-3561



Machias Valley News Observer



Arts & Entertainment



BOOK REVIEWS BY RJ HELLER

Island Secrets: Stories from the Coast of Maine

By Catherine J.S. Lee

Sea Smoke Press, 2022, softcover, \$14.95

From a distance islands are mysterious, pushing us away, daring us to forget them. Yet, still, that ribbon of blue water that separates is like a magnet, a siren's eternal call pulling at our thoughts. And in a remote area such as Downeast, islands are commonly shrouded in fog — a floating veil that conceals their secrets. We wonder: Who lives there, what is life like there—who loves, who hates and, most importantly, what stories might islands harbor?

In *Island Secrets: Stories from the Coast of Maine*, Catherine J.S. Lee pulls from her own island experience providing a captivating journey of island life through a splendid collection of short stories. Lee is a seventh-generation Mainer who writes, teaches, and has had her short stories and haiku published widely in a variety of print and online journals. Lee lives in Eastport.

From a dozen well-crafted stories comes an abundance of life situations from a place known as Way Downeast and its two fictional islands, Spruce Island and East Haven. One is a working-class island where fishing is life every day; the other is a summer retreat for those simply looking to dip their toes Downeast. Separately the stories show a penchant for the emotive response to island life; together, they are a testament from an observant writer comfortable with it all.

Lee conjures characters from days old and days new, presenting them and their situations as they were intended, with some of the stories written over 20 years ago. Sticking to the edict that Downeasters do not like change, Lee gives us characters untarnished by time, feeling real and essential to every story.

In "Never Love a Fisherman," the life-altering call any fisherman's wife can receive while her husband is out at sea is the catalyst that brings the sudden realization to everyone in a fishing community on the fragility of a life lived on

the water.

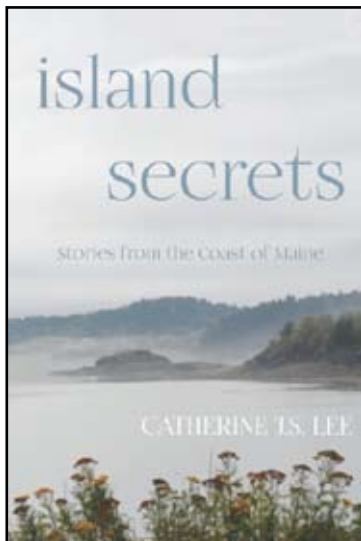
Rainey Faulkingham is the fourth generation of her family to spend summers on East Haven. She thought she would summer there forever, until she meets Justin, a fisherman from Spruce Island. They fall in love, marry, and a fishing life takes hold of them both as each waits for something to happen, something that ultimately will change the plans they have made.

Rainey is at work on her latest children's book when the wife of her husband's sternman comes through her front door saying, "Something's happened to our guys, Rainey." From that moment on, the story is about the unknowing flinches of reality that permeate every second of time as the search for survivors begins.

"Sheila Mac had said that was how life worked. And she was right, Rainey thought. We make our plans and we do the best we can with what we've been given. It's like getting on a plane to Paris and ending up in Jamaica — not what we expected, a different world, a different beauty, but still a trip worth taking."

In "Island to Island," the dichotomy of two islands — East Haven and Manhattan — takes a back seat while the mystery of chance firmly plants its feet on both shores, giving the reader a front-row seat to watch it all unfold. Artist and baker Lucas Castile returns to his grandfather's island house on East Haven. Recently divorced, with his popular East Village bakery gone and his art stalled, Lucas is searching for something. Slowly, events give way to chance, his art is revived and flour, salt and yeast again find a home on East Haven. Something else, too, will become a part of Lucas, amidst the freshness of baked bread, dabs of paint and an abundant supply of sea breezes.

"Whatever happens, Lucas finally believes it'll be okay. All the false starts and stupid choices and missed connections no longer



matter. He gives Riley a thumbs-up, then turns his face to the breeze through the open window as they cruise across the causeway, heading towards the music jam and the future that lies beyond it."

In "Gone Like Sea Smoke," while out on a shakedown cruise of their scallop dragger, Five Sisters, Steve Nelligan tells his wife Heather about a decision he has made. He has decided to replace his dependable deckhand with his not so dependable brother, Skip, fresh home after four years in the Army. What follows, amidst family ties and marital secrets, is the unpredictable nature of life both on and off the water.

"What I'm thinking now is how it can all disappear so fast. All those things so far beyond reason, they slip away just when you're sure you've finally grasped them. All those things. They're like sea smoke, if you think about it. The way it can drift right through your fingers as it obscures even the solid ground."

Place creates the person, and a person can crystalize or cloud the luster of a place. Lee's characters imbue each and every story with an essence of realism, flaws and all, while maintaining a constant grip on the past. Such is the beauty of story-telling, to create a sense of immediacy, while maintaining a connection to the past within that common sea called life. This superb collection of stories does just that and so much more.

DCC events; camp volunteer wanted

by Nancy Beal

The Downeast Coastal Conservancy has five events planned within the next 30 days that will include hiking, birding, star gazing and a story read-along.

The first is a vernal pool walk on the Vining Lake Preserve in Cooper, which will include a search for signs of native salamanders and frogs. The event takes place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, April 30. That evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., amateur astronomers are invited to a night sky tour at the reversing Falls Preserve in Pembroke.

A story-trail read-along is planned for Wednesday, May 4 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Middle River Park in Machias. While walking the park trail, the group will pause to read "The Secret Pool" page by page.

A hike on the Pike Lands Preserve in Lubec entitled "Signs of Spring" is planned for Friday, May 20, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Naturalists Walter and Carol Muth will lead the group looking for emerging plant life and early insects while listening for singing warblers. A spring birding hike planned for May 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Vining Lake is already full, but sign-ups for vacancies are being accepted.

DCC is also looking for a volunteer for Forest Camp, which offers 10-through 13-year-olds nature hikes along the Machias River, scavenger hunts, and mindful journaling. The camp is a collaborative effort with the Maine Outdoor School and runs days from July 18 through 21. To apply, visit the DCC website or email info@downeastcoastalconservancy.org.

Mother's Day Craft Show in Steuben

The Henry D. Moore Library in Steuben will host a Mother's Day Craft Fair on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts will include pottery, leather and suede bags, jewelry, catnip toys, jams, pickles, chaga, eggs, resin art jewelry and decor, reproductive scrimshaw, artisan soaps, socks, quilts, potholders, baby blankets, and so much more.

There will also be crafts for sale upstairs in the library - baby

blankets, bookmarks, magnets, doilies, scarves, hats, cards, music, potholders, paintings, cross stitch, hanging dish towels, dish cloths, and more.

In addition to the crafts, we will have a dining area set up and will be serving a lunch of hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, and desserts, all at reasonable prices! Come support the library and local crafters!! FMI: www.moorelibrary.org or 207-546-7301.

Youth art show hours expanded

The 8th Annual Youth Art Month Exhibition is currently on view at Eastport Arts Center's Washington Street Gallery. Works have been submitted by area art teachers from Calais Jr./Sr. High School, Elm Street School (East Machias), Eastport Elementary, Machias Jr./Sr. High School, Pembroke Elementary, Rose M. Gaffney Elementary (Machias), Shead High School (Eastport), Sipayik Elementary, Washington Academy, Whiting Village School and Woodland Jr./Sr. High School, as

well as by home schooled students. The show runs through April 16, and is viewable during EAC events or by chance, or during special open hours 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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.

Cutting Edge Cleanup and Complete Lawn Care

Call Charles 207-598-7076

www.wqdy.fm

Classic Hits

92.7 FM/95.3 FM



facebook
become a fan

207-454-7545 • 207-255-4652
888-855-2992



www.wcrq.fm

Catching up with some Milbridge Masons

by Wayne Smith

It was a cold February rain storm in the middle of a chilly night as I drove up to Masonic Pleiades Lodge # 173 in Milbridge. As soon as I opened the door to the lodge, members were gathered around a table. I could smell beans warming up in a crock pot like I was back over to my grandparents eating beans on a Saturday Night with rolls and drinking cocoa. I could see Masons hanging around a table and talking. Justin Dorr was drinking a soda. I walked up the creaky stairs. It's where the Masons have their meetings. I sat down on a bench, and I started interviewing members as I brought out the questions. They were polite and they were curious. They were all gettlemen. After an hour, I walked down the creaky stairs and back out the door. I noticed one member, I didn't get his name. He was smoking a cigarette as I was leaving. The cigarette smoked swirled, making circles out into the damp air. It kind of hung over like a cloud. Raindrops hit my face as I scampered back to my car and went home with a lot of knowledge to work with for my article.

The Masons, I've found out, are a group of guys that are like a brotherhood. They do charity work by giving back to the community like at Milbridge Days helping

with different events. I caught up with some of the members. And this is what they had to say on a cold night in February. I learned a lot that night. Maybe I didn't get filled up on beans. I got a whole appetizer of answers. I did have a soda, on the house. I met up with some Milbridge Masons. I hope you enjoy the article.

"We take care of business during a meeting," said Master Billy Houck II who got into the Masons back in 2004. "We organized some fundraisers, and we do charity work for the public. We give a portion back from the fundraisers to the schools and the towns-back to the community...called outreach programs. The theory behind a Mason is making a good man better. It makes you a better husband, a better father and a better son. Things that you learn in a lodge helps you become a better person, focus and see your future. Respect people more. You have a good brotherhood, a good bunch of guys here. It's like an old fraternity,"

Some things the Masons do in Milbridge is to have suppers, pancake breakfasts, hot dog stands and raffles at Milbridge Days. Houck II likes having his son in Masons and experiencing what he has experienced. In District 3 there are lodges in Cherryfield, Machias, East Machias, Jonesport, and

Addison. There are lodges that are worldwide. In the Milbridge Lodge, there are about 100 members. The lodge is almost 150 years old. "We refer to each other as brothers," said Houck II. "It's all about going through the chairs and one day becoming a Shriner. Again it's all about giving back to the community. We have bikes for books. If a kid reads books we will give them a bike. Or if a kid needs a coat we will take four or five coats over to the school and give some kid a coat who really needs them. Or we might send flowers or a card to a widow of a member that has passed away." The Masons are one of the oldest fraternities," he said.

Billy Houck III has a Junior Warden Seat. "Being in the Masons gives me something to do in the community," he confided. "It's about socializing. You learn a lot about your community. You meet a lot of nice people in the community. 'To be one, ask one.' You meet for half an hour or two hours, depending what we have to do at a meeting. It's about getting our name out there. I enjoy the lodges. It gets me out of the house to meet and socialize with our brothers. It's a good feeling. We meet for supper. We have our meeting and then we have dessert and talk for a while. Then we go home. We have been more productive than the past few years due to Covid but we are planning on doing a lot more. The lodge is a big part of my life," he said. When Houck III becomes a master the lodge will be 150 years old.

Bob Young has been in the Milbridge Lodge for five years. "It's all about brotherhood," said Young. "I have seen guys that I went to high school with here. It's the oldest organization in the world. We don't always eat at the meeting. Today, Young is a bus driver. He likes the outdoors, hiking and fishing. Young told me that the outdoors is laid back. He likes the different bodies of water and the mountains. Young admitted that there wasn't much extra money in the family growing up. He had to take blueberries to buy school clothes. Young worked in the blueberry factory and has been on a lobster boat. He loved the fresh air. He also was a boy scout. "It's good to feel part of something like the lodge. You get to talk to your brothers, have someone to talk to," he said.

Harrison Rossi told me it's something to do in the winter, a chance to give back.

Jerry West was the Master of the lodge in 1976. "There haven't been that many changes to the building. It's the same structure. My grandfather, dad and I have other relatives who were Masons. It's all about the brotherhood. It's like a fraternity. You trust the people who are in the lodge. It's good for the community. We do fundraisers. We are not rich. We have community projects, a breakfast and a few dinners here and there. It's an outstanding organization. It has character and



Billy Houck II swears in a new member of the Milbridge Lodge in January- Justin Dorr of Milbridge. Justin told me that he likes helping out and he's learning stuff at every meeting. It gives him something to do.



Jerry West and Bill Nichols have been in the lodge 51 years each. Some famous Masons are: Henry Ford, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and George Washington.



Left to Right: Dicky Wallace, Billy Houck II And Billy Houck III, some of the members of the Milbridge Lodge. There are about 100 members in all from Steuben and Milbridge.



The Milbridge Lodge started in 1893. Lincoln Lieghton was one of the first Masons to join.

great people. It has high standards of life and promotes all walks of life. It promotes citizenship," said West. "The building is old and tired like me. There have been shingles that have blown off. A lot of upkeep over the years. We had the roof done a few years ago. Nothing here is top secret, it's just a meeting," he said.

"Anybody interested can join," said West. "It's a business meeting to see what we can do in the community projects: hot dog sales and pancake breakfast make a couple of bucks for the building. We don't recruit people who want to come in and want to join. We have fixed the floor downstairs. It's a bunch of guys having a meeting and having a cowboy bean supper, coffee afterwards with conversation. It was a good organization to join. It wasn't a hard decision."

Bill Nichols likes friendships. "It's great to see young people join in this town, carrying on the tradition. He was the master of the lodge in 1983.

Dicky Wallace told me in order to go beyond a master and become a Shriner, and he likes meeting different people and he likes giving back to the community.

The meetings are every first



Billy Houck II, the current Master of the Milbridge Lodge conducted the business meeting. The meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:00pm. It's a social and philanthropic organization.

Monday of the month. For more information, contact Billy Houck II of Steuben or contact him on Facebook Messenger. New members are always welcome.

Out and About in Columbia

by Ronie Strout

The month is moving right along with or without me getting the things that I need or think I need to do. If the weather would be nicer, I might get something done or maybe not. The one good day I could have was under the weather myself and driving the bus. Hopefully better days will soon be here.

The pussy willows are all out in their glory, some small flowers are beginning to bloom, and the lilacs and magnolia bush are budding out. Won't be long before the azaleas bloom, hopefully by Mother's Day.

On Sunday the 10th I needed to go to Jonesport and decided to go via the Eastside Road to check out the new Eastside Variety Store that Dean and Ellen Cirone has opened up. I was able to get a nice hake of corn and have it for dinner on Monday. My husband and I hadn't had one for a while. Fried pork scraps, mashed potatoes, peas and corned hake was delicious.

Also, on Sunday I stopped by and made a visit to Charlene Gray. It's always nice to visit with family and get caught up on any news of the family.

Another genealogy class done on Monday evening, I shared some of the Bible information that I have collected with the class.

I have been updating my own family Bible, while adding more to my notebook as I find them.

I was lucky to get a couple of more this past week and after I posted the list that I already have, onto the Washington County Historical and Genealogical Society page I was contacted by a man looking to find out what I had on the Low family of Pembroke.

What a surprise when he found the information from the pictures I sent to him that connected him to this Bible info. If I had not posted this, he might have not known there was a Family Bible out there.

So, look around and see what you have in your family.

Take a photo of the front of the Bible, the inside where it says the year of the Bible and all of the Family Register. birth, death, marriages and other information.



People out to Addison Town Meeting.



Harper Parker at the Columbia Supermarket with the Easter bunny. Photos by Ronie Strout

You might find it also written on the inside and or back of the cover the family information.

Maybe you have just the Family Register or a Marriage Certificate, that will also be a great find.

If you know someone is cleaning out a home, ask them not to throw away the family pictures, Bibles, or Marriage, birth/death certificates. Send them my way.

These documents are used in genealogy and may be the missing link to finding your elusive ancestors.

I will be updating the list of Bible info that I have so far and will post them. Looks like my notebook is getting full and will be starting

another one soon.

Town meeting

The Town of Addison held their annual Town Meeting at DW Merritt Elementary School with 83 residents, 2 too soon to be residents and three non-residents attending.

With 52 articles the meeting took one hour and 21 minutes.

Chris Chartrand was elected as moderator for the evening.

William Gray was reelected as Selectman to serve a three-year term. He received 64 votes and Tom Batson 12 votes.

Marcus Norton was reelected as Road Commissioner for the ensuing year and Christopher Chartrand was reelected to serve a three-year term as a Director of SAD #37.

Discussion on Article 40: to raise and appropriate \$1500. for boundary clearing between Addison and Harrington. The vote passed.

Article 41 on raising money for Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District took awhile to discuss and pass.

Several other articles raised more money than requested.

On Saturday the Easter Bunny was seen at Elmer's Discount and Columbia Supermarket in Columbia.

Addison Daze held their first supper to raise money, April 16 at the Addison Town Hall. Sherry Paul and I attended it, it was nice to be out to a public supper to socialize with others that attended. I entered the Chinese Auction and won a 50 pound bag of potatoes.

Upcoming events:

Jonesboro Grange #357 will be having a Mother's Day Craft Fair on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Whitneyville Library News

Its been a busy week at the library and it was a busy Saturday as the Friends of the Library had a candy and bake sale. Their signature homemade chocolates and baked goods were for sale. There is still some chocolate's left over to be sold this week so if you missed the candy sale then you still have some time to purchase some great homemade candy. BIG thank you to everyone that came out and supported the library Saturday. The money raised goes to support our ongoing budget to keep the library doors open.

It is almost May and that means pot roast on Saturday, May 7 which is our next public supper. Pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, and carrots along with Janet's rolls and biscuits will be on the menu along with cucumber salad. A good variety of pies and Betty Reynolds's wonderful cake will complete the menu. As always there is coffee, ice water and lemonade.

Customer traffic in the gift shop is picking up now the weather is getting warmer and people are getting more. The Whatnot Gift Shop which is located inside the library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Featuring over 40 local crafters the gift shop has a lot of great Maine-made items for sale. Looking for a special gift then visit the Whatnot Gift shop.

Karaoke this week was enjoyed by the DSP workers and clients of

Living Innovations. The clients and workers of Living Innovations also enjoyed card games and coloring. Homeschoolers were also at the library and visit weekly. Whitneyville Library is working with the DSP workers of Living Innovations on activities for their clients at the library. "It is so wonderful that we can provide a space for the clients and workers of Living Innovations to do activities and use the internet and work with them." explained library director Patricia Brightly. "It's all about working with and helping others and providing any services and space we have to offer to everyone that utilizes the library, whether it be for books or for internet and WIFI." Brightly continued to say.

The library which has never had a charge for a library card and no overdue fines for late return books welcomes readers from surrounding towns. The library offers interlibrary loans for books we do not own that have been requested. Open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the library is located on Cross Street. As always the library is closed every first Saturday of each month from April to November due to our public suppers. You can check us out on the www at www.whitneyville.lib.me.us or you can visit the Whatnot Gift Shop and the Whitneyville Library pages on Facebook.

Looking Back in History

by Ronie Strout

Yesterday, Machias Union Aug. 12, 1873, Harrington, extracted by M. Myers

Mrs. Jane Willey was born in Cherryfield on October 23, 1784. She is the mother of 13 children, has had 15 sons-in-law, has 175 grandchildren, 200 great grandchildren, and 8 great, great grandchildren.

She enjoys good health and when she was last heard from, she was busy sewing and making pants.

Machias Union Mar. 29, 1870. Old people of Harrington

Persons 75 years of age and upwards living in Harrington on Mar. 1, 1870

Rebecca Buzzell, 78; *Jeremiah Mitchell, 85; Ruth Mitchell 75;

*Ichabod Colson, 79; Elizabeth Colson, 79; *Job Libby, 83; Elisha Coffin, 83; Wm. G. Robbins, 81; Eunice Ramsdell, 76; *Daniel Buzzell, 78; Isaac Guptill, 85; Annie Nash, 80; Betsy Nash, 76; Jerusha Yeaton, 80; *Abner Nash, 79; Polly Nash, 81; *Richard Grace, 79; Sally Grace, 77; *Josiah W. Perry, 78; Elizabeth Grace, 80.

Since that time, Elizabeth Colson has died. Many of the others are quite active and smart.

Note: those with a * were in the War of 1812.

Mrs. Eunice Ramsdell has woven between 500 and 600 yards of cloth since last July and made the butter from the milk of one cow. She is not obliged to thus labor but does so from choice.



Riley Grant as carrot and Sonya Grant with Easter bunny.

Eastern Plumbing & Heating

- Sales, Service, Installation
- Automatic Delivery
- Senior Citizen Discount
- Cash Discount
- Propane Delivery & Service
- Everyday LOW Prices

263 US Route 1 • Dennysville
726-4700

Church Directory

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 36 Dublin St., 255-4995. Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

Reach Wesleyan Church, 207-497-2225 or 207-512-6718

Bucks Harbor Baptist Church - facebook.com/Bucks-Harbor-Baptist-Church-142168602475898/

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.

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

Christian Temple Church, 207-733-2887

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 207-483-8055.

Cobscook Friends meeting, 207-733-2068

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

Community of Christ - 497-5723.

Comunidad de Cristo, 207-497-2618.

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

Dennysville / Edmunds Congregational Church - FMI call 726-3905.

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

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

maine/.....
Faith United Methodist Church, 207-483-4094

First Congregational Church 259-2101

Holmes Bay Baptist Church, 255-8227

Holy Trinity Chapel, 207-726-5129.

Jacksonville United Methodist Church, 9:00 am Sunday Worship Services & 10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study. 325 Jacksonville Rd/ Rt 191, East Machias. Pastor Sharon Grant. 207-255-6282 or 207-454-0142.

Jonesboro Union Church - FMI call 902-3314.

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

Machias Valley Baptist Church - FMI call 255-4476.

Machiasport Congregational Church, See us on Facebook

Marshfield Congregational Church, 23 Church Lane, Marshfield. Pastor John Sprague. 8 am Sunday service. Tel. 271-0759.

Milbridge Congregational Church, 207-664-4861.

Milbridge/Wyman United Methodist Churches, 207-866-2144

New Dawn Pentecostal Church, 207-546-7069 or 207-255-8621.

New Dawn Fellowship, 207-255-8621.

Pentecostal Lighthouse, 207-255-3577.

Perry Congregational Church

Roque Bluffs Community Chapel,

River of God, 207-255-6369.

St. Peter the Fisherman's Parish, 207-255-3731.

Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church, 207-497-5985 or 207-497-2294.

Steuben Union Church, 207-546-2656.

Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Community Church, 207-259-4400.

Unionville Church of God, 207-546-2668.

United Pentecostal Church

Wesley Community Church (508)450-9672

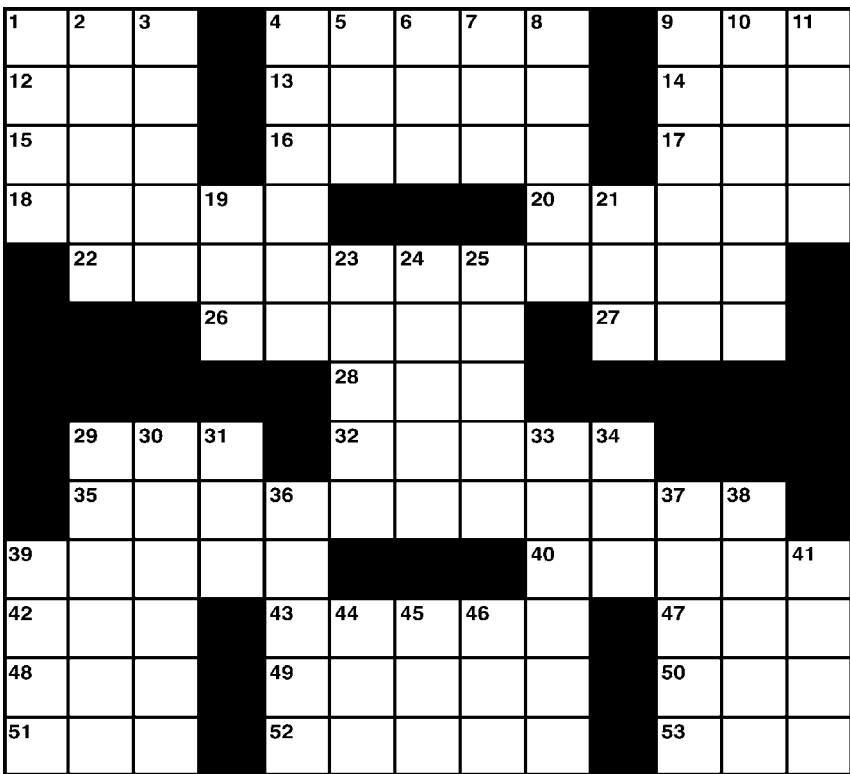
West Lubec United Methodist Church, 853-4603; 207-733-2426; 207-483-4052.

Whitneyville Congregational Church, 207-255-8640.

Catholic services: www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

4/24/22

ACROSS

- 1 "The ___ News Bears"
- 4 Somers or Butler
- 9 Eric Szmanda series
- 12 Have debts
- 13 Magazine edition
- 14 Cariou or Goodman
- 15 Dallas athlete, for short
- 16 Furry swimmer
- 17 Flood refuge
- 18 Actor Keith
- 20 "___ Family" (1983-90)
- 22 Emily Wickersham's "NCIS" role
- 26 Played a role
- 27 "The Kids ___ Alright"
- 28 Actor Holbrook
- 29 Role on "Ordinary Joe"
- 32 Actress Verdugo
- 35 Thomas of "B Positive"
- 39 Phony
- 40 Environmentalist Ralph
- 42 Colony builder
- 43 "2 ___ Girls"
- 47 Time period

- 48 Bachelor's last words
- 49 Morocco's capital
- 50 Gender: abbr.
- 51 Galloped
- 52 Friendly relationship
- 53 Gen. Patton's monogram

DOWN

- 1 Explosive device
- 2 In the know
- 3 "The ___ Wears Prada"; Meryl Streep film
- 4 "The ___ Woman" (1976-78)
- 5 File drawer, perhaps
- 6 Suffix for long or strong
- 7 Night we watch "Black-ish": abbr.
- 8 Come to ___ with; accept
- 9 Din
- 10 Colorful shawl
- 11 Tattoo parlor bottles
- 19 So. state
- 21 "Eureka!"
- 23 "I Love Lucy" role
- 24 Eric ___; Barrett Foa's role
- 25 Sat at a traffic light
- 29 ___ Peet
- 30 Comedian Berle
- 31 Football field divisions: abbr.
- 33 Dan Rather's age
- 34 "One Day ___ Time"
- 36 "Everybody Loves Raymond" role
- 37 B's followers
- 38 "___ Johnny!"; Ed McMahon's line
- 39 "My ___ Lady"; Audrey Hepburn film
- 41 Freeway entrance
- 44 Male animal
- 45 ___-Wan Kenobi
- 46 Actress Dennings

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

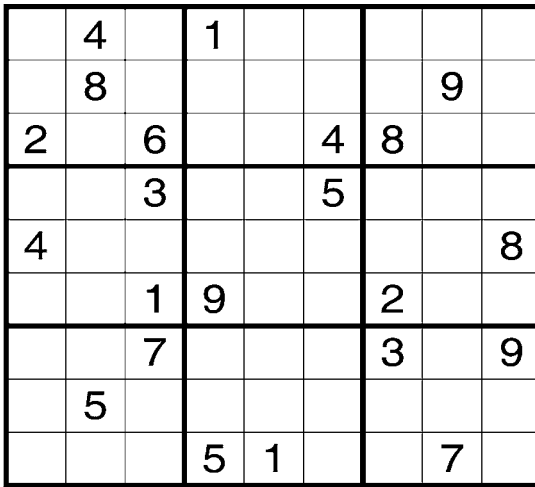


©2022 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved. 4/24/22

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level 1 2 3 4



Solution to Thursday's puzzle 3/12/21

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

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

© 2021 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.



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

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 FIVE WORDS RELATED TO MEAT in the grid of letters.

Answers to Saturday's Boggle BrainBusters: FIG PEAR PLUM LIME LEMON PEACH

Community Calendar

Upcoming events

.....
 "Really, Really Old History: Archaeology at Indigenous Sites in Pembroke" will be on ZOOM, on Thursday, **April 21**, starting at 7 p.m. Eastern Dayl. Registration is required. Go to www.pembrokehistoricalsociety.org Click on Events and scroll down to the April 21st program description. Click on the registration link that follows the description, fill out the form, and submit. The event is free and open to everyone. Additional information available by emailing programs@pembrokehistoricalsociety.org.

The Washington County Republican Committee will be holding a regular meeting on Friday, **April 22**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Whiting Community Building, 169, Rt. 1. Republicans are invited to attend. Contact Joyce Simpson 259-3473 with questions.

Roque Bluffs Community Center Art Show, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, **April 23**, a *Youth Art Show*. Young people between the ages of 5 years old and 18 years old can show their artwork. The public is invited to see the show which will take place at the Roque Bluffs Community Center, 4 Schoppee Point Road in Roque Bluffs. FMI contact Bob McCollum by email at bob81848@msn.com. Please put Art Galley in the subject line or call 207-263-8579.

Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, **April 23**, Parish Hall, Dennysville, 5 p.m. Spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, beverages, cakes. Seconds available. Adults \$10, Kids under 12, \$5.

Machiasport Historical Society, Monday, **April 25**, 7 p.m., 1st Monthly Meeting of 2022-2023 Program Year at the Gates House, 344 Port Road/Rte.92, Machiasport, ME. Please join us as we discuss future plans for our 2022-2023 activities/events!

The Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, **April 27**, at 5:30 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to participate. There will be a single vote of members to accept amended by-laws and then a question/answer/brainstorming session will be held. Refreshments will be provided and there are some lovely door prizes. FMI: 255.4402

The Sunday Afternoons at the Arts Center series will conclude with a 3 p.m. presentation on Saturday, **April 30** by Mark DeVoto, who'll speak about César Franck's Symphony in D minor. 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.

Downeast Coastal Conservancy Vernal Pool Walk from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, **April 30** at the Vining Lake Community Preserve in Cooper. Limited space and advance registration required here <https://downeastcoastalconservancy.org/event/vernal-pool-walk/> or by emailing cathy@downeastcoastalconservancy.org.

Downeast Coastal Conservancy Night Sky Tour from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, **April 30**, at the Reversing Falls Preserve in Pembroke. Dress warmly, bring a chair as well as a hot beverage and enjoy the spring night sky presentation provided by the Downeast Amateur Astronomers. Register online here: <https://downeastcoastalconservancy.org/event/night-sky-tour/>. FMI email cathy@downeastcoastalconservancy.org.

Downeast Coastal Conservancy Story Trail Read-Along from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, **May 4**, at Middle River Park in Machias. We will hike the trail to read "The Secret Pool" by Kimberly Ridley page by page, introducing young readers to the wonders right underfoot as the voice of a vernal pool shares its secrets through the seasons. Advance registration requested here: <https://downeastcoastalconservancy.org/event/storytrail-read-along/>. The book

will remain up through the month of May for self-guided reading.

Machias ATV Jamboree and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **June 11**, at Station 1898, Route 1, Machias. Registration opens at 8 a.m., suggested donation of \$10 per rider. Event will feature 50 craft vendors, five food trucks, and live music sponsored by Machias Savings Bank. Even sponsored by Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, part of proceeds will go to Ark Animal Shelter of Cherryfield. FMI call 255-4402.

Cherryfield Congregational Church public suppers: Mark your calendars! This year's popular Cherryfield public suppers will be held **July 13** (chicken pot pie) **Aug. 10** (roast pork), and **Sept. 14** (roast turkey). The price per meal is \$12. The church is located at 12 River Rd, Cherryfield. More details will be announced as the dates get closer.

Recurring events

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

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

Machias Area Playgroup at 10 a.m. every Wednesday on the town playground between Salem and Harwood Street, Machias. For more information please call or text 263-5270.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Contact FMI Paul Maxie 903-371-1502 and Paul Trovarello 207-271-7060.

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

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

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

Recovery Meetings: Paul Maxie, 903-371-1502; Paul Trovarello, 207-271-7060, paul.trovarello.1978@gmail.com Lindsay Trovarello, 207-631-8382, lindsaytrovarello@gmail.com- Facebook: ARISE Addiction Recovery- Website: www.ariseaddiction-recovery.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 AI-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

Local scouts attend Cub Scout Nova



Thirteen local scouts attended the Cub Scout Nova event held last month at the Versant Power Astronomy Center in Orono. Here, nine scouts pose in front of the Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium.



The scouts learned about our solar system, built mars rover models and learned about the telescopes in the observatory. Photos courtesy Shannon Johnson



Think you may be pregnant?
You are not alone.

First Step
 PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

336 Mt Hope Ave #11, Bangor, ME 04401
 207-942-1611 | info@firststepbangor.com

We provide a safe and confidential place for you to ask questions, find resources and receive information to empower you to make informed choices.

We are your First Step in making an informed choice.

All services are free and confidential.
Pregnancy Testing/Verification | Consultation on all your options | Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds | STD testing & treatment | Abortion Recovery Program | Maternity and Infant Supplies | Prenatal & Parenting Classes

First Step does not perform or refer for abortions.

Monday - Friday 10-4 | www.firststepbangor.com

OBITUARIES

Edward Gable Higinbotham
May 28, 1942 - March 28, 2022



Edward Gable Higinbotham, Sr. age 79 of Frederick, Maryland, died March 28, 2022, at Kline Hospice House. He was the husband of Rowena Feeny Higinbotham, his wife of 60 years.

Born on May 28, 1942, in Hanover, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Dorothy Gable Higinbotham and Frank Weadon Higinbotham.

He graduated from Frederick High School in 1960, where he was Drum Major and leader of the FHS Marching Band and was a star on the Track Team, winning many awards. He held various offices in the FHS Alumni Association and was inducted into the FHS Distinguished Alumni.

After high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force.

He was active in the management of Blue Ridge Oil Co, a Division of Aero Oil Co for more than 50 years as Vice President and General Manager. He was a director of the Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributor's Association (MAPDA).

He served on the advisory board for the Walkersville office of Farmers and Mechanics National Bank and was Treasurer for Friends of former Senator Jack Derr. He was a member and chairman of the Frederick City Police Commission for 17 years and a member of the Frederick City Labor Relations Panel.

He was actively involved in the Frederick community and held offices in various Frederick city and county organizations including Frederick Lions Club, North End Civic Association, Frederick Jaycees, Elks Club, American Legion, Catocin Club, the Evangelical Reform United Church of Christ, and the Spires Brass Band. He was a Drum Major of the Rohrersville Marching Band, Rohrersville, Maryland, and enjoyed marching in parades.

His passions were his family, especially his three grandsons, and collecting Lionel Trains. He supported and attended his grandsons' pursuits and could repair any broken train that came to him. He was also our devoted keeper of family history.

He is survived by his wife Rowena, son Edward G Higinbotham, Jr (Kathleen G), son Dr. John P Higinbotham (Dr. Kathleen A) and three grandsons (E. Gable, III; Michael; and James). He is also survived by his brother, Randall Higinbotham (Kandy).

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Stauffer Funeral Homes, P.A., 1621 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick, MD.

A celebration of Edward's life will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday April 4, 2022, at Stauffer Funeral Home, P.A.

Pastor Doug Jones will officiate.

Interment will be at New Oxford Cemetery in New Oxford, Pennsylvania.

Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at StaufferFuneralHome.com.

CA00009757

Paul David Campbell
December 6, 1957 - April 8, 2022



Jonesport - Paul David Campbell, 64, passed away at home unexpectedly, Friday, April 8, 2022. He was born in New London, Connecticut December 6, 1957, to the late Robert F. Campbell and Constance M. (Carver) Faulkner. Paul graduated from Jonesport-Beals High School, class of 1976.

Paul was a self-employed fisherman, where most of his life was spent on the water. Throughout his years, he enjoyed hunting deer, playing softball, taking long rides, sitting at the marina talking to friends, and listening to music. Paul was an avid sports fan and loved to watch some of his favorite teams such as the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, and the San Francisco 49ers. In his downtime, he also enjoyed watching YouTube videos about lobster fishing and scratching lots of lottery tickets.

Paul was predeceased by both parents, his Aunt Frances and Uncle Dale Carver, along with very special friends, Butch, Mike and Jeffrey Alley, Vance Ireland, Terry Stanhope, and Linwood Caler.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Constance Campbell of Jonesport; his son, Cody Dorr, and wife, Morgan of Beals; two grandsons, Keelan Dorr of Cherryfield and Bowen Dorr of Beals; his step-father, Richard Faulkner and wife Rose of Sarasota, Florida; four brothers, Alton (Billy) Campbell of Jonesport, Mark Faulkner, and wife, Kathy of Columbia Falls, Adam Faulkner of Bangor, and Andy Faulkner of Newburgh; a sister, Lee Faulkner of Cutler; many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Paul will be fondly remembered by many special friends, including Leonard and Kevin Durkee, Larry Faulkingham, David Alley, and Randy Urquhart, Sr. Paul will also be very sadly missed by his four-legged best friend, Luna, better known as "Grampie's Girl."

Family and friends will be invited to attend a small Celebration of Life at a later date.

Donations may be made to Paul's family: Constance Campbell, PO Box 134, Jonesport, Maine 04649

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

MWN000010451

Justin P. Day
November 13, 1935 - April 9, 2022



Cooper - Justin Philip Day passed away unexpectedly at Northern Light EMMC on April 9, 2022. He was born in Casco, Maine on November 13, 1935, the fourth child of the late Philip & Nellie (Small) Day.

After graduating from Calais Memorial High School in 1955, Justin was drafted into the United States Army's transportation corps from 1958 to 1960. He hauled M60 US Army tanks and in the summer of 1960, he was part of a convoy of 200 US Army trucks traveling from Fort Eustis, VA through New York City to West Point, New York, to support training of cadets. Although he was not called to active duty, he was on alert for a year at Fort Knox, KY due to the Berlin Crisis in 1960. He was again drafted to the transportation corps during the Vietnam War in 1961 and was discharged near the end of 1962 as Corporal SP4.

Following his military service, Justin returned to the family business and became extremely well known for being a Maine wild blueberry farmer, surveying properties, and for a lifetime of service to the Town of Cooper. He was very proud to be the owner and operator of Day's Blueberry Farm. After retiring from Woodland mill, his brother Willis officially joined him as a partner in the family business, and together they were nearly inseparable.

Justin's passion for Surveying brought him so much joy. He loved his maps and the very detailed process of walking through the woods to mark out the lines. He couldn't say no to anyone who asked regardless of the season or weather. He knew everyone in town regardless of when they became residents and knew the location and measurements of their land from memory.

His service and commitment to the Town of Cooper meant so much to him. His dedication to his hometown led him to wear many hats over the years. He served as 1st Selectman, following in the footsteps of previous Generations. His family's home served as the "Town Office" for many long years. He was a long-time member of the Board of Assessors, served as Ballot Clerk and Constable, was a member of the Washington County Democratic Committee, serving as chairman of the Cooper Democrats and an active member of the Grange. Up to the date of his death, he was a volunteer for the Town's Fire Department and served as the Town's Fire Warden. With his passing, the Town of Cooper has lost an admired close friend and a valued way of life.

Although Justin never married or had children of his own, his love for his family was as obvious as their love for him. Justin is predeceased by his parents, his sister Violet Dineen, his brothers-in-law Ralph Flood and Granville Lee, and nephew Daniel R Flood.

He is survived by his sisters Arline Flood of Cooper and Louise Lee of Meddybemps, his brother Willis Day of Cooper, and brother-in-law Vincent Dineen of Meddybemps. He is also survived by many special nieces and nephews: David Smith and his wife Janet of Norway, Jay Smith and wife Joeleen of Bradenton, FL, Patrick Dineen and his fiancée Wanita Thibodeau of Baring Plt, Marcia Wheelock and her husband Paul of Calais, Ronald Flood and his wife Ann-Marie Flood of Cooper, Philip Flood and wife Karyn of Calais, Sandy Lyon and husband "Denny" of Cooper, Eric Flood of Silver City NM; Melissa "Missy" Alexander and her husband Dana of Baring Plt, Lori Jensen of Baileyville, Valerie Smith and her husband Sheridan of Baileyville, Heather Day of Cooper, Nellie-Jo Lee of Princeton, Granville "Robbie" Lee and his wife April of Baileyville, and special cousin's Pauline "Polly" Spencer of North Ft Myers, FL, David Hunnewell of Charlotte, and Avery Hunnewell of Calais along with many great-nieces and nephew's.

Justin gained a multitude of long-time friendships from his many years of service to the Town of Cooper, the Blueberry Industry, Washington County, and the State of Maine. Although there are too many to list here, we know all who knew him will join his family in remembering him fondly. Never a negative word has ever been heard spoken of this selfless man. We can only hope that we all could be as kind-hearted and generous as he was.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Mays Funeral Home, 26 Church St., Calais. Burial followed in the West Ridge Cemetery, Cooper. In his memory, the family asks that donations be made to your local food pantry or Humane Society. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.MaysFuneralHome.com

MWN000010438

Tempus fugit Continued from page 5

of microwave light that can be handled with accuracy just like tuning an FM radio. This ultra precise number (9,192,631,770 beats per second) can be received and mathematically divided to produce an output equal to one second; every second without fail over and over 24/7.

This precise counting of seconds is then fed to satellites or the internet for use. Thank goodness we will not get lost using our GPS. I do want to declare however, that

selecting the best route to take has nothing to do with accurate time but intelligent software.

As we enjoy our last year of daylight savings time, it might feel at times like 2022 "flies by" - hence the Latin phrase Tempus Fugit. But spend as much time as you want to consider this: Is time the same everywhere in the Universe? If one Earth day took 48 hours instead of 24 hours to rotate, would time as we know it be the same?

Frank Wood
Owner

SALES
LETTERING

**DOWNEAST
MONUMENT
WORK**

CLEANING
REPAIRS

Serving Washington County

335 Northfield Road • Marshfield, ME 04654
(2.4 miles north on 192 from Machias)

(207) 263-7100

MWN00000382

Pembroke residents push back against mining company's plans

by Kate Cough, Maine Monitor

The Wolfden Resources Corporation is making plans to mine for silver in Pembroke, but residents of the Washington County town near the Canadian border are fiercely against the idea and packed a public hearing last week to voice opposition.

"This is going to affect all of our people here in this territory," said Dwayne Tomah, an area resident and Passamaquoddy tribe cultural historian. "We have a lot of fishermen here, we have to drink the water, we have to gather our plants, we have to gather medicines ... (Wolfden is) coming into an economically depressed area and exploiting our mother."

Sentiment at the 2 1/2-hour meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of a proposed ordinance banning industrial-scale metallic mining in the town.

Wolfden is the first company to attempt mining in Maine since the state passed new regulations in 2017. The Canadian company, which has yet to successfully develop a mine, pulled back on plans to mine in the Penobscot County town of Patten after state regulators said they would reject its application for a required rezoning, in part because it "contain(ed) numerous errors, inconsistencies, and omissions," according to a staff memo. Many hailed the state's new rules as the nation's most stringent, particularly regarding water quality.

But Pembroke residents, who depend on the area's rich water resources for drinking, recreation, tourism and their livelihoods, expressed concerns that the company would not be able to ensure the safety of the region's environmental assets, even under Maine's strict rules. A map prepared for Friends of Cobscook Bay, one of the groups opposed to the project, shows several aquifers and high-quality brook trout habitat not far from the exploratory drilling site.

"They cannot protect the water for you," said Ralph Chapman, a former state representative from Brooksville, host to the defunct Callahan Mine, which is now a Superfund site. "Don't expect that the state regulations are going to be something that will keep your water clean."

Some of the gravest environmental concerns in mining revolve around the extraction of base metals — such as copper, lead and zinc — that often occur in bands of rock rich in iron sulfides. Iron sulfides that are exposed to air or water create sulfuric acid, which can pollute waterways for decades, a phenomenon known as acid mine drainage.

The Pembroke mining site has been dubbed "Big Silver." Wolfden has conducted exploratory drilling for silver, lead and copper at the site since the fall, digging eight holes down 2,600 feet, according to figures presented Wednesday. The area, roughly two miles north of Pembroke village, where the

Pennamaquan River drains into Cobscook Bay, was the site of limited mining in the late 1800s and has been sporadically searched for minerals since the 1960s.

Wolfden representative Jeremy Ouellette pointed out that minerals and metals are essential to modern life, which was evident in the many residents filming the meeting on their smartphones or the dozens of cars in the parking lot.

"We all use these minerals, and we have to do it in the most ethical and responsible way," Ouellette told the standing-room only crowd. "What better way to do that than by controlling it in our own towns and communities?"

"It's already under control because there is none," a man shouted. "Go back home."

Silver is most often used in industrial applications, where it can produce smooth, leak- and corrosion-resistant joints, and is important in the production of airplanes, automobiles and photography equipment. Smartphones do contain some silver: an experiment at the University of Plymouth in the United Kingdom found that a typical smartphone contains roughly 90 mg of the metal.

A vote on the Pembroke ordinance will be held May 4. If passed, it would prohibit industrial-scale metallic mineral mining, defined as any operation that is more than 3 acres or extracts more than 10,000 tons of mine waste per year, or any operation that extracts more than 10,000 tons of bulk sampling material during exploration.

The new regulations would not affect gravel pits, or the excavation of sand, fill, clay or any other non-metallic mineral excavation, and would be retroactive to Dec. 20, 2021.

Ouellette told the crowd that while initial testing at Big Silver has shown "positive results," what the company has found so far is "not high enough grade and high enough volume in order to justify a mining project."

"We are excited by those results," Ouellette continued, "but there's not a feasible project out there that's been defined."

Several residents felt the picture was less rosy than the one Wolfden painted to investors in a recent press release, in which the company's vice president of exploration, Don Dudek, said "We are very encouraged by the grade and size implications of this silver-rich mineralization system ... Our goal is to discover and delineate an underground resource of 20 million tonnes or more, which appears achievable with this type of mineralized system."

Wolfden filed a work plan with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection last June to begin exploratory drilling at Big Silver. State agencies do not require a permit as long as the test pits have surface opening areas no larger than 300 square feet. For work beyond that, Wolfden would have to apply to the DEP for advanced

exploration permits, under which they could remove no more than 10,000 tons of mine waste.

The next step would be to obtain a full scale mining permit from the DEP, which would take years. The company would be required to submit a raft of information, including two years of local water quality monitoring data and plans to return wastewater discharge at water quality levels equivalent to or better than natural groundwater. There would also be extensive public input.

Those in favor of the ordinance, however, worried that once a permitting process had begun, it would be difficult to stop. Maine law allows municipalities to enact more stringent regulations than what's on file with the state, and if the ordinance passes on May 4, the company would be forced to abandon any industrial-scale mining plans for Big Silver.

Silver production is not big business in the United States, which extracts just 4% of the world's supply, mostly from mines in Alaska, Nevada and Arizona.

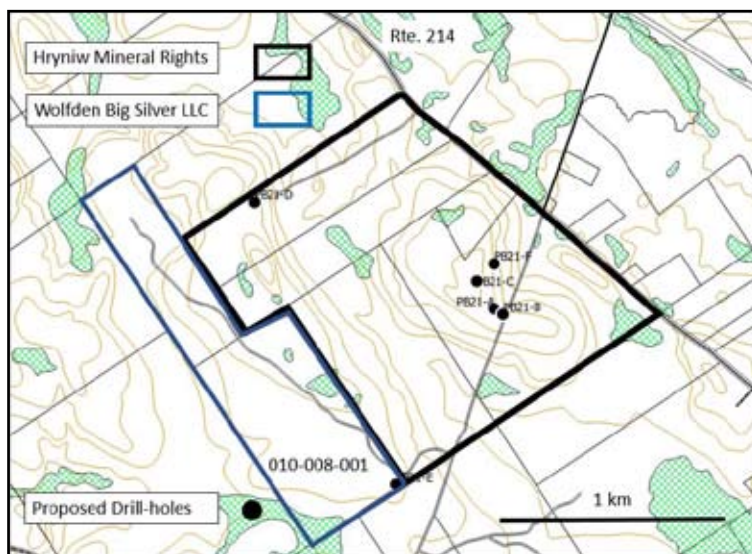
China controls most of the world's mineral extraction and production, which has led the

Biden administration to push to secure the supply chain of critical minerals for the U.S., particularly those that are key to clean energy technologies such as lithium, cobalt and manganese. None of the metals Wolfden is looking for in Pembroke are on the 2022 list of critical minerals.

Wolfden recently withdrew an application to rezone an area in Patten after Maine Land Use Planning Commission officials said they would reject it based on the recommendation of staff.



Wolfden representative Jeremy Ouellette, standing with the microphone, interacts with a Pembroke resident at the April 6 meeting. Photo by Kate Cough



Proposed drilling holes for the Wolfden Big Silver project in Pembroke.

In the Patten case, a rezoning is required before Wolfden can apply to the DEP for a mining permit. No rezoning would be necessary in Pembroke. The Wolfden CEO, Ron Little, told The Monitor that the company is not giving up on plans to mine in Patten.

Pembroke had been floated as a place to bring mine waste, known as tailings, from the proposed Patten project, but Ouellette said that idea, which surfaced as part of an alternatives assessment

required by the Land Use Planning Commission, had been dropped. "There's no plan to bring tailings anywhere in this area."

Little of what Ouellette said Wednesday appeased the crowd, which expressed deep mistrust of Wolfden. "Everyone here cares about Pembroke," said resident Colin Brown, gesturing around the room and then pointing at Ouellette. "Everyone except this guy."

This story printed with permission of The Maine Monitor

WE ARE OPEN!

Stop and see us in the new year and browse our 50,000 sq. ft. showroom!

WE HAVE A WIDE SELECTION OF RECLINERS!



Check out our website for more information: www.tuffybear.com

We deliver to Washington County!



Tuffy Bear Discount Furniture

938 Pushaw Road, Glenburn, ME • 207-947-6600

Monday to Thursday 9AM to 5PM • Friday 9AM to 6PM • Saturday 9AM to 5PM • Sunday 11AM to 4PM

SPORTS

County high school softball teams eager to take a swing at season

by Jayna Smith

With temperatures warming up and playing fields drying after the snowmelt, high school softball teams are back on the diamond for the 2022 season. Teams at Calais, Jonesport-Beals, Machias, Narraguagus, Shead, Washington Academy, and Woodland High Schools have been practicing for nearly a month in anticipation of this year's regular season.



Calais softball catcher Megan Mitchell at a game last season. Photo by Jayna Smith

Calais High School - Coach Stephanie Griffin, who was hired to lead the Lady Devils just prior to the canceled 2020 season, returns with 15 girls on the Blue Devils roster.

"We will have a lot of depth at various positions, which I think will be a very big strength," she said. "We will be anchored by returning pitcher Nevaeh Thomas [junior] and catcher Megan Mitchell [sophomore], as well as returning seniors Trinity Jones and Alexis Donahue. Kendra Stevens also brings some senior experience and is a positive leader on the team."

Also adding to the potential success of the team will be its pitching staff. "We are four deep in the pitching rotation this year with Nevaeh, Kayleigh Scott [freshman], Avva Cassidy [freshman], and Taylor Carter [sophomore], all of whom I plan to use throughout the year and will be a very big strength, and I am hoping to use a rotation of catchers to allow us to utilize Megan in the field more while remaining solid behind the plate."

Griffin said although most positions are still up in the air, the team brings a good mix of talent, with major contributions in the lineup expected from Mercedes Owen [junior], Lainey Johnson [junior], Brenna Critchley [sophomore], Nevaeh, Alexis, Megan and Trinity. "They are our key returning players from last year's lineup. But, they have a lot to contend with some up and coming players including Kendra, Taylor, and Sierra Jones [junior], who have grown a lot over the last year and are likely to see increased playing time this year."



Off Stellwagen Bank

While scalloping in the Gulf of Maine Federal Fishery, Bucks Harbor fisherman Ben Crocker Jr. captured this image of seagulls flying around the nose of a humpback whale. The whales are currently in migration from their southern winter grounds to their northern feeding grounds, which include the Gulf of Maine and extend as far as Norway and Iceland. Crocker said he rarely sees humpbacks in Downeast Maine waters, and last week he only saw two in the federal waters off of Massachusetts waters where he is fishing. "But this week hundreds of them moved in." Fishing with Crocker aboard the F/V Clean Sweep, Jamie Moore of Machias also captured stunning video of a humpback surfacing near their vessel. To see the video on our Facebook page, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yey23mrc>. Photo courtesy Ben Crocker Jr.

According to Griffin, "Players like [freshmen] Kayleigh, Avva, Natalie McDonald, Jazlyn Rojo, and Cameron Flood are new to the team this year, but are definitely not anyone to sleep on. They all have great potential and I expect several of our newer players to be immediate contributors."

The coach anticipates the defense executed by the Blue Devils will be solid, while the offense "will develop throughout the season."

Griffin has added Amber McIver to the coaching staff. "Amber and I have played a lot of softball together and I think we will make a great team. She has a lot of knowledge and is a really positive, supportive coach."

Griffin has played, as well as coached, at various levels and locations.



The Machias Memorial High School Softball Team, back left to right: Coach Kate Whitney, Andreanelyz Mateo, MacKenzie Schors, Kendall Atkinson, Skyler Tinker, Jaydin Anderson, Maggie Allen, Jaida Case, Hayley Bishko, Jasmine Walter, Assistant Coach Patrick Whitney. Front left to right: Emma Worcester, Payge Sprowl, Maleah Rhodes, Chloe Savage, Keanna Anthony, Sienna Ingalls. Missing from photo Lauren Wood. Photo courtesy MMHS

Machias Memorial High School - Second-year coach of the Lady Bulldogs Kate Whitney has 16 girls on her varsity roster, "a huge gain from last year," she said, when eighth graders had to be pulled up to fill positions.

According to Whitney, the team displays great skills in pitching, catching, hitting, and fielding. "I expect our team to do quite well this year. Everyone always hopes that your team goes all the way and wins a state championship, but I would love to see another winning record from us this season, and with hard work, go further in the playoffs than we did last season," she said, referencing the quarter final loss to Ashland last season.

"We are still working and building on skills with newer team members, but our returners are great leaders and examples for them to follow," Whitney noted, adding, "My new-to-softball girls are working on hitting and getting their timing down."

"I have a lot of excellent players returning to the team this year; it's hard to single them out in particular as they bring so much to the team that really makes everything work so well. A duo we are lucky to have returning is Jaida Case, our amazing pitcher, and our excellent catcher Maggie Allen. Jaydin Anderson is one of our best hitters, and Skyler Tinker, out in center field, is a hard worker and I'm not sure what we would do without her in the outfield," Whitney said.

Whitney will be joined by her father Patrick Whitney as assistant coach. She attended both Machias Memorial and Ellsworth High Schools and was starting pitcher on both schools' softball teams, then went on to play at the college level for Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

"In my first season coaching this softball team, we had a winning record for the first time since 2015, which happened to be my junior year of high school and my last year at MMHS. I am confident that my team has the skills and drive to want to be as successful, if not more, this season. We ended with a tough loss in the playoffs, and I know they are ready for another shot," Whitney said.

Narraguagus High School - Coach Tracie Martin will field 17 girls this year and said she expects her Lady Knights to be competitive, despite being a young team. "We have no seniors, and with no season played in 2020, the sophomores and juniors have only one year of experience. I hope we will continue to grow and improve each game."

Still, Martin said the team will bring back seven of its

starters from last year's team. "Weakness would be the unknowns. Will we hit the ball consistently? Will our pitchers throw strikes? Will we be able to keep our errors down?"

Players to watch, according to Martin include catcher Paidyn Cashman, a freshman who Martin said is "very good" but coming off an ankle injury; Trinity Morris, who "is solid at third and has a good bat;" Autumn Peterson, who "can play anywhere;" and Laney Oliver, "a solid infielder."

Martin has been coaching at Narraguagus for the last 13 years with Lynn Lyford as her assistant and, for the last two seasons, with Laney Perry, a former standout pitcher for Narraguagus, as a volunteer coach.

Shead Memorial High School - According to Coach Dana Bowen, the Tigerettes are a young team this year, "in a rebuilding season." He has 11 on the roster, with only three of those returning from last year, and the team includes eighth graders.

The one to watch for is our returning senior Kalysta Morris," Bowen said. "She will be doing the bulk of the pitching and is our strongest hitter."

Bowen hopes the team will continue to grow and learn throughout the season, while most of all, have fun.

Washington Academy - Softball for the Raiders will field 17 this season, according to Coach Mike Pulias. They will be led by the returning pitcher and catcher battery of Becca Scribner and Cailey Hicks. Hicks, he said, also "brings an unsurpassed level of effort and work ethic, which has earned her a place as team captain."

Pulias noted that Avery Cates and Reese Crosman have both picked up pitching this season, "and with a lot of hard work, are already ready to log some innings."

With just one senior and one sophomore on the team this year, it is split basically between juniors and freshmen. "It is the freshman class that will probably determine how far we can go," he said.

The freshman group of softball players is "packed" with talent, despite the inexperience, according to Pulias, including the "very-skilled" Grace Dennison and Rachel Keeton and "numerous hard-working and athletic players," specifically Avery, Autumn Balyint, Jadalyn Graham, and others.

"The goal this year is to establish a strong foundation within a new culture for the softball program. Only with that foundation in place can we spend the next year or two developing a higher level program. Our success this year will be measured more upon how far we can get down that foundational path, rather than wins and losses," Pulias explained.

"The team's glowing strength thus far has been the quality of personalities on it. Certainly there are several athletic players who are adapting to the culture change relatively quickly. However, the greatest surprise is that the group this far has shown to be very positive, anxious to improve, committed, and hard-working, from top-to-bottom. With such a long journey ahead, effort is the core requirement and there has been plenty of it," the coach said.

Pulias has been coaching for nearly 25 years. His daughters Rachel and Hannah will join him this year as assistant coaches.

Woodland High School - First-year coach Kieve Leeman replaced seven-year coach Missy Campbell this year for the Dragons team and brings 17 to the roster. Only two are seniors and four are playing up from the eighth grade.

"We will be a competitive team both fielding and hitting. Once everyone understands and accepts their roles, we could do great things in our class," Leeman said, adding, "We have a solid starting pitcher and a deep bench with various fielding options. We have a number of versatile players who can step into a number of positions."

Leeman is a Woodland alumnus where they were an athletic stand-out and explained it is great to be coaching in their hometown. "I have been away for 18 years and have been primarily coaching basketball at all levels." Still, for the last three years, Leeman coached a talented middle school softball team in Saco with two undefeated seasons.

SPORTS

County baseball teams return large rosters, talent

by Jayna Smith

A surefire sign of spring is the sound of a baseball smashing against a bat. High school baseball is back for 2022, and county teams at Calais, Jonesport-Beals, Machias, Narraguagus, Shead, Washington Academy, and Woodland High Schools are looking to make an impact on the field this season. Many schools are bringing large rosters, some as high as 20 players, giving an indication that baseball is thriving.



Senior captain Kobe Saunders, shown at a game last year, will lead the Blue Devils this season. Photo by Jayna Smith

Calais High School - Coach Marc Rohde is back for his seventh year as head coach of the Blue Devils.

“We have great senior leadership with Kobe Saunders leading the way with his great bat, catching ability, and overall knowledge of the game,” Rohde said.

“Ti Bennett will be our lead off man and our go-to guy for pitching. He also brings great speed to the bases.” Both Saunders and Bennett were selected as PVC All-Stars last season, with Saunders also selected as DAC.

Rohde has picked up senior Angel Rojo, new to Calais High School this year. “He brings a solid bat and is another pitcher and a good defensive utility player.”

The Blue Devils roster is starting with 15 boys this season, and Rohde hopes to end the season with those same 15. “It is one of our toughest goals due to grades, injuries, and sometimes lack of interest,” he said. He noted with the mixture of underclassmen on this year’s team, he hopes “to put a solid unit on the field.”

Prior to his time at Calais as head coach, Rohde was an assistant coach for five years.



Machias's Shane Feeney makes the tag in a game last season.

Machias Memorial High School - Coach Sam Whitney returns for his fifth year of coaching the Bulldogs, last year’s Class D Northern Maine Champions and runners-up to the state champs.

This year, his roster nearly doubles from last, up to 18 players, including his “Big 3,” seniors Jayden Rhodes, Kashman Feeney, and Kyle Anderson.

“We also have juniors Shane Feeney and Ethan Foss, and newcomers who have already made an impact: Ethan

Libby, Tyler Alley, and Brayden Barker.”

Whitney said he hopes to continue to develop the team’s culture and claim the state championship title. This will come from the depth seen from players at each position and “a very skilled lineup.” He also noted the team’s strong pitching ability as one of the greatest strengths the Bulldogs will bring to the field.

“Teams will play us tough. There are a lot of great teams in class D that we will face and we will need to be prepared to dig in and battle each and every game,” he said.

Whitney has ten years of coaching experience, having coached at local elementary schools and Little League.

Narraguagus High School - With 20 on the roster, Coach Jamie Robertson, said it is the largest baseball roster he can remember for years at the school.

Still, the Knights will field only three seniors and three juniors.

“The team’s strength is we have a good group of young players this year and that will also be our weakness,” said Robertson. “We are very inexperienced.”

He does have returning pitcher/shortstop Michael Stanwood, who will be very valuable for the team. A junior, Stanwood is also strong at the plate, according to Robertson.

Robertson added that he has a couple of “potentially exciting” freshmen on the roster, who, he said, “could be competing at a high level as well.”

He expects the team to be learning to compete at a higher level and hopefully to gain earned playoff experience as they compete in the class C division.

Robertson led the Knights from 2002 to 2004, then again from 2015 to 2017, before returning this year.



Washington Academy's Brian Dennison slides in safely at second in a game last season at Calais.



Washington Academy - Coach Rich Olivares is back to coach the Raiders baseball team for the second consecutive year with 18 boys on the roster.

According to Olivares, the team’s pitching staff will keep them in games early in the season. “We have many opportunities for improvement. When we all row the boat in the same direction we will be tough to beat,” he said.

The Raiders will be lead by juniors Brian Dennison and Gavin Bixler and sophomores Carson Prout and Caden Schwinn

“We are a young team that is learning to play the game the right way. We are grateful for the opportunity to compete in the game we all love,” Olivares said.

He brings 26 years of coaching experience to Washington Academy, both at the high school and collegiate level.



Woodland High School's varsity baseball coach Kenny Murphy talks to his team during a game last season. Photo by Jayna Smith

Woodland High School - Coach Kenny Murphy is pleased with his roster of 15 this year, made up of a great mix of players from all grades. He also is happy the school will field a junior varsity team, allowing some of his varsity players more playing time by swinging at both levels.

“Like everybody else, we hope to get into the playoffs and we’ll see what happens,” Murphy said.

He anticipates the team’s defense will help carry them to a successful season, noting having five solid pitchers in the lineup. This, he said, will hopefully make up where the team lacks offensively at bat.

“I’ve got some good players,” Murphy said, and he expects great leadership from senior captains Braden Barrett and Keegan Wormell. Both have played for Murphy since their freshmen year, Barrett as third baseman and pitcher, and Wormell behind the plate and in the outfield.

Before coaching the Dragons, Murphy led the Calais Blue Devils at the varsity level.



Downeast Recovery Support Center welcomes new director

The Downeast Recovery Support Center is excited to welcome David Grieco as the new center coordinator in Machias. Grieco welcomes you to the center to say hi, learn about resources, find out how you can host your meeting or group, or talk baking! The Machias recovery center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is located at 11 Free Street, Machias. For more information, call 259-6238. The coffee is always on! Submitted photo

STUDENT NEWS

Washington County Community College raises awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month this April

Students from Washington County Community College's Early Childhood Education program collaborated with Sunrise Opportunity Prevention Council to increase understanding of the prevalence of child abuse and neglect. The theme "Planting Seeds for a Better Tomorrow" was brought to life with pots of sunflower seeds for everyone to take home! Whoopie pies, candy and pinwheels were offered to anyone looking for a snack. Brochures and information compiled by Sunrise Opportunity Prevention Council were provided along with a story by Astrid Lindgren called "Never Violence" which ends with the author stating "I think that too often we fail to feel situations "from the child's point of view," and that failure leads us to teach our children other than what we think we're teaching them.



Photo from L to R – Elaine Perkins, Abigail Girardin, Wanda Kirshman, Rhiannon Bennett, Linda Levesque, WCCC Early Childhood Education Instructor, and Monica Olivares, Community Coordinator for Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council. Submitted photo

2022 DAR Good Citizens honored at Whiting reception

The Hannah Weston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution honored the Washington County high school seniors selected by their respective schools during the annual DAR Good Citizen reception held Tuesday, April 12, at the Whiting Community Center. The students had been named by the faculty and students as the school DAR Good Citizen for 2022 and were sponsored by the chapter in the state-wide selection of the 2022 Maine DAR Good Citizen.

The chapter vice-regent Cathy Johnson welcomed the students, their families, school guidance counselors, principals, and chapter members. Students at the awards ceremony had all demonstrated to an outstanding degree qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities.

These students also had the option to participate in the scholarship portion of the program. This consisted of a personal statement and an essay. This year's theme was *Our*



The Hannah Weston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution honored the 2022 DAR Good Citizens during a meeting and reception held Tuesday at the Whiting Community Building. Honored were, from left to right: Joseph Ray-Smith, (Narraguagus High School); Lauren Beal, Jonesport High School; Sierra Bryant, Woodland High School) Genevieve Thimlar, (Washington Academy) Zachary Wentworth, Calais High School; Kahlysta Morris, Shead High School. Unable to attend, Angie Scribner, Machias Memorial High School. Submitted photo

American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It. This year's essay chosen by the judges to advance to the state level was written by Joseph Ray-Smith of Narraguagus High School.

The program included a presentation by Cathy Johnson on *The DAR & Making a Difference* followed by Joseph Ray-Smith reading his winning essay. This was followed by recognition of each

student's accomplishments and community service followed by the awards and pinning ceremony.

Each school's DAR Good Citizen received a DAR Good Citizens pin, certificate, wallet recognition card, and a monetary gift from the Hannah Weston Chapter.

The afternoon ended with refreshments and punch provided by members of the Hannah Weston Chapter. These students are outstanding young adults and an inspiration to us all.

The 2022 DAR Good Citizens are: from Calais High School, Zachary Wentworth; Jonesport High School Lauren Beal; Narraguagus High School of Harrington; Joseph Ray-Smith; Shead of Eastport, Kahlysta Morris; Washington Academy of East Machias, Genevieve Thimlar; Woodland High School); Genevieve Thimlar. Unable to attend, but honored was Angie Scribner of (Machias Memorial High School.

Bay Ridge Elementary PreK/ Kindergarten Registration

Bay Ridge is accepting registrations for Pre K students who will be 4 years old on or before Oct. 15. If you would like your child to be enrolled in our Pre-K Program for the school year 2022-23, please call 259-3347 to set up an appointment for May 6th with Mrs. Terry Fitzhenry.

Bay Ridge is also accepting registrations for new Kindergarten students who will be 5 years old

on or before Oct. 15. If you would like your child to be enrolled in our Kindergarten program for the school year 2022-23 and doesn't already attend Bay Ridge Elementary, please call 259-3347 to set up an appointment for May 6 with Mrs. Terry Fitzhenry.

Your child's immunization records and birth certificate with a raised seal will be required at the time of registration.

D.W. Merritt Elementary School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll 2021-22

Mrs. Greene, principal of D.W. Merritt Elementary School announces the 3rd quarter honor roll.

Grade 3 A/B- Brielle Farren, Arianna Leavitt, Andrea Reeve

Grade 4 A- Arianna Alley, Norah Nance A/B- Liliana Amador, Savannah Barton, Aden Call, Mitchel Roberts

Grade 5 A- Yessenia Lizcano, Brayden Mitchell A/B- Ezra Alley, Belle Bouchard, Andalyn Ingersoll B- Christian Rainville, Jason Smith, Kayden Tyler

Grade 6 A- Kylei Lamson A/B- Piper Burgess, Layla Durkee-Hartford, Kyle Johnson, Alessiah Leavitt, Isaac Lord

Local students named to York County Community College Spring 2021 Honors List

The following local students were named to the Spring 2021 Honors List:

Tricia Salo of Harrington was named to the Full-Time Dean's List.

Hannah Ingemi of Marshfield was named to the Full-Time Dean's List.

Students are recognized for

their outstanding academic achievement: President's List recipients earned a 4.0 GPA for Full-Time Study, Dean's List recipients earned a 3.5 GPA for Full-Time Study, and Part-Time Study Dean's List recipients cumulatively completed 12 credits total and earned a 3.5 GPA for part-time study.

Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll 2021-22

Principal MaryEllen Day is pleased to announce the 3rd quarter honor roll.

Grade 12 High Honors: Marissa Arey, Sara Bickford, Fatima Herrera Vargas, Joseph Ray-Smith, Ryan Rolfe **Honors:** Aidan Johnson, Jackson Murphy, Dylan Nyberg, Anyelis Perez Padilla, Emily Sawyer, Mali Smith, Evan Strout

Grade 11 High Honors: Lydia DeSchiffart, Emmalee Donahue-Ripley, Matthew Haire, Laney Oliver, Estrella Paredes-Vazquez, DeVae Reynolds, Tristin Rodriguez, Ashley Stubbs **Honors:** Luciano Aguirre Paredes, Pedro Bryan, Aguirre Paredes, Bianka Alejo, Jeremiah Bunnell, Megan Gordon, Katrina Hatt, Andie Lovejoy, Jenny Perez-Vazquez, Austin Rusecky, Haili Seavey

Grade 10 High Honors: Courtney Bagley, Liam Gamache, Gabriel Hanscom, Chloe Look, Delaney (Finn) McDowell, Autumn Peterson **Honors:** Spencer Bickford, Katrina Evanson, Dakota Fahey, Emma Fraser, Kaitlyn Lee, Timothy Mague, Jacob McLaughlin, Emma Moores, Brisa Ortiz-Garcia, Jasmin Schoppee

Grade 9 High Honors: Paidyn Cashman, Abigail Holubrinkle, Charles Willey **Honors:** Brittany Anderson, Hailey Derby, Caleb Homan, Dylan Lovejoy, Emma Parker, Hannah Roeber, Nevaeh Schoppee, Konner Strout

Grade 8 High Honors: Leyla Flores, Reagan Haycock, Sarah Haycock, Derek MacLeod, Cain McKenna, Marin Norton, Lukas Pounder, Fatima Zamora **Honors:** Noa Alicea, Ada Bickford, Daniel Caler, Anabella Cirone, Alexander Figueroa-Flores, Eden Fraser, Sarah Grant, Hayden Hanscom, Mark Hurlbert, Emily Kennedy, Camden Kittredge, Micah Look, Angie Moores, Cameron Morris, Natalie Stanwood, Kaylah Tedeschi, Miles Worcester, Chase Wright

Grade 7 High Honors: Amelia Gamez-Seavey, Meredith Lail, Colin Phinney, Erica Rackliff, Natalie Ray **Honors:** Kevin Barbee-Bamford, Caden Burgess, Isaac Chipman, Ryder Fenton, Miranda Flores, Kaitlyn Grant, Martin Lara, James Leighton Jr, Bo Moores, Alexa Murphy, Antony Jayden Rodriguez-Vazquez, Cayla Sargent, Ivy Stanwood, Isabella Tucker

Walls TV, Appliance & Home Furnishings

85 Main Street, Machias, ME 04654



Free sheep with purchase!

(207) 255-3555

SPORTS

Beal/Lubec dominate in the '50s

by Phil Stuart

When it came to Washington County tournaments, two high schools that no longer exist were basketball powerhouses during the 1950s.

Unofficially from the late '20s until the mid-'60s the tiny high school on Beals Island played in 22 Washington County championship games and won 13 of them.

Some years there were no Class S and M tournaments so Beals had to compete against schools over 10 times their size for county honors.

The Beals' dominance really stood out during the fifties, which was a decade in which the Braves captured three gold balls. Those

came in 1951, 1952 and 1956.

In that decade Beals also won five Washington County Class S tournaments and finished as runner-up in four more.

The decade started off with Beals facing Northern Washington County opponents for five consecutive years.

In 1950 the Braves defeated Vanceboro 59-44 before Ivan Grahams' club edged the Braves 38-37 for the 1951 title.

In 1952 Beals bulldozed over the Danforth Tigers 105-81, and Danforth got revenge a year later with a 46-40 win in 1953.

Beals got the upper hand on the Tigers in 1954 with a close 65-61 win.

In 1955 the Braves crushed

Milbridge for county honors, 95-66.

In 1956 Beals won again by defeating Columbia Falls 67-53.

A year later Al Richards' club got revenge by handing the Braves a 54-52 setback.

In 1958 Beals played in their 9th consecutive county championship game which resulted in a 57-40 loss to the Raiders of Washington Academy.

1959 was the only year of the decade that the Braves were not in the title game. The Princeton Bombers edged the Sea Hawkes of Jonesport 71-68 in overtime to close out the decade.

The Class M tourney was not as exciting as Class S because there were a lot fewer schools. Machias,

Shead, Lubec, and Woodland were the mainstays in the Class. Some years Calais dropped down from Class L to M.

Lubec High School, which now has been closed for over ten years, won four Washington County Class M titles during the fifties decade and was runner-up on three other occasions.

In three of Lubec's four title wins the Calais Blue Devils were their opponent.

In 1950 the Hornets were defeated 56-37 by Woodland in the title game. In 1951 Jonesport edged Shead 31-26 for the crown.

A year later, Tart Gardner's Bulldogs edged the Hornets 62-59.

The Hornets hit the jackpot in

1953 when they whipped the Blue Devils of Calais 71-52.

Lubec repeated in '54 by crushing Machias 92-57.

Calais grabbed their first title of the decade in 1955 by defeating Shead of Eastport 58-48.

Lubec turned the tide on the Blue Devils in both '56 and '57 with 68-45 and 57-55 wins.

Calais would rebound in '58 and '59 by defeating Lubec 63-52 and Shead High School 75-50.

Calais would close out the decade with three County titles and a year later Johnnie Norris' club would win the county title and the Eastern Maine Class M crown before losing the state title game to Pennell Institute of Gray 65-61.

Spring hoop season nearing the end

by Phil Stuart

Basketball at the junior high and elementary school level is still not back to normal, but things have come a long way since a year ago.

Most junior high schools in Central and Washington County have played a limited schedule.

Only three schools were left in the Old St. Croix leagues that once included Indian Township, Princeton, Woodland, Calais, St. Stephens, Eastport, and Lubec.

Only Calais, Woodland, and Rose Gaffney remain so those three schools ended up playing against some smaller schools that they don't normally play in for them to play at least a 12-game regular season at least on paper.

Due to COVID issues, several games were not played nor were they made up.

The league had a meeting near the end of the season to determine how to proceed with the playoffs.

A proposal was made to have an A Division and a B Division based on regular-season records.

That proposal didn't float and it ended up being an East playoff which included Jonesboro, Fort O'Brien, Bay Ridge, Elm Street, Rose Gaffney, Calais, and Woodland, and a West Division that included DW Merritt, Harrington, Milbridge, Cherryfield, Jonesport, and Beals.

The preliminary rounds were held at the higher seeds gyms

while the semifinals and finals took place at Washington Academy and Narraguagus.

The Bay Ridge Dolphins boys and Woodland girls were the East Champions while the Jonesport girls and Harrington boys were crowned champs of the West.

After the Northern Maine Tournament ended and students got back to school the two spring leagues began play. The West Washington County Pee Wee League featuring teams from Lubec, Elm Street, Bay Ridge, Jonesboro, Fort O'Brien, Rose Gaffney, Jonesport, Beals, DW Merritt, Harrington, Milbridge, and Cherryfield got underway playing in their own gyms with spectators

with no playoffs.

In the Pinetree League Downeast, a proposal was made to play regular season games in the schools' own gymnasiums with no spectators and no concessions.

The members of that team include the Princeton Bombers, Alexander Panthers, Charlotte Coyotes, Perry Mustangs, Edmunds Jets, Pembroke Eagles, Lubec Hornets, Eastport Panthers, and Sipayik "Zee by A" Thunderbirds.

The pandemic has taken its toll in several ways. Pembroke only has a boys team along with Charlotte, like Lubec and Beals in the Pee Wee League.

Indian Township does not belong to any league but has played an

independent schedule.

Sipayik has unveiled its new gymnasium.

Carroll Francis, a member of Down East Board #18 is coaching the boys' team and is playing games outside the league with Indian Township, Campobello, and Eastport.

The Elm Street school is back to hurting its annual end of the year Pee Wee Tourney after a year's absence.

Jeff Chick of Clark's Point did not hurt the annual Harrington Round Ball Classic at Narraguagus for the second year in a row.

Hopefully, things will even be more normalized for the 2022/23 season.

Spring sports starting soon

by Phil Stuart

The 2022 baseball and softball season will be starting soon and several teams appear to be in the playoff hunt.

Weather is always a challenge and on many occasions schools have really hustled to complete their regular season on time.

The 2022 postseason is open to all teams so completing the schedule is not quite as crucial this year.

Many of the smaller schools struggle with numbers and that will be the case once again.

Luckily they are able to get a waiver and use eight graders in some cases.

Spring sports as a rule are the most unpopular because students are anxious to get out and forget about school plus the spring weather in eastern and northern Maine doesn't help matters any.

In softball, Machias should be a legitimate postseason threat. The Lady Bulldogs have all of their key players back from a year ago. The Bulldogs got a playoff win under their belts and could do even better this season.

Look for Woodland, Calais, and Narraguagus to do well. They have established programs that are competitive year after year.

Last season Calais eliminated Narraguagus in a preliminary round before the Blue Devils were ousted by Houlton in the quarterfinals.

In Class D the Bulldogs defeated Central Aroostook of Mars Hill in a preliminary and then edged Penobscot Valley of Howland in the Quarterfinal round.

Ashland defeated the Bulldogs in the semifinals 14-7.

Shead and Jonesport-Beals were both defeated in the preliminaries while Woodland won over Schenck in a preliminary and defeated Katahind in the quarterfinals before bowing out to 2nd seeded Stearns in the semifinals.

The last school to reach a state final was Narraguagus in 2018 when the Knights lost to Madison 7-3.

Last season in baseball both Machias and Washington Academy had very good seasons and much of the same is expected this year.

The Bulldogs have a veteran squad back plus some new younger players.

Machias ended up 12-4 a season ago before losing 8-4 to Searsport in the Class D state final.

Washington Academy fell a little bit short as well. The Raiders defeated the third, second, and almost the top-seeded team falling 5-4 to the number one Orono Red Riots in the Northern Regional final.


The Raiders lost a couple of key players but will return most of their squad and like Machias, the team has decent pitching and a lot of key players returning.



GLASS SERVICES FOR:

 Commercial	 Auto
 Residential	 Boat

207-255-6900



Lee/Pellon Event Center
Available for All Your Needs
Amenities include:

- ◊ Caterer's Kitchen
- ◊ Sound System w/one stationary & two portable microphones
- ◊ Wireless Internet ◊ Cable Television

Call Between 8:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
(207) 255-8209 or 460-1018



PROTECT DOWNEAST

Protect Downeast announces a concerned citizens campaign regarding the Kingfish project in Jonesport.

A few things to consider:

- 1** **We have no idea how many jobs will be brought by Kingfish and what they will pay.** Documents filed by the company indicate 128. While publicly KF has said 100, their website says 70 jobs. The **goal** as stated on the website is to hire local people, yet paperwork has been filed to build permanent housing on site. **Something doesn't add up.** KF refuses to answer any of these questions. To see the building plan and job numbers reference, **go to protectdowneast.org Fact Check #1**
- 2** KF stated at a public forum recently that all of the water brought into the plant will be UV-treated, heat exchanged, or filtered before it's discharged into our bay. Sounds good, right? **No, it will kill the entire ecosystem that comes into the plant before it is sent back into the bay.** That means baby lobsters, spat, and phytoplankton will all be killed. We wonder if KF knows it takes seven years to grow a lobster.
- 3** Maine is allowing the water to be degraded for jobs that we don't even know exist. **Maine has sold out our community for another industrial scale aquaculture project.** Read it for yourself in a letter from the Department of Economic and Community development. **To read the DECD letter, go to protectdowneast.org – Fact Check #2**
- 4** **This is not a done deal.** In a response to an appeal of the project, KF states the company has all the permits to move forward. That is not true. Here is the filed response to the Board of Environmental Protection: "Kingfish has not only received no municipal permits, but it has not even made a complete application for site plan review by the Town of Jonesport. Even if Kingfish could proceed under the DEP permits, they cannot do so until the Town of Jonesport first, 1) receives a complete application and then, 2) only if the Planning Board approves that application after public notice and hearing...Moreover, it does not appear that Kingfish has yet received a required Army Corps permit for the wetlands impacts the project would create. In short, the project is not fully permitted, and it is critical that the Board be made aware of the actual permit status of the Kingfish project." **To see KF's statement, go to protectdowneast.org – Fact Check #3**
- 5** Kingfish is about profits. Kingfish is traded on the European stock market, and this industrial scale aquaculture project is about making their investors' money not what is best for Jonesport and the larger community.

Sincerely: Chris Smith, Lobsterman, Scallop Harvester / Richard Aishton, Educator / Colon Alley, Lobsterman, Scallop Harvester / Glenda Beal, Educator/ Ariana Fischer, Roque Island / Holly O'Neal, Sternman

NOTICES / LEGALS



The University of Maine System will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit from October 2-5, 2022 by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

NECHE is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States providing institutional accreditation on a primarily regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, NECHE accredits approximately 220 institutions, mainly in the New England region and overseas.

The University of Maine System (UMS) has been accredited by NECHE since July 2020. UMS accreditation encompasses the seven universities — the University of Maine; the University of Maine at Augusta; the University of Maine at Farmington; the University of Maine at Fort Kent; the University of Maine at Presque Isle; the University of Southern Maine; and the University at Maine at Machias, a regional campus of the University of Maine — as well as the University of Maine School of Law.

For the past sixteen months, UMS has been engaged in a process of self-study addressing the Commission's *Standards For Accreditation*. An evaluation team will visit our universities and Law School to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for UMS, and following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University of Maine System to:
 Public Comment on the University of Maine System
 New England Commission of Higher Education
 3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100
 Burlington, MA 01803-4514

Per NECHE policy, public comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between persons and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Public comments must be received by October 5, 2022. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.

The University of Maine System is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

MVNO000010344

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE GENERAL PERMIT FOR NET PEN AQUACULTURE

Please take note that, pursuant to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection General Permit for Net Pen Aquaculture, MEG1300000, Cooke Aquaculture USA Inc. of 40 Barron Road, Eastport, Maine plans to file a Notice of Intent for amended coverage with the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). If the coverage is granted, it will allow the facility to go from 6 pens to 8 pens with the associated discharge of pollutants from operation of the Sand Cove (EASTW SCN) net pen aquaculture facility located at Eastern Bay, in Beals, Maine, subject to the terms and conditions of the General Permit.

The Notice will be filed on or about April 14, 2022, and will be available for public inspection at the Department's Augusta office during normal business hours. A copy may also be seen at the Town offices in Beals, Maine. A copy of the General Permit may be obtained from the Department or at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/water/wd/gp.html>

The Department will take no action on the Notice of Intent until 30 days from the date of this publication. Any person wishing to submit comments to the Department regarding the Notice of Intent should do so in writing within 30 days of this publication. Comments should be limited to the applicant's ability to comply with the terms and conditions of the General Permit. The Department will take these comments into consideration in determining whether or not to approve of the Notice of Intent.

Written public comments, requests for information or questions may be directed to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality Management, Aquaculture Permitting, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333. Telephone (207) 287-7688.

CA000009816

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR LISTINGS

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.



Call 255-6561
 to subscribe



Library Easter egg hunt returns to fill baskets



Dozens of local children flooded through Porter Memorial Library last weekend to collect hundreds of candy-filled eggs from the stacks of the Machias institution, including Ava, age 3, who attended the hunt for 3 to 6 year olds. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon



The traditional Easter T-Rex was on hand to oversee the festivities, flanked by its happy helpers, all students from the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School JMG program, which assisted in preparations for last Saturday's event. Photo by Cheyenne Robinson-Bauman



When the two hunts were over, library helpers did not find a single leftover egg, proof positive of the attention to detail Machias-area youth are renowned for. Library volunteers said they're already looking forward to staging next year's Easter festivities. Photo by Cheyenne Robinson-Bauman

NOTICES / LEGALS

Town of Beals Special Town Meeting

Aquaculture Moratorium Ordinance
 May 2nd, 2022 - 6 p.m.
 Town Office - 497-2589
 Discussion and Town vote

MVNO000010437

2022 Shellfish Committee Meeting Washington County Territories

The Shellfish committee will hold its annual public meeting and discuss the following items:

- 1.) Elect new board members
- 2.) State of the Resource on UT beaches
- 3.) Review of the Shellfish Ordinance
- 4.) Shellfish License Sales
- 5.) Conservation Efforts for the new season
- 6.) Conservation Credits required for Commercial License
- 7.) Set future meeting dates

The meeting will be held on Wednesday,
 April 27 at 6:00 P.M. at the Edmunds School
 The public is welcome.

Any questions please call 207-255-8919.

MVNO000010435

Town of Jonesport

70 Snare Creek Lane, Lower Level, Jonesport, ME 04649
 PHONE: (207) 497-5926 FAX: (207) 497-5966
 selectmen@townofjonesport.com

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION NOTICE

CLOSURES: Flake Point Bar – South side of Flake Point Bar to “Washout” and including Great Bar

Effective 05/01/2022; End 10/31/2022

Reference DMR web page for further closures:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures>

MVNO000010450

Town of Northfield Seeking Bids

The Town of Northfield is seeking bids for spring cleaning and seasonal mowing. Bid price should include:

- The cost of cleaning, cutting and trimming any downed trees on Cemetery Hill Road. *The cost of mowing and trimming in the Town of Northfield’s three cemeteries (small cemetery on the Eastern Ridge Road, Small Cemetery on Rt. 192 and the Town Cemetery on Cemetery Hill Rd.). On an as needed basis.
- Spring clean up around the Town Hall
- Mowing and trimming, on an “as needed basis” at the Town Hall and mailboxes across from the Town Hall.

Bids will be accepted until Monday, May, 9, 2022. Bids will be opened at the May 16, 2022, Select Board Meeting.

Please send bids to: Town of Northfield, P.O. Box 263, Machias, Maine, 04654

MVNO000010441

PUBLIC NOTICE

A collaborative research project lead by a team composed of the National Parks Service (NPS), USACE Engineer Research and Development Center, and EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., PBC will be studying St. Croix Island for the next year. Erosional processes have been impacting the island for thousands of years, and the Passamaquoddy, Parks Canada, and the NPS are interested in exploring potential options to protect the remaining island, including its international burial site and remaining culturally significant features. The team will be deploying minimally invasive instrumentation in early summer 2022 to evaluate physical parameters and removing them one year later in 2023. The specific goal of this research effort is to further explore and document processes unique to the implementation of nature-based solutions in cold regions and areas with significant tidal ranges, as well as to better understand and incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into proposed solutions through direct collaboration with native tribes. The team has applied for a Maine Permit-by-Rule and has determined that it is consistent or consistent to the maximum extent practicable, as applicable, with the enforceable policies of the Maine Coastal Program. Questions regarding this project can be directed to Joe Cullen at Maine DEP via email at john.cullen@maine.gov.

CA000009806

Request for Proposals Town Road Sweeping

Tibbettstown Road - From bridge to Route 1

Main Street - Curbing section only

East Skunk Ridge - 0.34 miles

Grantville Road - 0.33 miles

Church Hill Circle - 0.19 miles

The Lane - 0.1 miles

Dorr Lane - 0.1 miles

Richards Lane - 0.05 miles

Town of Columbia Falls is accepting proposals for sweeping and dirt/debris removal from Town Roads. The work must be completed by Friday, May 13th, 2022. The Town Roads must be swept completely including pickup at all locations except for East Skunk Ridge and Grantville Road. Removal of the dirt/debris is expected as part of the proposal. Prospective bidders must submit proposals for all locations. Proposals, with proof of liability coverage and workers Compensation Certificate or State of Maine letter of Determination attached, must be submitted in writing by 4:00PM on Monday, April 25th, 2022, to: Attn: Sweeping Bids, Town of Columbia Falls, PO Box 100, Columbia Falls, ME 04623. Proposals may be delivered, mailed, submitted by fax (207-483-3825), or as an email attachment to townofcolumbiainfalls@gmail.com. All bids will be opened that night at the Selectmen’s meeting at 7PM. The Town of Columbia Falls reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Please contact Michael Bailey at 207-598-0312 with any questions.

The Town of Columbia Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MVNO000010452

Town of Beals 2022 Commercial Shellfish Licenses

Resident licenses available Thursday, May 24th, 2022
 Effective: June 1st, 2022 through May 31st, 2023

Non-resident licenses: Applications for lottery available Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 until 1:00 PM Tuesday, May 31st, 2022. Drawing 1:00 PM, Tuesday, May 31st, 2022. Lottery names will be filed in order drawn. Licenses must be purchased within one week of notification; otherwise the next name in line will become eligible.

Town of Beals 2022 Shellfish Notice

June 1st, 2022 - November 30th, 2022

Closure Dates for the following locations.

1. Western Alley’s Bay - Shark Reef southerly to “Islander” building, westerly including Cranberry Cove to Shark Reef.
2. Eastern Alley’s Bay - Shark Reef southerly to Hixey Head Lobster Pound, westerly including Boat Cove to the “Islander” building, northerly to Shark Reef.
3. Northern Back Shore - Andrew Alley Point to Scott Bennett Point at the Back Shore.

Clam flats to open June 1st, 2022

1. All 3 Ram Islands, Sheep Islands, Norton’s Island and Pomp Island all located in Western Bay, West of Beals.
2. Cape Point to Red Head on lower Great Wass Island.

MVNO000010444

Committee Continued from page 1

solely on property tax revenues.

Machias voters will weigh in on the municipal budget at the annual town meeting, this year scheduled for Wednesday, June 15. Attendance to the town meeting varies from year to year depending on the issues, ranging in recent years from 23 voters to more than 100, but hovering near 40 attendees.

The much-larger schools budget is voted on in a separate meeting, not yet scheduled but normally taking place before the town meeting, and normally poorly attended.

Budget preparations

Working for hours at a time over the course of weeks, the five-person selectboard and four-person budget committee discussed the municipal portion of the 2022-23 budget line by line. Town manager Bill Kitchen said all involved faced a difficult task attempting to budget in a year when energy prices are volatile.

“It impacts almost every department, and some massively,” said Kitchen.

Speaking at last week’s meeting, budget committee member Joshua Rolfe said another large driver of cost increases on the municipal side of the budget is wages. The budget committee and selectboard propose a 10 percent wage increase for all positions not covered by a union or other wage contracts.

“And I don’t think there’s anything in this budget that I could look at and think, we could reduce that enough to impact this [increase],” said Rolfe. “I think the wage [increases] need to happen, and there’s no fluff in this budget whatsoever.”

Town manager Bill Kitchen said that includes a 5.9 percent cost-of-living (COLA) increase, following the federal government’s 2022 COLA increase for social security payments, and a 4.1 percent merit increase for employees of the town office, as well as some public works, and transfer station employees.

“These people have been through the wringer for the last couple of years and over those two years received a 2.6 percent increase,” said Kitchen, praising the town employees. “I do not think a 4 percent raise is out of line for these folks. Morale is on an upswing, this town has never been more on fire, we have a team that loves coming to work and really believes they’re a team.”

“I think this [raise] is a very reasonable thing to ask for in light of everything,” said Kitchen.

“I think it is too Bill,” said selectman Carole Porcher, who earlier expressed concern about the size of the proposed wage increases. “I hope we can do it. It’s like giving them what they need to make it

through this horrible inflation but at the cost of the taxpayers who are also out there struggling with the cost of things.”

Selectboard chairwoman Paula Johnson-Rolfe said she also favored taking care of the employees while looking out for the taxpayers.

Town property sales

To address both issues, Johnson-Rolfe suggested the board reconsider selling the current town office, at the base of Court Street and relocate those functions into the Machias Telebusiness Center, a spacious town-owned building where the board holds its meetings and which now houses the police department as well as a commercial tenant.

“We’ve talked about selling the building downtown, putting it back on the tax rolls, and bringing our operation out here,” said Johnson-



Long-standing plans to relocate this less-than-scenic electrical substation away from scenic Bad Little Falls Park are still in the works, according to Versant spokesperson Judy Long. Machias Town Manager Bill Kitchen said the town is not looking to sell one of its tax-acquired properties in case it suits as an alternative site for the substation. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Rolfe. “We would see some cost savings there, we would see financial gain, it would be marketable due to its location where it would be a great storefront, and [at the Machias Telebusiness Center] we would be

utilizing a building that is largely unused.”

Budget committee member Benjamin Edwards enthusiastically supported Johnson-Rolfe’s idea.

(Committee cont. pg. 25)



Members of the Machias Budget Committee and Machias Board of Selectmen met Wednesday, April 13, to finalize their proposed municipal budget in advance of seeing the Machias schools budget on April 27. From left to right: budget committee member Rich Rolfe, selectman James Jackson, (not visible) selectman Carole Porcher, selectman Les Haynes, selectboard chairwoman Paula Johnson-Rolfe, town manager Bill Kitchen, selectman Sandra Sinford, budget committee members Joshua Rolfe and Benjamin Edwards, and town finance director Meghan Dennison. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

NOTICES / LEGALS



Accepting Bids

Regional Medical Center at Lubec is accepting bids for new siding on the RMCL facility at 43 South Lubec Road, Lubec, Maine. Bid documents/specifications can be picked up at RMCL or mailed. For inquires or to receive bid documents, please contact: Allan Sarchfield, Facilities Director.

Regional Medical Center at Lubec
43 South Lubec Road
Lubec, Maine 04652
(207) 733-1090 ext 5292 or ext 5203
asarchfield@rmcl.org or trier@rmcl.org

Equal Opportunity Employer

MVNO000010440

HELP WANTED



Eastport Health Care, Inc.
Our Specialty is YOU!

Eastport Health Care aspires to meet a full spectrum of health needs in rural Maine with innovative, affordable treatment. People are the key to success of our health center and we rely on our staff to make our patient-focused vision come to life. If you are interested in joining our team as a Full-Time Medical Assistant – Behavioral Health, we would love to hear from you!

Please visit our website for career opportunities at <https://www.eastporthealth.org/jobs/>.

Per Diem Medical Assistant – Behavioral Health (Machias Location)

Position Description:

- 1.) Adhere to all EHC Policies and Procedures.
- 2.) Uphold accurate and effective verbal and written communication skills to include clear, concise, and accurate written documentation in patients’ electronic health record (EHR).
- 3.) In preparing the client/patient for their Clinical services: Perform basic Intake process, which includes but is not limited to checking the patient/client into the EHR system; meeting with the client to perform a basic review and or update of information documenting the following: medication reconciliation; allergy update; problem list update; and any psychosocial changes.
- 4.) Perform daily administrative support duties as assigned to include but not limited to: managing referrals; greeting the client/patient at check-in; fee collection; answering the telephone and triaging patient needs; maintaining accurate recording of all telephone calls; assisting clinical staff in the management of patient crisis to include possible suicidal/homicidal ideation; triaging walk-in patient needs; scheduling client appointments and follow up consultations; making daily reminder calls for next day appointments; maintaining accurate documentation all of patient/client contact and or tasks assigned within the client EHR.
- 5.) For Psychiatric support preparation: Perform and record client vital signs, including height and weight; review current medication list noting any changes or deviations and record all within the client EHR; access HealthInfoNet to obtain patient information from outside providers; with clinical direction access the PMP to manage controlled substance information and accurately record information; perform toxicology screens, UA and pill counts as directed; arrange for FedEx pick up of specimens; send delegated medication and lab orders; Problem solve with pharmacies; with clinical direction, scheduling, administering and tracking monthly injections; complete prior authorizations for MaineCare and Medicare plans, and tracking renewals.
- 6.) Perform other duties as assigned by Supervisor.

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- Current AAMA Certification as a Certified Medical Assistant; CCMA/CNA/CRMA in a medical office setting preferred. Any clinical medical office experience will be considered.
- Current BLS Certification
- Possess excellent verbal, written and computer skills and experience documenting within an EHR.
- Ability to establish and maintain harmonious working relationship with co-workers in an integrated medical/mental health setting.
- Ability to effectively communicate with Patients and other community professionals, and the public at large and follow clinical directions from Medical and Mental Health Providers.
- Ability to meet minimum physical, mental and visual standards of the job, to include ability to lift items not exceeding 25 pounds.

For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Elaine Curtis, HR Manager at 207-853-0181 or ecurtis@eastporthealth.org

CA00009789

HELP WANTED

St. Croix Regional Family Health Center is hiring!

We are looking for an **LCSW** to join our team. If you want a great job, with an organization committed to patients, send your resume to us!



- Must have a Master's degree in Social Work
- Be licensed as an LCSW by the State of Maine.

This position involves working with patients in a busy office to manage the behavioral aspects of patients' physical/mental illnesses and/or chronic medical conditions, and substance use disorder.

The right candidate must possess a high degree of flexibility and consultative/collaborative skills, while providing, solution-focused assessments and intervention to a general patient population.

Must Have:

- Good organizational skills to handle multiple priorities while remaining professional and calm.
- Ability to work with people who have diverse needs.
- Strong level of confidentiality due to the sensitivity of materials and information handled.
- Ability to work independently and be self-directed and flexible.

Please read the full job description at www.mystcroix.org

Send resume and cover letter to:
Executive Director
136 Mill Street,
Princeton, ME 04668

SCRFHC is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

CA000009796

JOIN OUR TEAM!!

Seasonal Youth Program Assistants

Lubec Community Outreach Center is accepting applications for full-time, seasonal Youth Program Assistants within the summer recreational and enrichment program. We seek applicants that have experience with daily supervision and guidance to youth aged 4-12 in structured setting. The position requires the ability to oversee hands-on activities, arts/crafts, music, presentations, games, outings, and homework help. Please send resume to LCOC PO Box 41 Lubec, ME 04652 or email director@lubecoutreach.org for an application. For more information please call (207) 733-5262.

MVNC000010453



Cobscook Experiential Programs

A public high school option offered in partnership with Calais High School: Experiential, hands-on, small group learning at Cobscook Institute

Apply now: cobscook.me/apply | Setup a tour: 255-7348



July 29 - August 12

Application Deadline May 31

River Camp is a two-week summer camp for teens interested in outdoor careers, conservation, ecology, and outdoor skill building.

Apply now: cobscook.me/rivercamp



cobscookinstitute.org
+1 (207) 733-2233

MVNC000010405



AQUACULTURE SITE MANAGER - Maine

Cooke Aquaculture USA Inc., is offering a unique opportunity for a highly motivated individual to join the Company's team as **Aquaculture Site Manager** based in Machias Bay, Maine. This position reports to the Saltwater Production Manager.

The Role:

This position requires a degree of specialized expertise and skill in maintaining established standards of safety, quality, and accuracy. The successful candidate will have the drive, determination and a self-disciplined approach to achieving results that meet the established criteria.

As a leader you will be responsible and accountable for the performance and results of the aquaculture farm. Through successful leadership you will motivate staff by creating a positive and safe work environment while having the ability to exercise the necessary authority to assure policies and procedures are followed and time frames are met.

The successful candidate will have proven experience in farming operations and strong supervisory and communication skills. Must possess strong abilities in fish husbandry, have experience with monitoring and operating feed systems, mooring design and maintenance, and general maintenance on saltwater equipment, cages, and vessels. Working flexible hours outside and on the water is a requirement for this position. Preference will be given to applicants with related post-secondary education, MED, small craft certification and experience operating saltwater fish farms.

Salary commensurate with experience and a competitive health and dental benefit package.

Please forward your resume, in confidence, to:

Cooke Aqua USA, Inc.
Attn: Human Resources
133 Smalls Point Road
Machiasport, ME 04655
patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com

MVNC000010433



Staff Accountant

Sunrise Opportunities has an opening for a Staff Accountant. We are a non-profit agency that is dedicated to assisting adults and children with disabilities. This is a great career opportunity that will also make a difference in your community!

We offer competitive wages, sign on bonus and a generous benefits package.

This position will prepare & review financial statements; apply accounting policies to ensure compliance; assist in developing financial strategies; prepare documents for audits; post transactions in the general ledger and conduct year end closures

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in a related field preferred
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word/Excel
- Two years experience in accounting experience preferred

For more information or to submit a resume please contact Julie Daniels@:

P.O. Box 88
26 Hadley Lake Road
Machias, ME 04654
207.255.6789
daniels@sun-rise.tv

Equal Opportunity Employer

MVNC000010448



Call 255-6561
to subscribe



Committee Continued from page 23

“I think that’s the best idea I’ve heard yet, share the burden a bit, increase the revenues for the town,” said Edwards. “I totally agree.”

Town finance director Meghan Dennison raised a concern about the extensive files currently housed in the attic of the town office, most of it legally required to be retained. Where could it be stored?

Rolfe suggested, as one possibility, that using revenues from the sale of the current town office, a storage unit and garage could be built near the telebusiness center, providing storage for the files and also for some of the town’s police cruisers, especially the electric vehicle which struggles to function in extreme cold.

Pulling in an agenda item from the evening’s later selectboard meeting, Kitchen addressed the town’s current inventory of six tax-acquired properties, which he believes could generate as much as \$100,000 in revenue when sold.

Kitchen said the town will not put up for sale a property at 174 Dublin Street, instead holding it as a possible alternate site location for the Versant electrical substation currently located next to Bad Little Falls Park on Elm Street. As reported last year, Versant Power plans to relocate the substation to another Machias location, and away from scenic Bad Little Falls Park.

Versant spokesperson Judy Long said Versant’s work to relocate customers from the Elm Street substation is “well underway” and expected to be complete by the first week of May. She also confirmed Versant continues to work toward building a new substation “in a better location.”

The station’s relocation was for many years a subject of discussion when the town explored ways to make the 90-degree turn on Elm Street safer for tractor trailers and other drivers, and to move the heavy truck traffic off of the narrow residential road.

Kitchen says the truck bypass plan will likely not happen.

“The truck [bypass] is dead in my opinion,” said Kitchen, who estimates the scuttled project could cost as much as \$15 million. “It’s a pie-in-the-sky project that almost no one will ever see and consequently is unlikely to get funded.”

Kitchen said even the town’s responsibility to provide a financial match for a new road would be cost prohibitive, and the town has other projects it will be asked to contribute to.

“For instance, we now have made great progress after many years with the opportunity for sidewalks down Lyon Street down Court Street to the current town office,” said Kitchen.

HELP WANTED



Part-Time Clinician

Sunrise Opportunities is seeking a Part-Time Clinician with an interest in enhancing the lives of children and families in Washington County.

Qualified applicants must have a Masters Degree and possess a valid State of Maine license as a LCSW, LMSW-cc, LCPC or LCPC-cc. Other applicable licenses considered. Clinical supervision provided on-site.

Be part of an energetic team committed to addressing the needs of our community. This is a part time position that offers competitive wages and a generous benefits package.

For more information or to submit a resume please contact Julie Daniels @:

Sunrise Opportunities
 P.O. Box 88
 Machias, ME 04654
 207-255-6789
 daniels@sun-rise.tv
 www.sun-rise.tv

Equal Opportunity Employer

MVNO000010447

HELP WANTED



PRODUCTION WORKER - FULL TIME YEAR ROUND POSITIONS

Jasper Wyman & Son is seeking dependable people for full-time work in our Cherryfield facilities on our production lines. We have openings on night and day shifts. Training is provided for all positions. Pay rate starts at \$15.00 per hour plus shift differential on the night shift, experience will be considered for additional pay. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, company paid Life Insurance, AD&D, STD, LTD, Paid Vacation and Holiday time and 401K Savings Plan. Go to www.wymans.com to print an application, or contact:

Jasper Wyman & Son
 April Norton, Human Resources Senior Director
 P.O. Box 100
 Milbridge, ME 04658
 Phone: (207) 546-1994
 Fax: (207) 546-3311
 anorton@wymans.com

Jasper Wyman & Son is registered with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify (employment eligibility) program and an EOE/AA

MVNO000010240



Weatherization Technician – Washington County

Signing Bonus of \$1000 - \$500 paid at 90 days remaining at 120 days

The Weatherization Technician works as a part of the weatherization team, based out of Machias, installing measures designed to improve the energy efficiency of homes. This is a full-time position.

Responsibilities:

- Performs direct service installs
- Installation of home weatherization materials
- Minor carpentry repairs
- Repairs to stop cold air infiltration
- Associated record keeping

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Clean Driving Record (Valid Maine Driver’s License)
- Pass a criminal background check
- Familiar with construction power tools
- Basic knowledge of residential dwellings and basic building science

Generous Benefits Package:

- Employer paid 90% health insurance
- 17 PTO days accrued in your first year
- Retirement with employer match
- Employer paid life and disability plans
- Options for Dental and Vision
- 14 Paid Holidays

*We require that all employees be vaccinated by January 31, 2022, unless an employee is entitled to a medical or religious accommodation.

To Apply: Send Resume and references to Downeast Community Partners, Attn: Human Resource Dept., PO Box 648, Ellsworth, ME 04605; or download an application on our website at www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

Downeast Community Partners is an Equal Opportunity Employer

MVNO000010442

HELP WANTED



Marshall Healthcare Facility

16 Beal Street, Machias, ME 04654
Telephone: 207-255-3387 • Fax: 207-255-3320

FULL-TIME EVENING SHIFT (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM) CNA

Essential job duties involve caring directly for residents in all areas of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), socialization, and community connection. Ultimately providing a variety of services aimed to help our residents thrive. Learning the facility documentation system is a requirement. Must comply with State and Federal Regulations. Candidates must provide excellent customer service, have effective communication skills, flexibility, and a working knowledge of Resident Rights. Ability to interact well with residents, caregivers, and co-workers, being a "Team Player" overall is a must. Candidates must have an active Maine State CNA licensure. FAH also provides paid CNA Courses on-site to obtain CNA licensure as well!

Hardcopy applications can be obtained in house and online applications are available on our Facebook Page and Website, see link: <https://marshalls-healthcare.com/>

Come join our wonderful team!

First Atlantic's Mission Statement:

Above all else, First Atlantic Healthcare and our affiliates are uniquely committed, through employee efforts, to the care and improvement of our clientele's lives. In recognition of this commitment, we strive to deliver proper, individualized, high-quality, cost effective healthcare and services to the consumers we serve. To accomplish this essential purpose we acknowledge that we must be a good employer; we must enrich our personnel through opportunities for training and professional growth. We also must attain excellence in the personal delivery of healthcare, each day and moment-by-moment, in our quest to be the healthcare provider of choice for those who need our services and to those who seek a rewarding career in healthcare.

MVNO000010429



Marshall Healthcare Facility

16 Beal Street, Machias, ME 04654
Telephone: 207-255-3387 • Fax: 207-255-3320

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

Responsible for the physical plant and overall campus safety, security, and management. Job duties may include; lawn care, snow removal, painting, floor care, fire safety, and more. Must adhere to State and Federal based regulations. Prior experience is preferred and paid on-call time is required.

Hardcopy applications can be obtained in house and online applications are available on our Facebook Page and Website, see link: <https://marshalls-healthcare.com/>

Come join our wonderful team!

First Atlantic's Mission Statement:

Above all else, First Atlantic Healthcare and our affiliates are uniquely committed, through employee efforts, to the care and improvement of our clientele's lives. In recognition of this commitment, we strive to deliver proper, individualized, high-quality, cost effective healthcare and services to the consumers we serve. To accomplish this essential purpose we acknowledge that we must be a good employer; we must enrich our personnel through opportunities for training and professional growth. We also must attain excellence in the personal delivery of healthcare, each day and moment-by-moment, in our quest to be the healthcare provider of choice for those who need our services and to those who seek a rewarding career in healthcare.

MVNO000010428



Marshall Healthcare Facility

16 Beal Street, Machias, ME 04654
Telephone: 207-255-3387 • Fax: 207-255-3320

FULL-TIME DAY SHIFT (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) & EVENING SHIFT (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM) NURSE

Essential job duties involve caring directly for residents in all areas of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), socialization, and community connection. Ultimately providing a variety of services aimed to help our residents thrive. Ability to assess resident medical needs, scan and pass medication accurately, supervise CNAs, and learn the facility resident admission process and documentation system are all requirements. Must comply with State and Federal Regulations. Candidates will provide excellent customer service, have effective communication skills, flexibility, and a working knowledge of Resident Rights. Ability to interact well with residents, caregivers, and co-workers, being a "Team Player" overall is a must. Candidates must have an active Maine State RN or LPN licensure.

Hardcopy applications can be obtained in house and online applications are available on our Facebook Page and Website, see link: <https://marshalls-healthcare.com/>

Come join our wonderful team!

First Atlantic's Mission Statement:

Above all else, First Atlantic Healthcare and our affiliates are uniquely committed, through employee efforts, to the care and improvement of our clientele's lives. In recognition of this commitment, we strive to deliver proper, individualized, high-quality, cost effective healthcare and services to the consumers we serve. To accomplish this essential purpose we acknowledge that we must be a good employer; we must enrich our personnel through opportunities for training and professional growth. We also must attain excellence in the personal delivery of healthcare, each day and moment-by-moment, in our quest to be the healthcare provider of choice for those who need our services and to those who seek a rewarding career in healthcare.

MVNO000010431



Marshall Healthcare Facility

16 Beal Street, Machias, ME 04654
Telephone: 207-255-3387 • Fax: 207-255-3320

FULL-TIME MDS/RAI Manager

Responsibilities include our long-term care and skilled nursing population. Must have a working knowledge of the entire Resident Assessment Instrument process and both State and Federal Regulations. The candidate of choice must have a current and active RN Maine State licensure; experience with MDS/RAI management, electronic records, and case mix index reimbursement; an RAC-CT Certification and proficient knowledge of Medicare and Medicaid benefits is also preferred. FAH provides reimbursement in order to obtain RAC-CT Certifications as well.

Hardcopy applications can be obtained in house and online applications are available on our Facebook Page and Website, see link: <https://marshalls-healthcare.com/>

Come join our wonderful team!

First Atlantic's Mission Statement:

Above all else, First Atlantic Healthcare and our affiliates are uniquely committed, through employee efforts, to the care and improvement of our clientele's lives. In recognition of this commitment, we strive to deliver proper, individualized, high-quality, cost effective healthcare and services to the consumers we serve. To accomplish this essential purpose we acknowledge that we must be a good employer; we must enrich our personnel through opportunities for training and professional growth. We also must attain excellence in the personal delivery of healthcare, each day and moment-by-moment, in our quest to be the healthcare provider of choice for those who need our services and to those who seek a rewarding career in healthcare.

MVNO000010430

HELP WANTED



70 Snare Creek Lane, Lower Level, Jonesport, ME 04649
 PHONE: (207) 497-5926 FAX: (207) 497-5966
 selectmen@townofjonesport.com

WANTED

The Town of Jonesport is seeking a member of the community to serve as the Local Emergency Management Director to coordinate local response and recovery when responding to a community-wide disaster event. The local director does not replace or direct police, fire, or ambulance crews but helps them work together in an emergency. Acts as a liaison to County Emergency Management. There is a small annual stipend offered. For more information, please contact the Town office.

MVNO00010449



St. Croix Regional Family Health Center Dental Hygienist

SCRFHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing medical, dental and behavioral health. SCRFHC is growing. We want to expand our team. This position will be responsible for providing appropriate oral health information to individuals and groups and work closely with and under the supervision of dentists. This position could be full-time or part-time.

Requirements include:

- Unrestricted license to practice Oral Hygiene in the State of Maine
- Current CPR (BLS) certification
- Graduation from an accredited school of dental hygiene.

Please submit resume to:
Corinne LaPlant,
Executive Director
SCRFHC, 136 Mill Street,
Princeton, ME 04668

See full job descriptions at www.mystcroix.org

SCRFHC is an equal opportunity provider and employer CA00009430




Full Time Medical and Lab Assistant

Multifaceted position requiring general knowledge of medical and lab assisting. Responsibilities include conducting CLIA waived tests, preparing and reviewing results and reports, and assisting providers as part of the clinical team. Phlebotomy skills and knowledge of laboratory procedures required. Graduate of an Accredited Medical Assisting program, and/or Phlebotomy certification required. Excellent Benefit package. Send Resume to: **Regional Medical Center at Lubec, 43 South Lubec Road, Lubec, Maine 04652.** For more information call (207) 733-1090 ext. 5203 or email trier@rmcl.org.

Equal Opportunity Employer

MVNO00010434



Are You Ready to Change for Better Health?

Eastport Healthcare (EHC) is offering two Diabetes Prevention classes, one on site and one virtual for those who don't want to leave home. Topics include: getting active and eating well to lose weight, managing stress, getting support and staying motivated over the long haul.

And in partnership with Healthy Living for Me, EHC offers two more free virtual classes for anyone currently living with chronic illness and/or for caregivers, titled Living Well for Better Health and Living Well with Diabetes. **Topics include:** techniques to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation, appropriate exercise for improving strength and flexibility, eating well and how to evaluate new treatments.

All our healthy lifestyle change programs are led by Certified Health Coaches.

For more registration information call 207-853-6001 at EHC and ask for Kristina.
You do not need to be a patient of EHC to participate!

CA00009786



IT Technician (Eastport)

Eastport Health Care aspires to meet a full spectrum of health needs in rural Maine with innovative, affordable treatment. People are the key to success of our health center and we rely on our staff to make our patient-focused vision come to life. If you are interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from you!

Please visit our website for career opportunities at <https://www.eastporthealth.org/jobs/>.

Position Description: This position is responsible for installing, maintaining and repairing hardware and software components of the organization's computers.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Setting up workstations with computers and necessary peripheral devices
- Checking computer hardware (HDD, mouse, keyboards etc.) to insure functionality
- Installing and configuring appropriate software and functions according to specifications
- Develop and maintain local networks and servers in ways that optimize performance
- Ensure high security and privacy of networks and computer systems

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- Degree in computer science preferred, or proven relevant experience
- 2-3 Years of Experience in a similar role
- Excellent diagnostic and problem solving skills
- In Depth understanding of diverse computer systems and networks
- Ability to multi task with good organizational skills
- Demonstrated communication skills

For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Elaine Curtis, HR Manager at 207-853-0181 or ecurtis@eastporthealth.org

CA00009787

AOS 96 Machias School Department

POSITION OPENING

Machias Memorial High School Boys JV Basketball Coach 2022-2023 Season

Applications may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent

Scott K. Porter
 Superintendent of Schools
 AOS 96
 291 Court Street
 Machias, ME 04654
 (207) 255-6585

Position will be filled when a suitable candidate is found

EOE

MVNO00010443

Read us online at machiasnews.com
Machias Valley News Observer

HELP WANTED



SANITARIAN – FOOD PROCESSING

Jasper Wyman & Son is seeking a dependable sanitation worker to work in our Cherryfield plant. Should have prior experience with food facility sanitation including cleaning chemicals but will train the right person. You will be responsible for ensuring that processing lines are properly cleaned and sanitized at the end of normal operating hours and into the early morning hours. Easy commute just off Route 1 in Cherryfield.

This is a year-round, night shift position. Hours are 9 pm – 5:30 am Monday – Friday. Hours during harvest season (generally 6-8 weeks July, Aug and Sept) are 12 hours 7 days a week. Additional hours may be required by the demands of the position from time to time. Hourly rate starts at \$15.00, additional consideration to be made based on qualifications and experience. Nightshift differential adds an additional 10% to hourly rate. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, company paid Life Insurance, AD&D, STD, LTD, Paid Vacation and Holiday time and 401K Matching Savings Plan. Go to www.wymans.com to print an application or:

Please send applications to: Jasper Wyman & Son
 April Norton, Senior Director of HR
 Phone: 207-550-2262
anorton@wymans.com

Jasper Wyman & Son is registered with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify (employment eligibility) program and an EOE/AA

MVNO00010241



Shipping & Receiving Coordinator Department: Logistics

Job Summary: The Shipping and Receiving Coordinator is responsible for accurate record keeping of all products, materials, and supplies shipped and received at their location. They will interface with drivers and direct the daily workflow for the docks. This position also communicates with other Shipping and Receiving locations, Logistics, and other areas of business to ensure accurate movement, tracking and allocation of product. The S/R Coordinator is responsible for all associated paperwork, scanning and process management related to product, such as Bill of Ladings (BOL), Certificate of Analysis (COA), Advanced Shipping Notifications (ASN), First In First Out (FIFO) processing, and Safe Quality Food (SQF) compliance. This position functions in a fast-paced environment and the S/R Coordinator will need to be able to provide additional backup support for Shipping and Receiving as needed.

**Performs other related duties as assigned. Duties, responsibility(ies) and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Required Experience/Skills/Abilities:

- Forklift Certification within 60 days of job entry date.
- Ability to learn new software.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent time management skills with a proven ability to meet deadlines.
- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Basic Microsoft Suite knowledge (Microsoft Outlook, Excel, etc). Ability to learn new software.
- Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.
- Must be able to lift up to 40 pounds at times.

The normal hours of this position are 6:00 am -4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Harvest is 7 days a week, 12-hour days. Additional hours may be required by the demands of the position from time to time.

Please contact: Jasper Wyman & Son
 April Norton, Senior Director of Human Services
 PO Box 100, Milbridge, ME 04658
 Ph: 207-546-1994
anorton@wymans.com

Jasper Wyman & Son is registered with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify (employment eligibility) program and an EOE/AA

CA00009743



Plant Operations Worker

Look's Gourmet Food Company / Bar Harbor® Foods is one of the fastest growing seafood companies in the United States and producer of authentic, Maine, premium and specialty food products. Due to rapid expansion we are looking for additional team members who like to be challenged, and value the opportunity to make a difference. Duties include palletizing orders, preparing food for cans and placing finished product in trays. Must be able to lift 25lbs. A professional demeanor, good organizational skills and basic math are needed. Typical work week consists of Monday - Friday with mandatory overtime.

Look's Gourmet Food Company / Bar Harbor® Foods provides an excellent competitive compensation for qualified candidates and a benefits package including: Exceptional medical/dental/vision/disability insurance, paid vacations, bonuses, paid holidays, generous matching 401(k) plan, PTO, and employee incentives.

Interested applicants are directed to fill out an application.

Facility located on Rte 191 in Whiting.

Look's Gourmet Food Company, 1112 Cutler Road, Whiting, ME 04691

MVNO00010246



Eastport Health Care, Inc. Our Specialty is YOU!

Eastport Health Care aspires to meet a full spectrum of health needs in rural Maine with innovative, affordable treatment. People are the key to success of our health center and we rely on our staff to make our patient-focused vision come to life. If you are interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from you.

Please visit our website for career opportunities:
www.eastporthealth.org/jobs

IT Data Specialist (Eastport)

Position Description: This position provides day-to-day oversight of EMR clinical use and the Athena and Dentrix platforms used for Health Information Exchange. Provides oversight for Athena and Dentrix systems; and ensures activities performed are in compliance with all regulatory and corporate requirements. This position covers all EHC locations.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Athenahealth and Dentrix Super-User (Clinical, Communicator, Collector, and Coordinator)
- Train, troubleshoot, monitor and manage monthly updates within Athenahealth E.H.R. system
- Maintain forms and templates available to clinical staff within system
- Monitor effective functions and modify settings to improve system routing
- Attend relevant trainings
- Data: provide guidance to all staff: Report Writing, Graphics, Interpreting, Coaching
- New employee or student user set up, in conjunction with IT Manager
- Assist employees with data-related tasks
- Ability to take on additional responsibilities as needed.

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- Associate Degree in Health Care/Data Management field preferred
- 2-3 Years of Data Management Experience
- Ability to multi task with good organizational skills
- Computer experience in word, excel, outlook
- How to use office equipment such as copiers, fax machines, phones, etc.

For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Elaine Curtis, HR Manager at 207-853-0181 or ecurtis@eastporthealth.org

CA00009736

HELP WANTED

The Calais Advertiser



Full Time Reporter

We are looking for an individual with the proven ability to produce compelling, accurate stories on deadline for both print and digital platforms weekly, and cover city hall meetings with solid digital skills and phone camera skills. Experience with online messenger and social media is an asset.

Consideration will be given to those with strong writing and communications skills. A degree in journalism/communication or English Major is an asset.

- Conversational Storyteller. • Driven to get to the truth.
- Team player

**Come join our news team,
Send resume to: publisher@calais.news**

CA00008142



Eastport Health Care, Inc.
Our Specialty is YOU!

Eastport Health Care aspires to meet a full spectrum of health needs in rural Maine with innovative, affordable treatment. People are the key to success of our health center and we rely on our staff to make our patient-focused vision come to life. If you are interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from you!

**Please visit our website for career opportunities at
<https://www.eastporthealth.org/jobs>**

Full-time MSA - Eastport

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Answers and manages all calls directed to the medical department and lab in a timely manner. Demonstrates clear, concise, and accurate documentation of the call in the EHR.
- Performs assistive clinical tasks such as completing prior authorizations for medications, abstracting historical medical records into the EHR, and other tasks (within scope) as deemed necessary.
- Manages a variety of patient panels as directed by leadership staff to ensure quality measures or process improvement measures are monitored and met in a timely manner.
- Assists the provider in the accomplishment of other clerical tasks as requested.
- Completes educational or training requirements as required. Attends all meetings as required.
- Perform Covid-19/influenza/strep POC tests.
- Adheres to all EHC Policies and Procedures.

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- Current CMA/RMA or CNA credentials.
- Current BLS certification.
- Minimum, one year working experience in the medical field. Knowledge of medical terminology.
- Excellent verbal/written communication skills, strong public relation skills.
- Ability to multitask and problem solve.
- Proficient typing computer skills and basic knowledge of computer use.
- Experience with Electronic Health Record preferred.

**For more information or to submit a resume,
please contact Elaine Curtis, HR Manager at
207-853-0181 or ecurtis@eastporthealth.org**

CA000009789



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.

Example Duties and Responsibilities –

- Uses tools ranging from common hand or power tools such as hammers, hoists, saws, drills and wrenches, to precision measuring instruments and electrical and electronic testing devices.
- Perform routine preventative maintenance to ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently, or the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate.
- Monitoring, minor repair capability and general maintenance on Ammonia/Freon refrigeration equipment commonly found in industrial applications.
- Reassemble machines after the completion of repair or maintenance work.
- Start machines and observe mechanical operation to determine efficiency and to detect problems.
- Inspect or test damaged machine parts and mark defective areas or advise supervisors of repair needs.
- Install, replace or change machine parts or attachments, according to production specifications.
- Dismantle machines and remove parts for repair using hand tools, chain falls, jacks, cranes, or hoists.
- Record production, repair, and machine maintenance information.
- Read work orders and specifications to determine machines and equipment requiring repair or maintenance.
- Set up and operate machines and adjust controls to regulate operations.

Qualifications –

- Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Must be able to work and get along with others.
- Must have line production repair experience.
- Must have experience with manufacturing equipment.
- Must have own tools.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Some knowledge of controls and electrical systems preferred.

Physical Demands –

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to sit and stand for extended periods. The employee is frequently required to walk, climb, or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee must regularly lift or move up to 25lbs and may frequently lift or move up to 50lbs.

Work Environment/Schedule and Hours –

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to moving mechanical parts. The employee is occasionally exposed to wet and cold or hot and humid conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud. Hours during harvest season (generally 6-8 weeks July, Aug and Sept) are 12 hours 7 days a week. Harvest schedule can vary but typically either a day shift or night shift and location is dependent on business need. Normal hours of work during October-July will be either 6AM-2:30PM or 3PM-11:30PM, M-F. Additional/adjusted hours may be required by the demands of the position from time to time.

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.

Please send application and/or further questions to:

April Norton
Senior Director of HR
Phone: 207-550-2262
Email: anorton@wymans.com
EOE/AA

M/VNO00010238



HELP WANTED

CLASS A & B TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED

Currently seeking Class A & B truck drivers with a clean driving record to transport forest products, tree length wood as well as chips, within state lines. Little manual labor required. Knowledge of drivers log book rules and regulations are helpful. This job is five days a week during the summer months and six days a week during the winter months. No previous off road experience required but is very helpful. For more information please contact:

**Guptill's Logging
Lyle or Erik Guptill
P.O. Box 226
East Machias, ME 04630
(207)255-4130
erik@twinlakes.me**

MVNO00009318



Fish Processing Technicians

NEW HOURLY RATES!!!!

True North Maine Inc., a division of Cooke Aquaculture Inc., has immediate openings for Plant Production Workers at our Machiasport, ME facility.

Positions offer full-time year-round employment, competitive hourly rates and a competitive benefit package for full-time positions.

Employee only medical insurance plans start at no cost to the employee.

Please forward your resume, in confidence to:
True North Maine, Inc. Attn: Human Resources, patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com
or call 207-255-6714 ext 2419

True North Maine Inc. appreciates all resumes; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Equal Opportunity Employer

CA00008376

Hanscom Construction, Inc.

is accepting applications for the following positions:

Heavy Equipment Operators

Previous experience running heavy equipment. CDL preferred but not required.

Truck Drivers

Class A or B license

Construction Manager

Must have knowledge of the construction trade, must be able to read plans, layout projects and figure estimates.

Laborers

A self-motivated individual with a valid driver's license.

Hanscom Construction offers competitive wages and benefits: holidays, vacation, health insurance, 401K and profit sharing.

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

MVNO00010391



Cooke Aquaculture has immediate openings for:

Marine Site Technicians

NEW HOURLY RATES!!!!

Primary duties include monitoring and operating the feeding systems, net-washing and general site maintenance. This is a labor-intensive position and applicants must be comfortable working outside and on the water. Must be willing to work flexible hours and have reliable transportation.

Service Vessel Deckhands

NEW HOURLY RATES!!!!

Primary duties of this role include performing watch keeping duties, fire and security rounds, general maintenance and hygiene duties as directed, including painting, cleaning, and maintenance work

**Health, dental, and vision benefit packages available and matching 401K.
Employee only medical insurance plans start at no cost to the employee.**

Please forward your resume, in confidence to: Cooke Aquaculture USA, Attn: Human Resources 133 Smalls Point Rd., Machiasport, ME 04655 patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com or call 207-255-6714 ext. 2419

Equal Opportunity Employer

MVNO00009813



Fulltime Director of Nursing – Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing

Objectives: The Director of Nursing (DON) manages the nursing care of all residents/patients and coordinates nursing services with all other departments to ensure proper and quality care. He or she must provide leadership, implementation, oversight, consultation, direction, monitoring and training for all Nursing and Nursing related operations including; clinical management of geriatric and other long term care and skilled patients/residents, customer satisfaction, census development, regulatory compliance with state and federal regulations, quality improvement and outcomes, policy and procedure development, and achieving operating plan goals in areas of profitability and nursing personnel. With an extremely busy skilled nursing facility environment and diverse levels of care, the DON is tasked with ensuring a minimum of a 4 Star quality setting for all residents, staff, and visitors of the facility.

Qualifications: Must possess, as a minimum, a State of Maine RN License and demonstrated knowledge and experience sufficient to perform all Director duties with excellence.

Application Information: Siana Schoppee, OTR/L & Administrator-In-Training

Phone: (207) 255-3387 Ext. 210

Email: aitmarshalls@firstatlantic.com

Facebook page: Marshall Healthcare

MVNO00009868



FORK LIFT OPERATOR

Jasper Wyman & Son is seeking a dependable and experienced Forklift Operator in our Deblois Cold Storage facility. Must have a minimum of a year experience in a warehouse or plant, moving product and stocking. Strong commitment to safety and experience working in a food processing or cold storage environment. Basic computer skills are required. If you have forklift experience, good safety practices, and don't mind working in a cold environment, please apply! Minimum starting wage is 15.50/hour, experience will be considered for additional pay. Hours are 6:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, with extensive overtime during harvest season (August-September) in the summer. This position is full-time and year-round. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, company paid Life Insurance, AD&D, STD, LTD, Paid Vacation and Holiday time and a 401K Savings Plan. Go to www.wymans.com to print an application or:

Please contact: Jasper Wyman & Son
April Norton, Senior Director of Human Resources
P.O. Box 100
Milbridge, ME 04658
Ph: (207) 546-1994
anorton@wymans.com

Jasper Wyman & Son is registered with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify (employment eligibility) program and an EOE/AA

MVNO00010239



Classifieds



Real Estate Wanted

In these strange times Real Estate is in demand and supply is low.

Do you have a piece of land, water front land, old or new home, cottage, etc. that you're tired of paying taxes on or just want to sell? Now is the time to get a great return on your investment. Call, email or stop in now at Drop Anchor Realty to list and sell your property. Proven Sales. Excellent service.

Anchored at the gateway to Washington County on US-1 and US-1A in Milbridge since 1981 serving all of your Real Estate needs with professionalism.

(207) 546-2195
info@dropanchorrealty.net



MVNO00010455

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT/SALE

Machias - 1 and 2 bedroom quality apartments. Centrally located, heated, and unheated. Call 356-7288.

MVNO00000311

Say Hello to Spring

Thank you

Readers, please remember, let's shop and buy from those who advertise in your local newspaper. We appreciate these advertisers who are supporting our newsroom. Ad dollars support our editors, reporters and staff to cover your local community.

By advertising on Facebook and other Social Media you are sending dollars to California.

Spend in your local Maine Community Newspaper Digital and Print Publications.

www.machiasnews.com

Power your life

Make power outages a thing of the past with a home standby generator.



Trusted Protection During Unpredictable Weather

As a homeowner, protecting your home is always at the tip of your mind. It is your biggest asset, and unpredictable power outages are a threat. They can lead to flooded basements, freezing pipes that may burst and even mold. Ensure your home always has power with a Generac home standby generator. It stands guard 24/7, making sure you have power when you need it the most.

Call or go online today for more information

Riverside Electric Inc	Sales:	207-255-3060
	Service:	207-454-7815
	Website:	www.riversideelectricinc.com

334 North Street, Calais, ME 04619



MVNO00010206



WE'LL FIX YOU UP IN A JIFFY

Experienced Technicians

Next Day Delivery

Mobile Service

MACHIAS GLASSWORKS

207-255-6900

MVNO00000498

E. Pellon Company

Route 1, Machias, Maine

255-8209

36 Years' Experience

Plumbing • Heating • Pumps

SALES - SERVICE - SUPPLIES

Master Licenses • Free Estimates

Residential • Commercial • Industrial



MVNO000000117

FREE NEWSPAPERS FOR HOME USE

Looking for a reliable weed blocker, cushioning for your packages, or something to wrap Grandma's china in for storage? Stop by our offices and leave with a pile of back issues of the Machias Valley News Observer, perfect for these purposes and more!



We are located at 41 Broadway, Machias.
Call 255-6561 for more information.



METAL ROOFING

Now Is The Time to get on the list!

~We do approximately 100 metal roofs a year~
All our work is guaranteed. Workers Compensation
30+ years of experience • References

Our prices are reasonable and guaranteed.
We work quickly, efficiently, and neatly.

We now accept major credit cards.

Chip Howell • 207-214-3410

MVNO000000066



OUTDOORS IN MAINE



The Sierra Club

by V. Paul Reynolds

Over the years, debate has ensued over whether the national environmental organization, The Sierra Club, actually has been an adversary of our hunting rights in this country. Not so long ago, the NRA, a proponent of hunting rights, dropped its supporting membership in the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) because of OWAA's support of the Sierra Club.

Some outdoor writers have taken a middle-of-the-road posture, arguing that it is not inconsistent to embrace both of these politically potent national organizations, NRA and the Sierra Club. A few hunters I have known belong to the Sierra Club with no compunctions.

Increasingly, we live in a seductive age of information overload in which truth becomes more and more difficult to discern, most especially with well-funded and skillfully marketed power groups like NRA and Sierra Club.

The only defense, I believe, is to follow actions, not so much the words. Check this out.

The Sierra Club recently renewed its push to change the 70,000-acre Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area into a National Park and Preserve, thereby closing off tens of thousands of acres to hunting for area sportsmen. Their plan is to re-designate a large portion of the area as the Delaware River National Park.

The Sierra Club has pushed this

idea for about a decade, but due to push-back from hunters and hunting organizations, they have not yet succeeded in getting this change through Congress. Of course, hunters know that with National Park designation, hunting will be prohibited. This re-designation to a National Park would effectively post a "no hunting" sign throughout tens of thousands of acres of public land that hunters from several states have enjoyed for decades.

And the Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter – the leader on this move – is not shy about why they are pushing so hard for this change right now. From their website:

"... we're aware that the current favorable climate in Congress is tenuous. We are working to get

this legislation passed in the current session ... The change could happen as simply as with the attachment of a rider to an appropriations bill."

In other words, move fast to ban recreational hunting in the Delaware Water Gap before the Democratic majority in Congress is overturned in the midterm elections next fall!

Effectively booting hunters out of 70,000 acres of traditional hunting ground in one fell swoop is a strange way to promote conservation, which is the mantra of the Sierra Club. Obviously, the Sierra Club does not embrace the concept that "hunters are the conservationists."

You can walk the middle of the road on this if it suits you, but not me. Closing down the Delaware

water gap to recreational hunting is not the first anti-hunting initiative pushed by the Sierra Club. This group is toxic to the American hunting heritage, and just can't elude the Reynolds Duck Test: if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, it is probably a...

The author is editor of the "Northwoods Sporting Journal." He is also a Maine guide and host of a weekly radio program – "Maine Outdoors" – heard Sundays at 7 p.m. on "The Voice of Maine News - Talk Network." He has authored three books; online purchase information is available at www.maineoutdoorpublications.com or www.sportingjournal.com. Contact email – vpaulr@tds.net.



The Nature of Phenology

A weekly feature on the timing of outdoor occurrences

By Hazel Stark and Joe Horn

Alder

by Hazel Stark

If you're having a tough time, head outside. We know this from experience of course, but I do love it when scientific research helps us to understand why. Just 20 minutes in green spaces lowers our heart rate, blood pressure, and even cortisol, the stress hormone. Outdoor time also offers perspective: after an hour and a half outdoors around plants and wildlife, we stop worrying about the little things and once again are reminded of the big, interconnected world and our part in it. That is, unless you're attempting to make your way through an alder thicket. Now, I haven't read anything peer-reviewed about whether alder thickets really do raise your levels of cortisol rather than lower them like surrounding green spaces do, but anecdotally, it must be true. But now is the time to go appreciate your local alder thicket because a gentle shake of their branches will

cause fairy dust, I mean pollen, to scatter gracefully into the wind.

We have a couple of species of alder in Maine, including speckled alder and green alder, but today I'll be covering them as a group because their characteristics overlap considerably. Alders are native shrubs in the birch family, Betulaceae. You won't see a similarity between birch and alder bark, but you might note a resemblance between birch and alder leaves, which are simple with serrated margins, and between birch and alder catkins.

Besides being a very cute word, what is a catkin? To the untrained eye, a catkin looks like a small hemlock cone without the flaring of the scales you'll find in a hemlock cone. That cone resemblance is noteworthy because we typically only find cones on the non-flowering group of conifers called gymnosperms, but alders are a flowering plant in the angiosperm group. So these catkins found on alders and other members of the birch family are not, in fact, cones, but flowers.

You'll find two kinds of catkins on one alder shrub: the male catkins, which are long (rather like a scaly hot dog) and hanging from the tips of the branches, and the female catkins, which are much stouter and more oval or egg-shaped, growing in clusters along the same branches you'll find the male flowers. The female catkins are what look most like a conifer cone. Though once pollinated, these female flowers mature into a structure that contains a fruit type called a nutlet, which contains the seeds. Now is

the time that those male catkins are beginning to shed pollen, and just a gentle flick or breeze will set those minuscule grains flying with the goal of landing on a female catkin. It's a good thing this happens before this shrub fills out with its dense foliage or those leaves might block the pollen from landing in the right place.

It's easiest to identify an alder shrub before it has all its leaves due to the presence of these distinct male and female catkins and based on its growth habit. You'll find them growing in dense thickets in disturbed areas, like alongside driveways or gravel pits, and in wet spots adjacent to rivers and streams. It's worth learning how to identify alders so you can appreciate not only their ecosystem services but also their use to humans.

If you're a gardener, you likely know about the beneficial nitrogen-fixing qualities of members of the Fabaceae family, such as peas and beans. Uniquely, alders also have nodules on their roots that fix nitrogen from the air into a form useful to the other plants growing near them. The inner bark of alder is a deep red-orange color, which you've likely seen if you've pruned alders from your driveway or paddled through an alder-lined stream pruned by beavers, which often use alder as a building material. This red-orange color comes from tannins in the bark, which in addition to being useful for natural dyeing, is an astringent compound that has been used as a medicinal wash for treating fungal problems and sores or a poultice for treating swellings. The bark and



You'll find two kinds of catkins on one alder shrub: the male catkins, which are long (rather like a scaly hot dog) and hanging from the tips of the branches, and the female catkins, which are much stouter and more oval or egg-shaped, growing in clusters along the same branches you'll find the male flowers. Photo courtesy Pixabay

leaves can also be used like yarrow for encouraging blood coagulation after a cut or leech bite.

So while making your way through a dense alder thicket may seem a stressful, if not impossible task, these native shrubs offer so much to us and the ecosystems in which we live. The next time you're outside, you could try to find your local alder thicket, compare the two catkins, and appreciate the magic that comes from an alder shrub. It may not be fairy dust, but it's the next best thing.

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.

FIREWOOD

For Sale
All Hardwood
Cut, Split & Delivered
Dry Fire Wood Available



Call Gary Gilpatrick
(207) 733-7547

Lawrence Lord & Sons, Inc.

WELL DRILLING

1260 Airline Road,
Alexander, Maine 04694

Using the most modern
equipment to do
the job WELL!



FREE
ESTIMATES

454-2612

1-800-287-5673

Over 40 Years Experience