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Machias festival season coming back in a big way

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

There's nothing like summer dreaming to make the drab days of March feel a little bit better so get ready to shake off the late-winter doldrums! After a two-year pandemic hiatus, the Machias area summer festivities are coming back in a big way from June through August, including the iconic Machias Wild Blueberry Festival. Here, you'll find what you need to mark your calendar for Machias summer fun, listed in chronological order. Stay tuned to future editions for a calendar of the entire county's summer events, too.

June

In June, our schools close for the summer, our lupines are blooming,

and Maine's foggy, early-summer days are usually warm enough for a big outdoor gathering. Mark your calendars for the first Machias ATV Jamboree and Craft Fair, followed by the annual Margaretta Days Festival and Craft Fair.

ATV Jamboree

Four hundred ATVs are expected to attend the ATV Jamboree and Craft Fair, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. Fifty craft fair vendors will be set up at the Lee Pellon Center and on the lawn of Station 1898, where visitors can shop for local crafts and other specialties. Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon Mack says a lot of ATV

(Festival season cont. pg. 19)

Three offices change hands in Jonesport; aerospace ops nixed by wide margin

by Nancy Beal

Jonesport's annual town meeting March 14 attracted the largest crowd in recent memory. Upward of 130 people showed up, causing the meeting to be delayed while folks queued up to receive red voting cards and more chairs were hurriedly set out for them to occupy. The legions appeared to have been motivated not by displeasure with the incumbents seeking re-election, but by antipathy to a recently proposed but since withdrawn aerospace facility — in a straw vote, the activity was rejected 98-25 — and anyone perceived to support it, as well as grievances with the

school committee that surfaced this winter.

By a vote of 93-36, four-term selectman (Chairman) Dwight Alley was denied another three years by a much younger Logan Alley. Prior to the vote, both candidates were asked to speak. The elder Alley said he had been proud to serve as selectman for 12 years and had tried to "do his best" for everyone in town. The younger Alley (no relation), who was out of town March 14 but had written a letter to be read in place of in-person remarks, described himself as a multi-generational fisherman who believed it was time for young

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Spring, snow

Washington County has this year enjoyed an early meteorological spring, but just days before astronomical spring (March 20), snow fell across the region reminding us that early daffodil tips aren't the final word in whether or not our weather will be wintery or warm. It is still Maine, after all. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Testing to enter Canada soon to be a thing of the past

by Jayna Smith

The requirement of a negative COVID-19 test to enter Canada will finally come to an end on

April 1.

Entry into Canada will still require the use of the ArriveCAN app or website. As well, those

who travel into Canada or into the United States will still need to be fully vaccinated against the (COVID tests cont. pg. 15)

King begins work on new Machias apartment building

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

For those hunting for a place to live in Machias, some relief is on the horizon. King Construction Services has broken ground on

an eight-unit apartment building located at 63 Court Street.

Justin King, CEO of King Construction, said he hopes to have the Court Street property

completed later this year, and that it is only the first of many apartments his company plans to build.

"We have plans to develop (Apartment cont. pg. 5)

When stagecoaches traveled the 'Shoreland Route'

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

The St. Croix Historical Society in Calais recently drew social media attention to a Concord Coach that, in the mid-1800s,

regularly traveled "the Shoreland Route" from Bangor to Ellsworth to Machias, finally arriving in Calais. Painted in its signature red, the roof of the coach is painted

"Bangor, Machias, & Calais." Nothing is known about where the coach stopped in Machias.

Concord Coaches, built by the (Stagecoaches cont. pg. 3)



Students participate in Flying Tiger Line Flight 739 memorial

National Honor Society students of Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School last week traveled to a ceremony on the tip land of Worcester Wreath to mark the 60th year since the disappearance of the Flying Tiger Line Flight 739, to honor the 93 service members and 11 crew who disappeared over the Pacific on March 16, 1962. The names of those lost were read aloud by the students. For more on the Flight 739 memorial in Columbia Falls, turn to page 18. Photo and coverage by Ronie Strout

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Washington County Jail update

In our March 16 edition, our article “*Local crime filling county jail, ‘inseparably linked’ to drugs*” covered, among other things, the high inmate count at the Washington County Jail,

then 38 out of a possible 42 inmates. Today, Monday, March 21, the inmate count has risen to 48 out of a possible 42 inmates, according to Jail Administrator Rich Rolfe.

WA seeks donations of prom dresses and accessories

The National Honor Society (NHS) of Washington Academy is seeking donations of prom gowns, shoes, and accessories, in order to once again host its annual prom dress boutique before this year’s spring prom.

Donations are gratefully accepted

at the school’s front office. If unable to drop off, send an email to wanhs@raider4life.org to arrange pickup. Please send donations before April 11.

If the drive is successful, NHS will announce a dress boutique in the coming weeks.

Machias prom returns, donations sought for ‘Formal Wear Boutique’

After a two-year hiatus, students at Machias Memorial High School will once again enjoy a prom. In order to make it more affordable for all, the school is collecting donations of formal dresses, suits, ties, shoes, and jewelry, to be given out at the Formal Wear Boutique.

Donations can be dropped off at Machias Memorial High School during regular school hours. The Formal Wear Boutique will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, in the MMHS cafeteria.

Students from any school are invited to attend. For questions, call the high school at 255-3812.



Local historic film series continues

The Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 2022 Historic Film and Discussion Series, showing a film each Friday in March and April at Station 1898. The movies are borrowed from the collection at Northeast Historic Film in Bucksport, and each showing is followed by a discussion and refreshments with an expert on each topic. These events are partially funded through a Downeast Wind community grant. Space is limited to 45 people; the event is free but donations will happily be accepted.

This week’s movie will be *Earliest Maine Films* (44 minutes) with discussion led by historians Valdine Atwood, Joe McBrine, Lyman Holmes, and

Nathan Beal at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

The next film, *Light Spirit: Lighthouses of Maine* (54 minutes) will be shown at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 1, and discussion will be led by former lighthouse keeper and Machias Town Manager Bill Kitchen, and *Lighthouse Digest* editor Tim Harrison.

For a full list of upcoming showings, watch our Community Calendar, or visit the Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/machiaschamber.

All showings will take place at historic Station 1898, 2 Kilton Lane, Route 1, Machias. For more information, call the chamber during business hours at 255-4402.

Pembroke to consider metallic mining ordinance April 6

The town of Pembroke will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, to discuss the town’s proposed Metal Mineral Mining Ordinance. Pembroke is currently the site of exploratory mining by a company named Wolfden.

The ordinance, if adopted, would prohibit industrial-level metallic

mining, and add further regulation to commercial metallic mining. The Ordinance does not regulate any other types of excavation or mining operations, such as excavations of sand, fill, gravel, clay, topsoil, peat, silt, or rock.

The meeting will be held at the Pembroke Town Hall, Old County Road, Pembroke.

Upcoming Machias meetings

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

The Machias Planning Board will hold its April meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, at the Machias Town Office.

More information is available at www.machiasme.org, including the minutes of past meetings. The town office can be reached by calling 255-6621.

Testimony unanimously in favor of Columbia Falls annexation bill

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Testimony last week submitted to Maine’s Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government was unanimously in favor of allowing Columbia Falls residents to vote on whether to annex roughly 16 square miles of the Unorganized Territories into the town lines of Columbia Falls. The town of roughly 500 people currently measures 25 square miles, according to Tim Pease, who testified on behalf of the Worcester family.

The public hearing on LD 2011, *An Act to Allow the Annexation of Certain Lands by Columbia Falls* took place Monday, March 14, in Augusta. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Marianne Moore (R-Washington) and co-sponsored by local representatives Will Tuell (R-E. Machias) and Anne Perry (D-Calais) would authorize the annexation of certain portions of the unorganized territories (UT) of Centerville Township and T19 MD BPP to the town of Columbia Falls, subject to a voter referendum, meaning the change to Columbia Falls’ town lines must first be approved by

the voters of Columbia Falls.

Pease, who identified himself with the Flagpole of Freedom project, said all of the lands in question are currently owned by the Worcester family.

The bill precedes a proposed construction project that would otherwise straddle both the municipality of Columbia Falls and parts of the UT where development is managed by Maine’s Land Use Planning Commission. If approved by Columbia Falls voters, LD 2011 would move all permitting and zoning responsibilities into the town’s jurisdiction.

Also submitting testimony in favor of LD 2011 were Dennis Damon of Flagpole of Freedom Park, Washington County Commissioner Chairman Chris Gardner, Sen. Marianne Moore (R-Washington), Columbia Falls Selectman Tony Santiago, and Rob Worcester.

A committee work session was held Wednesday, March 16, and the committee voted LD 2011 ought to pass as amended. Details on amendments to the bill were not available as of press time.

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.



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Stagecoaches Continued from page 1

Abbott-Downing Company in Concord, New Hampshire, were in the 1800s famous for their luxurious, smooth rides, made possible by a series of leather supports in place of springs. Far from luxurious by today's standards, a single coach could hold between six and 12 people including the driver, more on the roof if the weather permitted.

Traveling the Shore Route between Bangor and Calais took about 36 hours in total, and due to the close proximity of a coach's passengers, a few etiquette rules and tips were developed to minimize friction and enhance the coach ride experience, according to the St. Croix Historical Society.

These helpful tips included: don't grumble if the driver asks you to walk a stretch, don't smoke a strong pipe inside the coach, always spit on the leeward (downwind) side of the coach, don't swear, never attempt to fire a pistol while on

the road, don't discuss politics or religion, don't point out places on the road where horrible murders have been committed, and don't lop over on your neighbor when sleeping.

According to the Concord Historical Society, the Concord coaches were tall and wide, custom made and individually numbered, weighing 2,500 pounds each, and costing between \$1,000 and \$1,500 each at a time when a day laborer would consider \$1 a day a good wage.

Abbot-Downing's biggest customer was Wells, Fargo & Co., although institutions such as hotels would buy one to carry guests back and forth from a railroad station.

What made the coach particularly popular was its suspension, a pair of leather strips called "through braces" that held up the coach bodies and provided a characteristic rocking motion, far less jarring than coaches with steel springs.

Mark Twain, the author and humorist, described his Concord coach trip west in the 1870 book *Roughing it*:

"Our coach was a great swinging and swaying stage, of the most sumptuous description – an imposing cradle on wheels. It was drawn by six handsome horses, and by the side of the driver sat the 'conductor,' the legitimate captain of the craft; for it was his business to take charge and care of the mails, baggage, express matter, and passengers. We sat on the back seat, inside. About all the rest of the coach was full of mail bags – for we had three days' delayed mails with us... We changed horses every ten

miles, all day long, and fairly flew over the hard, level road."

According to an article on the St. Croix Historical Society's website, one of the more famous travelers over the Downeast Shore Route was Richard Henry Dana, author of *Two Years Before the Mast*, a classic memoir of sailing around the Horn to California in 1834. Traveling from New Brunswick in 1851 he took the ferry from St. Andrews to Robbinston and caught the stage west.

Dana left Robbinston on July 31, 1851, at 9:30 a.m. in a "mail wagon" on his way to Bangor. At Pembroke, he transferred to the stagecoach from Eastport, taking an outside seat up with the driver. He rode from Pembroke to Cherryfield on one line and from Cherryfield by way of Ellsworth to Bangor on another. He arrived at Cherryfield at a half-hour past midnight. He had poor lodgings, an early breakfast, and rode to Bangor via Ellsworth.

He spent a good part of the trip talking with the drivers. The driver from Machias to Cherryfield he found to be a sober, sedate man and a firm believer in female virtue and excellence. In contrast, the driver from Pembroke to Machias was a "regular libertine." Dana wrote that if the driver's "account of the state of things along the road, if half true, shows that female virtue in the country towns of Maine is no better than in the South of Europe."

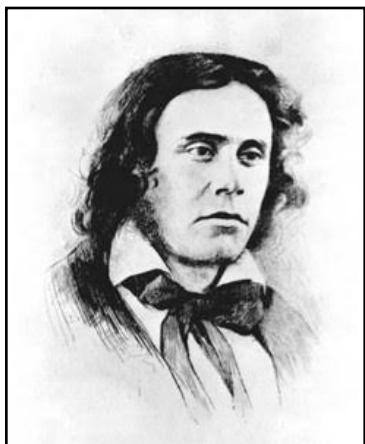
To learn more about the colorful history of Washington County's stagecoach route and see more historical photos, visit <http://stcroixhistorical.com/?p=1393>.



A ride on this Concord Coach between Bangor and Calais took 36 hours to complete in 1846, including stops in Ellsworth and Machias. The Concord Coach was renowned in its day as a luxury ride with a premium suspension, but few modern travelers would regard it thus. Photo courtesy St. Croix Historical Society



A photo of a member of the Holmes family of Calais disembarking from the Bangor to Calais Concord Coach, which also stopped in Machias. She appears to be returning from a long journey given the amount of luggage on the coach. Across the street is the building many will remember as the Charles Hotel in Calais. Photo courtesy St. Croix Historical Society



Author Richard Henry Dana once traveled the Shore Route through Machias. Photo courtesy St. Croix Historical Society

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Undercover investigation leads to 6 arrests

Working alongside local, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement partners, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency's (MDEA) Downeast Task Force has arrested six people in Washington County on felony drug trafficking charges following a two-month investigation into the sale of fentanyl and crack cocaine.

Thursday, March 17, more than three dozen law enforcement officers from the MDEA, the Maine State Police, the Washington County Sheriff's Department, the Indian Township Police Department, the Calais Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, the US Border Patrol and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) participated in enforcement activities following a two-month undercover investigation involving the purchase of fentanyl and crack cocaine from a half-dozen individuals in the Indian Township, Calais and Princeton areas. This enforcement activity included an early morning search warrant that was executed by the Maine State Police Tactical Team on the Indian Township residence of Todd Sockabasin.

Seized in the search warrant at Sockabasin's residence was 17 grams of suspected crack cocaine, \$7,400 in suspected drug proceeds, three firearms, including one sawed-off shotgun, and other evidence of drug trafficking.

Arrested thus far in connection with this investigation are:

-Todd Sockabasin (40) of Indian Township, Maine charged with

Class A Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl and Crack Cocaine). This charge was aggravated due to the presence of a firearm

-Gregory Fuller (41) of Brooklyn, New York charged with Class A Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl and Crack Cocaine). This charge was aggravated due to the presence of a firearm

-Ashley Doten (34) of Indian Township, Maine charged with Class B Unlawful Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl)

-Raven Nicholas (35) of Calais, Maine charged with Class B Unlawful Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl)

-Raymond Neptune (31) of Calais, Maine charged with Class B Unlawful Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl)

-Isaac Collins (24) of Princeton, Maine charged with Class B Unlawful Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl)

Following their arrests, all were transported to the Washington County jail for booking.

Last week the *Machias Valley News Observer* reported the Washington County Jail was almost full, then holding 38 people with the capacity for 42 [See "Local crime filling county jail, 'inseparably linked' to drugs", *MVNO March 16*] Following the arrests detailed here and others, the jail is now over its capacity, holding 46 inmates.

Also wanted in connection with this investigation is (33) year old Mandy Richter of Indian Township. MDEA has an arrest warrant for Richter charging Class B Trafficking in Schedule W drugs and violation of conditions of release stemming from the fact that she is currently out on bail from a 2021 drug trafficking charge by MDEA. If anyone has information as to her whereabouts, they are encouraged to contact the Indian Township Police Department or the MDEA.

Indian Township Police Chief, Matt Dana says that "The Indian Township Police Department would like to thank all agencies involved in today's drug enforcement activities. This was a collaborative undertaking and I would like to personally thank all officers and agencies involved for making the Indian Township community a safer place."

If you have information about this investigation or the illegal sale of drugs in your community, you are urged to contact the Maine Drug Enforcement office closest to you or by texting MDEA to TIP411 (847411) or by calling the MDEA tip-line at 1-800-452-6457.



Isaac Collins Jr.



Raven Nicholas



Todd Sockabasin



Ashley Doten



Seized in the search warrant at Sockabasin's residence was 17 grams of suspected crack cocaine, \$7,400 in suspected drug proceeds, three firearms, including one sawed-off shotgun, and other evidence of drug trafficking. Photo courtesy MDEA



Police lead Raven Nicholas away from the site of a Calais drug bust March 17. The bust took place in front of the WQDY radio station. Photo courtesy Lupe Soto



Gregory Fuller



Raymond Neptune Sr.

School board votes to close Wesley Elementary

by Natalie Boomer

On Tuesday, March 1, the school committee voted to close Wesley Elementary School due to low enrollment.

Some community members did vote to keep the school open, but not enough to avert the school board from its decision.

The small town of around 114 people usually has five to ten students in kindergarten through eighth grade. This year it was even fewer.

“Wesley Elementary currently

has four students. Maine law allows citizens to petition the town for a referendum vote if the citizens can gather at least 10 percent of the voters from the last gubernatorial election,” said Superintendent Scott Porter.

The citizens of Wesley did just that and even gathered enough signatures to move on to the next step. A referendum vote will take place in the future.

“Due to the petition, the citizens will now determine if the school will be closed. In the absence of a

petition, the school committee has the authority to close the school,” Porter said.

The date for the referendum vote has not yet been set by selectmen.

If the school does close, the four children who attend will have the choice of transferring to Rose M. Gaffney School in Machias or Elm Street School in East Machias.

“The school closure would take effect next year,” he said. “Transportation will be provided to Machias and East Machias.”

Machias man arrested in Holden

Craig Strout-Desmond, 35, of Machias was arrested in Holden on Thursday, March 17, and charged with Class A felony drug trafficking, according to Fox News Bangor. The Penobscot County Jail website says Strout-Desmond was charged with Unlawful Trafficking In Scheduled W Drugs, Violation of Bail Condition, and Operating When License Suspended or Revoked.

He is currently being held in the Penobscot County Jail.



Craig Strout-Desmond. Photo courtesy Penobscot County Jail

School Street fire extinguished in time to save home

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

The Machias Fire Department led the response to a fire on School Street in Machias, called in near 11 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15. Three people were in the home at the time of the fire, none were injured.

“The call came in as a chimney fire that they thought was in the walls,” said Machias Fire Chief Joey Dennison.

East Machias, Marshfield, and Machiasport rendered mutual aid with equipment and manpower, and the Jonesboro/Roque Bluffs Fire Department sent firefighters to the blaze.

The call was received by dispatch at 11:50 p.m., and the Machias Fire Department was on the scene seven minutes later. Quick thinking by Dennison may have made the difference between a fire-damaged home and a total loss.

“The fire extended into the attic area and nobody could access it, so I cut the eave vent on the front



A fire that likely began in a chimney spread to this School Street home's attic last week. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

of the building and made a bigger hole, and it relieved the heat,” said Dennison. “Then we were able to get to the fire. That was one of the best saves of my career.”

The fire departments finished putting out the blaze around 2:30

a.m. The next day the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team began requesting assistance to meet the needs of the displaced residents.

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between 50 and 100 apartments in the area over the next five years,” said King.

Construction on the Court Street site (Map 15, Lot 30/31A) was approved by the Machias Planning Board in February. King says the initial permit specified 12 off-street parking spaces, but he hopes to provide 16, so each unit can have two cars. Rent will be set at \$1,250.

“They’re going to be pretty nice apartments, two bedrooms and one bath, with key fob access, and video cameras,” said King, referencing security measures at the site.

King Construction’s work can be seen all over the region, including in the construction of the recently-completed Downeast Correctional Facility, the multi-unit retail building opposite the entrance to the University of Maine at Machias on College Hill, and in the upcoming construction of the MaineStreet Business Center in Machias, which will stand on the site of the current Nash Building. King also has a \$4 million contract to build a new fire station on Mt. Desert Island.

King’s College Hill property also contains two apartments, both of which were rented long before construction even began on the property, a sign of the protracted housing shortage in the Downeast region.

“In the local housing market there’s a lot of demand and no supply, that’s what’s driving me,” said King. “And a lot of what’s here



Clearing on the site of a future apartment building began this month. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon



Work on a new 8-unit apartment building has begun in Machias, on a 1-acre site located at 63 Court Street, and should be completed this fall. King Construction Services has plans to build many more units, offering one path to relieve the county's dire housing shortage. Photo courtesy King Construction

is junk.”

Later this year King plans to site another housing project off of Broadway / Route 192, across from the Machias Transfer Station.

“I have 12 acres there and we’re going to start building affordable single-family home or some kind of

duplex-style rentals,” he said. Those should be completed in 2023.

King Construction has offices in both Machias and Ellsworth, and King himself hails from Jonesport.



Angie's to return March 31

Another sure sign of spring will arrive on the Machias Dike on March 31, when Angie's Comfort Kitchen food truck returns! Angie also caters and sells her baked goods each week at the Machias Marketplace. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

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GUEST VOICES

Despite our nation's polarization, we should all agree on transparency

by Justin Silverman

We live in contentious times. According to a 2020 study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, political polarization among Americans has grown rapidly during the last 40 years.

"There's evidence that within the U.S., the two major political parties have become more homogeneous in certain ways, including ideologically and socially," said Jesse Shapiro, a co-author of the study and a professor of political economy at Brown University. "So when you identify with a certain party and you're looking across the aisle, the people you're looking at are more different from you than they were a few decades ago."

Given the degradation of political discourse in our country and the growing list of hot-button issues pitting us against friends and neighbors, it's easy to see the divide. But as Sunshine Week begins this year, let's remember that no matter where we stand on a particular topic, we all need accurate information to shape our opinions and best advocate for ourselves.

The mission of Sunshine Week — March 13-19 this year with related events occurring



throughout the month — is to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. The sunshine reference is attributed to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis who famously wrote that "sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." In other words, an informed citizenry is the best check against government corruption.

This is the idea behind state public record and open meeting laws, as well as our federal Freedom of Information Act. Government transparency is a non-partisan principle that transcends who's in office or which political party is in

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Keeping Maine Veterans' Homes open

by Governor Janet Mills

Last week I was pleased to announce that I am dedicating \$3.5 million in my forthcoming budget changes to keep the Maine Veterans' Homes in Caribou and Machias open and ensure that our veterans continue to get the care they've earned and the care they deserve in the communities they love, near the families that they are close to, in their own hometowns.

I've talked about my father from time to time. I've mentioned that he served bravely during World War II in the Pacific Theater. My uncles did as well. My father survived the biggest naval battle of World War II history, the Battle of Leyte Gulf. My brother later served three tours of duty in Vietnam.

So I deeply appreciate the service and the sacrifice of all Maine veterans and their loved ones. Our state has always contributed more than our share to the military, to the armed services during periods of combat in every war — from the 20th Maine in the Civil War, and before that the Revolutionary War, and World War I, World War II, and every significant period of combat and conflict since then. My Administration has been working hard to improve the services for veterans all across the state.

We can never repay our

veterans.

And so I was very deeply concerned when the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes informed me that it had voted to close the veterans' homes in Caribou and Machias because of a projected decrease in the number of veterans in the coming years and, like much of the state and nation, a shortage of qualified health care staff.

Well, I recognize the challenges these homes may be confronting, as are many other nursing homes, but the drastic move to close these veterans' homes will displace more than 70 veterans and veterans' spouses, many widows, and it will result in the loss of jobs for the people who care for them.

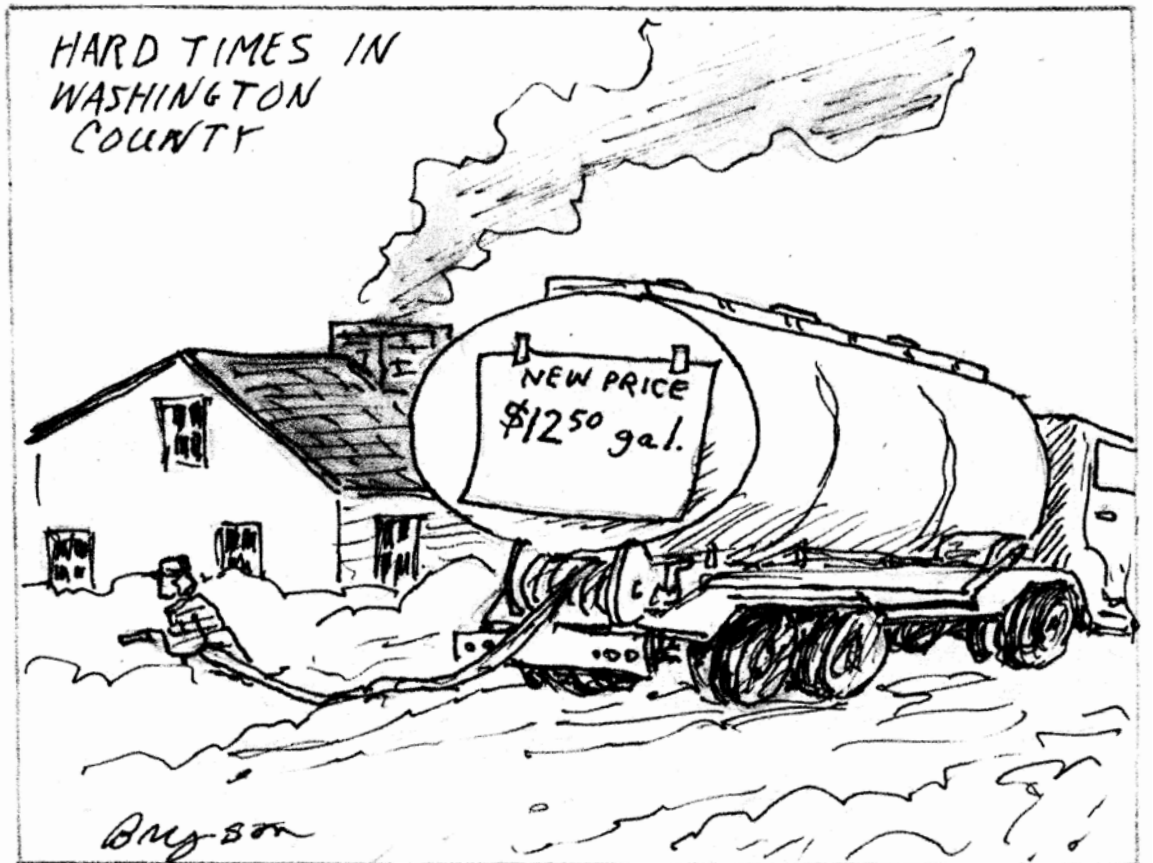
These closures would also significantly reduce the footprint of veterans' homes across the state of Maine, and leave no facilities Downeast, none north of Bangor, and they would diminish the long-term care options for veterans in rural Maine generally.

Well, I'm from rural Maine and this comes close to my heart.

The impact of these closures of these two homes on our veterans, and on their families, and the employees, and the regions that they serve cannot be overstated.

So as soon as I learned of that vote, I wrote immediately to the

(Mills voice cont. pg. 17)



Letters to the Editor

Maine DEP denies rights of citizens

The Maine citizens and visitors deserve careful review of all possible harm to their oceans to protect livelihood, environment, and enjoyment.

The Sierra Club of Maine recently submitted in a timely manner an Appeal to the DEP'S Permit for Kingfish Maine, a land growing Yellowtail Fish Farm, to discharge 28.7 million gallons per day of treated wastewater into Chandler Bay in Jonesport. This project will pump 19,812 gallons of seawater per minute from Chandler Bay by two intake pipes. They will also pump 140 gallons per minute of fresh water from land wells on site. Will this have an effect on water tables in the area? High electric power consumption will be necessary also.

Sierra Club's Appeal believes the effect of the large untreated discharge water containing fish feces, urine, feed, high amounts of nitrogen, cleaning chemicals, phosphates, virus IPNV, large amounts of sterilized water, changing the PH of the ocean and increase in sea temperature as well as degradation of water quality will have detrimental impact on important ocean species, eelgrass which is most important to infant marine life, harm Maine coastline in the immediate area as well as beyond and affect everyone in Maine who deserves clean waters especially the lobster and fishing industry and people. Tourism will always be Maine's largest industry in coastal areas.

This discharge permit breaks all standards set up in the "Maine Won't Wait, A Four Year Plan for Climate Action."

The DEP Missions and Strategic Planning and Quality

Management Plan under Maine Law 2021 states it shall "prevent, abate and control the pollution of the air, water and land and preserve, improve and prevent diminution of the natural environment of the State".

The DEP Law states "the individuals served by the implementation of Maine Quality Management Planning and all other resulting quality efforts include: our agency's staff, Maine citizens and businesses, and non-governmental interest groups; federal, state and local government."

Sierra Club is a non-governmental interest group.

The Maine DEP "appeal board," not one member having any expertise or background in Oceanography, Marine life, Marine Biology, Chemical and Physical properties of the oceans or their ecosystems (very concerning considering the important power of the "Board" and hundreds of miles of coastline in Maine and ocean impacts) dismissed the Sierra Club Appeal based that Sierra "cannot show a person whose property, pecuniary, or personal rights would be adversely and directly affected by the wastewater discharge into Chandler Bay in a manner greater than the harm it alleges will be experienced by the public at large."

Wow! That is a statement! So long as all the public has a negative impact, you cannot have your appeal reviewed. The Sierra Club are the citizens who went to their group to financially and scientifically request the DEP make minor revisions to the permit in order to significantly decrease or

eliminate an environmental impact, whereby the applicant would separate the heat transfer water from the production water in order that the production water may be treated with advanced technology to achieve zero effluent discharge. This modification would address the degradation due to the nitrogen discharge but also the pH change and discharge of water containing IPNV virus carried by Yellowtail.

Sierra also wants the DEP to come up with a plan on how they will comply with degradation of water quality as it relates to eelgrass and coastal conservation goals set out in "Maine Won't Wait".

The Sierra Club Appeal dismissal should be overturned and the Sierra Club Appeal advanced.

Why is the state breaking its own rules and not allowing these important findings addressed?

When the State DEP has rules which require they must review "alternative methods" which could prevent the need to lower standards and lower water quality, why did the DEP not require Kingfish to present "Alternative Technology" to reduce or eliminate the disastrous impact this project could have on our Oceans and Marine life?

Please write the Commissioner of the DEP: Melanie Loyzime-Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, 28 Tyson Dr., Augusta ME 04333.

Tell her you insist on having the Sierra Club appeal heard

Paula Aschettino
Machiasport

GUEST VOICE

Housing bill is flawed

by Sen. Stacey Guerin

There have been a fair number of bills that have made it into the Legislature's Second Regular Session. While some are carryover bills that belong there, more have been introduced as "emergency" legislation – bills that need consideration due to the timeliness of the issue.

With a second session that is typically shorter than the first, it's hard enough to give the bills that do require consideration the proper attention to fully understand what you might be enacting. That's actually tough in either session, but at least you have much more time in the first session that has in some years extended into the summer.

Usually, the complexities of a particular bill are what drive the attention given to it. When that process is rushed or new, unnecessary legislation is introduced, it dilutes the attention that can be given to the deeply intricate bills that may have been carried over.

So when we do have important legislation to consider that requires our undivided attention, we're often left with a process that doesn't do Maine's people justice. Consider, for example, the new affordable housing bill that is before the Legislature.

LD 2003, which aims to implement the recommendations of a commission charged with studying how to increase affordable housing opportunities in Maine, is a bill worthy of our full consideration. Yet it was assigned to my Labor and Housing Committee just 11 days ago, a full four months from when it was accepted by the Legislative Council in October 2021. This 12-page bill intends to change an entire landscape of local rules and regulations that have governed housing and sprawl in Maine for a generation in hopes of creating more affordable housing across the state.

A worthy goal? Yes. Can we accomplish it in this supposedly shorter session? I just don't know.

Consider the fact that the public hearing alone on this particular bill was nearly eight hours long. Yes, you heard that correctly. The hearing held on Monday, March 7 went from 10 a.m. until well after 5 p.m., and more questions than answers were raised from the testimony given, all of which needs further investigation.

There's no doubt that solving the affordable housing crisis in Maine should be a goal for legislators, regardless of what party you're in. That was quite evident in the nearly unanimous vote by the Legislative Council to bring the concept forward to the Legislature for consideration and its bi-partisan sponsorship. And the bill does try to solve the issue.

Unfortunately, it's also deeply flawed.

What drew the most criticism during testimony before our committee is perhaps the most difficult to solve. In some sections of the bill, the language is more adversarial regarding the roles of state and local governments, especially regarding delegated "home rule" ordinance powers codified by a 1969 Maine Constitutional amendment.

Even the bill's cosponsor, my esteemed colleague Republican Representative Amy Arata of New Gloucester, offered only partial support of the bill as a whole and recommended a host of changes to make it better. Specifically, she proposed amending nine sections including eliminating language that would make it easier to sue municipalities, amending the growth cap prohibition to take into consideration the limits of existing public utilities, and taking a more incentivized carrot approach instead of the weight of a stick.

Yet it was the testimony of Meghan Gardner – a town councilor

in Orono – that is perhaps the most telling. Describing her politics in her testimony as "far enough left of the party establishment to perhaps make them a little nervous," she said the bill was too far-reaching – even for her. She was against it due to the cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all approach that directly threatened local control for municipalities like Orono, a town that has spent a considerable amount of time and resources controlling its housing to prevent student conflicts with neighborhoods, and overpriced rents due to the nature of transient student housing.

Meghan also said she has served as the chair of Orono's Comprehensive Plan Committee, and that brings up another issue: Some towns are too small to even have a planning board.

And much of the solution may have nothing to do with this bill at all. Building houses affordably is a real challenge right now with high material costs, and finding the labor to do it is even more so. We need to invest in educational opportunities for the trades to have the workers available to begin bringing building costs down. Right now, they're at a premium.

On the surface, LD 2003 looks to accomplish the worthy goal of solving our affordable housing crisis. But when its cosponsor and even a college town councilor agree that it's too flawed, that should be deeply concerning.

Most concerning of all, however, is the amount of time Democratic leadership has given us in the hopes to simply push this legislation through. That should concern everyone.

Senator Stacey Guerin is in her second term in the Maine Senate and represents District 10. She is the Senate Republican Lead for the Legislature's Labor and Housing Committee.

working to stabilize the current crisis in access for the 1 in 4 of our neighbors struggling with mental health challenges, particularly those who are most vulnerable," said Hannah Longley of NAMI Maine. "Research clearly indicates that by funding community mental health resources, we are able to save lives and divert individuals from higher and more costly levels of care. Throughout the course of the pandemic, it has become abundantly clear that mental health impacts all of us, and prioritization of funding evidenced-based resources and services is critical to address the growing needs across our state."

"None of this would have been possible without the incredible leadership of legislators of both parties," said John Hennessy for the Coalition. "We urge the full legislature to come together to pass a bipartisan budget that funds these critical services as soon as possible."

"We appreciate the department

FREEDOM STUDIES

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

Armageddon?

Vladimir Putin is turning Ukrainian cities into rubble, threatening nuclear war, and pushing some 2 million refugees into Poland and beyond. Race baiters Joy Reid and Nicole Hannah Jones said Americans only cared because Ukrainians are white. The Russians seem likely to complete a land locking maneuver along the Black Sea, which will turn Ukraine into the European equivalent of Bolivia, but without the mineral wealth.

Joe Biden has imposed "crippling" sanctions on the Russian economy and blamed the inflation and soaring gas prices his climate alarmist and woke spending policies created on Putin. At the same time, Biden is depending on Putin and the Russians to negotiate a "new" nuclear Iran deal, which will exempt Iranian/Russian trade from sanctions. Iran showed their honorable intentions by raining missiles on the American consulate in northern Iraq (Kurdistan). The "new" Iranian deal will, with the support of Maine's junior Senator, not require Senate ratification because an international agreement to give the mullahs billions of dollars to support terrorism and a green light to develop nukes and eradicate Israel (as the mullahs have repeatedly promised to do) is obviously not a "Treaty" and is obviously in the interest of the United States, because the evil orange guy revoked the first effort by the blessed Obama to arm and succor the mullahs.

Meanwhile, undersecretary of state Victoria Nuland, who is responsible for much of the Ukrainian mischief that occurred under Obama and the Biden crime family, not to mention the first impeachment of the orange guy for trying to do something about it, revealed that, contrary to previous declarations, there are a number of Fauci-funded bio labs in harm's way in Ukraine full of dangerous pathogens which we should be very worried about. Tulsi Gabbard, the only sane and competent 2020 Democratic Presidential candidate, who Hillary Clinton previously

accused of being a Russian tool, was labeled "treasonous" for wondering about the lab lies by a bipartisan coalition of hypocrites, from Mitt Romney (can I have my 2012 vote back?) to the idiots on the View.

Senile, gas-lighting Joe sent cackling Kamala to Europe, where the "role model" for our daughters demonstrated why sleeping your way to the top and identity politics are really poor and dangerous ways to pick our leaders. Here, courtesy of the Federalist (an organization that gave us SCOTUS nominees based on what they supposedly believed, as opposed to their skin color and gender), are posters of some of Kamala's greatest hits and deep thoughts:

"Ukraine is a country in Europe. It exists next to another country called Russia. Russia is a bigger country. Russia is a powerful country. Russia decided to invade a smaller country called Ukraine. So basically, that's wrong."

"It is time for us to do what we have been doing, and that time is every day."

"We have the ability to see what can be unburdened by what has been and then to make the possible actually happen."

"We must together. Work together. To see where we are. Where we are headed, where we are going and our vision for where we should be. But also see it as a moment to, yes. Together, address the challenges and to work on the opportunities that are presented by this moment."

"You're going to have to Xerox or photocopy your ID to send it in to prove you are who you are. Well, there are a lot of people, especially people who live in rural communities, who don't ... there's no Kinkos, there's no OfficeMax near them."

"Hehehehehe."

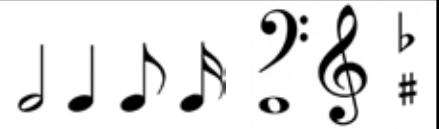
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Arts & Entertainment



PBSO alters musical program, rehearsal time; welcomes new members

The Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra announces two changes to its earlier 2022 spring schedule announcement. For its June 3, 4, and 5 concerts the PBSO will perform César Franck's Symphony in D Minor instead of the previously planned Tchaikovsky symphony.

While realizing that there is a difference between Russian culture and Russian politics, PBSO has nevertheless decided to exclude Russian music from its programming for the time being. This decision represents both the orchestra's intense opposition to the ongoing barbarism of Russia's invasion of Ukraine as well as its

strong support for the Ukrainian people and their country.

Second, PBSO rehearsals are now held from 6 to 8 p.m. This time change has been made to avoid late-night travel for the musicians, some of whom travel for two hours or more each way for PBSO rehearsals. The next March rehearsal dates are March 24 and 31. New musicians are always welcome.

For more information please contact June Gregory at (207) 213-9145 or june.gregory@gmail.com. PBSO is a constituent group of Eastport Arts Center, where creativity and community meet, eastportartscenter.org.

Sunday Series features Dwayne Tomah with wax cylinder Passamaquoddy recordings, musical presentation

by Gene Nichols

EAC's Sunday Afternoons at the Arts Center series will continue at 3 pm, Sunday, April 3, when Dwayne Tomah gives a presentation featuring a group of wax cylinder recordings from the 1890s. Made in Calais by anthropologist Jesse Walter Fewkes, the recordings were created with an Edison cylinder machine. These 31 recordings were the first ethnographic field recordings ever made, worldwide. They contain songs, stories, ceremonies of various kinds, and funeral songs performed by Passamaquoddy musicians and storytellers. The cylinders were originally in the Peabody Museum in Massachusetts, and are currently stored at the Library of Congress. In addition to sharing these fascinating recordings, the program will include discussion and interpretation.

Known as the Passamaquoddy 'cultural language keeper,' Tomah has spent considerable time in the ongoing project of transcribing the cylinder recordings.

The series will continue at 3 p.m. April 10, when area musician Gene Nichols will give a presentation called *How I've Spent My Pandemic (So Far)*, featuring: the 3 B's (Bach, bulbhorns*, and boomwhackers); the Hubcaphone*; classical ukulele; Irish disco kazoo; the ophicleide (a 19th-century cross between a tuba and a saxophone); "rakete rinnzekete"; and 'Scrummy, a word card game invented by Nichols in 2019. In addition to performing, Nichols will share selections from two recent home recording projects, and recount personal and professional adventures and future plans. Musical guests will include: Greg Biss and Lauren Koss of the Eastport Arts Center, Duane Ingalls, and Clifton Moser. (This program was rescheduled from January 30 due to a major winter storm).

Nichols was a beloved fixture at the University of Maine at Machias for 35.5 years, where his musical teaching engaged countless students and local community members. He has also been a prominent local music fixture, appearing in parades, musical theater and with groups, including the UMM Ukulele Club, Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra and the Orange River Jazz Band. Since the pandemic, Gene has been an active participant in Cobscook Institute's weekly music circle (Monday nights via Zoom), and also has enjoyed doing outdoor popup shows with Les Trois Etoiles, a Washington County improv group.

*Instruments marked with a * were invented and built by Gene and friends; the hubcaphone, comprised of mallet-whackable hubcaps chosen and arranged carefully for pitch and tone, appeared at EAC in 2010 in an earlier iteration. The instrument, which necessitates the use of a U-Haul and several roadies, was redesigned and rebuilt in 2020, as featured by EAC Video, and will give its premier live performance at the Sunday series event.



Multi-instrumentalist Gene Nichols, who'll present on 'How I Spent My Pandemic (So Far)' on April 10 at Eastport Arts Center is shown playing his ukulele and singing at Cobscook Institute's weekly music circle, which has been held via Zoom for 103 consecutive Monday evenings at this writing. Photo by Lauren Koss.



Passamaquoddy linguist Dwayne Tomah, seen here with an Edison phonograph and Margareta Days chair Carlene Holmes, will talk about the tribe's historic wax cylinders at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

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. The series runs at 3 p.m. Sundays, including March 27, April 4, and April 10, and will conclude in May (date TBA) with a presentation by Mark DeVoto. 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.

LOCAL POETRY

New England Haiku, Maple Syrup Season

2-11-22

Through bark the drill spins
maple curls fall in the snow
pith and silver drip

3/3/22

the last snowflakes fall
patiently maneuvering
in the sugar-snow sun

3/11/22

careful steps through snow
lugging filled buckets, the sap
shimmers as it pours

3/11/22

The arch is flaming
sap furiously boils
sweet steam fills the place

3/12/22

the cold has broken
God gave us to celebrate
hot syrup to taste

-Jamie Moore
Machias



Photo courtesy Pixabay



Patriot's Day march in Machias

In honor of Patriot's Day, local Revolutionary War reenactors will meet at Burnham Tavern in Machias and march to the Machias Veterans Memorial at the foot of College Hill, then proceed through Bad Little Falls Park to the historic O'Brien Cemetery, and back to Burnham Tavern. Originating in Massachusetts to commemorate the battles of Concord, Lexington, and Menotomy, Patriot's Day has been an official state holiday in Maine since 1907. In Machias, the day has special significance as the first naval battle of the American Revolution, the Battle of Machias or Battle of the Margareta, took place as a direct result of the events in Lexington, Concord, and Menotomy. The Machias march will take place at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 18, when the holiday is observed in Maine. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3yybh74f>. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

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UMaine Extension planting for pollinators webinar April 13

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"Planting for Pollinators" will offer practical tips for gardeners on ways to provide food, habitat and water resources for pollinators to help address the decline in insect, native bee and bird species. UMaine Extension horticulture professional Kate Garland will also focus on native plants and best landscape management practices.

The webinar is free; registration is required. Register on the event webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sharon Paradis, 207.834.3905 or 800.287.1421 (in Maine); sharon.paradis@maine.edu.



Photo courtesy Maine Cooperative Extension

Recipe and a story: cold comfort

by **Kaileigh Deacon**

There is something about a cold rainy spring day that makes you want to stay inside and cuddle up with a good book and a warm blanket. I love it when the weather starts to warm up and the days turn just warm enough for snow to turn to rain and the sure sign that spring is here. Even though the ground gets muddy and my yard alternates between a sinkhole and a giant puddle I love the transition to spring.

On the cold rainy days there is nothing better than curling up inside and enjoying the coziness of just being inside. During the summer months when it's rainy I like to go outside in the rain and take a walk or play in the puddles but before the temperatures start to climb and the rain is cold the comfort of a cozy blanket and a good book or a black and white Katherine Hepburn movie is ideal.

I also enjoy the feeling of comfort food on a cold rainy day and there is something about the process of making it that is just relaxing. Getting the ingredients together prepping the kitchen as a movie

or music plays in the background. Then the smells of the food as the ingredients start to come together trigger the memories of how the food makes you feel and starts to warm you from the inside out before you even eat the food.

When I was younger, and even now, I am a very picky eater and there are a number of dishes I don't care for. As I've gotten older my pallet has expanded and I will eat food my parents never would have thought I would have when I was younger. Even though I will eat foods I never used to I still make adjustments for the things I don't care for, like cooked vegetables, but I also love cooking foods I don't like for people just because I know they like it and it feels good to cook for others. When I was younger I never would have eaten Shepherd's Pie but as I've gotten older I find that it's something I like, minus the corn of course.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- Corn
- Potatoes
- Desired seasonings

Recipe

Chop and boil the potatoes. Once the potatoes are boiled and can be easily speared with a fork mash with butter, milk and salt, and pepper. For a smoother potato use a hand mixer to whip the potatoes.

While the potatoes are boiling brown beef, you can add seasons in if you choose. For vegetables. You can use corn or peas and carrots if you want for additional flavor you can add onions into the sautee. For vegetables, you can either sautee them in a pan or boil them depending on your preferred cooking style. I prefer boiling for ease.

Once the individual ingredients are done you can mix in a bowl and serve or you can bake in the oven. Layer the meat, then the vegetables, then the potatoes. If desired add a layer of your favorite cheese on top for extra flavor. Cook at 400 for 30 mins, if you want to add a crunch slightly browned crust to the potatoes broil for a couple minutes but only if your baking dish is safe to be used under a broiler.

Hunt for 'sheds' with DLLT

by **Natalie Boomer**

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is inviting the community to meet in the forest of Grand Lake Stream and search for sheds on Saturday, April 2.

This Maine spring tradition brings hunters and adventurers out to look for moose and deer antlers.

"We've never done this event before, but it's a very popular local pastime and a great way to get outdoors during mud season," said development and outreach manager Colin Brown.

Thomas Cochran and his antler sniffing dogs will be there to guide participants and teach them the techniques of antler hunting.

"Thomas Cochran is a Registered Maine Guide who lives in Topsfield, and he works seasonally for DLLT as a conservation technician, assisting with educational programs, forestry work, outdoor recreation maintenance, and wildlife habitat

projects," mentioned Brown.

While guiding everyone through the Storybook Trail, he will also be discussing the biology of the animals that shed these antlers.

Cochran will go over the traditional use of antlers and when the event is finished, participants can take their findings home with them.

"The number of sheds you find highly depends on when and where you are searching," he said. "It's definitely an all ages event, and interested participants should plan to dress well for trudging through the forest and brush."

Those who are interested should meet at the Storybook Trailhead on 214 Milford Road in Grand Lake Stream at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Education & Outreach Coordinator Sarah Cote at scote@downeastlakes.org, or call (207) 796-2100.

Dining with Diane



This is a really old recipe. It's wonderful served over rice. The chicken is so tender. I love that it has minimal ingredients but tastes so flavorful. Serve it over the rice and add some green beans, broccoli or a salad for a nice easy meal.

CHICKEN & TOMATOES

- 8-10 chicken pieces (I like thighs)
- 1 envelope onion soup mix
- 1 c. water
- 1 large can (28 ozs.) whole tomatoes
- Parmesan cheese to serve, optional

Brown the chicken parts in a large pot. Mix the onion soup mix with water. Pour over the browned chicken; cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add the tomatoes, juice and all. Cover again and simmer for an additional 20-30 minutes.

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Kids love Porter Memorial Library

Library volunteers and the Friends of Porter Memorial Library this winter created a new reading corner in the library's children's room. The Friends, led by Sissy Leonard and Marcia Ismail, outfitted the reading corner with bean bag chairs and a rug, which the group gifted to the library. They also re-painted existing bookshelves and furniture, making the corner cozy and inviting to young readers. Come see for yourselves during library hours Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or visit during our weekly story hours, every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Submitted photo

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Playing music again in Franklin

by Wayne Smith

On Friday night, March 25, the band Whiskey Bent will rock the Franklin Veterans' Club like last time it went like this. All the members of the band sing, including the steel guitar player and drummer, John Brooks. He plays lead guitar and sings. Lisa Overlock sings and plays the rhythm guitar. In the past, she moved her guitar back and forth as if dancing with it. They'd play a fast song and follow it up with a waltz. They will play songs from Merle Haggard, George Jones, Hank Williams, and



John Brooks, playing at Milbridge Days 2018



John Brooks always loved playing music at Linwood's every Sunday afternoon in the summertime.

they even might throw in a couple of Elvis' songs. The last time I saw them, there were three singers from the crowd that got up on the stage and sang with the band. The money raised from that event went to the Shriners.

John Brooks, of Steuben, has played music in Milbridge, Cherryfield, Harrington and most recently in Franklin. Brooks has been playing since he was eight years old. Playing in the band Whiskey Bent, he plays traditional country music, for the most part. He talked about when he played before the Milbridge Days Parade. "We went over there just to make some noise and do our thing," he said. "The stage was roomy. I've played on some smaller stages. We weren't over there to draw a crowd, just to play some music." He told me the smallest place he has played was the Machias Veterans' Club with the biggest place being the Bangor Auditorium.

When Brooks started out, the band equipment was packed in a small trailer. These days, he brings it in a car. "You don't have to be loud to be good," said Brooks. "In the days [when I started out], there were a fair amount of brawls where alcohol was involved. We played to the crowd as long as it didn't get out of hand. We love it when the crowd enjoys themselves. If they want to hoot and holler, things start getting broken - we put a stop to it." Brooks told me that has rarely happened.

When Brooks started out, he played Friday, Saturday and Sunday. "It was fun at first [but] then it was more of a job. You depended on the pay to make a car payment. I don't do it for the money. I don't think any of us do," he said. Brooks told me the real expense goes back into the equipment, guitars, strings, fuel, hotels and food. When he started out he got \$25 a gig. Today he takes home around \$100. Brooks told me that he took his guitar out

of the car that night after playing in Harrington as he didn't want it to get cold. The rest of the equipment waited until the next day.

Brooks loves to play. He has driven in snowstorms and has driven two hours from his house to play. "Playing that first song, seeing how the crowd reacts... If they love what the band is doing we know we are doing something right," he said. "I try to sit at home, playing my guitar. I can't do it. When you're with people that play music and it blends, good stuff comes out of you. [I like] to be able to get up there and perform. You hear the music; the music comes from the heart. If the crowd enjoys the music, we are more into it," said Brooks.

As I interviewed Brooks the next day at his house, he made a cup of coffee. It smelled strong with the aroma filling the kitchen. Brooks picked the cup up and took tiny sips. He showed me his so-called man cave. It was filled with most of his guitars that were hung on the wall. Brooks had old record covers up on the ceiling. He had a puzzle on the wall which depicted various country singers.

He also had autographed pictures of singers on the wall. He even had an autographed baseball with the signature of Carlton Willey (from Cherryfield) who played major league baseball in the 50s and 60s. I even saw a picture of Elvis. He had posters of the bands that he was in. He told me that these were all his musical accomplishments. In the middle of his man cave was all the equipment from the night before, speakers and microphone stands. Yet, as he entered his man cave, it seemed to inspire him. 7:00 pm. He told me that after a gig he just goes to sleep. And if he has to drive for any distance, Brooks just tries to stay awake until he gets home.

Brooks took about twelve years off to spend time with his children. He liked doing a little fishing but he



John Brooks and Whiskey Bent will be playing this Friday, March 25, at the Franklin Vets Club at 7 p.m.

couldn't stay away from reflecting on his music. "I enjoy music. It's like it's put in your life, you plan for it, make room for it, and go do it," said Brooks, "Go out and please the crowd [and give some] satisfaction so they want you back. I've played for 300 people, played for 30 people; it's all the same. I don't think I'm great, but I love what I do," he said.

He hopes that every kid gets to follow their dreams like Brooks did when he was growing up. His uncle had jam sessions and played all kinds of different instruments. There was drinking and music playing. Brooks was in the backroom playing guitar with his cousin. After that, he played an electric guitar on old little amplifiers, listening to music on an old eight-track player. He recalled the day he lost a band member. "It hit home hard. Cancer took him for a loop and I was right there with him," he said.

"I like to give young kids the opportunity to play music and if they go through with it, that's another thing." When Brooks got his first pay for playing music he thought, "We get paid for this? You're kidding me!" And the rest is history. He told me that he's

not going to stop any time soon. He thinks about quitting, but that feeling goes away quickly. "

That night in Franklin the crowd was small, people were kind of just getting over the pandemic. People were shy about getting out. With the small crowd, "Whiskey Bent" rocked the crowd anyway. They put on a great show. And everybody enjoyed themselves as everybody put a memory away in their back pocket. It was a sign of what was to come. Live music was finally back, slowly but surely. It left a smile and a kind of hope for a lot of people that night for what was ahead of us for 2021.

Brooks finished by saying, "Things are opening up now. We can finally play music again. It's great. It's about time. It's been a long time coming. Music has always been in my blood. And I love to play. The pandemic put everybody back a little bit. But playing these days and making music has been my life. It has been enjoyable and fun. I just can't wait to get out there," said Brooks. "Just getting out there, and being able just to play music again is like a breath of fresh air."

Looking Back at Yesterday

by Ronie Strout

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

21 Jan. 1890: SIXTY-FOUR YEARS OF SHIPBUILDING AT HARRINGTON

Carefully filed away among the archives of a leading shipbuilder of Harrington is a complete list of vessels built in Harrington since the industry began, 64 years ago. The list comprises nearly 200 of all sorts, from the unwieldy "tub" of bygone years to the graceful and symmetrical bark of modern times.

The pioneers in the industry were Temple Coffin and Isaiah Nash who, in the spring of 1826, started a yard near where the Rumball steam mill now stands. They built a topsail schooner called the JUBILEE. Samuel Small was the master carpenter and Capt. John Reynolds of Addison was the master.

The next oldest craft was the brig MAJESTIC which was built soon after by Nehemiah Allen and John B. and Joseph A. Coffin. Later on, the schooner EMBLEM was built by Temple Coffin and Nehemiah and Samuel Allen.

In the years that followed, the

Messrs. Coffin were prominently identified with the shipbuilding industry. The schooners, VANDALIA, ROAN, BEATRICE, and the brig Henry Alfred, were among the vessels built in their yards.

Capt. Stillman Nash, father of the late A. P. Nash, was also an early builder. The brig ORIENTAL made the voyage around Cape Horn.

The exact date is not known but it was in the early thirties, that Thomas Mitchell opened a yard at the "Lower Marsh" and built two topsail schooners - the ELIZA ANN and the IRENE. His son, the late Capt. Mitchell, succeeded him in business and from his year was launched the schooners ISABELLA and the brig WILLIAM MITCHELL.

It was about this time that S. W. Nash embarked in business and built a topsail schooner of 140 tons - the UNITED STATES. For a time, the venture proved profitable but, at length, ill luck followed in the vessel's wake and she was lost on her 7th voyage to Bermuda. From then until his death in 1880, Mr. Nash was constantly engaged in ship-building. He built 40 vessels of different rigs. To him was

accorded the honor of furnishing the first merchant vessel to enter Richmond after the surrender of Lee.

It was about 1840, that Otis S. Plummer commenced ship-building. In company with Nehemiah Allen, he built the schooner WILLIAM POLLARD. Capt. William Rumball, one of the most energetic shipmasters of his day, was in command of the POLLARD at the time of the famine in Ireland. He was chartered by the U.S. Government to carry a load of grain to that distressed country. The cargo was shipped from Richmond, Va. And landed at Cork, after an unprecedentedly quick passage. Afterwards, Mr. Plummer established a yard of his own near the village, in which he constructed the schooners, A. ALEXANDER, ARGUS, FRANCIS ARTHEMUS, S. W. PERRY, and the brig FRIENDSHIP.

From 1840 to 1875, Dea. Moses Nash was an active ship-builder. He was also a skillful carpenter. Many of the vessels launched from his yard were constructed under his personal supervision. Among those that he built were the schooners: RIO, SARDINIAN,

JULIA, ELIZA J. STAPLES and SARAH GOODWIN. In 1874, in company with J. H. Hamlin, he built the brig KALUNA and the schooner ACARA.

Zephaniah Allen who, many years ago moved to Machias, is remembered as having built the schooners C. B. ALLEN, J.S. LINDSEY, and IDA L RAY.

In 1885, Alonzo P Nash, who for many years had been employed as a master carpenter by S. W. Nash, commenced building for himself. During that season, he built the schooner STILLA. In subsequent years, he engaged more extensively in the business. It was from his yard that the EVIE J. RAY, the largest bark ever built in Washington County, went forth to join our merchant fleet.

In the fall of 1865, Ramsdell & Rumball purchased a yard and commenced the construction of vessels. At this time, Harrington was in its halcyon days. As many as eight vessels were built that year, giving employment to nearly 200 hands. Capt. V. L. Coffin retired from the sea in 1872, and was admitted to the partnership of Ramsdell & Rumball. The firm closed up business in 1876, after

having constructed 20 vessels aggregating 13,000 tons.

In former years there were many enterprising ship-builders at West Harrington. They constructed a large amount of tonnage. Among the very early ones were: Silas Fickett, Harmon Curtis, Ephraim Strout, Henry Strout, Charles Ray, Jerry Preble, Benjamin Strout, and John J. and Tristram Grace. The vessels built by them were schooners, INDEPENDENCE, SUPERB, VICTORY, BYZANTIUM, HORNET, THRONE, HARMON CURTIS, CONGRESS, and R. H. BRAY.

Simeon, John and Jesse Strout established a yard at Oak Point in 1858. They built the schooners, CONSTITUTION, UNION, and the brigs, HELEN G. RICH, J. LEIGHTON, and LOUISA A. MILLER.

Among all the names mentioned in the history of this industry, Hon. A. M. Nash is the only one engaged in the business at the present time. Since the death, in 1880, of his father, the late S. W. Nash, with whom he was associated in business, he has built nearly 6,000 tons of shipping.

TOWNS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Out and About in Columbia

by Ronie Strout

Been a busy week with me in getting out and recording everything that I could find happening in the area.

On Monday evening March 14, I had another great genealogy class with my two ladies. There is always something that I learn new from them, and hopefully I have given them some information on their quest of finding their ancestors.

I was able to get to some of the Harrington Town Meeting that took place that same evening in the cafeteria of the Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School and then again, I was able to attend the Columbia Falls Town Meeting on Tuesday evening the 15th, in the Wreath Across America Gym, Columbia Falls.

On Wednesday the 16th the honor students of Narraguagus attended the Ceremony for Tiger Line Flight 739 and also had a tour of the Worcester Wreath Museum in Columbia Falls.

On Wednesday evening the 16th, I tuned in to the Sullivan/Sorrento Historical Society and watched their zoom meeting on Sorrento for Sale: The 1927 Land Auction with Sam Younger.

On Thursday evening two more zoom meetings with Historical Societies, I watched: The American Revolution and New Brunswick presented by Fredericton Region Museum & York Sunbury Historical Society from Fredericton, NB Canada and the other was 400 years of Immigration to Maine presented by Tilly Laskey curator at Maine Historical Society, Border

Historical Society. Both of these meetings were very interesting to listen to.

On Thursday the 17th all schools in the district had a half-day for teacher workshops and Friday was also a whole day for workshops for the teachers.

The Jonesboro Grange #357 held an activity meeting on Friday March 18 with 9 members in attendance that I attended.

Saturday evening the Jonesboro Grange #357 along with Jonesboro Church held a St. Patrick Day, corned beef/ham supper for the public where about 50 folks enjoyed the wonderful meal. It is great to get out and socialize with the folks that come to these wonderful suppers.

Elmer's Discount Store in Columbia had one of their employees dress up for the occasion on St. Patrick Day, Sonya Grant of Columbia. You just never know what you find when you go shopping there. Brightens up the day with the Luck of the Irish.

Upcoming Events

Indoor Yard Sale Jonesboro/Roque Bluffs Volunteer Fire Dept & Jonesboro Grange #357 are continuing their indoor yard sale on weekends in March and during the week, at the Jonesboro Grange, Route 1, Jonesboro. Proceeds to be split between two organizations. Contact: LouAnn & Norm Cox 207-434-2131 for more information and to bring in donations.

Dance Classes Enrollment is open for Autumn Cook Dance Classes for ages 4-18, April 6-June



Sonya Grant has the Luck o' the Irish. Photo by Ronie Strout

8 at the Jonesboro Grange. Contact: alancookmusic.com/dance or 207-271-0554.

Easter Basket Festival Over 50 Easter Baskets being raffled off at the Jonesboro Grange from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 8, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

Easter Breakfast Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. 12 and under \$5 and adults \$10 at the Community Center.

Whitneyville Library News

It's been a busy week at the library. Everyone has sprung forward and are looking forward to the first public supper that will be held on April 2 at the Hillgrove Community Building in Whitneyville. Turkey along with all the fixings will be on the menu and a variety of homemade pies and cake will round out the meal. It's all you can eat for \$10 adults and \$4 for children under 12. The public suppers to help support the Whitneyville Public Library's ongoing budget began in 2006 and are still going strong.

Clients and their workers of Living Innovation visited the library last week to use the internet and to play cards and board games. Many of their clients also took part in karaoke and had a great time. Home schoolers visit the library as well taking out books or doing school work with their education worker.

The Whatnot gift shop is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Featuring 42 local crafter's the gift shop has a lot of

great Maine Made products for sale, items such as jewelry, candles, hand soaps and lotions, wooden items, paintings, knitting, and quilted items are just some of the items featured in the gift shop. Once the new shop addition is complete the added space will allow us to add 30 more crafter's.

Open during library hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Monday to Saturday the library has no fee for a library card and no overdue fines for late return books. Any book requested that is not owned by the library can be requested through interlibrary loan. The library welcome's reader from surrounding towns. Visit the library's website at www.whitneyville.lib.me.us or check us out on Facebook.

The Friends of the Library are getting ready for their Easter candy sale at the library. The Candy sale will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and get some Easter candy and help support the library.

Harrington town meeting

by Ronie Strout

On Monday evening March 14, Harrington held their Town Meeting in the cafeteria at Narraguagus Jr/Sr High. The 68 residents that attended voted on 47 articles in an hour and forty minutes.

Courtney Hammond was elected as Moderator for the evening.

They elected Matt Nichols as

the newest selectman for the town. He replaced Glendon "Buddy" Carter.

Re-elected Ronald Kennedy for MSAD #37 Director for a three-year term,

Re-elected Darin Hammond for assessor for a three-year term.

All other articles were voted on and adopted by the people.

Beals town meeting will feature selectmen elections, revival/disposal of old town office

by Nancy Beal

Beals' annual town meeting convenes next week (6 p.m., Monday, March 21 in the elementary school gym), and two three-year spots on the select board are up for consideration. Following the resignation of Sandra Woodward and Agnes Smith who were elected in 2020 and 2021, Jenny Fagonde and Sarah Alley stepped in temporarily to assist Paula McCormack, the board chair. Next Monday, Fagonde and Alley will seek a formal vote for the terms that expire in 2024 and 2025.

Other officers whose three-year terms expire this year include

assessor Natalie Beal, school board member Mariner Bunker, and planning board member Nancy Beal. The planning board will also need someone to finish out the term of Phyllis Kellogg, who resigned before completing the three years that expire next year.

Selectmen will ask the citizens to decide what they want to do with the old town office, a tiny shed that sits at the entrance to Bridgeview Street. Option 1 is to raise \$40,000 to relocate and rehabilitate it; Option 2 is to demolish and remove it at a cost of \$4,000.

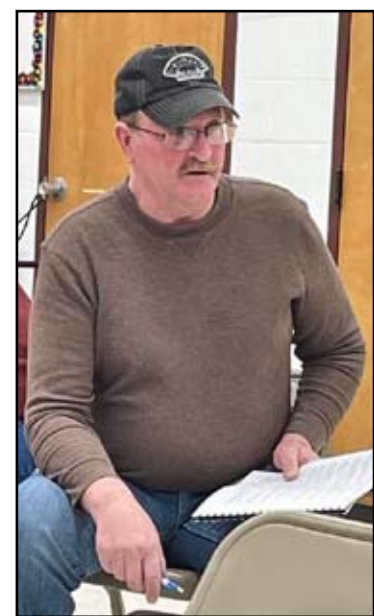
Salaries of elected and appointed officials will go up by \$5,600

if voters approve. Half of the increase is for the shellfish warden, whose salary was previously listed elsewhere. An additional \$2,900 would be dispersed as follows: \$500 more for each of the board of assessors, planning board, deputy harbor master, administrative assistant to the harbor master and the board of appeals, if it meets. An additional \$200 would be paid to the treasurer and tax collector. The board of selectmen would continue to share \$6,500.

A variety of sums for various town functions are recommended by the board of selectmen, taking into account balances in rollover accounts.



Matt Nichols



Ronald Kennedy



Bonnie Williams, Andrea Robinson, Darin Hammond, and Joel Strout. Photos by Ronie Strout

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- 3 Public transport
- 4 “__ Thousand Faces”; Cagney film
- 5 Org. for doctors & others
- 6 Prefix for night or wife
- 7 “Do __ say, not as I do”
- 8 Lewis or Belafonte
- 9 Gomer Pyle, for one
- 10 “Pretty Little Liars” role
- 11 “My __ Is Earl”
- 19 Black Jack or Juicy Fruit
- 21 “Avengers: __ of Ultron”; 2015 film
- 23 Clear the slate
- 24 “Easy __”; Fonda/Hopper movie
- 25 Singer Helen
- 29 “__ a Half Men”
- 30 Hall’s namesakes
- 31 Wolf Blitzer’s network
- 33 Spookier
- 34 __ Perry; “SEAL Team” role
- 36 “So You Think You Can __”
- 37 “A Day at the __”; Marx Brothers film
- 38 Rapper __ Dogg
- 39 Word of disgust
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- 44 Battery size
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Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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

Find AT LEAST FOUR FLOWING BODIES OF WATER in the grid of letters.

Community Calendar

Upcoming events

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.

March pop-up book sales: Every Friday in March visit Porter Memorial Library in Machias for a pop-up book sale and free popcorn. The pop-up sale is designed to fit on top of one 6-foot folding table. Expect to find a different assortment of hardcover and paperback books on display each Friday. Dates for Pop-Up Book Sales (& Popcorn!) are **March 4, 11, 18, and 25**. The library is located at 92 Court Street, Machias. FMI call 255-3933.

Cobscook Institute Writers Group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. every other Thursday online. Upcoming dates include Thursday, **March 10**, and Thursday, **March 24**. New and or seasoned writers are welcomed to join the Thursday Writers Group. No fee, donations are always appreciated. For more information contact Michael Brown at mrbrown64@msn.com.

Mastectomy fitting session: The Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center is offering a free bra fitting for any women that are in need post-mastectomy breast forms and/or bras at the Center at 23 Commerce Park in Ellsworth on Thursday, **March 24**. Space is limited, call the center at 207-664-0339 FMI or to make an appointment.

Maine shorebird habitats class with Sunrise Senior College will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, **March 25**. Register SSC website (maine.edu/ssc) or leave a message on the SSC phone line, 255-1384 and we will return your call to assist with registration. The fee for the course is \$10 for each person who registers. If issues arise call 255-8574 for assistance, a Zoom link will be sent the day before the class.

Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Local Historic Film Series will this week feature "Earliest Maine Films" (44 minutes) with a discussion afterward led by historians Valdine Atwood, Joe McBrine, Lyman Holmes, and Nathan Beal at 6 p.m., Friday, **March 25**. The film will be shown at Station 1898, Route 1, Machias, across from Helen's Restaurant.

Machias Area Little League registration open now until **March 31**. All registrations are done online at www.machiasarealittleleague.com. Cost \$50 per player, \$120 family cap. For more information email machiasarealittleleague@gmail.com. More updates on Facebook.

Indoor Church Yard Sale: Cherryfield Congregational Church will host an

indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, **April 2**. To rent a table (\$10), please call Alice Duston at 207-460-7559 or visit the church Facebook page.

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

Church breakfast to be held, Saturday, **April 2**, Parish Hall, Route 86, Denysville; Adults \$8, Kids under 12, \$4; Pancakes, eggs, home fries, baked beans, toast, sausage, bacon, beverages, juices. Raffle tickets are available. Breakfasts always on the first Saturday of each month. Sponsored by Congregational Church.

Eastport Arts Center Sunday Series will host Passamaquoddy linguist and historian Dwayne Tomah at 3 p.m. on Sunday, **April 3**. Tomah will present on the tribe's historic wax cylinder recordings from the 1890s, the first field recordings made in the world. 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. At this time, patrons are required to wear masks when in the EAC building.

The town of Pembroke will hold a hearing to discuss a proposed Metallic Mining Ordinance at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, **April 6**, at the town hall, Old County Road, Pembroke. FMI call the town office, 726-2036.

Easter Basket Festival and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: An Easter basket festival will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, **April 8**, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, **April 9**, at the Jonesboro Grange. Purchase tickets to win Easter baskets along with a 50/50 raffle and door prizes! Each basket will be worth a minimum of \$15. Have breakfast with the Easter bunny from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 9 at the Chandler River Community Center. Bring your camera to capture photos with the Easter bunny! All proceeds benefit the upkeep of historic buildings - Jonesboro Union Church & Jonesboro Grange #357.

Little Oak Farm will host an Easter celebration on Sunday, **April 10**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids will enjoy an Easter egg hunt, pony rides, and other activities. Cost is \$10 per child, all proceeds to support sending youth horse riders to the World Championships this year. The farm is located at 4750 Airline Road, Wesley. For more information, visit the farm's page on Facebook or call 263-8960.

Eastport Arts Center Sunday series will host multi-musician Gene Nichols at 3 p.m. on Sunday, **April 10**. Nichols

will present. 'How I Spent My Pandemic (So Far)'. 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. At this time, patrons are required to wear masks when in the EAC building.

The next meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution Hannah Weston Chapter will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, **April 12**, at the Whiting Community Hall. A tea and reception for winners and families of the DAR Good Citizens Award will follow at 3 p.m.

Whitneyville Library will hold its annual Easter Candy Sale on Saturday, **April 16**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., all proceeds to benefit the library. The library is located at 6 Cross Street, Whitneyville. FMI call 255-8077.

Easter Sunrise Service at Marshfield Congregational Church Sunday, **April 17**, with coffee and donuts at 6 a.m. The church is located at 23 Church Lane, Marshfield. FMI call 255-8132.

A Patriot's Day March in honor of the start of the American Revolution and local Revolutionary War-era events will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, **April 18**, in Machias. Reenactors will march from Burnham Tavern to the Machias Veterans Memorial, through Bad Little Falls Park, to the O'Brien Cemetery, and back to Burnham Tavern. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3yybh74f>.

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

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/mcf-community. 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.ariseaddictionrecovery.com

Recovery Wellness Group will meet at the Downeast Recovery Center in Machias on the first Friday of every month, March through November 5:30 - 6:45.

Pizza is provided. Topics include alcohol use, opioid use, smoking, marijuana, and managing anxiety and depression in recovery.

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

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

Circle of Hope — FMI: 207-255-3530.

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

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

Arise Addiction Recovery - FMI: 255 5011.

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

Merle A. Beal
January 9, 1938 - March 14, 2022



Merle A. Beal, 84, passed away on March 14, 2022, at a Bangor hospital. Over his last fourteen years, Merle persevered during numerous serious health issues with grit, determination, and a positive zest for life.

Merle was born January 9, 1938, to Uriah and Thelma Beal, the youngest of four sons. Raised on Beals Island before a bridge was built, Merle at age 9, learned to drive while seated on cushions and peering through the steering wheel of his father's truck, one of only two vehicles at the time in town. It was common to see Merle driving alone all over the island roads, loving every minute. Merle's joy of driving continued throughout every phase of his life, as evident by accumulating 60,000 miles in the last two years on his '06 Lincoln Town Car.

In his younger years, Merle frequently enjoyed swimming and diving from his father's wharf into the Moosabec Reach with brother Elliott. He often related how at age 19 he decided to jump from the rail of the then-new Beals bridge. Afterward he declared he had sunk so deep he didn't think he was ever going to surface, but finally did--on the opposite side of the bridge!

Merle's athletic ability extended to basketball where he honed his skills by playing pickup games with friends in the old school gym. He proudly recalled the Beals State Championship team he was part of in 1956.

On March 7, 1957 Merle married his soulmate, Regina Peabody, a love that flourished throughout their 65 years of marriage. A devoted husband, Merle found great pride and joy in their lifelong love. Together they raised a family of three children on Beals. "Daddy" could always be counted on for his unwavering support, being there for countless deep conversations with his kids and grandkids.

For many years, Merle and Regina routinely enjoyed camping aboard his lobster boat, the "Silver Dollar," particularly at Roque Island Long Sand Beach, when he wasn't out catching lobsters. They met many lifelong friends throughout their decades of boating. Merle traditionally entered the "Dollar" in the World's Fastest Lobsterboat Races every July 4th, and for over 30 years sailed to Winter Harbor to race there as well. Longer trips for

pleasure aboard the "Silver Dollar" included a weeks' long journey to the Chesapeake Bay in 1986 to visit their daughter and granddaughter in Maryland. Sailing past the Statue of Liberty in their modest 38ft Beals Island lobster boat was a trip highlight.

Never one to mince words, Merle often told it how he saw it, whether you liked it or not. A great conversationalist, he could also be quick with a smile and a dry comment to lighten a mood in his down-to-earth manner. Over the years, Merle took time to appreciate the little things in life with Regina at his side. Even in his last summer, they were out and about enjoying car rides all over the state.

Merle was predeceased by his parents, brothers Paul and Elliott, sisters-in-law Alverda and Frances, son-in-law Charles Gale, and nephew Lindell Beal. Along with his loving wife, Regina, Merle is survived by son Wayne and wife Stephanie of Macungie, PA, daughter Norita Gale and boyfriend Peter Butler of Hancock, and son Travis and wife Glenda of Beals. His surviving grandchildren include Lorina and husband Jon Look, Jonathan Beal and wife Diana, Ryan Beal and wife Sarah, Kelton Beal and girlfriend Holly O'Neal, Kasden Beal and girlfriend Kate Whitney, Zachary Beal, and namesake Benjamin Merle Beal and wife Cherilyn. Merle is also survived by great-grandchildren Jamie Monroe, Sharlee Look, Averie and Addisyn, Isabelle, and Nora Beal. In addition, Merle leaves behind a brother, Stanley Beal, sister-in-law Danita Beal, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, March 27 at the Beals Advent Church from 1 to 2 p.m. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m.

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SPORTS

Multi all-tourney selection

by Phil Stuart

The Bangor Daily News has been selecting all-tourney teams for over seventy years and many athletes from Washington County have been on that list more than once if their team is fortunate to participate.

Doug Mitchell of Shead, and Richard Strout of Harrington were the first two all-tourney picks way back in 1948.

The first Washington County girls to make the all-tourney team was Diane Lamson in 1974.

Since this all started all current Washington County High Schools, and three that no longer exist Lubec, Beals, and Jonesport have had players that have been on four, three, and two all-tourney teams,

There is a select group that have been on four all-tourney teams, They are Dwight Carver, Rickie Fagonde and Garet Beal from Jonesport-Beals; Sara Ricker of Shead; Julia Knights and Ashley

Marble of Woodland; and Holli Tapley, Lanna Martin, and Maddie McVicar of Calais.

The three time all-tourney picks are Katie Frost, Kelly Dow, Lauren Cook, and Booby Campbell of Alais; Wendell Alley, and Merle Beal of Beals; Skip Alley, Robert Alley, Sandi Carver, and tricia Carver of Jonesport-Beals; Coral Snowdeal of Machias; Rachel Turrey, Courtney Cochran, and Kaitlyn Leeman of Woodland; Darius Parker and Rusti Harrington of East Grand; Samantha Davis of Shead; Taylor Seeley of Washington Academy; and Robbie Worcester of Narraguagus.

The two time selection list gets even longer.

Those players are Jen Pinette, Morgan Drew, Rachael Clark, Courtney Hill, Joey Clark, Joey Footer, Andy Frost, Brandon Tomah, Cal Shorey, Sam Bell, Ray Wentworth, Tracie Mulholland, and

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Gold ball honor roll

by Phil Stuart

The year 2022 did not produce any gold basketballs for Washington County Teams.

The Machias boys were the last team to bring a gold ball home in 2017.

All of Washington County's high schools and two that have been lost due to consolidation have achieved the ultimate goal in high school basketball.

The Moosabec area still leads everybody else Downeast in the number of state titles.

That all started in 1951 when tiny Beals High School would win their first of three state titles.

Ten years after Beals' last title in 1956 Jonesport High School won a State Crown in 1966.

A couple of years later the two schools would merge and the Braves and Seahawks would become the Royals. The Royal boys have won 10 gold balls and the Royalettes have three giving

Jonesport-Beals High Schools 13. If you add in three by Beals High School and one by Jonesport the grand total is 13, and if you go back to 1925 when there was only Class A Jonesport High School won the Eastern Maine title, the stare title game was never played between the Seahawks and the Western Maine champion Westbrook Blue Blazes, so technically they were co-state champs.

Calais High School is a distant second with seven girls' state championships and 4 boys titles giving the Blue Devils 11. In 1931 the Calais Academy girls won the girls state title by defeating Oxford at Livermore Falls.

Calais has closed the gap in recent years. The Blue Devils would trail only 13-11 if Beals High and Jonesport High Were not in the equation.

The Blue Devils have won all of the titles in the last 30 years.

(Gold ball cont. pg. 25)

All tourney teams

by Phil Stuart

Every year since the mid-forties, the Bangor Daily News has been selecting all-tourney teams. Since the nineteen twenties the city of Bangor has been the host to the eastern and more recently northern Maine tournaments.

Almost all of the all-tourney picks are players from the two teams that play for the regional title.

Over the years the boys have had a lot more selections because tournaments for the girls did not start until 1975.

Western Maine has had the most valuable player awards for many

years but Eastern and Northern Maine did not start selecting MVPs until 1994.

Four out of this year's all-tourney picks on the boys' side come from Machias and Southern Aroostook which were the two Class D boys schools that played for a regional title, and the other came from Wisdom who played Machias in the semifinals before being eliminated.

Senior Kash Feeney and junior Shane Feeney of the Machias Bulldogs were selected on this year's team. The tournament was canceled a year ago, but both were named all-tourney back in 2020 when the Bulldogs played for the State Championship.

Northern Maine and state champion Southern Aroostook place two of their players on the all-tourney team, Hunter Burpee a senior was a unanimous choice and won the Warner Award as the tourney's most valuable player.

Kashman Feeney won that award as a sophomore back in 2020 and was the third Bulldog to win the award. The other two were

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Columbia Falls town meeting

by Ronie Strout

On Tuesday evening, March 15, Columbia Falls held their Town Meeting in the Wreaths Across America Gym in Columbia Falls with about 34 residents and two guests attending.

They voted on 51 articles within one hour and 57 minutes.

Courtney Hammond was the moderator for the evening.

Jeff Greene was elected for a three-year term as Selectman, replacing Clarence Tabbutt Jr. on the board.

Philip Worcester was re-elected to serve on the planning board for a three-year term and Malinda Worcester was elected to serve as an Alternate on the planning board for a three-year term replacing Rodney Foss.

David Perham was re-elected to serve as a Director for MSAD #37 for a three-year term.

Mike Bailey was re-elected to serve as Road Commissioner for a three-year term.

All articles were adopted with a couple that was amended as read with the meeting lasting one hour and 57 minutes.



Courtney Hammond served as moderator for last week's town meeting in Columbia Falls.



David Perham.



Malinda and Philip Worcester.



Jeff Greene.



Mike Bailey. Photos by Ronie Strout

COVID tests Continued from page 1

coronavirus.

The drop-in testing requirements is a welcomed step toward normalcy for many on both sides of the border. Tim Krug, owner of Fitzgerald's Tavern in Calais, opened his downtown business during the pandemic and greeted the news of the drop of testing requirements with relief.

"We are very excited to welcome Canadians into the Tavern and back into Calais," Krug said. "Our business has been great since opening in December, but we are really looking forward to seeing the number of customers increase when the bridge drops its testing requirement. It will be a good thing for sure."

In August 2021, Canada reopened its border to travelers, but still required time-consuming molecular testing. Then, last month, the Canadian government eliminated the pre-arrival PCR testing and allowed a rapid antigen test.

In November, the United States began allowing entry without the need for testing, but did and still will require travelers to be vaccinated against coronavirus.

The Public Health Agency of Canada said some travelers may still be required to take random molecular tests upon arrival, but will not have to quarantine while awaiting results.

For those who wish to travel into Canada but are not fully vaccinated, proof of an accepted type of pre-entry COVID-19 test result will still be required. This includes a valid, negative antigen test taken at an accredited lab or testing provider, a valid molecular



A mid-day look across a desolate Ferry Point International Bridge in March 2020, the day after then-President Trump and Prime Minister Trudeau announced the border closure. The bridge to Canada will reopen on April 1 without the need for coronavirus testing for those who are fully vaccinated. Photo by Jayna Smith

test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival at the border, or a previous positive molecular test taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before arrival at the border.



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blood and for protecting the right of citizens to speak.

Suzen Polk-Hoffses, a Milbridge Elementary School teacher and an area representative affiliated with the Maine teachers union, had just completed her first three-term on the elementary school board and stood for re-election. She was challenged by Colin Alley (Logan's father), whose wife has attended several school board meetings recently and has been very vocal at the last two (*see MVNO, March 16, 2022*).

Alley was also absent from the meeting but had a letter read on his behalf, noting his 1982 graduation from Jonesport-Beals High School, eight years in the merchant marines and a career as a local lobsterman ever since. Polk-Hoffses told those assembled that she had tried to listen to all members of the faculty and staff as well as parents of JES students, and said that she thought it helpful to have a teacher on the school board. Alley defeated her by a margin of 80-36.

The third newcomer was Rebecca Stanwood, who challenged Velton

"Buzz" Alley for a second term on the Moosabec CSD board that governs J-BHS. She outpolled him 73-41. Ernest Kelley Jr. was unopposed for his return as one of three CSD trustees.

Change to town manager?

Several months ago, John Church (harbormaster for both Jonesport and Beals, manager of all things technical in Union 103's three schools and volunteer in many town affairs) had asked selectmen about exploring the town manager form of government. A town manager, he told the crowd, might improve the oversight of town affairs such as keeping ordinances and the comprehensive plan up to date and knowing what federal money and grants were available.

In response, the selectmen tasked Church with gathering information from state sources and surrounding towns about costs and procedures. With figures in hand, they prepared a warrant article asking townsfolk if they would consider switching to a town manager in the future.

The first query involved cost. According to Church's research,

Dwight Alley told the crowd, \$65,000 plus benefits appeared to be an indicated salary, but added that any payscale would be dependent upon the number of tasks a town manager was expected to take on. After a bit of discussion, a hand vote was taken in which the no's prevailed.

In Article 37, selectmen asked for authorization to borrow money from surplus to pay a grant writer. They sought \$14,000 in each of two years and intended to pay it back with interest in the two years following. (As of June 30, 2021, there was \$1,766,811 in the town's surplus account, according to treasurer Tonia Merchant.) Selectman Harry Fish said that the Island Institute would furnish the town with such a person (an "Island Fellow") and pay the balance of his/her salary for two years.

As an example of the need for a paid grant writer, Fish described plans for the new marina, to be built on the northern side of Henry Point where the campground is now located. (It would be moved south and east.) He said it would include a concrete pier with cranes, a launch ramp, floats with rental slips, and enough parking slots for 50 vehicles. In trying to pull in grants to pay for most of the estimated \$5 to 7 million cost, the town needed someone focused on finding and applying for them, he said.

Selectman Billy Milliken added that, while the town's commercial fishermen ranked first in consideration, the board was also looking for money for broadband, a search that a grant writer could conduct. Those present approved the borrowing option if the Island Institute grants the town's request for a Fellow. The receipt of \$139,096 in (federal) American Relief Plan Act funds was also approved and, said Milliken, was earmarked for broadband.

Sheriff coverage and sidewalks

Under the category labeled "Protection," \$25,000 was indicated for "additional sheriff protection." (Selectmen asked that the amount be bumped up to \$27,500 requested by the Washington County Sheriff's Department, but the moderator ruled that amounts printed in the posted warrant could not be increased at town meeting.)



An unusually large crowd attended Jonesport's town meeting March 14.



From left to right: meeting moderator Gary Willey, treasurer Tonia Merchant, selectmen's assistant Irene Rogers; selectmen Dwight Alley, Billy Milliken, and Harry Fish. Photos by Nancy Beal

Why did the town have to pay the county sheriff to patrol the town? one person wanted to know. Milliken answered that a town police department would cost upward of \$200,000 per year so, in order to get the protection that the town needed, it hired extra coverage provided by off-duty sheriff's deputies. Alley added that the county provided quarterly reports on the hours patrolled and types of cases responded to.

A total of \$150,435 was approved for protection. In addition to the money for extra sheriff department coverage, the amount includes \$60,000 for the fire department (Boyde Crowley was returned as chief), \$33,275 for the ambulance service, and money for the harbormaster and shellfish warden.

In discussion of what Fish called the annual "sidewalk dilemma," it was reiterated that serious money for sidewalk rebuilding was contraindicated as long as townspeople resisted the installation of a water and sewer system for its downtown area, since pipes for such a system would be installed under the sidewalks.

Instead of seeking (and seeing rejected) enough money to rebuild the sidewalks — a five-year-old estimate bottomed out at \$600,000 — selectmen opted for small annual amounts to build up a fund to repair them. This year's \$5,000, which was approved, brought that fund to \$12,889, according to Merchant.

Permission to withdraw \$100,000 from surplus for "road improvements," to be paid back over a three-year period, was approved in a hand vote. Asked if that money would be used for paving gravel roads, Milliken said that the money was for paving throughout the town. He added that the selectmen tried to have the Fire Road, Cross Road, and Alexander Avenue scraped once a year, and added that Alexander and Lamson Avenues, having voted in as town roads, would be paved at some point in the future.

Gary Willey, who regularly moderates town meetings in Milbridge, served as moderator at Jonesport. John Church, Leanne Beal, and Lindsay Faulkingham served as tellers.



Rebecca Stanwood, newly elected to the J-BHS School Board.

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Remembering the 60th anniversary of Flying Tiger Line Flight 739

Sixty years ago on March 16, 1962, Flying Tiger Line Flight 739 (FTLF 739) was on a secret mission sanctioned by President Kennedy, to fly to Vietnam. This secret Vietnam reconnaissance mission went missing and no trace of the plane or its passengers have ever been found. Onboard were 93 United States Army soldiers and 11 civilian crewmembers.

Very little is known about what happened to FTLF 739 and its crew and passengers, and due to the circumstances surrounding this mission, the names of those lost have not yet been added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in

Washington D.C. However, today many families and loved ones of these heroes still fight to have their loved ones recognized for their contributions to our freedom and our shared history.

Presently, the only monument that bears the names of these almost forgotten American heroes was erected by a private citizen, Wreaths Across America founder Morrill Worcester, on the tip land in Columbia Falls, where the 60th-anniversary commemoration event was held last week.

“When I first heard the story about this mission, I was shocked to learn that nothing has been

done for these families,” said Morrill Worcester. “I said that day that we would do something to make sure these people are honored and remembered, and to hopefully give some closure to these families.”

The inscription on the monument reads:

“Missing in action; Presumed dead. Flying Tiger Line Flight 739 went missing on March 16, 1962, with 93 U.S. Army soldiers on board. These men and their flight crew perished in what would become one of the biggest aviation mysteries out of the Vietnam War era.”

THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND WHO REMAIN MISSING ARE INSCRIBED HERE SO THAT THEY WILL BE SAID ALOUD AND THEIR MEMORY WILL LIVE ON.”

Presently, this private memorial is the only recognition that the heroes of FTLF 739 have ever received for their shared sacrifice to our nation. However, that can change. Senator Gary Peters (MI) introduced Senate Bill 2571 which was supported by Senators Blackburn (TN), Stabenow (MI), and Shaheen (NH). This bill which is presently sitting in the committee for Energy and Natural



Flying Tiger Line Flight 739 was a Lockheed L-1049H Super Constellation, and one of two Flying Tiger Line flights with military connections that were destroyed under similar circumstances on the same day. This led both airline officials and the media to offer suggestions of sabotage and conspiracy. The airliner's disappearance prompted one of the largest air and sea searches in the history of the Pacific. Photo courtesy Wreaths Across America

Resources seeks to have these long-forgotten heroes added to the list of names on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C.

“As an Army Veteran who has had the privilege of serving alongside so many amazing patriots serving in our special operations and intelligence communities I know we may never have the opportunity to share the full story of these men's sacrifice,” said Joe Reagan, Director of Military and Veteran Outreach for Wreaths Across America. “This should not stop us from providing their families, and all Americans the opportunity to honor their service by saying their names

in our nation's Capital. Adding their names to the Vietnam wall alongside their 58,318 Brothers and sisters who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War is a fitting tribute to these men and a reminder to all of us that our freedom is oftentimes secured by men and women who serve in silence.”

If you support our nation's veterans and want to see American heroes recognized for their significant contributions to our freedom, please write your Senator and ask them to add the names associated with FTLF 739 to the Vietnam War Memorial.



Though they disappeared in the line of duty, none of the names of 93 service members lost on Flight 739 are inscribed on the Vietnam Memorial. Today, they are honored with this memorial in Columbia Falls. Photo courtesy WAA



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clubs are expected to attend.

“We have groups like Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and ATV Maine, they’re all coming,” said Mack. “And we will have five food trucks in the Pellon parking lot.”

The ride is a benefit ride with a suggested per-rider donation of \$10. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit The Ark Animal Shelter in Cherryfield.

“They’re our non-profit of choice this year. They will have a booth there and we’re encouraging people to bring a bag of cat food and dog food to donate,” said Mack. “Just bring a bag and we’ll get it to the Ark.”

On top of the crafts, food, and charity ride, the band Rock Revolution will perform at the event, sponsored by Machias Savings Bank.

Registration for the ride will open at 8 a.m., and the route is flexible.

“You can get on the Downeast Sunrise Trail anywhere, and get off anywhere,” said Mack. “If you just want to get on here in Machias, go up to Calais and come back, that’s

shot fired by Chief Joseph Neptune, which turned the tide of the 1777 Battle of the Rim.

Celebrating the partnership between the Machias patriots and the Passamaquoddy tribe is an important highlight of Margarett Days, which is sponsored by the Machias Historical Society. Festival organizer Carlene Holmes says Passamaquoddy language expert Dwayne Tomah will be on hand to talk about the famous 1800s wax recordings made of the tribe, the first field recordings made in the world. Passamaquoddy tribal historian Donald Soctomah will speak, as will Maliseet House Representative Henry Bear, who will also bring authentic wigwams to display.

“Henry’s going to talk about the Watertown treaty and the declaration of independence,” said Holmes.

The Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine will hold a thrilling skirmish with the Redcoats on Friday, and many will be on hand in authentic

from the park’s many other levels, some picnicking, some dancing, some watching from their lawn chairs.

August
Machias Wild Blueberry Festival

Once again, Machias will be delighted to sing the blues as the town’s largest festival returns for the weekend of Aug. 19-21. In years past, the festival has drawn an estimated 15,000 visitors, and festival director Ellen Farnsworth says this year is shaping up to be at least as popular.

“Vendors seem anxious to get back, the response has been very positive,” said Farnsworth, who volunteers to organize the event for Centre Street Congregational Church, which founded the blueberry festival in 1976. Since then, it has grown from a few small tents around Center Street to a sprawling three-day festival of 250-plus vendors, with events planned all across town by the church and a wide array of community organizations, each adding its own special event to enhance the fun.

This year Healthy Acadia plans to return with its popular Blueberry Fun Run / 5k, the Washington County Children’s Program will sponsor its Friday night children’s parade, and the Machias Valley Municipal Airport committee plans to hold another fly-in at the airport.

Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon Mack says she also sees vendors jumping at the chance to return. The chamber hosts a food court in the Colonial Street parking lot and vendors in the Bagley lot behind the Hennessey Center. Of 52 available craft vendor spots, only seven remained open as of mid-February.

“The minute we announced on our Facebook page that we were accepting reservations they came flying in. I mean, flying in,” said Mack.

There will be some changes to the festival this year, says Farnsworth. To accommodate the possibility of future pandemic restrictions, the church is planning most of its activities outside, including its popular blueberry dessert buffet.

“We’re going to hold that outside under our yellow and white tent, and also that’s where the quilt raffle will be, and church crafts will be for sale,” said Farnsworth, referring to the decades-old church tradition of embroidering and sewing a blueberry-themed quilt for auction each year, as a fundraiser.

Planning for the popular and always-hilarious Blueberry Musical is also underway, says Farnsworth, and with luck, it will be held inside the church on its new stage, built before the pandemic with events like the musical in mind. Each year Doug and Christine Guy write a custom musical theater production centered on the theme of blueberries and showcasing local acting and musical talents, of which there are many. This year’s working title for the musical is “Blueberries From Away.”

This year’s outdoor musical acts will get to perform on their own stage, generously donated to the



Smiles abound as word that the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival will return for the first time since 2019. The event was founded by Centre Street Congregational Church in 1976 and today draws upwards of 15,000 people into Machias in August. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

church by Bill Burke of Pat’s Pizza. The stage is located on the church green, which is normally also home to vendors. This year it will be home to food, too.

“We’re going to allow food vendors on our greenspace for the weekend, for the first time ever,” said Farnsworth, who is booking the food vendors now. “There are lots of possibilities. They would be there for the entire three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.”

For the second year, community enthusiast Melissa Hinerman is coordinating a giant dance party on the Saturday of the festival. Last year, the party took place even without the festival, but its timing in August is meant as an homage to the famous Blackfly Ball, for years planned and paid for by the Beehive Design Collective.

“The Blackfly Ball was just the best party of the year, and that is why I wanted to bring it back,” said Hinerman.

This year’s event is called the “Bad Little Falls Wild Blueberry Ball: A Dress Up Dance Party for All” and will again take place in Bad Little Falls Park, which will

“Not only for COVID reasons but also because of our aging church population, we don’t have the volunteer manpower that we need to do all the events that we’ve done in the past,” said Farnsworth. “We’re very hopeful that another nonprofit or business would like to take up those events and put them on, I think it would be a great opportunity.”

In addition to the volunteer manpower concern, Centre Street Church operates the area food pantry, which will soon move to a new location on Kennebec Road, but for now is filling out every available space in the church vestry, where those events were previously held.

Porter Memorial Library will hold its popular festival book sale on the library lawn but with some modifications this year. In light of the popularity of the library’s self-serve book shop, The Last Page Honesty Book Store, library volunteers will hold their sale around the bookshop in the backyard. Book lovers should expect to see fewer books but of higher quality.



The Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine will once again turn back those pesky Redcoats during a Friday night skirmish planned to kick off this year’s Margarett Days Festival and Craft Fair. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

fine. We do know that several clubs are going to go together as a joint ride, get on in Ellsworth.”

Margarett Days

The public is invited to step back in time at the Margarett Days Festival and Craft Fair, this year to be held on the evening of Friday, June 17, and all day Saturday, June 18, on the lawn of the University of Maine at Machias.

The festival celebrates the events surrounding the first naval battle of the American Revolution which took place off the coast of now-Machiasport on June 11-12, 1775. After the Battles of Concord and Lexington, the British were looking for lumber to reinforce their positions in Boston and sent a ship to Machias to strong-arm the locals into sending their lumber south. A small band of men led by Jeremiah O’Brien made a plan to capture the British soldiers, which failed on land but were ultimately successful at sea, when they commandeered the HMS *Margaretta*, sailing it back into Machias and up the Middle River to be hidden.

A later British attack on Machias was an attempt at revenge on the small town that had defeated the Royal Navy, but that attempt failed too, thanks to the Passamaquoddy tribe, and in particular, a single

period attire on Saturday, too. Kids and adults can enjoy authentic period games, and the field will be surrounded by crafters selling their wares. A blacksmith will be on hand to do demonstrations. Plus, there’s always lots of great food.

July

Bad Little Falls Park Summer Concert Series

Machias always hosts a big Fourth of July parade and fireworks show, and last year, the town hosted its first-ever Bad Little Falls Park Summer Concert Series. Town manager Bill Kitchen says the event will be back this year, every Thursday night at the town’s iconic park.

“We are going to continue to double down on making use of one of the greatest assets this community has and that’s Bad Little Falls Park,” said Kitchen. “We’ve put power in up and down, we did extensive landscaping and restoration work and pruning work to it last year, and we added a tremendous amount of safety fencing and aesthetic fencing.”

Kitchen is currently booking the bands that will return to play on the large platform above the falls, where last year’s concertgoers joined them to dance, while onlookers surrounded the stage



Spectators enjoy a free summer concert at Machias’ iconic Bad Little Falls Park, looking down at the band platform and dancers from one of the park’s many levels. The concerts will return this year, every Thursday in July and August. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

be strung from end to end with lights.

“I went the day after Christmas and bought out a few places for lights,” said Hinerman. “So it’s going to be a magical wonderland of music.”

Three local bands will perform, and this year, Hinerman intends to hold a couple of fundraisers in advance to pay for the bands, who will each perform a 90-minute set, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Volunteers are needed, to join in, text or call 263-6163, or email larrabee860@gmail.com.

The festival cooking contest is on hiatus, as will be the church’s Friday night fish fry and Saturday morning pancake breakfast.

Station 1898 movies

Who needs a drive-in movie theater when you have a historic train station and the side of a railway car? No one, that’s who, and that’s why Machias is fortunate to have the Friday night outdoor movie series returning this year, courtesy of local businesses and the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. The movies will be shown at dusk every Friday in August, and sponsorships are currently being accepted, at \$250 for half of a movie, and \$500 to sponsor the full movie. Sponsorship means the events are free to the public. Anyone that wishes to sponsor a movie may call 255.4402 or email sharon@machiaschamber.org

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control. Freedom of information or “sunshine” laws open up the government and empower people through information.

The University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism published a report last fall analyzing the polarization in our country. The report identified the most contentious issues which included gun legislation, policing and vaccines. As Americans, we may have starkly different opinions about these issues. But

consider the common ground we can find when looking at them relative to government transparency.

To have an informed debate about gun legislation, for example, it may be helpful to know basic data points like how many firearms are being manufactured in the country or the number of gun-related deaths each year. We may need to determine where it’s most difficult to obtain a firearms license or to read emails among

government officials looking to curtail Second Amendment rights.

Before we discuss whether a police department should be defunded, we should first determine how much funding that agency receives. How is money spent within local, state and county law enforcement agencies? For us to have a conversation about police officers using force against citizens, we need to know the policies within each department

and under what circumstances lethal or non-lethal force can be used.

More than two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, debate still rages about vaccine efficacy and government mandates. Fueling that debate is a steady flow of misinformation that can be counteracted by federal data on vaccine trials, statistics on state resident vaccinations, local school district vaccine requirements for teachers and students, and other vaccine-related records.

While sunshine laws vary from state to state, all this information should be available to us through public record statutes and federal FOIA. Wherever we ultimately land on the issues, these laws exist to provide us a way to learn about government and better support our positions.

But despite the mandated sunshine, shadows persist. Public record request deadlines are often ignored. Inadequate staffing and request backlogs result in delays. Documents are excessively redacted. Citizens are shut out of public meetings. The flow of information can be slowed to a glacial pace.

This is a reality that should concern us all. Every American should be waving the banner for government transparency. The consequences of secrecy affect not just our ability to have good-faith debates about the issues that matter most, but they also limit our ability to oversee government and the work it does on our behalf. When it comes to transparency, we’re all stakeholders.

So, here are a few things we can do to honor Sunshine Week:

* Contact your state representative to discuss strengthening your respective

public records and open meeting laws. For example, many states are now considering changes to allow remote participation during government meetings. Be a part of the effort to make access to government easier and more equitable for all Americans.

* Support your local newsroom. Journalists are often the most frequent filers of public records requests. They are typically at the frontlines of obtaining government information despite newsroom budget cuts and inadequate resources. Subscribe to your news source of choice and be kind to those seeking out information on your behalf.

* Make a public records request. Not sure how? Visit nefac.org/foiguide for video tutorials. Take advantage of your right to know by requesting information about issues that mean the most to you. Then take that information and engage in fact-based conversations with those in your community.

“Thoughtful debate about serious issues is central to our democracy,” wrote the authors of the Annenberg study. “But solving real problems is impossible when every issue is viewed through a distorted lens that is often informed by sources who create their own facts to further their own power.”

Sunshine laws are integral to thoughtful debate. They can provide us the knowledge needed to form opinions about what’s best for this country and how well our government is leading the way. But those laws need to be protected and strengthened. That’s something we can all agree on.

Justin Silverman is executive director of the New England First Amendment Coalition. Learn more about the coalition’s work at nefac.org.

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- One Assessor for term of three years
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- Two School Board Members for term of three years
- Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/ Treasurer for term of three years

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Office beginning March 1, 2022. The deadline for filing nomination papers will be 4:00 pm Monday, April 11, 2022.

MVNO000010386

Notice - Town of Cutler

Cutler Commercial Resident Shellfish Licenses will go on sale Thursday, April 14th, 2022, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Town Office with one customer in the lobby at a time by appointment. If you wish to receive your application in advance, please call the Town Office @ 259-3693. Residents of all ages who dig clams in the Town of Cutler are required annually to apply for and carry a town license and must have proof of residency and ID for themselves or their parents when applying for such license.

Non-Resident Commercial Shellfish Licenses will be issued by a lottery, which will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 14th, 2022 in the front parking lot of the Cutler Town Office.

Lottery Applications are available at the Town Office located at 2655 Cutler Road, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. by appointment or you can request one be mailed to you. **Applications must be returned to the Cutler Town Office by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 13th.** Only one application may be submitted per person. **Applicants must be present in person at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 14th** to participate in the lottery. Should an applicant not be present and his name is drawn, it will be discarded and another drawn in its place.

The names of all persons present will be recorded in the order that they are drawn and licenses will be made available in that order when they become available.

MVNO000010382

STATE OF MAINE WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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

The following Personal Representatives have been appointed in the Estates noted. The first publication date of this notice is **March 23, 2022**. If you are a creditor of an Estate listed below, you must present your claim within four months of the first publication date of this Notice to Creditors or be forever barred.

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

ESTATE OF MATTHEW JAMES HART, LATE OF HARRINGTON, DECEASED. Carolyn Marie Engels, P.O. Box 92, Keene, NH 03431 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-059

ESTATE OF JOHN C. HAYMAN, LATE OF BROOKTON, DECEASED. Daniel J. Campbell, 51 Snow Farm Road, Danforth, ME 04424 and Seth A. Hayman, P.O. Box 45, Brookton, ME 04413 appointed Personal Co-Representatives. Docket #2022-049

ESTATE OF SYDNEY HUNGERFORD, LATE OF EASTPORT, DECEASED. Sarah Drake, 5 Snyder Road, Eastport, ME 04631 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2021-285

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JANE JOHNSTON, LATE OF MACHIAS, DECEASED. Cynthia A. Davis, 11114 Beech Drive, Fishers, IN 46038 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-061

ESTATE OF RUTH GADDIS LEUBECKER, LATE OF EAST MACHIAS, DECEASED. Scott MacLauchlan, P.O. Box 99, East Machias, ME 04630 and Jeffrey MacLauchlan, 14005 Crossland Lane, Darnestown, MD 20878 appointed Co-Personal Representatives. Docket #2022-056

ESTATE OF JOAN S. McMURRAY, LATE OF COLUMBIA, DECEASED. Kevin A. McMurray, 3149 Middle Road, Sidney, ME 04330 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-039

ESTATE OF HERMAN EUGENE MERCHANT, LATE OF MILBRIDGE, DECEASED. Wendy P. Hills, 525 Indian River Rd., Addison, ME 04606 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-048

ESTATE OF DANA FRANK MYRICK, JR., LATE OF MILBRIDGE, DECEASED. Dana Vaughn Myrick, P.O. Box 154, Milbridge, ME 04658 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-053

ESTATE OF GOLDIE MARION MYRICK, LATE OF MILBRIDGE, DECEASED. Dana Vaughn Myrick, P.O. Box 154, Milbridge, ME 04658 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-052

ESTATE OF FREDERICK JOHN PAUL, LATE OF PERRY, DECEASED. Leslie Wood, P.O. Box 274, Perry, ME 04667 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-057

ESTATE OF FRANCES M. RAYE, LATE OF PERRY, DECEASED. Kevin L. Raye, 63 Sunset Cove Lane, Perry, ME 04667 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-040

ESTATE OF ALAN J. REYNOLDS, LATE OF PRINCETON, DECEASED. Shanna DaRos, 2100 Colony Hill Drive, Charlotte, NC 28214 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-046

ESTATE OF DURWARD B. SCOTT, JR., LATE OF BAILEYVILLE, DECEASED. Tonya L. Scott, P.O. Box 232, Baileyville, ME 04694 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-050

ESTATE OF JULIA M. SPRAGUE, LATE OF MACHIAS, DECEASED. Bethany Brown, 43 Broadway, Machias, ME 04654 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-041

ESTATE OF SUSAN TERESA WATTS, LATE OF EASTPORT, DECEASED. Erik Flaherty, 50 High Street, Camden, ME 04843 appointed Personal Representative. Docket #2022-022

Date: March 16, 2022
Publish on March 23 & March 30, 2022

/s/ Carlene M. Holmes
Register of Probate

MVNO000010390

STATE OF MAINE WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT PROBATE NOTICES

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

Notice is hereby given by the respective Petitioners that they have filed the following proceedings. These matters will be heard at **10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as they may be on **April 12, 2022**. The requested actions may be taken on or after the hearing date if no sufficient objection be heard. This notice complies with the requirements of 18-C M.R.S. § 3-403 and Probate Rule 4.

ESTATE OF MOLLIE P. JACKSON-COATES, OF LUBEC. Petition of Mollie P. Jackson-Coates, requesting that that person's name may be changed to MOLLIE REBECCA JACKSON. Mollie P. Jackson-Coates, 21 McConnell Lane, Lubec, ME 04652 Docket #2022-047

ESTATE OF HEATHER BURNS LEE, OF LUBEC. Petition of Heather Burns Lee, requesting that that person's name may be changed to HEATHER BURNS GREEN. Heather Burns Lee, 292 Lead Mine Road, Lubec, ME 04652 Docket #2022-051

ESTATE OF SUMMER BRADLEIGH KAMISHA RICHTER, OF INDIAN TOWNSHIP Petition for Appointment of Mark Richter as Guardian for said Summer Bradleigh Kamisha Richter presented by said Mark Richter, grandfather. THIS NOTICE IS PARTICULARLY DIRECTED TO: STEVE (last name unknown), father of said Summer Bradleigh Kamisha Richter, whereabouts unknown, whose last known address was Arkansas, as well as to all other interested parties. Mark Richter, Petitioner, 44 US Rt. 1, Indian Township, ME 04668. Docket #2021-279

ESTATE OF DALLAS ALEXA DENISE YEARBER, OF INDIAN TOWNSHIP Petition for Appointment of Mark Richter as Guardian for said Dallas Alexa Denise Yearber presented by said Mark Richter, grandfather. THIS NOTICE IS PARTICULARLY DIRECTED TO: GEOFFREY JOSEPH YEARBER, father of said Dallas Alexa Denise Yearber, whereabouts unknown, whose last known address was Arkansas, as well as to all other interested parties. Mark Richter, Petitioner, 44 US Rt. 1, Indian Township, ME 04668. Docket #2021-280

Date: March 16, 2022
Publish on March 23 & March 30, 2022

/s/ Carlene M. Holmes
Register of Probate

MVNO000010351

NOTICE

THE CUTLER TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
MARCH 21, 24 & 28

MVNO000010385

Let MVNO help
Get the word out!

Deadline for ads is

Monday by

12 p.m.

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machiasnews.com

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NOTICE

The Northfield Board of Appeals

The Town's Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to address an appeal request from Seth Kilton located at 25 Hemlock Pt, Map 5 Lot 25 of Northfield, ME 04654. The appeal involves a violation of Section (15)(P), subsection (2)(A) (B) which regulates cutting of trees within the 100 foot buffer strip. Additionally, a violation of Section (14) item (15)(c) which regulates land uses within the Shoreland Zone.

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Northfield Town Hall

PURPOSE: To provide appellate review of the matter, within a public hearing forum

MVNO000010359

HELP WANTED

RSU/SAD #37 Vacancies for 2022-2023

- Math Teachers (7-12)
- Music and/or Band Instructor (K-12)
- Special Education Teachers
- Occupational Therapist (salaried employee)
- Health Instructor (7-12)
- Elementary Athletic Director
- CDL Truck Driving Instructor for CTE Program
- Reading Recovery Teacher
- Bus Driver

The successful applicants will need to fulfill the requirements for fingerprinting, background check, and any requirements by the Maine Department of Education to receive certification or educational approval to work in a school.

Applications are available at the Superintendent's Office, 1020 Sacarap Road, Harrington ME 04643. You may also email dfickett@msad37.org or phone us at 207-483-2734.

Applications close on Friday, April 8, 2022.

EOE

MVNO000010353

Eastport Memorial Nursing Home

Director of Nursing

Due to the retirement of the incumbent DON, we are seeking a dynamic and committed Director of Nursing to join our team. The DON has the administrative authority, responsibility and accountability necessary for carrying out assigned duties and assumes the role of Administrator in her absence.

The ideal candidate will have a history of working in long-term care; excellent communication, organizational, and customer service skills; management experience; the ability to plan, organize, develop, implement, and interpret program goals and outcomes; and proficient computer skills.

Must possess a State of Maine RN License and be fully COVID-19 immunized

Market competitive salary, health insurance premium reimbursement, dental insurance, life insurance, PTO, sick time.

For a complete job description, request an application, or submit resume contact:

Camela Deschene, Administrator
23 Boynton St.
Eastport, ME 04631
(207) 853-2531, ext. 11
administrator@emnh.org
Facebook page: Eastport Memorial Nursing Home

EMNH is an equal opportunity employer

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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

MVNO000010238

NOTICES / LEGALS

Notice to Jonesboro Residents

There will be a public hearing on Thursday, March 24th, at 6 P.M.

The location will be the Town Office

Topics are: Changes to the Shellfish Ord.

New Com. and resid., wind turbines

New com. and resid. communication towers.

MVNO000010307



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

MVNO00010240

WASHINGTON ACADEMY

PO Box 190
 East Machias, ME 04630

Food Service Vacancy

Cook – Nights, Weekends, or Both

- Full or Part Time
- \$14 to \$17 per hour based on experience
- Must hold a current CHRC (Criminal History Record Check) through the Maine Department of Education.

For an application go to:

<https://www.washingtonacademy.org/about/employment>

Call 255-8301 ext 211
 or
 E-mail h.costley@raider4life.org

EOE

MVNO00010358



Job Advertisement Substance Abuse Counselor

Summary/Objective: The Passamaquoddy Health Center (PHC) is seeking a Substance Abuse Counselor. This is a permanent, full-time position offering full benefits. The substance abuse counselor will help provide direction and support for our patients. Under direct supervision of the Clinical Supervisor, the substance abuse counselor conducts comprehensive intake assessments and provides individual counseling, group counseling, and case management to individuals with addiction issues related to substance use. In this role, the counselor will be responsible for developing treatment and recovery plans, after care plans, and identifying behaviors that impede rehabilitation. The counselor will assist patients in achieving higher level of care options, which includes completing referrals and applications for rehabilitation.

To ensure success, the substance abuse counselor should be familiar with the latest treatment methods, and collaborate with other behavioral health care specialists. The counselor will have excellent clinical knowledge and demonstrable counseling experience.

Substance Abuse Counselor Responsibilities:

- Managing all aspects of a case from date of entry to date of discharge.
- Case management for patients wanting to receive higher level of care.
- Evaluating patients' physical and mental behaviors.
- Developing appropriate treatment and recovery plans.
- Facilitating individual and group therapy sessions.
- Monitoring patients over time to access treatment progress.
- Collaborating with psychiatrists, doctors, nurses, social workers, and departments of correction.
- Identifying behaviors that interfere with treatment and recovery.
- Assisting primary caregivers to manage addiction-related behavior.

Substance Abuse Counselor Requirements:

- Associate degree in chemical dependency counseling, or a bachelor's degree with coursework in chemical dependency.
- Master's degree in counseling preferred.
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) or Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC).
- Previous experience with the treatment of substance abuse disorders.
- Familiarity with electronic health record systems.
- Experience with co-occurring health and mental health problems.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills and a compassionate nature.
- If in personal recovery, a minimum of 2 years clean and sober.
- Will participate in urine drug screening as part of pre-employment and will be subject to random drug screenings while employed and may be terminated with any positive screenings of illicit drugs.

Submission of applications/resumes will be open until position is filled.

Applications are available at the Personnel Office and the Passamaquoddy Health Center.
 Any inquiries please contact Jennifer Socobasin at 207-796-6105,
jmariesocobasin@gmail.com or
 Sara Nicholas at 207-796-2321, ext. 14, sara.nicholas@ihs.gov

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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 Screener - Eastport

Position Description: The Screener – This is a temporary position during the pandemic. The Screener is responsible for the screening of staff, patients, and visitors entering the building at our Eastport site.

All EHC employees are expected to engage and be active participants in quality improvement projects and efforts, risk identification and reporting, attend trainings and meetings as requested and contribute to overall team spirit and cooperation. Employee contributions in this regard are valued and necessary for the organization's successful care of our patients/clients.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- 1.) Responsible for screening all individuals entering the Eastport building.
- 2.) Wipes down waiting room surfaces (chairs, check-in area, all door handles, etc.)
- 3.) Completes educational or training requirements as required. Attends all meetings as required.
- 4.) Adheres to all EHC Policies and Procedures.
- 5.) Responsible for making pre-appointment screening calls and documenting the outcome.

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- 1.) Excellent verbal/written communication skills, strong public relation skills.
- 2.) Ability to multitask and problem solve.
- 3.) Proficient typing computer skills and basic knowledge of computer use.
- 4.) Minimum, one year working experience in the medical field. Knowledge of medical terminology preferred.
- 5.) 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

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Selection Continued from page 14

Becky Moholland of Calais; Kennie Albee, Dean Crosman and Andi Flannery of Washington Academy; Mike Merritt and Steve Beal of Jonesport High School; Paul Cook of Lubec High School; Harold Alley and Stan Beal of Beals High School; Bradley Woodward, Harvard Peabody, Al Beal, Brandon Alley, Josh Knowlton, BJ Alley, Jan Beal, Justin Alley, Matt Alley, and Cole Beal of Jonesport-Beals; Michelle Ferry, Chad James, Ben Sears,

Drew Hayward, Emily Curtis, and Ariel Knights of Woodland; Gladys Ganiel of Narraguagus; Bobby Davis and Holly Preston of Shead; James Godley and Nikki Neal of East Grand; and Kelly Copp, Ryan Schoppem James Mersereau, Jacob Godfrey, Holly Pellon, Tate Dolley, Mike Gooch and the two newest members to the multiple all-tourney list Kach Feeney, and Shane Feeney.

Their names above represent over

70 years of basketball in the eastern and northern Maine tourneys.

It is an honor to play on one of the eight teams that make it to Bangor each year. Many players never experience the thrill of playing on the Cross Center floor with all of those fans,

Very few players have the honor of performing well enough to be named all-tourney once and only a select few ever achieve that feat two, three or four times.

Gold ball Continued from page 14

Woodland High School ranks third in the County.

The Dragons since 2001 have won five state basketball titles and one boys crown so all of the Dragons success has come in the last two decades.

East Grand High School of Danforth is next in line. The Lady Vikings won the first ever girls state championship in 1975 and the fourth in 1982.

The Machias boys are fifth in the running with three boys titles starting in 1988 and ending in 2017.

Shead High School boys won the first special gold ball back in 1940 and the girls struck gold in 1999.

Washington Academy has one

boys state crown and Narraguagus girls have a state title.

Jonesport-Beals ranks up there in a couple of other categories. The Royals five consecutive state titles from 1970 to 1974 ranks them second behind Valley of Bingham with 6 from 1998 to 2003.

Since 1925 Bangor leads the way in boys state titles with 13 followed by South Portland with 12, Jonesport-Beal 10, Cheverus nine, and Falmouth eight.

Valley High School also leads the way with consecutive wins followed by Waterville 67 and Stearns at 62.

On the girls side the Camden Mustangs hold the record for consecutive wins with 87 followed

by Eliot 78, Gorham 77, Westbrook 76, New Gloucester 76, and Sherman 75.

Washburn holds the record for consecutive championships with 5 while Westbrook, Gorham, Lawrence, and McAuley of Portland all have four.

The girls started having state championships in 1975 and Washburn High School leads the way with 9 state titles,

Calais High School and Dirigo High School each have seven. McAuley High School of Portland has six, followed by Woodland, Gorham, Lawrence, Cony, and Greely with five, East Grand High School of Danforth has four.

Tourney teams Continued from page 14

Tim Manchester in 1995, and James Mersereau in 2017.

Dylan Burpee of Southern Aroostook and Carter Pellitier of Wisdom rounded out this year's all-tournament team.

Damon Beal of Jonesport Beals made an honorable mention despite playing only one game. Damon is one of the County's better ballplayers and is a tireless worker who is required to play all 32 minutes due to the Royals having only a six-man squad.

The remainder of the Honorable mention selections were Kaiden Hannon of Schenck, Kaiden Daigle of Wisdom, Camden Porter, and Graham Silz of Southern Aroostook.

Jaydin Anderson, a junior from

Machias, and Ashley Morang, a senior from Shead, made an honorable mention.

Madison Russell of Southern Aroostook won the Osborne Award as the tourney MVP.

There were no all-tourney of Honorable mentions in Class C from Washington County.

Will Kusnierz of Dexter won the Warner Award for boys while Alisyn Alley of Stearns won the Osborne Award for girls.

The Penobscot Valley conference has awarded its all-academic awards for girls and boys basketball.

The girls on the all academic team were Lauren Crowley, Lauren Beal, and Jordyn Bilicki of Jonesport-Beal; Alexis Donahue, Catherine Bitar, and Trinity Jones of Calais;

Mileena Sylvia of Machias; Sierra Bryant of Woodland; and Katherine Bartlett, and Cadence Baskerville of Shead.

The boys all academic team included Angie Scribner of Machias, the manager, Tyler Furtek of Calais, and Ryan Rolfe of Narraguagus.

Girls named to the all-defensive team were Alexis Donahue of Calais, Nicole Cox of Woodland, Andie Lovejoy of Narraguagus, Katherin Barlett of Shead, and Jaida Case of Machias.

The boys' defensive squad included JJ Rhodes of Machias, Evan Gillespie of Calais, Evan Strout of Narraguagus, Nate Tardiff of Shead, and Wyatt McArthur of Woodland.

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



Overnight Sanitation Technician

True North Maine Inc., a division of Cooke Aquaculture Inc., has an immediate opening for an Overnight Sanitation Technician at our Machiasport, ME facility.

Position offers full-time year-round employment, competitive hourly rates, and a competitive benefit package.

Please forward your resume to:

True North Maine, 133 Smalls Point Rd, Machiasport, Me 04454
Attn: Human Resources or email patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com
or call 207-255-6714 ext 2419

MVNO000010294

HELP WANTED

V. L. TAMMARO

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207-454-7500

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

The V.L. Tammaro Oil Co. Inc., one of Eastern Maine's largest family owned retail heating oil, propane gas, havac, petroleum transportation companies, in business for over 65 years is currently accepting applications for an experienced financial controller.

Responsibilities include: Cash flow management, hands on day-to-day accounting tasks and operations including billing A/R and alp, state and federal tax preparations and returns, monthly financial statements, payroll, federal and state licenses and registrations, human resources functions including employee health insurance applications, unemployment claims, 401K applications and reports, new employee hire files.

Requirements include: Prior working experience as a financial controller, minimum 3 years of overall combined accounting and finance experience, advanced degree in accounting, thorough knowledge of accounting principals and procedures, experience with creating financial statements, excellent accounting software knowledge including quick books, excel and word.

Benefits include: \$5,000 SIGN ON BONUS, paid holidays and vacations, paid health, dental and vision insurance, 401K, life insurance and discounts on employee purchase of heating oil, propane and equipment.

Please email resume to vtammaro@vtammaro.com or by mail to V.L. Tammaro Oil Co. Inc.
P.O. Box 279 Baileyville, ME 04694, Attention Mike Tammaro

CA00009581



Partnership Director

The Sunrise County Economic Council seeks a Partnership Director to lead and manage the Washington County and Passamaquoddy Working Communities Challenge Team, a collaborative partnership of 25 businesses, non-profit organizations, higher education institutions, municipalities, and Tribal governments.

The Partnership Director will provide responsive leadership to the partnership as we work to change systems; center racial, gender, and socioeconomic equity; and engage community stakeholders from diverse social, economic, ethnic, academic and cultural backgrounds in program design and implementation.

Our partnership's shared goal and overarching strategy is to make coordinated investments in young people and parents that result in living wage careers and reduce rates of child poverty by half by 2032 for Washington County and the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

The full job description for this position is posted under employment in the SCEC website at <https://sunrisecounty.org/>

Interested applicants please go to <https://sunrisecounty.org/involvedhire.com/jobs/> to apply or submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three (3) references by email (crudelitch@sunrisecounty.org) or mail (SCEC; 7 Ames Way; Machias, ME 04654). All submissions will be acknowledged and are confidential, and any questions should be directed to Charles Rudelitch at (207) 255-0983

MVNO000010360

HELP WANTED



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 CA000009430



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.

Plant/Shuttle Driver

We are also in immediate need of a shuttle driver. Duties will include shuttling product from Whiting to Cutler Warehouse and performing other duties under the direction of the Plant Manager. Must have a clean driving record. No CDL required. Pay commensurate with experience. Typical work week consists of Monday - Friday.

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



First Atlantic Corporation

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.

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OUTDOORS IN MAINE



Black robed biologists

by V. Paul Reynolds

It has happened yet again.

On Feb. 10 in California, U.S. District Court Judge Jeffrey White ordered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to overturn its decision to delist the Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, who asserted ostensibly that USFWS does not know what it is doing.

There are an estimated 9,000 Gray wolves in a number of Rocky Mountain States. Under the ESA, which is intended to protect endangered species, the Feds in concert with their professional

wildlife biologists, have the authority to remove or delist any listed species that it deems as "recovered."

It is common knowledge in the West that Gray Wolves have re-established themselves, are thriving and have slowly migrated into other states. Legal technicalities notwithstanding, the Gray Wolf has recovered. In Colorado, there is soon to be forced Gray Wolf reintroduction as a result of a statewide public referendum.

As noted, this is not the first time that USFWS has had its wildlife management decisions challenged. During the past 20 years, a number of delistings have

been taken to court, always by the same organizations: Earth Justice, Defenders of Wildlife, Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club and the Humane Society of the United States.

We are an increasingly litigious nation and it is probably inevitable that critter protection and management wind up in the judicial/political arena. But hasn't it gotten out of hand with these same wealthy preservationists groups going to court again and again? It's the old saying about "anybody with enough money can go to court again and again."

The USFWS employs professionals to engage in proper

stewardship of American wildlife. And USFWS usually works in conjunction with other professional wildlife managers and biologists at the state level.

Federal, state and local taxpayers and the hunting community spend a lot of money underwriting wildlife conservation across America. That the hard work, dedication and professional knowledge of USFWS and state wildlife agencies can be shrugged off by one utterance of a black-robed, gavel wielding Federal Court Judge seems wrong.

The Endangered Species Act has had value and has resulted in genuine protection of imperiled species but it is being exploited

and abused. Perhaps it is time that lawmakers in Congress consider some measure of tort reform legislation that increases the risk for preservationists groups with deep pockets.

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The Nature of Phenology

A weekly feature on the timing of outdoor occurrences

By Hazel Stark and Joe Horn

Pruning fruit trees

by Joseph Horn

I can't tell you my favorite fruit because I simply don't have one, but I can tell you what the best fruit is with zero hesitation: the apple. It's not that the apple is the most flavorful, most unique, or offers the finest texture. It's just all around the best: great flavor, a perfect balance of sweet and tart, and versatility. From jellies, butters, and chutneys, to pies, breads, cakes, soups, and stews, apples basically fit everywhere. Some of my favorite people top their mac and cheese with applesauce and you know what? It's great! Of course it is, because it includes apples which are, as I have mentioned, indisputably the best fruit. But like so many good things, it takes a bit of work to get those apples from tree to culinary endeavor. So aside from planting season, perhaps one of the most critical times in the apple orchardist's calendar is pruning season.

To be fair, pruning is neither unique to apple cultivation nor truly essential for the health and wellbeing of an apple tree. Many, but not all, fruit trees benefit from yearly pruning to ensure a reliable crop of their fruit, but the trees will grow happily enough at their own pace and in their own shape without human intervention. But if you have high hopes of piles of pies or a stock of sauce, right now during the seasonal interlude between winter and spring is time to get serious about pruning those apple trees.

There are many good reasons why functionally and biologically it makes sense to prune at this time. For one, it makes the job easier for the orchardist. With the tree entirely devoid of leaves and fruit, one can step back and see the structure of the branches. From a biological perspective, pruning reduces a tree's cold tolerance for several weeks, so now that we are in warmer weather, the risk of cold damage to a freshly pruned tree is minimized. Lastly, when in winter dormancy, the tree is storing the bulk of its nutrients.



Now is the time to prune apple trees to improve their productivity. Photo courtesy Pixabay

So when spring finally does spring, the flood of stored nutrients can go to growing the portions of the tree remaining. Were you to wait until after leaf pop, you would effectively be pruning these diligently stored nutrients and all the effort that went into growing would become a heap of prunings.

There are a few different approaches to pruning this time of year, so I won't dive into the specifics. But in essence, the goals are mostly the same: remove dead or diseased portions of the tree, open up the crown of the tree so that light and air can make their way through the branches, and keep the tree at a manageable height.

There are some important guidelines for safe and effective pruning. You need to be sure that your tools, be they clippers or saws, are very sharp and clean. Dirty, scraggly, torn branch nubs heal poorly and expose the tree to infection. With tools prepped, and a pruning plan in mind, it's time to cut. For trimming big limbs, it is usually prudent to remove the bulk of the limb but for a couple of feet sticking off the tree initially, then come back to remove the rest on a subsequent cut. This helps prevent the bark from tearing away down to the trunk when the limb drops. Also, note the shape of how the branch grows out of a tree. There is a little doughnut of tissue that bulges around the branch. Avoid cutting any of that lump of

tissue. Accidentally doing so will result in a severe delay in healing and expose more of the tree to infection. This is also a good time to be looking for browntail moth winter nests to avoid the rash and respiratory distress these invasive caterpillars can cause in a few months. The Maine Forest Service has information online about what to look for and how to do this. Visit maine.gov/dacf/knockoutbtm.

With the spring equinox just around the corner, you could heap up all those branches, get a burn permit, and set them ablaze to celebrate the start of spring. Not only does this burn away potential disease that could spread across your orchard, but it also helps usher in the season of growth and renewal that surrounds us from here until mid-summer.

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