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Wild Blueberry Festival Aug. 19-21

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## Women First Machias brings health and birth services to Main Street

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Soon, Washington County's newest citizens will have a new place to enter the world. Certified Nurse Midwife Bjarni Thomas is now seeing patients at her new practice, Women First Machias, located in the heart of Machias, at 89 Main Street. Later this year, she'll begin offering birth center services there, too.

The road to opening her own birth center has taken Thomas from her hometown of Farmington

in western Maine to West Virginia to Machias, where she arrived four years ago and where she feels perfectly at home.

"I came here to care for people in a small rural community because that's my heart," says Thomas, who previously worked in the obstetrics department of Down East Community Hospital. "I just absolutely love the people here. They're genuine, and there are a lot of hardworking people here. I'm a

(Women First cont. pg. 17)

## Six small earthquakes rattle Washington County towns

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Many residents of central Washington County reported feeling an earthquake on Thursday, Aug. 11, and it was only one of six earthquakes recorded here last week.

"To me, the earthquake sounded like a distant muffled explosion followed quickly by my house shaking," says Charlie Foster of Columbia Falls. "My stone foundation couldn't take many of those!"

The United States Geological Survey reports a 2.8 magnitude quake on Aug. 11 took place 3.2 kilometers below the surface of Addison on Thursday, followed by a 1.6 magnitude quake 5 kilometers below Machias, then another 2.8 below Machias, this time 6 kilometers down.

The following day, Aug. 12, two more earthquakes were recorded at between 5 and 6 kilometers in depth, measuring 1.4 and 1.8

(Earthquakes cont. pg. 17)

## Hubbard blueberry rakes shipped worldwide, and for surprising uses

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

Ike Hubbard's father moved him out of Jonesport in 1952, but he made his way back as soon as he could. Since 1988, Hubbard has been the mastermind behind the Hubbard Rake Company, a Jonesport-based business that ships handcrafted harvesting rakes all over the world. After Hubbard purchased his aunt and uncle's

strawberry farm, he built his business there.

"My objective when I came back to Jonesport was to put people to work, not put them out of work," said Hubbard. "So I refused to build a lot of mechanical [blueberry] harvesters. I have three full-time employees and one part-time employee working for me now."

(Hubbard cont. pg. 14)



## Keeping family traditions alive

Anyone who has raked blueberries will tell you it can be back-breaking labor, but they'll also tell you it's a fond part of their Downeast heritage. Here, young Leom Hanscom Colbeth, left, carries on the raking tradition at his family farm, Welch Farm in Roque Bluffs, with cousin Rylan Colbeth, right. Festival-goers can enjoy tours of the Hanscom family's real working blueberry farm at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, and 1 p.m. on Saturday. A free shuttle is available Saturday, and parking is available at the farm, located at 186 Roque Bluffs Road, Roque Bluffs. For more details, see the festival events schedule inside. Photo courtesy Lisa Hanscom

## The history of Wild Blueberry Land and how it will help preserve wild blueberry heritage

by Nancy Beal

The blueberry-blue domed food and gift shop at the corner of Routes

1 and 187 South in Columbia Falls is a popular stopping place for tourists traveling east of Acadia. There is usually a line at the checkout

desk of folks waiting to pay for the knick-knacks, jams, jellies, and sundry blueberry-related items they (Wild Blueberry Land cont. pg. 15)

## Machias Wild Blueberry Festival fun back in a big way

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

There are days when Machias feels like a bustling small town, days when Machias feels like a

sleepy small town, and then there are the three days of the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival, when Machias feels like the center of

the summer fun universe. After a two-year pandemic hiatus, festival organizers say people are ready to (Festival cont. pg. 3)



## Breakfast buffet at the Bluebird

Humans and deer agree — one of the best things about summer in Washington County is all of the self-serve produce stands. Tim Gatcomb captured this photo of a deer enjoying a blueberry breakfast in the parking lot of the Bluebird Ranch Family Restaurant, where a self-serve blueberry stand can be seen throughout the season. "I don't think someone is going to make a profit today," wrote Gatcomb. Photo by Tim Gatcomb

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## Free help filing Maine State Income Taxes; \$850 check requires it

In order to receive an \$850 relief check from the state of Maine, individuals must file a state income tax return for the tax year 2021 by Oct. 31. This is true even for those who do not need to pay taxes, and for those who don't normally file a tax return, such as seniors and others with non-taxable income.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide operates free tax clinics during the normal tax season, February through mid-April. Due to the timing of relief check information, many people were unable to access the services of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for the purpose of registering for the relief checks during the normal tax season. For this reason, certified tax volunteers will be holding a series of walk-in tax clinics in Hancock and Washington counties.

**The next walk-in clinic will be held at the East Machias Town**

**Office from noon to 2 p.m.**

No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are welcome. Please bring: your identification, social security card or statement, and information on any income you received in 2021. Also, please bring with you the amount, if any, of property taxes you paid in 2021, or, if you rent your home, your landlord's name and phone number, as well as the amount of rent you paid in 2021 (annually or monthly) These clinics are for the express purpose of filing 2021 state of Maine tax returns. If further assistance is needed, volunteers will help if time is available.

Volunteers through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide are IRS trained and certified, and committed to providing this free service to the community. For more information about the service or to volunteer, please visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

## SSC courses ready for fall

by Thiela Schnauffer

Sunrise Senior College is gearing up for an exciting fall. The schedule of classes promises to appeal to a wide variety of interests - Art, Literature, Science, and, of course, "how to" and "just for fun" are all on the agenda. Get out your calendars and be ready to sign up for some interesting and informative sessions.

We begin with "The Anatomy of a Play," where award-winning playwright John Strand takes us through the development of a play from inspiration to opening night. Dr. Gerard NeCastro will explore the connection and interdependency of art and storytelling with "The Art of the Story and The Story of the Art."

The sciences are included in our curriculum this fall as Dr. Mark Brown will help us identify problematic bugs with his classes on "Invasive Insects in Maine." Dr. Eric Jones will offer his course "An introduction to Earth Sciences," which will give an overview of the various forces that continue to shape our dynamic Earth.



Christina Craviero will offer practical help and advice with "Smartphone Savvy." There will be two sessions of this class - one for those with Android phones and another for those who use an iPhone. A tour of the Sugar Hill Cranberry bogs will give you a chance to enjoy a beautiful Maine fall day out of doors and learn about this important Maine crop at the same time. Finally, Dr. Robert Arseneau will hold two sessions in which he will discuss the results of the midterm election's changes in the political landscape.

Check out the website for more information on these fall offerings. Not a member? You can join or renew your membership online easily. Questions or help needed? You can send an email or leave a phone message, and help and answers will be on the way. Sunrise Senior College - Learning for the fun of it!

## Did you know?

Washington County covers 21,028 million acres, or 3,258 square miles, making it larger than the area of Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

## Caverly presents in Machias Thursday

Maine author Tim Caverly will visit Machias on Thursday, Aug. 18, for two talks and power-point presentations at Porter Memorial Library, located at 92 Court Street. Both library events are free and open to the public. Caverly's 2

p.m. program is geared toward children, and his 5 p.m. program for adults is entitled *So You Think You Know Maine*. For more info, call Porter Memorial Library at 207-255-3933 or email [librarian@porter.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@porter.lib.me.us).

## Machias Valley Airport pancake breakfast Saturday; fly in discount

Make plans to visit Machias Valley Municipal Airport for a fly-in and pancake breakfast beginning from 7 to 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20. Blueberry pancakes will be available, of course! The breakfast is all you can eat, and all proceeds support Machias Aviation Services. \$10 for 12 and older, \$5 under

12, and \$5 for pilots flying in (pilots only). Gluten-free pancakes available, breakfast sausage, apple juice, water, and coffee. Fly or drive, all are welcome. The airport is located on the southern edge of town on Route 1, at 52 Airport Road, Machias.

## Battle of Rim Remembrance Aug. 20

Every August, the Hannah Weston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the Machias Historical Society, conducts a Remembrance Ceremony of the events that took place in Machias in August 1777 - locally known as the Battle of the Rim. The event will take place at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Norman Nelson Park, the site of the former Seagull Motel, on Route 1 before Irving.

The 2022 ceremony marks the 245th anniversary of the event,

which saw a fleet of four British ships coming into Machias Bay under the command of Captain Sir George Collier, who came with orders to "Destroy the Hot-Bed of Rebels at Machias". After the DAR remembrance of the battle the Machias Historical Society Revolutionary War Re-enactors will present a reenactment of the Battle of the Rim."

The public is invited to attend and learn more about the 'little known event' that happened at Machias during the American Revolution.

## EMT licensure class offered in Machias

An EMT licensure class organized by Atlantic Partners EMS and Washington County Community College (WCCC) will be offered during the fall semester. Attendance is required at weekly Zoom meetings and in person for eight day-long sessions to be held

at the Machias Telebusiness Center - from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 17, Oct. 1, 22, and 29, Nov. 19, and Dec. 3 and 10.

Students must enroll through WCCC. For more information, email paramedic Sally Taylor at [staylor@apems.org](mailto:staylor@apems.org).



## IT librarian heads back to UMaine

Porter Memorial Library said thank you and happy trails to IT Librarian Griffin Dedmon who on Saturday, Aug. 13, worked his last shift this summer assisting library patrons with their technology questions. Dedmon, seen here with PML Director Lee Downing, says he hopes to return to volunteer at the library as his University of Maine schedule allows. Stay up to date with all of the library's programs and offerings here: <http://www.porter.lib.me.us/>



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## Stuff-A-Cruiser diaper event set for Aug. 27

The Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce, working with the Machias Police and Fire Departments and the Washington County Sheriff's Office, will be holding a Stuff-A-Cruiser diaper event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

August 27. The event will be held in the Hannaford Supermarket parking lot. Packaged diapers and baby formula will be accepted, and all donations will be given to the We Care Baby Center to be distributed

county-wide. We Care's director Joyce Getchell said she delivers diapers to more than 150 infants monthly in Washington County. She said this event will be a great help to the baby center. Cash donations for We Care will also be accepted.

Many local businesses, such as Helen's Restaurant, Bold Coast Grooming, and the Chamber, have set up donation boxes and will be collecting packaged diapers for this event. In the future, the Machias Police

Department plans on holding other Stuff-A-Cruiser events for the Christmas Giving Tree, school supplies, and the Machias Food Pantry. For more information, call the Chamber at 255.4402.

## Festival Continued from page 1

celebrate. This year's festival kicks off this Friday, Aug. 19, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 21.

"There seems to be an extra level of excitement in the air this year!" says Sharon Mack, director of the Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce, which runs a food court and vendor lots each year. "We began receiving reservations in January, and we have many new vendors — the diversity and talent are amazing, and many of them are from right here in Washington County."

Festival chairwoman Ellen Farnsworth says Centre Street Congregational Church has signed up more vendors than ever before. "And a lot of new vendors, so that's exciting," says Farnsworth. "The weather looks good, too."

Though some traditional festival events like the blueberry musical, cooking contest, and church pancake breakfast aren't on the agenda this year, others are back in an even bigger way.

This year you'll find craft vendors set up on the lawn of Centre Street Congregational Church starting Friday at 9 a.m., and the church has also added a food court and food truck area, which will be available Saturday and Sunday.

The iconic festival children's parade is back this year with one significant change — instead of giving the children blue balloons, parade organizers will be handing out blue pinwheels in order to prevent balloons from polluting the environment. The parade, co-sponsored by the Washington County Children's Program (WCCP) and Sunrise Opportunities Prevention Council (SOPC), will organize at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, in the parking lot of the Machias Valley Baptist Church on Broadway, marching down toward Main Street, and back up Centre Street, to end at the congregational church.

Children will also be delighted to find the Downeast Institute sea life touch tank on hand in the children's area Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The Kids Zone, also sponsored by WCCP and SOPC, will be located under the large yellow and white striped tent on the lawn of Centre Street Congregational Church, where children will also find lots of fun activities like homemade goop, water beads, and play dough. Parents will be glad to find diapering and baby-feeding stations there, too.

Porter Memorial Library's

popular used book sale is set for Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the back lawn of the library. This year, the sale is centered around the library's Last Page Honesty Bookstore, which offers used books all year long.

Saturday morning also brings back Health Acadia's popular Blueberry Run on Saturday morning, this year in partnership with the Beth Wright Cancer Resource Center. Registration for the 5-mile run/walk or 1-mile fun run takes place online until 7 p.m. on Friday, and on Saturday morning between 6 and 7 a.m. For more information, see the race story in the blueberry festival insert.

For years, festival-goers enjoyed a Saturday evening of dancing to live music courtesy of the Beehive Design Collective and their nationally-renowned Blackfly Ball. When the Beehive stopped creating the ball, longtime volunteer and current candidate for the Maine legislature Melissa Hinerman stepped in. Last year the party took place even without the festival, but this year its August timing is meant as an homage to the Blackfly Ball.

From 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, make plans to be at



Founded by Centre Street Congregational Church in 1976, this year marks the 45th Annual Machias Wild Blueberry Festival, accounting for a two-year pandemic hiatus. Artist Frank Hamabe created this wonderful watercolor of the festival for the church. Hamabe also cartooned for *The New Yorker*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Photo courtesy Centre Street Congregational Church

Machias' Bad Little Falls Park for the 2nd Annual Bad Little Falls Wild Blueberry Ball: A Dress Up Dance Party for All."

"I bought lots of white lights to decorate the park, so it's going to be a magical wonderland of music," said Hinerman.

Three local bands will perform this year. The Steele Hill Band will kick off the event from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the Milk and Honey Rebellion from 7:45 to 9:15

p.m., and then the Filthy Casuals from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

"Alan Cook will be the soundman to keep the music rolling, and the Machias Fire Department will be there with the food truck selling doughboys and drinks," says Hinerman. "I'll be in the gazebo selling drinks and baked goods, raffle tickets, and t-shirts!"

For all the information you need to enjoy the festival, see this week's insert.

# DOWNEAST TIDE TABLE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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## DECH Births

To Desaraye Beal and Tyler Grant, of Harrington, Maine, a girl Penelope Hattie-Anne Grant born on August 10, 2022 weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz., 20.5 inches long.





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## Soctomah and Jordan honored at 25th Annual Washington Academy Trustee Tea in East Machias

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This year's 25th Annual Trustee Tea was held on Saturday, August 6, on the lawn of the Old Academy at Washington Academy in E.Machias.

Martha Jordan's devotion to mathematics and a coastal lifestyle earned her the 2022 Distinguished Educator Award. Jordan often integrated her love of the ocean, fishing, hunting, and all things Downeast into the classroom. At WA, she is remembered as a dedicated educator who retired once and, when called, returned to the classroom to help fill a mathematics teaching vacancy. Her dedication to WA and educating youths was never wavering. Jordan stated, "As teachers, one thing that keeps us teaching is the feeling of the magic that transfers into the classroom when the learning begins. I don't think it happens everywhere, but it happens here."

In his introduction, retired WA science teacher, peer, and friend of Marty's, Donald Sprangers, said "Marty's teaching style included life lessons taught combining lifestyle and learning, creating a warm and pleasing place to learn for students. She was a wealth of inspiration inside the classroom and out."

Donald Soctomah was honored with the 2022 Distinguished Community Service Award for his dedication and passion for working tirelessly to improve the lives of others. During Soctomah's eight years in the Maine State Legislature, he worked hard to create policies to protect Passamaquoddy



Donald Soctomah's children, Emma and Don Soctomah, both WA graduates, introduced their father at the Trustee Tea award ceremony. Submitted photo



Donald Soctomah, seen here with WA Trustee Tara Bartko, was honored for his years of service to his community, including eight years in the Maine legislature. Submitted photo

history, preserve their land, and educate the world about his culture. Soctomah's vitality to initiate change is immeasurable. Soctomah

reflected, "This is a beautiful area; people travel from around the world and spend lots of money to come here. We are lucky to live in this beautiful place. There is history here."

Two of Soctomah's children, Donald Soctomah Jr., '20 and Emma Soctomah, '21, both graduates of Washington Academy, spoke words of devotion and praise at the event. Of their father, they said, "When people try to define our father, they use titles like author, filmmaker, historian, legislator, and educator. Still, to us, it is Dad who gave us life and not only advocates for our future but the future of all indigenous people and beyond."

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Educator Martha Jordan, seen here with fellow teacher Don Sprangers, was honored with the WA Distinguished Educator Award for her outstanding educational contributions. Submitted photo

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**The fabulous BB**

Welcome to the home of the best blueberries on the planet (or any other). Here at the edge of the universe, the wild Maine blueberry thrives, and we struggle mightily to figure out what to do with them. Anybody can whip up some jars of jams and jellies, or bake a stupendous blueberry pie. Make sure to put at least nine feet of whipped cream on top, or it's not traditional. We have blueberry watchers at the borders, armed with whip guns to inspect and measure your toppings, piling on more until it meets the regulation height.

We are serious about our little blueberries and are likely to try them in or on anything that doesn't move too fast. We have special high-velocity BB cannons and BB adhesive for anything that tries to get away. It's all delicious and full of antioxidants! The really serious part comes when our brains start to steam as we compose new uses for our little friends. We think the wild Maine blueberry is the best, smaller, sweeter, and lighter for easy transport.

Not every blueberry-based product has worked out as well as we hoped. For instance, the blueberry perfume "Wild" is guaranteed to not only give your clothes a delicate blue hint but also draws a multitude of friendly fruit flies. Turns out not everyone appreciates the attention. Or some of the delectable brews and liquors. "This tastes like kerosene!" "Oh yeah? Well, it's very patriotic!" As an experienced hand in both brewing and distilling, I know that some fruit can be hard

to work with. Still, some around here have mastered the art, so try everything.

A couple of suggestions, certain things around town are fine examples of the best of Blueberry magic. The vinaigrette at the Bluebird is excellent, as is the blueberry chicken salad, but that can be quite rare. I was so impressed by that chicken salad that I have tried several times to replicate it. It took many tries before I realized you put the berries in last and gently fold them in. Otherwise, it was another delicious chicken "blue goo" sandwich. It's very much like spreading the blueberries on top of the pancake just before you flip them to preserve their integrity. Of course, maybe you were going for blue pancakes.

There are some amazing blueberry candies at Monica's chocolate if you are up for a short drive. There is also a product called "Blueberries Foster" for ice cream, but it's made with Michigan berries. So we'll say no more about that! The nerve of some people.

The truth is the wild Maine blueberry is really a very versatile fruit. What about a curry made with our fine berries? Or perhaps an hors d'oeuvre? Toasts made with a nice camembert topped with wild berries. Maybe some simple bacon-wrapped blueberries? Good luck getting that together. I would be more tempted to cook the bacon, put some maple sugar on the top, melt that a bit, and then sprinkle the cold berries on. Chop it into bite-size pieces and stand by with

the napkins.

I've also heard that peanut butter and blueberry sandwiches are yummy. We need to be careful though. The New York Times once recommended the Peanut butter and pickle sandwich as the adult version of the PB&J. Apparently, there are many complications to adulthood, not all of them sweet.

We are a community full of blueberry thinking, blueberry recipe-creating researchers imbued with a deep need to find the impossibly good blueberry product. Maybe it's the pie we already found, and this is all just spinning our wheels. However, out there, somewhere, are thousands of blueberry recipes just waiting for the rest of the world to love them. I find it difficult to believe that no one has put together a compendium of blueberry inclusive recipes from this massive blueberry brain club.

Why is there no blueberry chocolate chip cookie recipe? After tasting what dried cherries can do for the lowly Tollhouse cookie, will no one try? Well, maybe we need to think out of the box from now on. Who has dyed a tee shirt with just blueberries for color? Do we spend all our time looking for ways to get blueberry blue out of our clothes or go "all in" and go for broke? Wait a second; something comes to mind. Blueberry berets, that's it! It's lyrical, stylish, trend-setting, and probably won't draw fruit flies. Wait for a second. Is that a song coming to mind? "Blueberry beret, the kind you find at all the dollar stores...."

**Drought outlook from Maine's Drought Task Force**

Maine's Drought Task Force convened virtually yesterday, August 4, as Maine sees its third consecutive year of drought. The U.S. Drought Monitor reports nearly 26% of the state is abnormally dry (9 of 16 counties), almost 32% is in moderate drought (11 of 16 counties), and a little over 8% is experiencing severe drought (8 of 16 counties). Conditions are not expected to improve in the short term.

The National Weather Service offices in Gray and Caribou forecast warmer than average temperatures to continue through the weekend. By Monday, the weather pattern will begin to shift to a cooler, wetter pattern. Temperatures will be near or slightly below average for the beginning of next week, with rainfall expected on Monday. Currently, rainfall estimates for Monday are ranging around 0.5", with most of the precipitation falling across the north and west.

"This week's heat and humidity is a true reminder of why over 76% of the state's population is in abnormally dry or drought-stricken areas," said Maine Emergency Management Agency Director Peter Rogers. "While we do have some rain on the horizon next week, we do not anticipate it will be the prolonged, soaking rain needed to remedy these conditions. We

are getting reports of dry wells in the southern and western parts of the state. We ask citizens who are experiencing dry wells to please report that."

A total of 18 private wells have been reported dry this season, 16 of which are residential. Maine homeowners with dry wells are encouraged to report this information to the Dry Well Survey. If someone has difficulty filling out the survey on their own, they are encouraged to dial 2-1-1, or they can text a Maine zip code to 898-211 for assistance with filling out the survey.

The Maine Center for Disease Control's Drinking Water Program has received sporadic reports of low water quantity from public water suppliers in all areas of Maine except northern Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties and Aroostook County. The Stonington Water Company has issued mandatory water use restrictions and is currently augmenting its supply with water transported by tanker.

"For farmers that have invested in irrigation and soil health, crops are looking good," said Tom Gordon, Public Service Coordinator at Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry. "Drought has increased operating costs, particularly for labor and diesel

fuel. For farmers who have not invested in irrigation, the outlook is for reduced quantity and quality of yields, and crop losses if the drought persists or intensifies." Gordon explained hay supply will be limited for cattle farmers who rely on hay for feed over the fall and winter.

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Maine Forest Service reports there have been 533 total wildfires this year, burning more than 350 acres. There is an increase of roadside fires; some were related to arson, but others were related to mechanical malfunctions. Lightning activity picked up in the south during the storm/wind events in mid-July around the Sebago Lake area. The expectation is for an increase in wildfire activity as the drought continues.

Given that conditions are not expected to improve in the short term, the Task Force will meet again virtually on September 8 at 1 p.m. The Drought Task Force is made up of state, federal and private scientific, agricultural, regulatory, water use, and natural resources organizations and assists in monitoring, coordinating, and managing responses to droughts and recommends actions to minimize impacts to public health, safety, the environment, and agriculture.

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## GUEST VOICE

### Maine works to support the success of small businesses

by Governor Janet Mills

From increased costs to nationwide and worldwide supply chain disruptions and workforce issues across the country, many small businesses are facing unexpected hurdles, and we need to help them.

To ensure that our small businesses here in Maine can continue to recover from the pandemic despite worldwide economic disruptions, I recently announced I am dedicating \$58 million through my Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan to provide forgivable loans to small businesses in Maine.

This new “Thrive Maine” program, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, will offer forgivable loans to eligible Maine small businesses who experienced losses, increased costs, or market interruptions related to the pandemic.

Small businesses may apply for loans of up to \$2 million. And if businesses are approved and

continue to meet program terms, these loans may be fully forgiven over a four-year period.

Full eligibility details and other information can be found at [www.famemaine.com/thrive](http://www.famemaine.com/thrive). The program is expected to start accepting applications in early September.

These grant funds are in addition to the \$62 million “Grow Maine” initiative which I announced earlier this summer. All together we’ve provided \$120 million to help Maine small businesses succeed here in Maine.

I encourage all small businesses who might be struggling with worldwide economic disruptions and with the effects of the pandemic to visit FAME’s website – [famemaine.com/thrive](http://famemaine.com/thrive) – to see if they might be eligible for this relief.

My Administration will continue to do everything we can to support the long-term success of our small businesses across the state.

### Golden announces support for Inflation Reduction Act

In a Medium post addressed to his constituents, Congressman Jared Golden (ME-02) announced that he will vote to pass the Inflation Reduction Act later today. The congressman’s vote today follows his votes against both previous Biden Administration budget bills, the American Rescue Plan and the Build Back Better Act.

“Over the past 18 months, the Biden Administration has sought to use the reconciliation process to advance massive, deficit-financed spending packages, from the American Rescue Plan to the extended debate around and ultimate failure to pass the Build Back Better (BBB) Act.

“In considering each of those proposals, I hewed to a set of principles that guided my decision-making. Absent an emergency, like we experienced in early 2020 with the emergence of COVID-19, any major budget legislation should be targeted both in its scope and in its design, focusing on doing a few things well and ensuring that the individual policies are focused on those most in need. It should be fiscally responsible and, whenever possible, aim to reduce our national debt, particularly in the midst of an inflationary environment caused in part by the first of these reconciliation bills. In addition, it should focus any changes to the tax code on the corporate giants who for years have exploited loopholes to pay little or no taxes while passing on massive windfalls to shareholders. And it should finally deliver on key priorities lawmakers have been promising to seniors for years – namely, lowering prescription drug costs.

“Time and again, reconciliation legislation that has come before the House has failed to meet many if not most of these conditions. As a result, I have voted not once, not twice, but three times against massive reconciliation packages designed by the Biden Administration. I have taken those positions not out of reflexive opposition but to consistently deliver the kind of representation to my constituents that I pledged I would bring to Congress: to stand up to anyone, regardless of party, in order

to defend their interests and what’s best for the country.

“After many fits and starts, and due to the willingness of a few Democrats in Congress, like Senator Joe Manchin, to stand against the poorly-targeted and fiscally irresponsible agenda put forward by the Biden Administration, Build Back Better and its many iterations are dead. What has emerged, the Inflation Reduction Act, is an entirely different approach that is focused on making hard choices, doing a few things well, and investing in the long-term health of our economy and the predictability of the policies that help shape it.

“Today I am announcing my support for this common-sense legislation. It is fiscally responsible and is targeted on four key priorities: reducing the national debt and putting our country back on a fiscally responsible path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations.” - Congressman Jared Golden (ME-02)

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan organization of leading budget policy experts, recognized Congressman Golden for his role in bringing about the legislation:

“The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget recognizes and appreciates Representative Golden’s contribution to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Rep. Golden deserves credit for his commitment to pushing for deficit reduction and keeping out fiscally irresponsible and regressive SALT provisions. This bill reduces the deficit more than any law in over ten years. In addition, it benefits the people of Maine by helping the Federal Reserve to tamp down inflation. We applaud Representative Golden for supporting this important legislation.” - Maya MacGuineas, President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.



### THE EDITOR'S DESK

Sarah Craighead Dedmon

I love the blueberry festival.

There are those people, I’m sure we all know one, who head for camp on Friday and return only after the last blueberry has been swept off of Centre Street. I am not one of them. Most years, I collapse into a chair on Sunday afternoon, happy and exhausted from several days of volunteering, shopping, eating, and general blueberry revelry.

There’s just something so wonderful about Machias’s conversion from a quiet Maine town to a thrumming hub of happy activity. From this desk, I’m privileged to observe the year of planning, the new ideas, the preparations, the legwork, the pies, the muffins — so many muffins! — and then, finally, the big weekend arrives. Crowds descend on the festival from all across Maine, from all across the United States, and there’s Machias in the center of it, looking and feeling so darn good.

Centre Street Congregational Church is, no pun intended, the central organizer of the festival, having created it in 1976, and this year the church’s work was led by festival chairwoman Ellen Farnsworth. I would describe her as tireless but this close to the finish line she might argue with my choice of words. Still, she is.

The church’s contributions are magnificent, and they’re multiplied by the efforts that surround it.

Take a walk through town this weekend and notice all the different groups that, individually, add up to one whole weekend of fun. The Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce, with its massive vendor lot and delicious food court; the Machias Fire Department, with its hot doughboys; the Centre Street church quiltmakers, with their coveted annual blueberry quilt; the Daughters of the American Revolution, opening Burnham Tavern for tours; the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine, staging a battle on the river; Helen’s Restaurant donating all those gorgeous blueberry pies for my favorite event, the pie eating contest; all those wonderful live bands; Melissa Hinerman, single-handedly bringing back a Saturday night dance party; Porter Memorial Library with its amazing outdoor book sale; the children’s parade and Kids Zone courtesy of Washington County Children’s Program, and Sunrise Opportunities. Then there are all the individual volunteers, driving shuttles, placing signs, answering questions, selling blueberries, and frying fish.

To say nothing of the extra efforts of the Machias Police Department, who keep it all moving smoothly and safely.

There are a few events that couldn’t take place this year due to a lack of volunteers, including the Saturday morning pancake breakfast, and the wild blueberry cooking contest. If your organization would like to add to the joy, think about taking those over next year.

But this year, I think we won’t miss them. The fact is, with as much blueberry pie, as much blueberry cake, and as many doughboys as we’re bound to find around town, no one should have trouble finding suitable breakfast food. And I will personally give a blue ribbon to anyone who serves me something with frosting on top. You can read about all the blueberry fun in this week’s festival insert, and make plans to see the fun firsthand, this weekend.

Only in Machias.



### Letters to the Editor

#### Protect our Jonesport fishing heritage

Why are we so willing to throw away our heritage?

I am part of a multigenerational lobstering family and when I look at my grandsons, I see the future.

But what will be left for them if the KF project is approved?

I am opposed to the Kingfish project because there are too many unanswered questions.

The state has written a permit in which they admit **Kingfish discharge will degrade the quality of the water.**

It’s not okay that the state feels this is appropriate. We are now counting on the planning board to do what the state has failed to do - protect our waters.

The proposed production of Kingfish will most certainly degrade the quality of the seawater and most likely interrupt, if not destroy, the livelihood of our fishing industry!

I find it hard to comprehend why the state is making the lobster fisherman take such drastic and

expensive measures to “Save the Whales” while at the same time giving permission to contaminate and possibly destroy, the very waters that grow the species that these whales feed upon?

We ALL have the responsibility to our families, community, and state to “Protect Our Waters” and I speak for “our” grandchildren in advocating for this!

Joy Frances Look Alley  
Jonesport





## THE VIEW DOWNEAST

BY RUTH LUEBECKER

### Those healthy wild blueberries invade the bubbly market

From soup to soap and all points in between, the wild blueberry today boasts a wide repertoire of products.

Wild blueberry wine has been around for years... but how about blueberry champagne? Bluet came into being in 2015 as the brainchild of Michael Terrien, a vintner of international renown, and Eric Martin, a writer of fiction. Over years the two had experimented with small batches of a sparkling wine made with fresh Maine wild blueberries.

As the requests for it grew and the market for the tiny little berry plummeted, Bluet thrived, most of the bottles being sold before they could be bottled. Bluet methode champenoise mimics champagne, right down to the loud-pop cork and the protective little wire covering, and is on its way to commanding a niche market.

"We've made a wine of world-class quality," says Terrien. "The champagne, now perfected, we've been working on since 2002. If we get the second one right, that's a giant step forward."

The second one, mindful of prosecco and less expensive, is their Bluet charmat. Easier to scale up and introduce to a national marketplace, charmat is already available in Boston, New York and California.

And that's the rub. Washington

County's much-touted, health-friendly tiny berry in this newest of popular products, is available far beyond rural Maine -- but not here. In Maine, try Topsham, Lisbon, Freeport, Portland and Brunswick. According to Terrien, it's not even in Bangor. But he's thinking about calling The French Cellar... One can only hope.

Their annual production started out small -- only 250 cases -- but as waiting lists grew, so did their output. Now predicting 2,000 cases annually for next year, they're aiming for 5,000 by 2020. They see themselves as the potential saviors of a struggling wild blueberry market.

In an ailing market now at the breaking point, wild blueberry farmers in 2017 received an average of 26 cents a pound, the lowest price in more than 30 years. Terrien predicts it could take 20 years, but if their Bluet charmat succeeds, they foresee other winemakers making bubbly wines with wild blueberries.

Four decades of friendship and making things together have led to this place in time. Terrien from his Terrien Wines in the Napa Valley and Martin writing his novels in North Carolina would meet each summer in Maine. Experimenting with wild blueberries and winemaking eventually led to a more finalized

partnership. When they ordered a ton of wild blueberries from a farmer in Appleton in 2012, heads began to turn. This was serious. From an 1820s barn in Jefferson, Maine, their dreams took root and the berry bubbly was born. "If this takes off, it could be a profitable outlet for one of Maine's great natural resources," Terrien maintains.

Every bottle takes about two pounds of wild blueberries to make. So obviously, if this takes off, that's a lot of blueberries in a hard-hit area trying like crazy to get rid of a surplus. In an industry always looking for value-added products to promote the berries, this could be a win-win situation. With a little effort, of course.

From barren to barn to bottle, Terrien and Martin are learning constantly, and will bottle their sixth batch in February. One aim is to ultimately make a wine that pairs well with lobster dunked in butter.

But first things first. And first we need to see Bluet champagne and charmat make their way Downeast, to true wild blueberry country.

*Veteran MVNO columnist Ruth Luebecker died us in February at the age of 80, but her strong voice for our region lives on. We reprint this here for your enjoyment. SCD - Editor*

## FREEDOM STUDIES

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

### Trump raid tea leaves

The unprecedented August 8th raid on former President Trump's Florida home has loosed the whirlwind (to reference Senator Schumer's public threats to Supreme Court Justices Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Coney Barrett). Like Fort Sumter, it will be noted in history as the action signifying the formal start of the second American Civil War, although the roots and divisions go back many years. They just cannot be papered over anymore, even though the legacy media and our own Bangor Daily News will do their best (see the August 10 editorial).

• There is no Equal Justice. No consequences for Hillary Clinton (illegal private e-mail server/national security threat/Benghazi, serial lying), Joe Biden (Biden crime family Godfather), Hunter Biden (Biden crime family bagman, laptop from Hell, crack, influence peddling, gun background check liar) former Clinton National Security Advisor Sandy Berger (stole classified documents), FBI Director Comey and his duplicitous, lying FBI minions (Russia hoax), James Clapper and 50 former top Intelligence Officials who protected the Biden crime family by claiming the laptop from hell was Russian disinformation just before the 2020 election, Black Lives Matter arsonists and rioters, or any woke leftist. Trump and anyone on the right who challenges progressive deep state hegemony, however, must be destroyed.

• The FBI and the Department of Justice have become weapons of mass conservative destruction. Half of America (the right half) does not trust them and never will again. If Bruce Poliquin wants my vote, he will have to pledge to:

- Defund the FBI and decimate the Department of Justice, because neither can be allowed to continue as a leftist progressive Stasi;
- Impeach The Biden crime family head and his capos at Justice, Homeland Security, Defense, HHS, and Education;
- Repeal and defund the Inflation Reduction/Weaponize the IRS Act.

At least with Jared Golden, I can count on a relatively honest leftist authoritarian

- The upcoming midterm election

will starkly reveal the country's political and psychological fault lines. I do not want to be in a union with the left Coast, New York, or Illinois. I'd be in favor of a trial separation if not a complete divorce from both Portland, Oregon, and Portland, Maine, and I wouldn't miss Chicago, San Francisco, or Washington DC one bit.

• If the Republic survives till the 2024 election (I'm betting on President Kamala Harris declaring martial law and suspending the Bill of Rights, especially for Trump voters, before that), it won't take much to devolve into an actual civil war regardless of who "wins" (or steals) the White House. We have already seen the left riot after the 2016 election (although the corporate media downplayed and tried to hide it). A Republican victory in 2024 (it does not matter if it's Trump, Desantis, or even a Deception from the deep state / fifth column wing of the GOP) will release leftist riots and arson dwarfing 2016 and the summer of 2020. A Democratic victory (steal) in 2024 will assure that half the country has had enough. I recommend immediate action to protect your Second Amendment rights before President Harris and her progressive Stalinist friends revoke them.

• It would take tremendous leadership to avert Civil War after the August 8th raid, and the cupboard is bare. No one on the left or right has the desire, stature, and following to undo the distrust, mistrust, and anger that the raid has loosed. President Biden is indeed the worst President since James Buchanan sleepwalked the country into the First Civil War, and Trump is primarily a narcissist before being a statesman (something he ironically shares with Hillary, who at least hides it better). Kamala Harris, Mayor Pete, and Governors Newsom and Whitmer are leadership pygmies that befit our banana republic status. Governor DeSantis and Senator Cotton are principled leaders and patriots, but they lack the stature to prevent this whirlwind from dissolving the union. Sadly, Senator Collins does not even know what to say or do, and Senator King has besmirched the union-saving legacy of Joshua Chamberlain, who he claims to revere.



## Letters to the Editor

### Vote Matt Foster for DA

Matt Foster is Hancock and Washington Counties' District Attorney. He runs on the Republican side of the ballot, but he enforces the law, and you can't tell he's a partisan public servant at all. That's important for DAs. Matt meets that standard!

For those of us who have a really hard time crossing over to the GOP side of the ballot, there is a larger, more important reason to consider. Matt's example to his community

and his personal example to those his office serves and prosecutes, matters.

For eight years, I've watched Matt share his family role model with his community through social media, and it has meant a lot. Those of us who care deeply about women in leadership have witnessed a role model for his daughter, her peers, and contemporaries, and to the young women in his district, and it is one of women empowerment.

I'm voting for Matt Foster because no matter how good his electoral numbers are in November, when it's his daughters' turn, and her peers and contemporaries' turn, Matt's laying the foundation for them to blow right through his numbers. Is there a better reason to vote for a DA? I can't think of one.

Bob Jean  
Lubec

### Listen to the voters

The Jonesport planning board will be making an important decision in the next few weeks.

The Kingfish project is a substantial project to review and is very important to the future of our town.

After spending years as a Jonesport Selectman, I understand the weight of such a decision.

The first public review and comment session was a well-run meeting. We had a chance to hear from both sides. There will be other meetings to come and I hope

they are as calm and informative as the last.

As I said in my comments at the last meeting, I was a selectman when Kingfish first approached Jonesport in 2019. I looked at the project with an open mind and spent a lot of time reviewing the proposal.

DEP and the Army Corp of Engineers have done their jobs and have issued all necessary permits. The Department of Environmental Protection denied appeals from Roque Island and the Sierra Club.

The Planning Board has the authority to review and issue a building permit.

Recently, Jonesport residents overwhelmingly voted down an aquaculture moratorium, an indication of strong local support for Kingfish.

Let's consider the will of the people and welcome Kingfish to our town.

Dwight E. Alley

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Putting Milbridge Days in the books

by Wayne Smith

It came, and it was gone just like that. Milbridge Days is a distant memory. A memory of all the events that took three days in July. Kids were excited about the

parade and all that candy that they got thrown to them on the parade route. Disney was the theme this year. Every Disney Character seemed to hit Main Street this year, from Mickey Mouse to Beauty

and the Beast. The magic seemed to disappear into Walt Disney World. The whole weekend had fun and excitement with crafters and vendors. I caught up with some people that talked about Milbridge Days. And I hope you enjoy the photos that made Milbridge Days so special!

Amy Houck of Steuben talked about Milbridge Days. "You get to mingle with people you haven't seen in a long time."

Donald Rumery of Machias said, "As a kid, probably around 1989, I can remember riding my bicycle around town and watching the parade, catching candy. We always watched the parade across the street from old Frankensteins. I would rip down Cottage Street to the ball field to watch the codfish relay. I would stop at Bud Millets store to grab an ice cream. We would stop at the town landing and swim during the lobster cookout. I loved that day. It was a chance to get caught up with friends from school over the summer. I worked on a boat and love getting a day off."

Dawn Fickett of Cherryfield told me: "I love Milbridge Days. It's a special time for the family. We spend the day together at the town festivities and have a great big cookout. It's fun to see so many people you know in town. And we love the fire department cookout. The fireworks are the perfect ending to the day."

Dawn Marie Therrien of Harrington said: "I have never been to Milbridge Days. We usually aren't around."

Ronie Strout of Harrington told me: "Love to see the parade and have the lobster dinner. I like to check out the crafts and wares."

Jennifer Flores, of Massachusetts. "Spending the summer Downeast, I always loved the tight-knit communities and small town pride. I love the town pride with my Auntie Donna, including the Cherryfield and Milbrige celebration."

Cole Willey of Milbridge said, "You should go to Milbridge Days for the parade and see all the local businesses. The Chinese auction was always my favorite to go to with my grandparents as a kid growing up. Still loved having cookouts and seafood from the fire department. It's a way to top off the weekend."

Anne Favolise of Washington State said, "I loved Milbridge Days and working at Joshy's. I could serve ice cream and watch the parade lineup."

Richard Bondurant of Milbridge said, "In many ways, it was the best Milbridge Days in recent memory. Tremendous crowds, a fantastic 45-minute parade, and many great events for the kids. The fire department's lobster bake, two concerts, and the new cornhole tournament along with so many other events all worked together to make a successful celebration."



Alaina Dowling and Ryder Gaddis try their luck in Wheel of Fortune.



Maja Fickett shows off some sweet treats at Milbridge Days.



Woody and all the Toy Store Crew participated in the Milbridge Parade on July 30.



The Allison Ames Band put on a show the Friday before Milbridge Days to a packed house at the Marina. Photos by Wayne Smith



L to R Mindy, Ashley, and Tammy the crew at Camden Bank in Milbridge



Elena and Monica Chipman were Lilo and Stitch in the Milbridge Parade



## Out and About in Columbia

by Ronie Strout

Hannah Weston Chapter of DAR met at the Burnham Tavern on Saturday, Aug. 6, with 12 members and one guest present.

President General's message was read by Nancy Skala, and the National Defense was read by Arlene Hutnik.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

Registrar's report was by Celeste Sherman; Patriot Minute was read by Cathy Johnson; Indian Minute by Mary-Alice Look; Conservation Minute by Arlene Hutnik; and Flag Minute by Lisa Schaeffer.

On unfinished business update: Battle of the Rim update during Blueberry Festival; remembrance Ceremony on August 20th at 4 p.m. at the Old Seagull location. Followed by the Reenactors at around 6:30 p.m.

The Burnham Tavern will be open for tours from Noon to 3 p.m.

Members voted on the change in membership dues increase to \$15.00.

Next meeting will be at 11 a.m. on Oct. 8 at the Burnham Tavern.

Refreshments were by Gloria (Joey) Cochran & Theresa Farnsworth.

On Saturday afternoon after the DAR meeting, I traveled to my daughters in Stockton Springs for a visit for a couple of days. The grandchildren were pleased that I showed up for a quick visit and did not want me to leave.

On Tuesday, I had to go to Trenton to get my yearly bus physical to drive the bus for another year and a stop at Super Shoes to get my sneakers for the coming year. I also had a couple of stops for items that I can not get at the local store.

Tuesday evening, I attended the Milbridge Historical Society annual and monthly meeting as well as the program that evening given by Maine Island and Trails Association speaker Christina Hassett from Belfast, Maine. She spoke about the 250 islands from Kittery to Eastport that the association and volunteers that help clean up the shore and land of these islands from the trash that is washed up from the tides. They haul many loads of trash off the islands. They also publish a book called 'Maine Island Trail Guide,' what Islands they take care of and what islands you may be able to stay overnight on if you so want to with permission from the land owner. Very interesting to hear about.

An old book called 'List of Merchant Vessels the United States 1802' was donated to the society and on the inside of the book (as written) it says "I Capt. Frank Strout of Sch. Hattie Grodfrey, now laying in New Town Crick Brookland - Sept 20, 1894 written by your friend



Joe and Anne Paradise of Ellsworth attended the Church Supper Wed. August 10. Photo by Ronie Strout

C. W. Josdan [sic]."

Also, on the page -Master of these ships Capt. Albert Bragg, Portland, Me. - Ships: John English; Franconia; Cottage City; Horatio Hall; Manhattan; and North Star.

This book is very hard to read with small typed letters. A good resource book for anyone interested in checking out the vessels for 1802 in the United States.

On Wednesday I attended the Cherryfield Church supper and met up with friends Ben Harper of Bass Harbor and Joe and Anne Paradise of Ellsworth. It was good to hear the music being played during the dinner hour and socializing with all of the other folks that I knew. The pork roast with all of the fixings were delicious and the church will be having another supper in September on the second Wednesday. Stay tuned and watch the papers to hear all about it.

I was given some cukes on Wednesday so decided I had enough to make a couple of batches of Bread & Butter pickles for the winter.

I took a ride and went blueberrying and was able to get some to put in the freezer for the winter. They were some good big ones and a lot on the bushes, so it didn't take long to get a couple of gallons to freeze.

Condolences go out to my husband's sister Judy Sprague of Texas on her passing. Her family and friends will surely miss her.

Just want to mention that the Pleasant River Historical Society has the following items for sale:

Buoy Posters; Addison, Maine-Bicentennial History 1997; History of Addison & Census 1905; A Catalogue of Cemeteries in Addison, Maine; History of Columbia Falls; Columbia & Columbia Falls Bicentennial History 1905 Census; Books by Ronald Gray-Excerpts from the Observer 1928-1931; Autobiography - The Path I Walked; and Indian River Village and Its People. We also have some collectible calendars for sale.



Christina Hassett from Belfast, Maine speaker at the Milbridge Historical Society. Photo by Ronie Strout

### Upcoming Events:

**Indian River Church Fund Raiser:** The Indian River Church in Addison on 1440 Indian River Road will be having a fundraiser to support the church at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, with an evening of singing with George Davis and friends. Everyone is welcome.

**Reunion, Tracy Family:** Saturday, Aug. 20 the Tracy Family will have a gathering at the Parish Hall, Steuben Library from 5 to 7 p.m. Learn how to trace your family with Ronie Strout; Games including cribbage will also be played, offering a bowl of seafood chowder with oyster crackers at \$10, hotdog and chips for \$5, water and soda at \$1. Benefit the Tracy Reunion.

The Tracy Reunion will be on Sunday, Aug. 21 at Jonathan Landing in Gouldsboro; all Tracy families are welcome. 10 a.m. Reunion meeting, 10:30 a.m. basket auction, noon-lunch, bag lunch and bring a dish to share if you wish. 1 p.m. Memorial Service and bring a lawn chair and bug spray. All are welcome.

## Whitneyville Library News

It will be Blueberry Festival time before we know it. Well, it will be here this weekend. Over the many years, the Friends of the Library have had a table at the festival, but since we have opened our Whatnot Gift Shop year-round, the Friends of the Library have not had a booth. It's exciting to have the Blueberry Festival back this year. The Whatnot Gift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday the 20th. So check us out as well for locally made crafts.

The library has had a busy week with homeschoolers, clients, and their DSPs from Living Innovations visiting the library to play cards and games and partake in karaoke. We have seen new readers join the library, and new books are added weekly. The library has three computers for public use, and we have WIFI for those with laptops.

There is no charge for a library card and no fines for overdue books. We offer interlibrary loans for books requested that we do not own.

Our Whatnot Gift Shop has seen new people visit and buy some locally made crafts. The Gift Shop is open daily, Monday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop has around 42 local crafters featured with items for sale.

The next public dinner will be on September 3rd, and Pot Roast is on the menu. As always, the suppers begin at 5 p.m. and held at the Hillgrove Community Building across the street from the library. The cost of the supper is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. You can visit the library and gift shop on their webpage at [www.whitneyville.lib.me.us](http://www.whitneyville.lib.me.us), or you can visit us on Facebook.

## Looking Back in History

by Ronie Strout

Found in a pamphlet dated 1888, *Schoodoc [sic] Pond, Inland Summer Resort and Game Park of Maine For Sale 1888.*

Ten miles from the Seacoast, in the western part of Washington County, is situated a "Table land" that is elevated about five hundred feet above the level of the Sea. The approach to this table land from the villages of Cherryfield, Milbridge, Harrington and Addison, is by gradual and easy ascent until you arrive near the top, when the ascent is sharp and steep until you reach the summit.

The view from this elevated position is grand: - To the South the Church Spires indicate the location of the Villages, while beyond the Ocean is spread out before you. To the left lies Loon Point, Nash's Island, The Old Head and other islands at the entrance of Machias bay. In front of you is Petit Manan, Bois Bubert and Pond Island, while to the right is Mt. Desert with the Tip-top House crowning its summit. To the Westward is Tunk mountains. North of you lies Old Humpback, Spruce, and Pleasant River Mountains, while to the East is Pleasant River with its meadows and the great heath, with its hundreds of little ponds the home of the Black Duck.

The road from Harrington strikes this table land at the Eastern end of the base line-a road built by the government in the year 1857, under the supervision of Jeff Davis to make a base line for the coast survey. It runs about northwest

five miles as straight as you can draw a line. He built a monument at each end, but they decayed and tumbled over with his Southern confederacy.

A stranger traveling on this road would pronounce this tract of land a barren waste, producing nothing but a few scraggy pines and scrubby birch, with now and then a tuft of withered grass struggling for existence. But upon investigation he finds he has made a mistake. This is the great Blueberry Vineyard of Maine. A few years ago, this berry crop was comparatively worthless. A few were shipped to Boston in crates but only a small fraction of the crop was gathered. But somebody discovered that they made good sauce put up in tin cans. About ten years ago the first were put up I this way and found a ready market. Since then, the business has steadily increased, until now it is one of the best paying industries of Eastern Maine. The berries grow spontaneously without cultivation. When the vines are five or six years old the production diminishes, when it becomes necessary to set them on fire in the early spring and burn them up. In a few days they spring up again from the old root, and on the second year yield a good crop.

The picking season commences about July 20th and continues about two months. The pickers come from the villages and farms in the vicinity. They make good wages and get their cash every day. The average pick for the last five years was about one thousand bushels per day.

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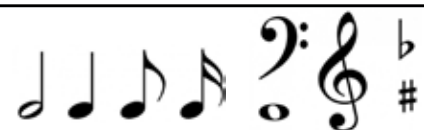
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# Arts & Entertainment



## 'Authors at The Last Page' events to continue this fall

Porter Memorial Library is pleased to announce its new event series called *Authors at The Last Page*. *Authors at The Last Page* is meant to spark transformative thought by means of a book discussion group prior to a guest author's presentation in Machias. The inaugural 2022 season explores how different perceptions of history affect equity and inclusion. The series is made possible by a grant from Maine Public Library Fund.

The next guest author in the series will be Michael J. Tougias of Plymouth, Massachusetts on Sept. 21, at the UMM Performing Arts Center. Tougias is the author of 21 titles including *King Phillip's*

*War: The History and Legacy of America's Forgotten Conflict*, and his most recent book, *Above & Beyond: John F. Kennedy and America's Most Dangerous Cold War Spy Mission*.

Inspiration for *Authors at The Last Page* relates to the surprise visit last summer of author Thomas E. Ricks to Porter Memorial Library's used book outlet, *The Last Page Honest Bookstore*. Thanks go to Mr. Ricks' dog, who sniffed out the book sale, which is housed in a garden shed behind the library.

For more information, call Lee Downing at Porter Memorial Library 207-255-3933, or email [librarian@porter.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@porter.lib.me.us).

## BOOK REVIEW

### From Within: Intrigue on the Allagash, vol. XI of The Allagash Tails Collection by Tim Caverly, Leicester Bay Books, 2022, softcover, \$15.95

by Lee Downing

*From Within: Intrigue on the Allagash* is the latest in author Tim Caverly's 11-volume Allagash Tails Collection. The collection offers material for all ages, including several books for children; a 3-volume series for young adults called *Olivia's Journey*; and a four-volume saga for adult readers that features fictional Allagash Ranger, Jim Clark. Caverly draws on a wealth of personal experience when he writes about the Maine Woods. He was born in Maine to a family of outdoor professionals, learning from both his dad - a Forest Service warden, and his brother - a Baxter State Park ranger. During his own 32-year career at Maine's Department of Conservation, Caverly did it all: from laborer to ranger, manager, regional supervisor, and finally, Supervisor of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

*From Within: Intrigue on the Allagash*, is a fictional account of true-life events on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, a 92.5-mile river that begins at Churchill Lake in northern Piscataquis County and flows north to Allagash Village in Aroostook County (that's five pages in the DeLorme Gazetteer!). In *From Within*, we're introduced to the complexities of Maine Woods society by the narrative voice of retired Allagash Ranger Matt Cummings. On any given day in the 3.5 million acres that surround the waterway, a traveler will meet "... foresters, lumberjacks, North Maine woods employees, sporting camp operators, guides, outfitters, and private leaseholders." Not to mention "... float plane pilots who bring recreationists, historians, scientists, and sportsmen ..." folks who are engaged in all sorts of activities, and will invariably cross paths with state field workers: the game wardens who protect fish and game, forest rangers who work to prevent wildfires and arson, and Allagash rangers who oversee public safety and monitor threats to the environment. "Then if politics is interjected," Cummings warns, "that adds a whole new reckoning to the mix."

Politics accounts for many of the grittier aspects of wilderness management. When a young

reporter in *From Within* asks how politics could possibly dull the luster of a wilderness experience in a remote place of such natural beauty, Cummings reminds her that politicians have but three goals: to get reelected, to appoint cronies into decision-making positions, and to reap financial reward, period. We learn from Cummings that "... since the initial legislation that created the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in 1966, there have been over 50 pieces of legislation introduced to support the personal agendas of different individuals."

One such individual is fictional State Senator Flint Turcotte, a "predator in the political arena" who uses his sporting camp, located on Maine Public Lands, as a tool to curry favor, and is happy to wreak havoc on the reputation of any field worker who fails to fall into line. As a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, the Senator is poised to withhold funding for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway when his own plans to develop a big camp next to the wilderness corridor meet with resistance in the ranks.

Senator Turcotte even stoops so low as to groom a local poacher, Tat McTavish, to commit sabotage by routinely arranging to reduce or dismiss charges against him. As Cummings tells it, "... Tat could be a likable fellow, but he didn't like state control of the Allagash ... He'd come and gone along the river as he desired for most of his 66 years. And there wasn't any GD ranger that was going [to] tell him what he could or couldn't do." Poacher McTavish is the perfect fall guy for an unscrupulous manipulator like the Senator. With prompting from the politician, and plenty of alcohol, McTavish escalates from attitude to action, committing destructive and terrifying acts of vandalism and arson.

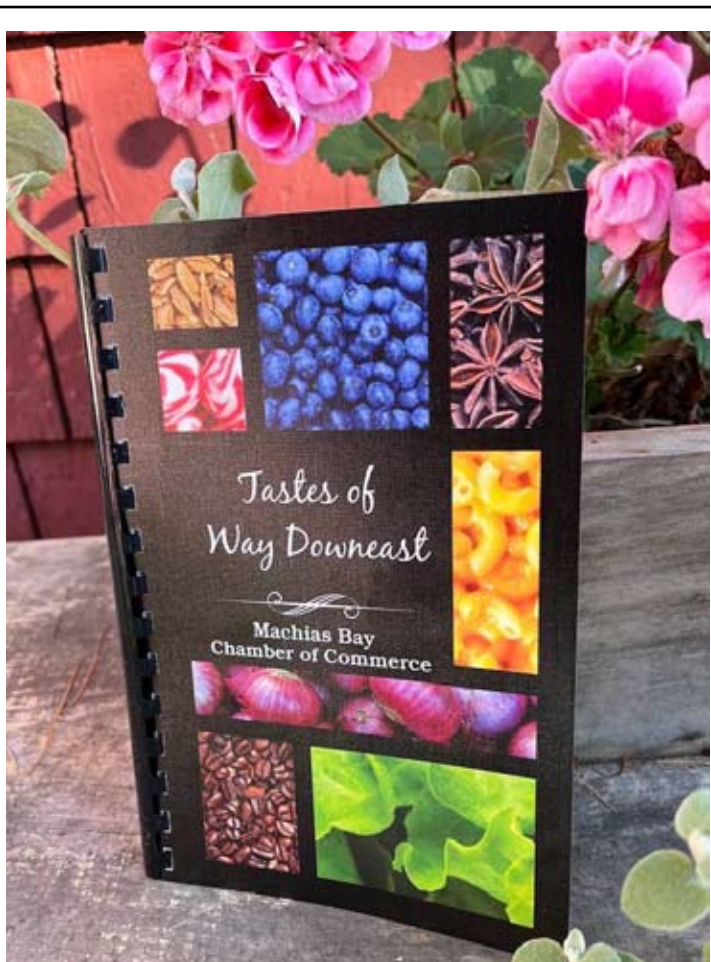
Despite their crimes, Author Caverly takes care to explore the back stories of his villains. The Senator's troubled youth is laid out in detail - how he suffered at the hands of an abusive father - and McTavish the Poacher is described as an outcast, who knew much disappointment and loss. The fact

that fictional crimes perpetuated by the Senator and the Poacher are based on actual events in Author Caverly's life, says a great deal about the author's good nature and sense of fair play. For details on the real-life trials incurred by Caverly when he worked as Supervisor of Allagash Waterway, see *Losing Paradise: The Allagash Wilderness Waterway Under Attack*, Maine Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (2002), online at [https://peer.org/wp-content/uploads/attachments/losing\\_paradise2001.pdf](https://peer.org/wp-content/uploads/attachments/losing_paradise2001.pdf).

Author Caverly's voice is most at ease when he talks about the everyday concerns of back woods living. There's solid comfort in knowing that the wood box is full of dry beech, and the flask of liquid restorative is tucked beneath a floorboard in case of emergency. Who wouldn't want the privacy of a snug cabin with a view of the lake? Outside on the trail, "... the air was sweet and clean, a light breeze kept the black flies at bay, and on occasion, the call of the loon was shared across the water's distance."

Caverly knows full well that the work to safeguard a wilderness area is never done. It takes heroic effort by many people to maintain a timeless and idyllic Maine Woods sanctuary. State and Federal wilderness protections always involve competing stakeholders, and the goal of wilderness integrity usually gives way to pressure for resource development. Since retiring from State service, Caverly, along with his wife, Susan, have devoted themselves to promoting education about the splendor and fragility of Maine's natural resources by giving presentations at schools and libraries throughout the State.

Caverly will visit Machias on Thursday, Aug. 18, for two talks and power-point presentations at Porter Memorial Library, located at 92 Court Street. Both library events are free and open to the public. Caverly's 2 p.m. program is geared toward children. His 5 p.m. program for adults is entitled *So You Think You Know Maine*. For more info, call Porter Memorial Library 207-255-3933 or email [librarian@porter.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@porter.lib.me.us).



## Cooking the Way Downeast way

The Machias community cookbooks, created by the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, are available now! They are \$10 and can be purchased at the Chambers train station, Downeast Jewelers, Crows Nest Shops, The French Cellar, and other businesses around town. They will also be for sale at the Chamber's booth at the Wild Blueberry Festival Aug. 19-21. They are full of the best recipes from your friends and neighbors in the greater Machias area. They have a very special section that includes past winners from the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival! They are also a perfect gift to tuck away for holiday giving. The chamber is located inside Station 1898, Route 1, Machias. Photo courtesy MBACC

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# Arts & Entertainment



## Youth concert is series finale

EAC's Concert Series will conclude Friday, September 2, at 7 p.m., with the Young Persons' Concert. A tradition of more than 20 years, the concert features talented young performers from all over Washington County in a program that is an engaging mix of genres, instrumentation, and styles. Each year, attendees come away delighted with the inspiring display of young talent, and these emerging musicians have an opportunity to build their poise on the EAC stage with a warm and friendly house of fans.

The Arts Center is delighted to bring back this popular event after a two-year hiatus. Tickets are just \$5 for this show; attendees 17 and under will be admitted free of charge.

Eastport Arts Center is at 36



Youth performers await their turns on stage at Eastport Arts Center's 2016 Young Persons' Concert, or 'YPC.' Photo by Robin Farrin

Washington Street, Eastport, and [eastportartscenter.org](http://eastportartscenter.org), and is handicapped-accessible. The EAC abides by the State of Maine CDC

COVID guidelines. Additionally, at this time, the EAC recommends that people wear masks when in our building.

## 34th Annual Salmon Festival set for Sept. 3-4

The 34th Annual Eastport Salmon and Seafood Festival will be held Sept. 3 -4 in the historic downtown district. Seafood Saturday's fare will feature Crab rolls and Clam Chowder under the tent in the Fisherman Statue parking lot. There will be live music, and craft vendors. The Border Historical Society will hold a live auction Saturday morning in front of the Quoddy Craft Shop. Kids' activities include a

fishing derby at the breakwater pier, a marine animal touch tank, and an art activity at the Peavey Memorial Library. The puppet show, "Teeny, Tiny Mermaid; Tails of Passamaquoddy Bay" will be in the amphitheater in the afternoon.

Salmon Sunday showcases the big barbequed salmon dinner with Raye's Mustard Winter garden sauce, roasted potatoes and buttered peas, homemade

rolls, and a blueberry dessert. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free boat tour of the salmon pens aboard Eastport Windjammers vessel is included with the meal. Live music, great food, and craft vendors along the closed Water Street downtown, make for an enjoyable seaside visit in Way DownEast. Find the full schedule on [www.eastportchamber.net/salmon](http://www.eastportchamber.net/salmon).

## The Machias Arts Council announces community-wide flash fiction event, 'Scarecrows of Machias'

The Machias Arts Council will be hosting a Flash Fiction event featuring the works of Machias residents and surrounding communities. The theme will be "Scarecrows of Machias" and will run in parallel to the annual Scarecrow Contest hosted by the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Find your perfect spot of inspiration and write your best work," stated Loretta McClellan, chairperson of The Machias Arts Council. "We're eager at the Machias Arts Council to celebrate autumn and the Arts in Machias, with the literary arts of our Flash Fiction event an ideal complement to the visual arts featured in the annual Scarecrow Contest."

### The event

Flash fiction is a genre of short stories, typically only a few hundred words long, and is

becoming quite popular online and in print, including in *The New Yorker* magazine, which is running a summer series of flash fiction stories. The "Scarecrows of Machias" event is open to residents of all ages of Machias and surrounding communities, and works will be limited to around 500 words and have a scarecrow theme.

Chosen stories will be promoted and published across multiple platforms, including online and in print, and a prize will be awarded for "Best Story."

### To participate

Local writers should submit their scarecrow-themed works of approximately 500 words to [MACFlashFiction@gmail.com](mailto:MACFlashFiction@gmail.com) by Sunday, Oct. 16.

Submissions should include: the author's first and last names, phone number, town, and email

address and should be limited to two pieces. If under 18, the parent or guardian must include their name and contact information to submit on their child's behalf, along with their child's name as the author. By submitting their works, writers agree to let their stories be republished in all forms, royalty-free.

*The Machias Arts Council fosters creativity, economic vitality, and cultural engagement through artist advocacy and distinctive events that celebrate the vibrancy of the arts. A beacon of creative inspiration along the Bold Coast of Downeast Maine, the MAC builds community through volunteer membership and support. For general organization information, visit [Facebook.com/MachiasArts](https://www.facebook.com/MachiasArts). To become a member, email to [MachiasArtsCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:MachiasArtsCouncil@gmail.com).*

## Free outdoor concert, 'Middle River Rhythm' this Friday in Machias

The public is invited to enjoy the great outdoors, great beer, and great music with the Downeast Coastal Conservancy's "Middle River Rhythm" concert set for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join the fun with

local bands, The Filthy Casuals, and LAMPLighters. Local brewery Bad Little Brewing Co. will be on hand with a beer tent, and there will be ice cream from the Darling's Ice Cream for a Cause truck.

The event is sponsored by Pineo's True Value, Machias.

## Dining with Diane



*This filling is wonderful on a lemon or yellow cake. You can make a 2-layer cake or a 9 X 13 cake cut in half and filled to make a small 2-layer rectangle cake. Just dust the top layer with powdered sugar or a glaze and maybe a dollop of blueberry sauce if you have it. I bet it would be a great filling for cupcakes too. Cut a cone shape out of the top of your cupcakes and plop a heaping tablespoon of this filling into the hole.*

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- 2/3 c. sugar
- 3 eggs
- Zest from 1 lemon
- 2 c. fresh or frozen blueberries (do not thaw)

In large bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add the sour cream, sugar, eggs, and lemon zest. Gently fold in the blueberries. Yes, it will turn purple, especially if the berries are frozen, but it's very pretty anyway.

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

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

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

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

**Centre Street Congregational Church, UCC** - Machias. 10 a.m. Sunday in person and online.

Open and Affirming. Email centrestreetworship@gmail.com for Zoom link. (Include your name, as well as a cell number if you'll be using it.) FMI, www.centrestreetchurch.org. or 207-255-6665. ....

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

**Cherryfield First Congregational Church**, 207-843-5656. ....

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

**Christian Temple Church**, 207-733-2887. ....

**The Church of Jesus Christ of**

**Latter-day Saints**, 207-483-8055. ....

**Cobscook Friends meeting**, 207-733-2068. ....

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

**Community of Christ** - 497-5723. ....

**Comunidad de Cristo**, 207-497-2618. ....

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

**Dennysville / Edmunds**

**Congregational Church** - FMI call 726-3905. ....

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

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

**Faith United Methodist Church**, 207-483-4094. ....

**First Congregational Church** 259-

2101. ....

**Holmes Bay Baptist Church**, 255-8227. ....

**Holy Trinity Chapel**, 207-726-5129. ....

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

**Jonesboro Union Church** - 24 Looks Point Rd. Welcomes you to the Sunday morning service and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. Come to Bible study on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Pastor David Gardiner 207-902-3314. ....

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

**Machias Valley Baptist Church**- FMI call 255-4476. ....

**Machiasport Congregational Church**, See us on Facebook. ....

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

**Milbridge Congregational Church**, U.C.C. - 10 a.m. Sunday in-person and on Zoom. Jack Lacey 207-745-1348. ....

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

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

**New Dawn Fellowship**, 207-255-8621. ....

**Pentecostal Lighthouse**, 207-255-3577. ....

**Perry Congregational Church**. ....

**Roque Bluffs Community Chapel**, 3 Schoppee Point Rd., Roque Bluffs. Sunday evening services at 6:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us on Sunday evenings starting July 3, 2022 into fall. Pastor David Gardiner of RBC Chapel and Jonesboro Union Church and guest clergy will speak. 207-255-8037. ....

**River of God**, 207-255-6369. ....

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

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

**Steuben Union Church**, 207-546-2656. ....

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

**Unionville Church of God**, 207-546-2668. ....

**United Pentecostal Church**. ....

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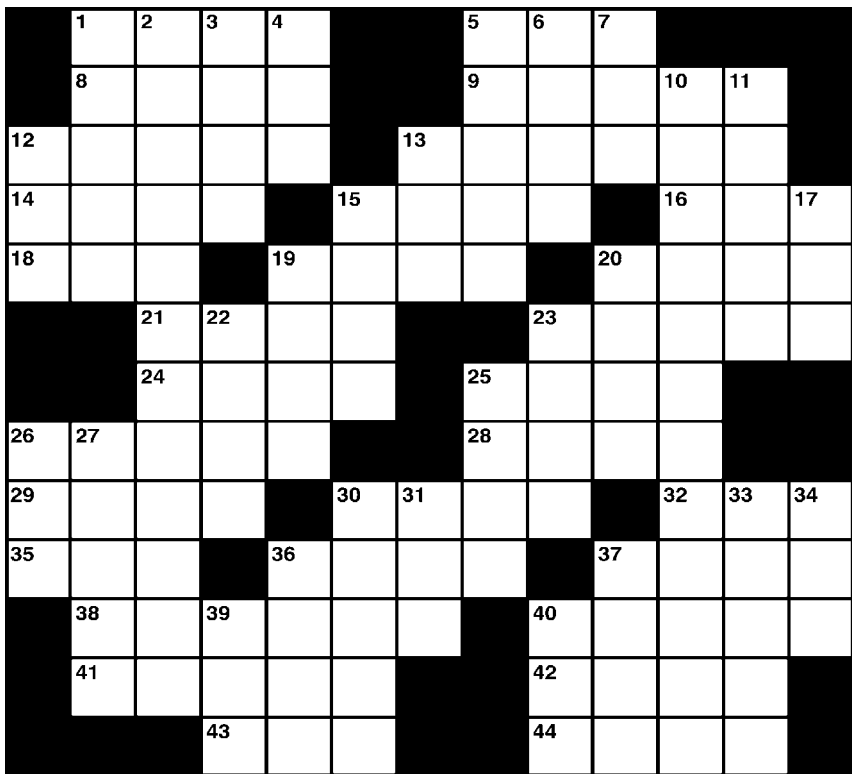
**West Lubec United Methodist Church**, 853-4603; 207-733-2426; 207-483-4052. ....

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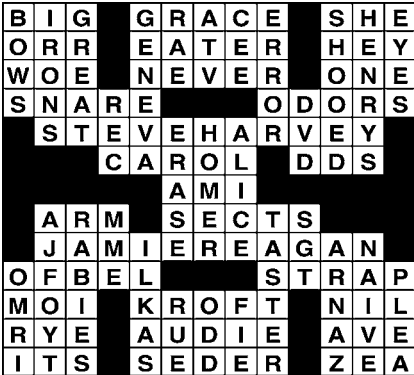
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- 30 "Tomorrow Never \_\_\_"; 007 movie
- 32 Take advantage of
- 35 Actor Penn

- 36 One of the Maverick brothers
- 37 Flirt with
- 38 "Dumb and \_\_\_"; Jim Carrey film
- 40 "I Love Lucy" role
- 41 Brazilian dance
- 42 Word attached to ladder or father
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- 44 Emily or Markie

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- 1 Will of "Blue Bloods"
- 2 Actress on "Young Rock"
- 3 "South \_\_\_"
- 4 "Bill \_\_\_ the Science Guy"
- 5 West & Brody
- 6 Prohibits
- 7 "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's \_\_\_"
- 10 Keisha \_\_\_ of "FBI: Most Wanted"
- 11 Actress Verdugo
- 12 "Isn't \_\_\_ Lovely"; Stevie Wonder song
- 13 Actor Diesel
- 15 Zach's wife on "Little People, Big World"
- 17 "Peter \_\_\_"
- 19 Seymour, for one
- 20 Wallach & Marienthal
- 22 Geologic periods
- 23 "Woe is me!"
- 25 "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"
- 26 Type; variety
- 27 Highways
- 30 "I \_\_\_ of Jeannie"
- 31 Suffix for boss or class
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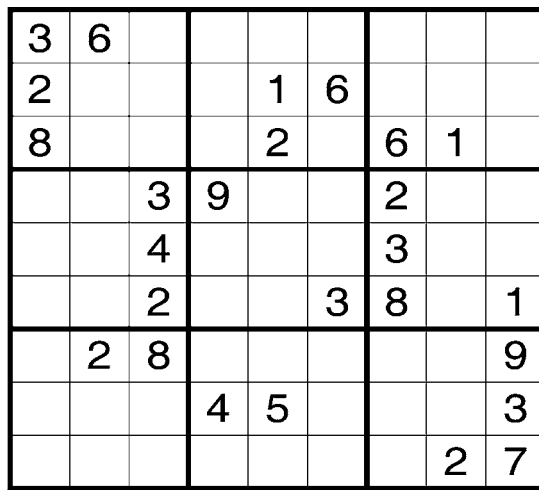


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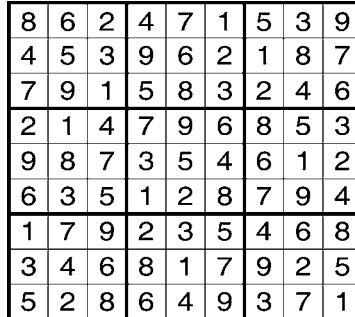
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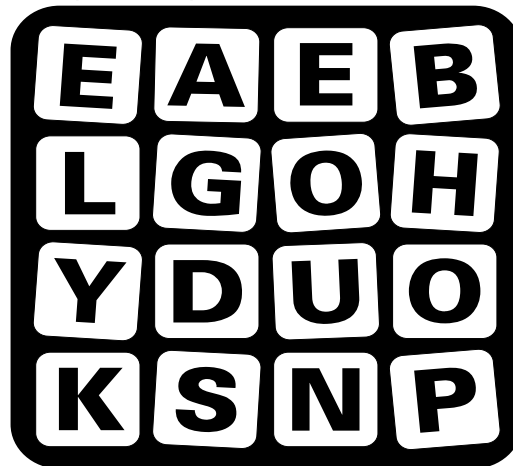
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## Boggle BrainBusters!

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.



10-10-20

### BOGGLE POINT SCALE

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

### YOUR BOGGLE RATING

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

### Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them? Find AT LEAST FIVE DOG BREEDS in the grid of letters.

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Answers to Friday's Boggle BrainBusters: TENNIS FOOTBALL BASEBALL BASKETBALL

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# Community Calendar

## Upcoming events

Free help filing state taxes in order to receive \$850 relief fund check. Even people who do not pay taxes need to file the state income tax form in order to qualify. The next clinic offered by AARP Foundation Tax-Aid will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the East Machias Town Office, 32 Cutler Road, East Machias. For more information about the service or to volunteer, please visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

Machiasport Historical Society's Gates House & Cooper House Museums will be open for its "Summer Walk-In Guided Tours" from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. **July 5-August 31**. The last tour will be held at 4 p.m. The museums are located at 344 Port Road, Machiasport. Donations are appreciated.

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.

An "Art From Nature" exhibit will be shown at Lubec Landmarks; Mulholland Gallery from **August 11 to August 30**. It will include works by Gretchen Mead, Heidi Herzberger, and Jeanne Backhaus. A Meet the Artists reception will be held at the gallery Saturday, August 13, 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Maine author Tim Caverly will visit Machias on Thursday, **Aug. 18**, for two talks and power-point presentations at Porter Memorial Library, located at 92 Court Street. Both library events are free and open to the public. Caverly's 2 p.m. program is geared toward children His 5 p.m. program for adults is entitled *You Think You Know Maine*. For more info call Porter Memorial Library 207-255-3933, or email [librarian@porter.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@porter.lib.me.us).

Outdoor concert at Middle River Park to be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, **Aug. 19**. The Filthy Casuals and LAMP-lighters will perform in this "Middle River Rhythm" event, sponsored by Pineo's True Value and the Downeast Coastal Conservancy. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and join us for some good music outdoors! There will also be a beer tent from Bad Little Brewing.

CHICKEN B-B-Q SUPPER, Sat., **Aug. 20**, at 5 p.m.; Parish Hall, Route 86 (King St.), Dennysville; b-b-q chicken, baked potato, veggie, cole slaw, rolls, desserts, beverages; come early, hall fills up fast!

Tracy Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, **Aug. 21** at the Jonathan Landing area in Gouldsboro. A gathering will be held at the Steuben Library on **August 20th** Saturday evening from 5-7 pm. Bring your own information on your Tracy Line to be added to their files. Ronie Strout will be there to answer any questions about doing your family tree.

Information will be given to anyone that wants to learn how to do their genealogy.

Gates House Museum hosts a Watercolor Presentation by accomplished local Artist Ellie Carbone at 4 p.m. on Monday, **Aug. 22** following a brief Machiasport Historical Society Mtg., 344 Port Rd./Rt. 92. Discover some of what is involved in creating exquisite watercolor art and amazing talent! Refreshments will be served.

Machias residents are invited to a public hearing to be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, **Aug. 24**, at the Machias Telebusiness Center, Stackpole Road. The hearing will go over a request from Machias Memorial High School to use COVID funds to construct two new classrooms and a bathroom on campus. The state requires a referendum vote anytime school expansions exceed 600 square feet. This expansion is planned for 1,800 square feet. A public vote on the matter will be held at the high school gymnasium, 1 Bulldog Lane, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Pembroke Library Used Book Sale, to be held at the library during the Washington County Fair on Saturday, **Aug. 27**. Hundreds of "new" used books to choose from.

Machias Valley Christian School (MVCS) is hosting a Co-Ed Softball Tournament on Saturday, **August 27** at 8:00 AM at Southside Field in Machias. Entry fee is \$200 per team. Must be 16 years or older to register. Each team may have as many as 12 players registered. Ten players can be on the field at once, 7-3 format. Register by contacting Stefani Parker at [jonesst25@gmail.com](mailto:jonesst25@gmail.com). Official rules to follow registration. All proceeds will benefit MVCS.

34th Annual Eastport Salmon and Seafood Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday **Sept. 3-4** in Eastport. Event features live music, food, shopping, and kids' activities. Find the full schedule on [www.eastportchamber.net/salmon](http://www.eastportchamber.net/salmon).

1st Annual UMaine Machias Run Swim Run, 3.2 mile swim, 500 meter run, to be held **Sept. 10**. Contact [lindsay.mcMahon@maine.edu](mailto:lindsay.mcMahon@maine.edu) or [eric.shore@maine.edu](mailto:eric.shore@maine.edu) to register.

## Recurring events

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

Free tech help by appointment at Porter Memorial Library **Saturdays between July 2 and Aug. 13**. Also by **chance drop in Wednesdays through Fridays** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 255-3933.

Parenting in Recovery Support Group at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday, in person at Downeast Recovery Center, 11 Free

Street, Machias. To register or for more information please call or text 263-5270.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summer Reading Program at Porter Memorial Library, **every Tuesday** at 11 a.m. at the library, 92 Court Street, Machias. Guest reader every week until Aug. 30. 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 Paul Gaddis, 255-0918.

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](mailto:bobcatpath@myfairpoint.net)

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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

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It all started when someone asked Hubbard to build a better blueberry rake.

“Somebody came up to me one day and said, ‘Ike, we need a rake that won’t break when we’re harvesting,’” said Hubbard. “So I built one, and I’ve been here ever since.”

What he built became the original Hubbard rake, a sturdy, hand-fabricated metal rake built to last. “The first thing is quality,” said Hubbard. “I make sure my stuff is

top shelf.”

Hubbard credits a lot of his business and engineering savvy to his degree from the University of Southern Maine, but it’s easy to see he has some natural talents, too. He put both to work when a change in technology threatened to end his business in the late 1990s.

“I had a guy come up to me one day and say, ‘You might as well close your doors because the mechanical harvesters are taking over,’” recalled Hubbard. “I put

on my marketing hat and got my blueberry rakes doing all kinds of stuff.”

With a big shift in marketing and small shifts in design, suddenly, Hubbard Rakes weren’t just for blueberries anymore.

“They’re used for raking sea glass for jewelry, for putting loose packing material in shipping departments, for harvesting huckleberries, cranberries, and herbs, I’ve got them harvesting wheat,” said Hubbard. Some wheat farmers in the Pacific Northwest hand-harvest the wheat grains, says Hubbard, to preserve the stalks for other uses.

This year Hubbard has received an order for several rakes that will be used to collect shell casings at a western shooting range, and lots of orders from Michigan, where wild blueberries also grow.

“Michigan seems to be a good state this year,” said Hubbard. “In that northern peninsula, if they ever took their blueberries seriously, we’d probably be in trouble.”

But the most unusual use of a Hubbard Rake? To count lizards in Florida.

“A buddy of mine from the University of Maine, he went down to Texas, and one of the government engineers said the salamander was an endangered species. Zach didn’t agree with him, so he wanted me to build a rake to go out in the weeds to get a salamander count,” said Hubbard. “The configuration is basically the same; the difference is in the teeth spacing.”

Hubbard Rakes have enjoyed their fair share of national fame, like when Martha Stewart praised them on TV. “She held up one of my rakes and said my name, and my phone rung right off the hook,” recalls Hubbard.

Further diversifying his business, Hubbard is partnered with Winslow-based Johnny’s Selected Seeds, for whom he manufactures many products, including high



Hubbard designed this small rake to fit into a backpack for hikers who might want to harvest some wild blueberries along the trail. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon



Hubbard is well known for his innovative designs, like this rake fitted with longer handles so that older rakers can still go out and enjoy the harvest. “The real thing is it’s healthy, it can be fun, and you’re out in the air, and you meet new people,” he said. Hubbard loans this one out to anyone who wants to spend a little time on the barrens. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

tunnel bending tools, which home gardeners and farmers use to create frames for their own greenhouses. Hubbard said he approves of Johnny’s because they, too, focus on quality.

“Ike Hubbard has been a trusted toolmaker and great friend of Johnny’s for decades now,” said Jen Goff, product technician at Johnny’s, also lauding Hubbard’s innovative ideas. “Many of his creations have been instrumental in the small-scale market gardener movement, including the broadfork and seedbed roller.”

Leading up to and during blueberry season, Hubbard and his staff are especially hard at work filling orders from his Jonesport workshop, which at one time was used to raise foxes. “Sometime in

the 40s, my uncle bought it and moved it up here to put his tractors in,” said Hubbard. “So I don’t have a General Motors look. I’ve got a building that’s like part of the family.”

Hubbard estimates that almost 90 percent of blueberries are currently harvested using machinery. But for those commercial and home harvesters still raking by hand, there are many benefits, he says.

“A lot of people have said, ‘Oh boy, I wouldn’t do that job, that’s too hard.’ The real thing is it’s healthy, it can be fun, and you’re out in the air, and you meet new people,” said Hubbard, “and most of the people that you see in the fields if you’re down here this way the end of August, they’re having a good time doing it.”

## Drugs, cannon seized during arrests in Liberty

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Troopers from Troop D traveled to School Ridge Road in Liberty in an attempt to locate a wanted person. Troopers located and arrested 27-year-old Cole Libby who lived at the residence on warrants out of Knox, Waldo, and Franklin County.

The investigation revealed that Libby was in possession of approximately 50 grams of Fentanyl. Also located at his home were several firearms as well drug scales and approximately \$8,500 in suspected drug proceeds.

At Libby’s residence at the time were 28-year-old Felichia Glidden of Liberty and 56-year-old Randall Smith also of Liberty, both of whom are convicted felons.

Glidden was in possession of methamphetamine and prescription drugs. Randall Smith was found to be in possession of approximately 6 grams of methamphetamine, \$1,700 in suspected drug proceeds, and two pistols. (The \$1,700 is separate



If this cannon is known to you or you are missing a cannon please contact the State Police, Troop D at 207-624-7076 and ask for Cpl. Scott Quintero. Submitted photo

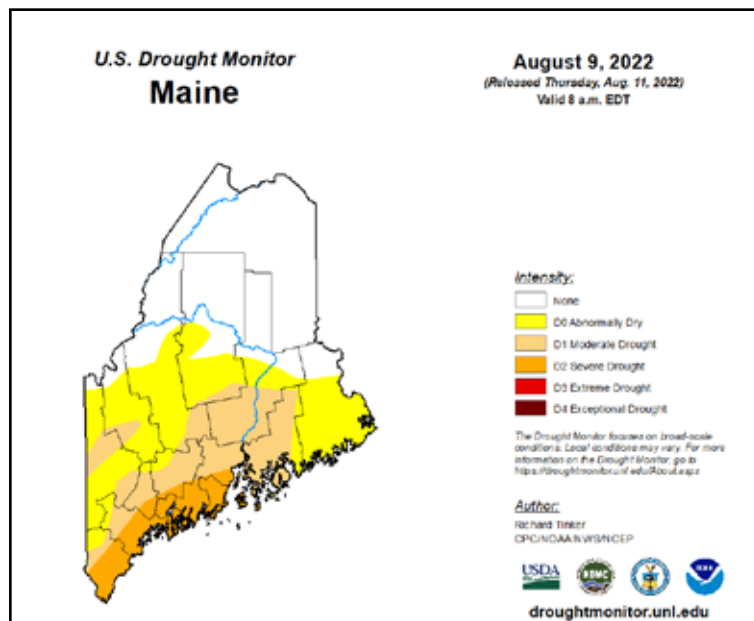
from the \$8,500.)

A further search of the residence turned up numerous high-value items stolen in recent commercial thefts including a Can-Am side-by-side, and a cannon.

Libby, Glidden, and Smith were taken to the Waldo County Jail.

At this time all three are out on bail.

The investigation is ongoing. If the cannon is known to you or you are missing a cannon please contact the State Police, Troop D at 207-624-7076 and ask for Cpl. Scott Quintero.



## Drought rolls back a bit Downeast

Only 79 percent of Washington County experienced abnormally dry conditions last week, compared to 94 percent the week prior. Across the state, 28 percent of Maine is experiencing moderate drought, and 8 percent is experiencing severe drought. At the start of the nation’s water monitoring year, which began in late September 2021, Maine’s overall conditions were slightly worse, but Washington County’s were better, with no drought conditions of any kind. It’s been a while since we’ve had significant rain in the Machias area, but a quarter inch is predicted for Wednesday. Though more would be welcome, Machias Wild Blueberry Festival planners are grateful none is predicted for the weekend. Photo courtesy U.S. Drought Monitor



## Wild Blueberry Land Continued from page 1

picked up from the crowded shelves encircling the kitchen portion of the circular building.

Marie Emerson, proprietor and certified and award-winning chef is often manning the register. Checkout often takes a while since Marie loves to chat and educate folks about Maine wild blueberries. In the next 24 months, the food will be gone, and the entire shop will be devoted to explaining, extolling, and exhorting the wild blueberry industry.

### Getting together

Emerson, originally from New Jersey, developed a passion for Maine's wild blueberries through her marriage to Dell Emerson, a native Mainer who was born and raised in Columbia Falls and immersed in the industry from his childhood raking days. As a teenager in 4H, he was tapped by the manager of the state's only wild blueberry research station to work summers there.

Dell was used to hard work and was always willing to do whatever was asked of him, and was eventually hired as an assistant to a university professor. In that capacity, he integrated the specialty fields of other professors and fashioned experiments designed to increase and improve the cultivation and yield of wild blueberries. He did everything from building

equipment to stringing fields and, in 1953, became leader of Blueberry Hill Farm on Route 1 in Columbia Falls. There he would help engineer an annual yield increase in Maine wild blueberries from 19 million pounds on 60,000 acres in 1953 to 80-to-100 million pounds on half that acreage 40 years later. He would hold the post until retiring in 2006.

Marie was lured to Maine in 1974 by the back-to-the-land movement pioneered by Scott and Helen Nearing. She arrived in Cooper and took part in the cooperative building and farming that characterized the movement. At the same time, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maine and was hired at (then) Washington County Technical College to teach culinary arts, a job she held for over 30 years.

During her university study, Marie was assigned to make a film with a heritage theme and chose Maine wild blueberries as her topic. While interviewing growers and processors, she kept hearing about the legendary leader of the research farm. She made an appointment to interview Dell and drove to Blueberry Hill Farm to meet with him. "When I got out of my car and saw him," she says, "I knew he would be my husband."

Dell had been single for two

decades and had sworn he'd never marry again. "She set a trap for me," he quips now. "I met my thrill on Blueberry Hill," Marie counters. The two have been devoted partners and helpmates ever since.

### Enter the dome

The couple settled in the Wescogus district of Addison overlooking the Pleasant River valley and off to Mt. Desert and cultivated a blueberry farm where four generations of their family still work. In the basement of their farmhouse, they created a small processing plant where they package and sell berries — fresh and frozen — in five-pound boxes.

In 1999, on the property a few miles north of their home at Route 187's intersection with Route 1, the family started building a round, domed structure. They painted it blueberry blue. In 2001, Wild Blueberry Land opened to the public. Outwardly and obviously a gift shop and outlet for all foods blueberry — pies, cookies, scones, syrup, jams, and jellies, much of which Marie creates in the kitchen area with help from a cadre of young men and women whom she mentors—the dome has also always contained the seeds of a museum displaying the history and importance of Maine wild blueberries.

The fruit is only one of North America's four indigenous rhizome crops — plants with creeping root systems that send shoots above ground on which fruit grows. It flourishes in the shallow soil system created by glaciers 10,000 years ago. Marie calls the plant "a gift from nature" because it grows without human help. (High bush blueberries cultivated elsewhere in the world are a different species. Marie never refers to Maine's blueberries without the modifier "wild.")

In addition to the shelves of knickknacks, postcards, and jarred food items, the Dome began showcasing the history and value of Maine wild blueberries. There are artifacts such as rakes and a winnowing machine. There are video loops and tribute corners. One display teaches that Washington County's sardine canneries switched to canning blueberries during the Civil War when southern markets for sardines dried up and canned food was needed for Union soldiers. Photographic displays pay tribute to significant contributors to the trade.

Space is limited, and the Dome was getting crowded. The Emersons' dream of creating a museum to preserve the heritage, sustain the industry and encourage young people to carry on the tradition demanded capital, and grant money was not forthcoming to private individuals. In 2017, Marie figured out how to apply for tax-free status, and the cause became a non-profit group capable



Marie and Dell Emerson, seen here in Columbia Falls, are lifelong advocates for the Maine wild blueberry. Photos by Nancy Beal



Maine Wild Blueberry Land in Columbia Falls. Photo by Nancy Beal



Marie Emerson chatting with customers at the counter of Maine Wild Blueberry Land in Columbia Falls. Emerson's quick wit, encyclopedic wild blueberry knowledge, and outgoing personality mean customers walk away with more than baked goods and gifts. Photo by Nancy Beal

of accepting grants.

The board of directors, recently revamped, is chaired by UMO media Professor Jolene Blais. Retired attorney Jeffrey Lovit of Addison is treasurer, and retired East Machias physician and grower John Gaddis serves as secretary. Also on the board with the Emersons is David Ellis, retired director of the Boston Museum of Science, and acting as the facilitator will be Dennis Wint, retired president of the Franklin Institute. The museum's goal is to highlight and conserve the wild blueberry's unique ecosystem by collecting, preserving, and presenting its local heritage, to protect the community and culture by revitalizing and sustaining family farms, and

providing a pathway to a sustainable future. More information can be found at the group's website: [wildblueberryheritagecenter.org](http://wildblueberryheritagecenter.org).

This fall, the Emersons will remove the kitchen from the Dome to make room for what now are crowded exhibits. They will have help: a Vista Volunteer from Texas arrived late last month for a year's tour and already says she will probably re-up for a second year, and an Island Institute Fellow will soon follow. Next summer, the Dome will open as a heritage center, with a gift counter and outlet for blueberry foods that Marie will prepare at home. By 2024, she says, the food will be gone, and, except for the gift counter, the building will be the museum.

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## OBITUARIES

**Eugene Wilford Caler**  
August 8, 2022

Harrington – Eugene “Junior” Wilford Caler Jr., 57, gained his wings on the morning of August 8, 2022, passing peacefully at his home in Harrington.

Junior will be remembered for keeping the road free of trash and bottles. Walking the road and picking up the trash was what he considered his “job.”

Junior will be missed by all who ever met him as he was such a kind and sweet soul.

Junior left behind his sister, Jannie Caler, who gave the best of care. His brother, Robert Caler, who took him for rides as Robert did errands for work; a special sister-in-law, Kathy Caler, and his two cats, Tiger and Buckshot.

Junior is predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Genevieve (Norton) Caler; his brother, Delbert Caler, and nephew, Forrest Caler.

Donations may be made in Junior’s honor to Ark Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 276, Cherryfield, ME 04622, as he had a love for all animals.

MNVN000010874

**Erna Hamel**

May 13, 1921 - July 25, 2022

Beals - My sister and I are mourning the loss on July 25, 2022, of our very special mother, Erna Hamel. She was born in Vienna, Austria, on May 13, 1921. The birth was attended by her grandmother, a midwife. She was a beautiful woman who was a cover girl for a literary magazine in her teens. She was very bright and graduated from an academic high school in 1939 and left Vienna for a visit with her paternal aunt in New York City. The advancing German army, which overran her homeland, made it impossible for her to return.

In ensuing years, she met and married our father, Jacques, a friend of mother’s cousin. She traveled with our father around the southern U.S. during his service in the United States Army, working in libraries, Army mess halls, and in assorted other jobs. After the war, they worked for Merrill Lynch in New York City, and they had us and eventually settled in Pine Bush, New York. The stone house in the woods gave them the opportunity to hike and pick blueberries and mushrooms. Mother loved to travel the world, from Nepal in the Himalayas to New Zealand in the South Pacific. She was a self-taught naturalist who amassed a broad knowledge of plants, mushrooms, insects, and stars. She vastly enjoyed her summers on the Maine coast and had many friends wherever she went.

Erna is survived by her daughters: Erna Baumann of Lee Center, New York, and Henriette Hamel, and son-in-law Carl Snow of Cazenovia, New York. She was predeceased by her husband, Jacques Hamel, her parents, Heinrich and Ernestine Senych, and a brother and his wife, Heinrich and Zita Senych, and a nephew, Heinrich Senych. She leaves a cousin and her husband in Nevada, Carmen and KC Macklin, and nieces, Maria Senych and Zita Shrott, and her husband Sigvard Schrott and their daughters Sophie Schrott in Austria, and Valerie and her husband Anthony Bradshaw and their children, Noah and Sara, in Wales.

We celebrated Mother’s 101st birthday in May of 2022. We will all miss her tremendously.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.michaelebrownsfuneralservices.com](http://www.michaelebrownsfuneralservices.com).

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**Jean Gaudet Lombard**  
1949 - 2022

Cumberland Foreside and Roque Bluffs—Jean Gaudet Lombard, 1949-2022, daughter of Edwin and Teresa (McDonnell) Gaudet, was a loving, giving, truly gifted person and educator. She graduated from Madison College. Though she never experienced motherhood, Miss Gaudet, as she was known during her tenure, was a mentor mother to thousands of students during her thirty-two-year professional career. Her roles varied at the diverse Potomac High School in Virginia, from which she eventually retired, where school families faced many socio-economic challenges, and where Miss Gaudet invested many personal hours to help students succeed in class and become successful in life.

Miss Gaudet was among the first arriving to school and the last to leave every day of her career. She would tutor students struggling in class, help them locate study materials for research projects, or simply help front office staff make phone calls to secure substitute teachers so every class was covered each day. She conducted SAT testing prep classes, was an advisor to the senior class, and, in conjunction with guidance staff, helped monitor those at risk of not meeting graduation requirements. Miss Gaudet also coordinated graduation ceremonies including assisting valedictorian and salutatorian candidates with speech preparations and the presentation of diplomas. In addition to serving as a school librarian and gifted education teacher, Jean also chaired the school’s planning council responsible for establishing and implementing educational and budgetary long- and short-term goals. In 1998, the very fitting honor, “Teacher-of-the-Year” was bestowed upon her.

On December 19, 2009, Miss Gaudet became Mrs. Jean Lombard, when she married the late (2017) Gary Lombard. Together they spent time in both Roque Bluffs and Cumberland Foreside. Jean was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. She leaves behind a special sister-in-law, Susan Lombard; brothers-in-law, Brad, Larry, and John Lombard. Barry Lombard predeceased her.

Above all her professional responsibilities, Jean was an amazing and brilliant woman. She was devoted to her church, its outreach programs, and especially enjoyed singing in the choir, and performing in many holiday concerts. She was a selfless and generous friend to all who knew and loved her. She was a secret benefactor to family, friends, and students in crisis. Her generosity and friendship were truly blessings to all who knew and loved her.

Contributions may be made in Jean’s memory to the Porter Memorial Library, 92 Court Street, Machias, Maine 04654.

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

MNVN000010875

**Stewart A. Starnes (T-Bone Tony)**  
May 18, 1958 - August 6, 2022

Tony was born in Inglewood, California, on May 18, 1958, to Patricia Ann Orent and Kelly Bryan Starnes. Tony graduated from Pacifica High School in Garden Grove, California 1974.

Tony enjoyed sports, and he started playing football at the young age of eight and continued on through college. He grew up riding motorcycles and dirt bikes. He played hockey and enjoyed water-skiing, jet skiing, and surfing. Tony, his brother Jack and their father Kelly used to race in Cross Country Motocross, where he and his father won multiple trophies. Tony later moved to Maine, where he found his passion for fishing and, later on, hunting. Tony was employed at Elmer’s Food Mart for over 20 years, where he was the store manager and a meat cutter. This is where the nickname T-Bone Tony came from, although apparently, that was a name that his mother had given to him early on. The grocery store is where he met his fiancée of 20 years, Cindy Sprague. When the grocery store closed, Tony then went to work at Elmer’s Discount Store for approximately ten years, where you could get all the fishing and hunting advice or stories you wanted to hear.

Tony was predeceased by his mother, Patricia Hermann, and her husband, Joe Hermann.

Tony is survived by: His father, Kelly Starnes and his wife Maryann, his brother Jack Starnes, his wife Candy, and their children James, Patricia, and Christie; his sister Kellie Henderson; his fiancée Cindy Sprague and her girls: Crystal Stanley and her husband Gary, Janet Morse and her fiancée Jay Morton, Tabitha Beal and her husband Danny, Jessica Morse and her boyfriend Tim Hanning, along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a Celebration Of Life and Chinese Raffle for Tony on September 18, 2022, at 12 p.m. at the Columbia Town Hall.

MNVN000010888

**Gregory Lynn Wendt**

August 22, 1946 - March 7, 2022

Gregory Lynn Wendt, 75, passed away March 7, 2022, at 4:22 p.m. at the Syracuse VA Medical Center. Gregory was born in Passaic, New Jersey, on August 22, 1946, the son of Bruno and Margaret (Hoving) Wendt.

Greg graduated from Wayne Valley High School in 1964. He furthered his academic education by attending Central University of Iowa, Pella, with a BA in Psychology in 1967 and received his MBS in 1977 at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

In between receiving both diplomas, he joined the United States Air Force (Strategic Air Command or SAC) in 1969 and became a B-52 Combat Pilot in Vietnam from 1972 to 1974. He flew the lead ship over Hanoi; he managed an Aircraft Emergency landing with three minutes of flying time remaining in “0/0” weather conditions; he received 35 decorations and the Distinguished Flying Cross, our nation’s highest award for extraordinary aerial achievement. His aircraft was also named SAC’s “Crew of the Year” when the war ended.

Following his return home, Greg became an Instructor Pilot for B-52s from 1978 to 1988 with 1400 hours as a Flight Simulator Instructor; 4,600 hours Air and Ground; Senior Aircraft Commander on Alert for 80 personnel.

From 1982 to 1988, he became Branch Chief Weapons Systems Trainer in the Aircraft Simulator, responsible for all generated (real and non-real-time) computer missions scenarios overseeing profile generation, including pilots, navigators, and defensive systems stations.

He took a vested interest in astronomy, physics, and anything related to the conservation of nature and the oceans. He was an avid deep-sea fisherman, climbed Mount Everest, beat the Hong Kong champion in Ping Pong, played with the Air Force Tennis champion in competition, and spoke five languages (French, Latin, Russian, Thai, and Spanish).

He used to say that he learned one new hobby a year. From identifying every species of mushrooms to lively discussions around quantum physics, he was the great debater. He would strike up conversations with any and all and ask them to describe a situation and would promptly engage in what made for lively debate that could last hours.

He was a New York Giants and a Yankees fan through and through. He played with Masters in Bridge. His high school long jump and track records still stand to this day.

To say that this unique and colorful person will be missed is an understatement. He leaves behind two daughters – Jennifer Wendt (Smith) of Machias, and Allison Gaele Wendt, of Valras-Plage, France. He also has a granddaughter Alexandra Wendt Perez of Valras-Plage, France.

He is also survived by his best friend, Joe Uvanni of Rome, New York, with whom he spent many colorful evenings food tasting, debating, members of Science Clubs, Pilots Organizations, and checking in on the Yankees whenever they could.

Friends and family are invited to his interment at Acadia National Cemetery located at 1799 US-1 in Jonesboro on Monday, August 22 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to his favorite organizations, ones he held close to his heart: the National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund, and the Ocean Conservancy groups.

Jennifer and Jason Smith will be having a small selection of food and drinks for those who wish to join them post ceremony at their house in Machias around 3 p.m. Please call for details or email [jennywendt@gmail.com](mailto:jennywendt@gmail.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### Margaret W. Wood

December 17, 1968 - July 4, 2022

Hollis Center, ME - Margaret W. Wood, 53, passed away unexpectedly on July 4, 2022.

She was born on December 17, 1968, to Dale L. Wood Sr., and Mildred Beverly (Davis) Wood in Machias, ME. She was predeceased by her Grandparents, many aunts and uncles, and her sister, Dalla Pennell. She is survived by her son Evan Gay, her parents, sister Marla Beam, brother Dale Wood, Jr. and wife Brandy, sister Kimberley Wood and partner Travis Lee, brother-in-law Glenroy Wood Jr. and partner Emily Manchester, longtime partner John Polley and his daughter Carrie Alec, her husband Bryan and their children, very special friend Edward Gay, many nieces, nephews and great nephews whom she adored, and many close friends.

Margaret's greatest love was for her son, Evan. She was so proud of him and took great pride in being his Mother.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Trafton Cemetery in Machiasport, Maine.



MVNO000010887

## In Memory

### In Loving Memory of my husband, Sherwood P. Geel

God saw you getting tired, when  
a cure was not to be.  
He closed his arms around you,  
and whispered "come to me."  
In tears, we saw you sinking, we  
watched you fade away.  
Our hearts were almost broken,  
you fought so hard to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
so peacefully, free from pain,  
we should not wish you back to  
suffer that again.  
So treasure him, Lord, in your  
garden of rest, for here on earth  
he was the best.

From your loving wife, Judy.

MVNO000010889



## Celebration of Life

### Marcy Yvonne Grabrovac 1930 - 2022

Please join family and friends to celebrate the life of Marcy Grabrovac who passed away on February 27, 2022, at the prominent age of 91. The service will be at Center Street Congregational Church on Thursday, August 18 beginning at 1 p.m.. Light snacks will be offered. Following the service and light snacks, there will be a spreading of ashes at a favorite place. Please join us.



MVNO000010890

### Robert A. Foss

Robert A. Foss, 64 passed away peacefully on August 4, 2022. Even though he was taken from this world early and brought home to be with his Lord, his loving heart left a beacon of light for all in the community.

Robbie was born to Robert S. and Florence M. Foss and is survived by three sisters: Donna Hicks of Lancaster, Texas, Dorothy Harden of Machias, Maine, and Kathleen Tourtelotte of South Berwick, Maine. Several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his best friends Beldon Morse and Glenn Davis who will always be in his heart.

His cheerful outlook on life and bright smile will be missed at the Community of Christ Church where he was a Deacon for many years.

Evangelist Robert Kyser will present the eulogy for the Celebration of Life Ceremony that will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Community of Christ Church on North Street in Machias, Maine.

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## Women First Continued from page 1

hardworking person, too."

Thomas began her career as a labor and delivery nurse in Farmington, working for a respected local physician.

"He was my mentor and delivered two of my kids, and he said, 'You need to go be a midwife,'" recalls Thomas. "At first, I said no."

But ultimately, she did follow his advice, becoming a certified nurse midwife in 2007 after earning a master's degree in nursing sciences from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Thomas then spent ten years working in a freestanding birth center in West Virginia before relocating back to Maine.

"And I loved it," says Thomas. "It offers a homey, low-risk environment."

A mother of three, Thomas says she had positive birth experiences with her obstetricians and wants to offer her clients the flexibility to craft their own birth plans, which could include giving birth at home, in her birth center, or in a hospital. Down East Community Hospital is located only one mile away from Women First Machias.

"If someone comes to me and says they want an epidural in a hospital setting, I'd say great, let's do that," says Thomas. "My mantra for everything is 'Patients First,' and I found over the years that patients weren't getting what they thought they wanted, or at least the opportunity to have what they thought they wanted. This is why I do what I do."

Today, some mothers-to-be are



Certified Nurse Midwife Bjarni Thomas has opened her own practice in the heart of downtown Machias. Women First Machias provides women's health care, prenatal care, and midwife services. This fall Women First Machias will open the doors to a birth center, too. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon

seeking natural birth options, says Thomas, in part because of pandemic restrictions that limit how many visitors can be present in a hospital.

"It's a combination of 100 different things, but part of it is that having a baby is a family affair, and if you can't have your family there, it affects the entire experience, and families need to have that option," says Thomas.

The Women First Machias birth center service will open late this year, likely in November, but Thomas is currently seeing prenatal clients in her offices at 89 Main Street. There she offers health care services for women who are not pregnant, too.

"I provide the full scope of

women's health services, including pap smears and birth control," says Thomas. "I also order radiology and labs, and draw my own labs here."

Unlike many medical practices, Thomas books all of her appointments to last an hour.

"You need that much time," says Thomas. "For me, it's about empowering and educating, not just women but their spouses and their partners, because you're going to have a better experience whether through menopause or labor and delivery if you understand what's going on. To me, it's all about knowledge and having that time."

To learn more, visit [www.facebook.com/WomenFirstMachias](http://www.facebook.com/WomenFirstMachias).

## Earthquakes Continued from page 1

magnitude on the Richter scale. Those took place northwest of Jonesboro and east of Centreville.

Locals took to social media to confirm their suspicions and shared their experiences, including Stanley Smith of Jonesboro, who said he heard a loud noise and felt the house shake.

Alyssa Gray of Columbia says her chandeliers shook during the first Aug. 11 quake, which hit around 7 a.m. At first, she thought it was a more seasonal sound.

"With the loud rumble that accompanied it, we thought it was a passing 18-wheeler blueberry truck, then we thought, could that be an earthquake?" said Gray. "Years ago, we had a very small earthquake that shook the hanging plants."

When Shaina Fraser heard the Thursday morning earthquake, her

first thought also went to trucks.

"I thought it was a Mack truck coming down the road when I felt it," says Fraser. "But I was on my porch and could see there were no semis, at that point I knew it was an earthquake."

As of press time, [www.earthquaketrack.com](http://www.earthquaketrack.com) reports there have been 111 earthquakes worldwide in the past 24 hours, and 918 in the past week, including a much more significant 6.6 magnitude quake south of New Zealand's Kermadec Islands.

Last week's local events were true earthquakes, but occasionally during the winter months, a cryoseism, or frost quake, occurs. According to Maine Geological Survey, a cryoseism produces ground shaking and noises similar to an earthquake; however, it is caused by sudden deep freezing in

the ground and typically occurs in the first cold snap of the year when temperatures drop from above freezing to below zero.

Cryoseisms differ from earthquakes in that they are very localized, meaning people just a few hundred yards away do not notice anything, as cryoseisms do not release as much energy as a true earthquake.

Maine Emergency Management Agency's website states that Maine has not experienced any substantial structural damage from earthquakes, but there have been many measurable ones recorded around the state. In fact, the largest Maine earthquake reported occurred near Eastport in 1904, with a magnitude of 5.9.

Journalist Jayna Smith contributed to this story.

## Teacher retirements and resignations burden schools statewide

by Ellie Wolfe, Maine Monitor

One Maine school district is paying teachers an hourly stipend to act as custodial staff after work. Another is trying to recruit parents to work as educational technicians. A third has 12 teacher openings it needs to fill before school starts on Aug. 31.

Maine schools are struggling to fill openings after an unusual number of educators retired or quit in the past three years, leaving roles vacant as the school year approaches. Teachers and administrators blame the departures and resulting shortages on the grueling toll of teaching during the pandemic, an aging workforce, and fewer new teachers.

More than 1,200 educators,

including teachers, education technicians, and administrators, quit in 2021 before reaching retirement age, the most in the past seven years, according to data compiled by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. In the same year, another 821 teachers, administrators, and other educators retired, a slight decrease from 2020. The most recent high point for retirements was 2019, when 916 retired, according to the state board figures.

This year, the number of teachers, education technicians, and administrators who quit before reaching retirement age and those who retired are slightly outpacing recent years. Between January and July, 654 Maine educators left their jobs before reaching retirement age,

compared to 569 in the same time period of 2021 and 360 in 2020.

The number of actual retirements also has increased this year; from January through July, 665 educators retired in the state. During the same period, in 2021, the number was 628, and in 2020 it was 581.

This trend mirrors nationwide data, according to Penny Bishop, the dean of the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development. She also said fewer college students choose teaching as a profession.

"Prior to the pandemic, teacher education enrollment nationally was down 30%, and that decrease has gotten worse, with that gap getting bigger," she said.

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## SPORTS

## Slow start to 1955 season

by Phil Stuart

Rain put a damper on the start of the 1955 Quoddy League baseball season, and teams had to scramble to get their games in before the playoffs. Jonesboro got off to a fast start with an 8-0 victory over the Bruins of Machias in the second year of Quoddy League play.

Coney Feeney fanned 18 Bruins in going the distance,

while Keith Sternberg took the loss for Machias. The Jets' Getchell Albert had a big day at the plate with a pair of homers and a double. The Bruins were much improved in their next game at Dennysville. They took a 5-4 lead into the bottom of the ninth before RBI singles by Les Bagley, and Wallace Brown gave the hosts a 6-5 win. Roy Marshall scattered eight hits

and fanned 12 Bruin batters. Dwight Whitney was the hard-luck loser.

In an error-plagued game at Pembroke, the Jets of Jonesboro took the sting out of the host Hornets as Getchell Albert fired a five-inning 18-0 no hitter. Lippie Cushing and Harry Leslie pitched for the Hornets. Clark Whitney tripled, and Ebbie Elkhorn ripped a two-run double

for the Jets.

In a Char-Maine League contest, the Blacks Harbour Brunswicks edged the Red Sox of Woodland 5-3. Ron Delagewski pitched a complete game and also led the Brunswicks' offense with a triple and single. Omar Norton led the Red Sox with a double and two singles. Phil Boomer and Buddie Bayliss both doubled.

The Jets of Jonesboro picked up another win as they defeated Eastport's Lobsters 8-4 at Rye Field. Percy Wood Jr. picked up the win on the mound in relief of Getchell Albert and Coney Feeney. Gabbie Whitney had a pair of doubles, while Albert and Clark Whitney each doubled. Roy Lee and Bobby Wade pitched for the Lobsters. Len Sapier ripped a two-run homer while Lee, George Avery, and Wade all doubled.

Eastport rebounded with a doubleheader win. In game one, Jack Mullen and Len Sapier each belted a three-run homer in a 20-8 victory over the Hornes of Pembroke. In game two, the Lobsters defeated HMCS of Quebec City 8-4. Shead High School junior Kendrick Mitchell went the route on the mound and

fanned ten opposing batters. Mitchell also had a productive day at the plate with a triple and double, and Len Sapier chipped in with a triple and a pair of doubles.

Jonesboro's Getchell Albert fanned 11 Lubec Redwings in a 9-2 Jet victory, while Freddie Thurlow took the loss. Albert had a pair of singles, and Clark Whitney doubled and singled twice.

Ozzie Tinker led the Wings with a double and two singles. Dickie Eaton and Al Manzo each singled twice.

In Char-Maine action, Tony Tamarro's Woodland Red Sox defeated the St. George NB Fundys 10-2. Omar Norton hit for the circuit with a homer, triple, double, and single. Phil Owens and Chick Norton each had a pair of doubles. Mike Justason doubled and singled for the St. George club. Coney Feeney went the distance for Jonesboro and shut out Dennysville AA 7-0. Al Sylvia took the loss.

Percy Wood Jr. homered and doubled to lead the Jets. Gibbie Whitney doubled and singled twice. Feeney added a pair of doubles, and Eddie White doubled.



## Machias swimmers compete in New England challenges

During the weekend of August 12th, Machias Masters Swimmers Mary MacDonald, Mark Raiford, and Debra Seavey (left to right) competed in separate open water swims. Mary and Debra conquered the Beast from Loch Glennie, a 1-mile swim held at Glen Lake in Goffstown, New Hampshire. While Mark successfully navigated the 2.4-mile Nubble Light challenge, held in York. The trio has been training together since early June in the beautiful lake and ocean waters of Machias. They would like to thank all of the wonderful people who supported them. Submitted photo



Jim Miller

## Should you take daily aspirin for your heart?

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've been taking daily aspirin for almost 20 years now because I have a family history of heart disease. But I recently read that using aspirin is not recommended anymore. What can you tell me about this change in philosophy?

Confused Aspirin User

Dear Confused,

There's no doubt that taking a low-dose daily aspirin is beneficial to most people who've had a heart attack or stroke. But if you don't have heart disease, should you take it as a preventative measure? The answer for most people is probably not, according to new guidelines from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

(USPSTF), a widely respected independent panel that develops recommendations on preventive health care. Here's what you should know.

#### New Guidelines

For years, aspirin has been a go-to pill Americans use to help ward off cardiovascular disease because of its blood thinning capability. But like most medicines, it can cause serious side effects. Aspirin irritates the stomach lining and can cause bleeding in the stomach, intestines, and brain, which can be life-threatening. And the risk of bleeding increases with age.

About one-third of Americans age 40 and older, and more than 45 percent of people over age 70 – who don't have

cardiovascular disease—already take a daily aspirin to help prevent cardiovascular disease because it's been recommended for decades by many different health experts.

But in the past few years, new research has emerged showing that for many people without diagnosed heart disease, the risk of bleeding may outweigh the benefits of taking a daily aspirin. This research, along with the advent of other effective therapies in preventing heart attacks and strokes that don't cause bleeding—better blood pressure drugs and statins for lowering cholesterol—has narrowed the role aspirin plays.

Here's a breakdown of the updated USPSTF guidelines of who should and shouldn't take a daily aspirin, and for those who should, how to take it safely.

#### Who should take it?

There are two categories of people who can still benefit from using aspirin. People with established cardiovascular

disease, especially those who have already had a heart attack or stroke. There's strong evidence that taking a daily low-dose aspirin significantly reduces the risk of a second cardiovascular event. And adults ages 40 to 59 with a 10 percent or higher risk for a cardiovascular disease over the next decade. They may see a small benefit to daily aspirin, but it should be an individual decision and discussed with your doctor.

#### Who should skip it?

People who are 60 and older – without established cardiovascular disease – who do not currently take a daily aspirin to prevent heart disease should not start now. This is particularly true for people with a history of bleeding, say from ulcers or aneurysms, or those taking medications such as blood thinners, steroids or anti-inflammatories such as ibuprofen or naproxen. If they already take a daily aspirin now, they should ask a doctor about how to proceed, because

there may be a serious risk to suddenly stopping.

#### How to use it safely

The best approach is to talk to your doctor about the potential risks and benefits of aspirin specifically for you. Because the risk of bleeding raises with dosage, if aspirin is recommended, take the lowest possible amount, which for most people is an 81 mg baby aspirin. And if you experience any stomach pain, talk to your doctor.

You should also know that in 2016 the USPSTF suggested that daily aspirin use could also help lower the risk of colorectal cancer along with cardiovascular disease. But the group now says there's not enough evidence to support that claim.

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

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# SPORTS

## Cox cards hole-in-one

by Phil Stuart

Former Bulldog southpaw Chris Cox of Machias recorded a hole-in-one on July 18 at Barrenview Golf Course in Jonesboro. Cox used an eight iron on the 143-yard par three hole #5. His shot was witnessed by Rob Finn, Terrell Carver, Stevie Carver, Pierre Dumont, and Richard Leighton.

In the week 11 Senior Scramble on July 13th, four first-time winners took the top prize with a -4. Terry Talbot, Jeff Young, softball legend Warren Moon and Nancy Cunliffe had to win by way of a putt-off over Sue Derickson, Dennis Lewey, Mike Griffin, and Gary Derickson. The third, fourth and fifth place positions were also decided by a

putt-off finishing at -3.

Jane Hooper, Wayne Davis, Dickie Kilton, and Phil Laplante finished third, while Julie Jordan, Fred Morgan, Pete Thompson, and Bobby Cates came in fourth, and Lynn King, Jack Clay, Fred Walton, and Gordie Faulkingham finished fifth. Dawn Seavey was the female pin winner on number two, while Dave Thibodeau was the male winner. Jane Hooper of Upper Nashville was the pin winner on hole #5.

The next scramble in week number 12, Fred Moran and Nancy Cunliffe each won for the second time, while Brian Cates and Charlie Mitchell cashed in on the big bucks for the first time. The foursome

finished at -5. Andy Anderson of "Little Chicago," Dennis Lewey, Johnnie Parker, and Bob Sinford had to putt-off to defeat Kyle Miller, Berenice Fedder, Guy Lebo, and Gary Willey. Paul King, Nancy Cunliffe, Brene Johnson, and Pete Thompson finished fourth. Fred Morgan rounded out a big day by being the pin winner on holes #2 and #5. Nancy Cunliffe was the female pin winner on hole #2.

Machias Bulldog athletic administrator won for the second week in a row as he teamed up with three Cutlerites; Stan Fitzhenry, Michelle Porter, and Duke Porter. They finished at -4 but had to win a putt-off over Dawn Seavey, Steve Cates, Darwin Caldwell, Doug

Smith, and Milbridge Mustang alumni Andy Anderson. Dana Gillespie (no relation to Chief Gillespie in "The Heat of the Night"), Daryl Hodgkinson, Billy Milliken, and Julie Farris finished third, edging out Berenice Fedder, Brene Johnson, Dickie Kilton, and Chuck Bourdeau. Kate Doherty-Perez, Pierre Dumont, Scott Hanley, and Ron Carpenter came in fifth.

The male and female pin winners on hole #2 were Billy Milliken and Berenice Fedder, while Norm Lezy won on hole #5. In week 14, Warren Moon of Hancock, former softball great, moved into a second-place tie with Chuck Nevala with this third win of the year as he teamed up with Jeff Young, Terry Talbot, and Ken

Smith. They finished at -5 but had to win in a putt-off over Carol Mosel of Bog Lake, Jack Clay, Brian O'Donnell, and Gary Haynes.

John Sawyer had to start playing golf to supplement his retirement income. The Maine Baseball Hall of Fame member and his wife Pam of Columbia Falls teamed up with Dennis Lewey and Tommie Kneeland to finish third. Greg Beale, Harry Beal, Julie Farris, and Billy Milliken came in fourth place with a -4 after losing the putt-off.

On pin #2, Berenice Fedder won for the women, and Dennis Lewey was the male winner. On pin #5, Jack Clay was first, and Terry Talbot finished second.

## Blueberry Run is back

by Phil Stuart

After two years of virtual races due to the pandemic, the Blueberry Run, a five-mile road race and one-miler, will return this year and be held on Saturday, August 20th. The Blueberry Run has a storied history that began back in 1976 and was the second oldest event in Washington County, behind the Perry to Eastport seven-miler.

The race has attracted plenty of runners over the past 47 years and some of the state's finest runners. Ernest Hutchinson Jr. started the race back in 1976 when runners started by the church in Whitneyville and finished at H. Blaine Davis Building Supplies, which is where Helen's Restaurant is today. For the second year, the race start was moved to Machias, and runners went on a route similar to the one today.

In 1980, the course was certified, and runners started at the post office and went down Court Street over Gillis Hill to Rte. 1. The race goes across the causeway to Hadley Lake Road. Runners hit the one-mile mark near the Marshfield town line and then go up a long, gradual, uphill path to Ridge Road. After descending into Hanscom Valley, there is a steep uphill that takes runners past mile two and all the way up to the Indian Hill Road before things start to level out.

The last half of mile two is primarily flat or downhill as runners go by Lake Hennesey to the three-mile mark at the junction of Church Lane and Ridge Road. Runners enjoy a nice downhill section on Church Street, and the downhill continues a bit further when Church Street meets Route 192 at Luce's Junction. After

crossing Middle River, the run gets a bit more challenging as three small hills await you in the next half mile. There is a slight upgrade just beyond Marshfield Solar, near the Machias town line, and the rest of the way is relatively easy. The finishing line stretch is one of the best as runners turn onto Court Street at Gooch's Corner and sprint downhill with cheering crowds on both sides of the street. The finish line is near the intersection of Center and Court streets.

The companion one-miler, established by former race director Mike Carter of Bog Lake, starts at the post office and goes down Court Street before turning onto Lyons Street at the top of Gillis Hill. After a short jog over to North Street, there is a quarter-mile gradual uphill stretch until runners turn left onto Broadway

or Rte. 192. It is easy going all the way to the finish line, which is the same as the five-miler.

The race has been rated as one of the state's best, if not the best five miler, according to Portland Press Herald sports writer John Rolfe. Since Mike and Cathy Carter retired from the scene in recent years, the race has fallen on hard times.

To put on a quality race, running has to be in your blood. You can't expect runners to show up, physically exert themselves, and walk up to the awards table and receive a certificate after putting in a quality effort. The good news is Mike Carter is back on the scene this year helping out, and I am sure you will see a difference in how things are done.

The quality of runners up until ten years ago was second to none. Some of the best were

olympian Bruce Bickford of Benton; course record holder and Lehigh Valley standout Mike Gage; three-time state champion Gladys Ganiel, who ran for the northern Ireland Olympic team; Stanford University star, Louie Luchini; Colby College great, Michelle Severance Isham, formerly of Topsfield University of Iowa; runners Tim Wakeland, Providence star Zach Ventress, and locals Bruce Bridgham, Steve Carle, and Jeremy Lisee; Women's course record holder Cassie Hintz, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point; runner Anne Favolise of Columbia; Robin Emery, Andy Spaulding, Andy Beardsley and many, many more.

After two years of only virtual activity, runners will be back in an actual race setting that is a big part of the town's annual Blueberry Festival.

## Washington Academy Athletic Hall of Fame inducts new members

On Saturday, Aug. 6, the Gardner Gymnasium at Washington Academy in E. Machias was filled with families for an evening of athletic recognition, reunion, and laughter in the induction ceremony of the Raiders Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 2022.

Head of School Jud McBrine welcomed everyone and provided a brief history of WA's Athletic Hall of Fame. He also recognized the passing of an Inaugural Hall of Famer, Wendall Libby. Libby held the record for the highest scoring basketball player in WA athletic history for 58 years.

"Working with the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has been a sheer joy," says Robin Gautier, Director of Advancement at WA. "In between all the work, so

many stories have been shared. Athletics and WA go hand-in-hand and have always been an important part of attending this Academy."

Coach Dick Gardner, a Class of 2018 inaugural Hall of Fame member, presented the awards to individual athletes and teams with his usual warm humor and personal anecdotes about each of the athletes.

Individual honors were presented to Leon Look '49, Billy Moore '65, Wendell Davis '80, Scott Porter '80, Amy Griffin Powers '89, Joey Hunter '89, Kari Dennison Reynolds '92, Kayla Wood Burke '08, Andi Flannery St. Pierre '10, and Zachary Ragot '12.

Team Honors were awarded to the Class of 1966-67 Cross

Country team; Robert Bell, Victor Berry, Stephen Cates, Doug Colbeth, Randolph Faas, Kenneth Gardner, Lyle Guptill, Victor Harmon, Alan Lyford, Horace Moore, Donald Ridlon, Lee Richardson, Steven Ward, and Danny Wood. Posthumous awards were presented to the following Cross County teammates: Victor Berry; accepted by Peggy Berry and family, Doug Colbeth; accepted by Hosanna Jensen and Donald Ridlon.

In addition to the team and individual honors, Coach Dick Gardner was recognized and inducted again into the Hall for coaching the 1966 and 1967 Cross Country teams with kind words of distinction and esteem from Bill Corbett '63, also a 2018

inaugural member of the Raider Hall of Fame.

In his speech, Dick Gardner said, "I became a Raider athlete my senior year and have been involved with Washington Academy athletics ever since. My athletic roles have changed from a young athlete, coach, athletic director, and spectator, but my passion for Raider athletics has never wavered."

During the evening, additional recognition was given to a few contemporary Raider athletics and teams. Track & Field accomplishments by Camerson Bowser '22 and Kenori Simons '23 were highlighted, as well as congratulations to the 2022 Girls Tennis Team's state championship result, and the 2022 Girls Volleyball team

who won this year's state championship for Washington Academy.

Along with the delicious spaghetti dinner served by current Raider student-athletes Coleton Whitney '24, Ashton Whitney '25, Ethan Cates '25, and alum Keaton Sawtelle '22, there was live music provided by Isaac Atkinson, a retrospective slideshow of WA athletics over the years, a rousing game of Raider Trivia, and the evening ended with the everyone in the gymnasium standing and clapping for the WA Fight Song.

Washington Academy fall athletics began Monday, August 15. For more information, call WA at 207-255-8301 or check our Facebook page for updates.



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According to the Maine Department of Education's TeachMaine plan, since 2010, the number of teachers completing educator preparation programs in the state has dropped by 53 percent, the third-largest decline in the nation. The report said that in 2019, roughly 55 percent of experienced teachers and administrators "seriously considered leaving."

Timothy Doak, the superintendent for Regional School District 39, which covers the Caribou and Stockholm area, and Maine School Administrative District 20, which includes Fort Fairfield, said his districts had seen a drastic decrease in available teachers.

"We do have a lot of openings, and we have almost no applicants for these jobs, so it's a little scary," he said. "Prior to the last couple of years, you almost stayed to the end of your career, and the last year or two, I've had fairly younger to mid-career teachers decide to move on and try something else, which is not something we saw a lot of in northern Maine."

Currently, Doak is looking for someone to teach math and science classes at Caribou High. If his district cannot find any suitable applicants before the first day of school Monday, the plan is to ask teachers to come out of retirement. He is also considering busing students to other schools or trying online learning options.

"One of the things making me very nervous is once you lose those survival courses for your students, it won't take too long before parents will look to other school districts for that help," he said, though remote learning also presents challenges because internet access for students in rural areas can be difficult. "The remote learning that we did for the year during COVID almost ruined us. Connectivity was awful in Aroostook (County)."

Besides a lack of teachers, he is searching for school bus drivers, cooks, and custodians. Last year the district dropped from three custodians per building to one. To help, the schools offer teachers stipends to clean the buildings at the end of the day.

"Getting clean buildings for kids to be in every day has been a real struggle," he said.

But the thing that concerns Doak the most is the lack of young teachers the district is attracting.

"I think we're not seeing a lot of younger students going into the teaching profession, which is worrisome down the road," he said.

According to the United States Census, Maine has the oldest average population in the United States, which has impacted the school system. The TeachMaine plan reported that 15.6 percent, or one in six teachers in the state, are over age 60. In 1999 it was 2 percent or one in every 50 teachers.

"Maine is an older state to start with," said Monte Selby, the Vinalhaven School principal. "Obviously the state with older workers is going to hit a point where there is a dramatic need (for employees). I think that's one of the things going on in Maine. You are going to have a lot of retirements."

Bishop, who has been in the education profession for nearly 20 years, said the University of Maine has seen a "considerable decrease" in the number of students interested in teaching. This can especially

burden schools like Doak's in rural districts.

"Most teachers teach within 50 miles of where they went to high school, and we're a rural state," she said. "So that makes it even more challenging because rural and isolated communities find the greatest challenge when it comes to teacher recruitment and retention."

Sixty-three percent of public schools in the state are in rural areas, according to a study on teacher turnover rates in Maine from 2005-06 to 2016-17 by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute at the University of Southern Maine.

To combat this challenge, the state's Department of Education has begun to hand out more emergency and conditional licenses to those still in teaching programs, Bishop said. This reduces qualification requirements, which she thinks will hurt the school districts the program is meant to help.

"People who are alternatively certified are less likely to stay in the profession; they turn over much more quickly," she said. "There's a great economic cost to that turnover to the communities. Generally, it costs about \$10,000 to onboard a new teacher. It tends to disproportionately happen in communities that are under-resourced or have historically marginalized populations."

According to the 2020 report from the University of Southern Maine on educator recruitment and retention, 44 percent of Maine educators have their master's degree, which is below the 57 percent national average. This number is likely to increase with the impact of the conditional and emergency licenses.

Rural districts often have a harder time recruiting teachers, so they turn to those with conditional or emergency licenses, something Michael Zboray, the superintendent for the Mount Desert Island Regional School System, has experienced. His district serves Bar Harbor, Trenton, and nearby island communities.

"It's really difficult to find somebody who wants to, you know, drive to the ferry, get on a ferry, go to the island, and then they have to come off and go back home," he said. "You might have folks that are in school and want to be there to work toward their certification, but it's really important that we have people who are properly educated and trained."

Across the state, superintendents are also reporting a shortage of education technicians, also known as ed techs, who provide special support for students and assist teachers in the classroom.

In 2021, a total of 504 people in two state ed tech job categories quit, according to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System—the highest number in seven years. This year, 239 ed techs have left their jobs at a slower pace than a year ago.

In Zboray's district in and around Mount Desert Island, a principal is trying to recruit parents to fill in as ed techs. Other school districts are offering signing incentives to attract these crucial classroom educators.

Like Doak, Zboray also plans to ask teachers to come out of retirement or have the staff juggle their responsibilities.

Multiple superintendents in the state said Special Education ed techs and teachers tend to be the hardest to find. Xavier Botana, the Portland schools superintendent, said his schools have "an acute shortage"

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## MDIFW uses survey to determine wild turkey population

by Natalie Boomer

If you see any wild turkeys out and about, make sure to make note of it!

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is asking Mainers to help biologists monitor Wild Turkeys throughout the month of August.

"The Wild Turkey survey is one of our many citizen science projects, where we seek help from people who enjoy wildlife. We have been running it for many years now, and it helps us get a better idea of the scope of the turkey

population in Maine," said Director of Communications Mark Latti. "It's very simple to help out. All we need you to do is when you see turkeys, note the date, the town you are in, and how many young poults you see. This time of year, there is an easily identifiable difference between adults and poults. This survey runs for a limited time, between August 1 and 31."

In addition to helping determine the population, submitting your sightings can help monitor annual reproduction, as well as contribute to management decisions. Surveying also allows cross-comparisons

between states, which can help maintain a sustainable population and social tolerance.

To complete your own Maine Wild Turkey survey, visit [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw) and search for Wild Turkey August Production Survey.

"This is just one set of data that we utilize when we make management decisions regarding bag limits and season length, but the data collected by volunteers, in conjunction with our harvest data and research data, is very helpful in monitoring and managing Maine's wild turkeys," he said.

## NOTICES / LEGALS

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Rural Development

#### Marshfield Solar LLC: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** The RBS has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to Marshfield Solar LLC for the construction of the Marshfield Solar located at 10 Northfield Road in Marshfield (Washington County), Maine.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Brian Wilson, P.E., Business & Cooperative Programs Director, USDA Rural Development, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125, [brian.wilson@usda.gov](mailto:brian.wilson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project consists of to construct a 2.394-MWdc solar facility to provide a source of long-term renewable energy for rural Maine residents. Alternatives considered by RBS and Marshfield Solar LLC include: No action; Action Alternative (Proposed Action). The alternatives are discussed in the Marshfield Solar EA. The RBS has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): Machias Valley News Observer on June 22 and July 6, 2022. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office as well as Marshfield Solar LLC's offices. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by Marshfield Solar LLC, and public comments received, RBS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

RBS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the location of proposed construction of the solar facility will convert or effect a wetland(s). In accordance with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this land conversion. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion or effect and that there is a significant need for the proposal. The basis of this determination is the project footprint was configured to minimize and avoid impacts to wetlands while still constructing 2.394-MW solar facility.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RBS has determined that this FONSI fulfills

its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RBS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RBS's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: 8/10/2022



# NOTICES / LEGALS

## AQUACULTURE PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION

**August 19, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Hilyard Building Community Center (Reach Wesleyan Church)**  
**.25 Elm Street**  
**Beals, 04611**

The Department of Marine Resources has received a draft aquaculture lease application for the following:

Applicant	The Flying Place LLC	
Culture Type	Suspended culture (gear on bottom and/or suspended)	
Species	Shellfish	
Town	Beals	
Waterbody, General Description	Flying Place Pound; West of Beals-Great Wass Causeway	
Lease Size and Term	5.57 acres	20 years

If the scoping session listed above is cancelled, an alternate scoping session will be held on August 26, 2022, at the same time and location. Notice of a cancellation will be posted on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html>.

## Notice to Jonesboro and Whitneyville residents

Starting Friday, August 19th the Jonesboro Town Office will be closing at 4 PM on Fridays.

## Town of Wesley Invitation to bid on Winter Salt

The Town of Wesley is seeking bids for 1000 yards of sand for application on public roads for the 2022 winter season. The winning bidder will be responsible for delivering the sand and mixing with road salt the Town will provide and stockpile. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Please send or deliver your bid to : Town of Wesley 2 Whining Pines Drive Wesley, ME 04686 by September 9th, 2022 by 2:00. Bids will be opened September 12th. Phone Contact: 207-255-0941 email: [tow255@live.com](mailto:tow255@live.com)

## Town of Machias

### Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Officers of the Town of Machias will hold a Public Hearing on August 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Telebusiness Center to discuss constructing and equipping an addition with up to three classrooms to the Machias Memorial High School Alternative Education Building with a total project cost not to exceed \$250,000, which project costs are expected to be 100% funded by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) federal grant funds. Further information is available upon request at the Machias Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

## AOS 96 Machias Bay Area School System REQUEST FOR SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The East Machias School Committee is soliciting bids for snowplowing and sanding at the Elm Street Elementary School for the 2022- 2023 winter season. Bid specifications for the Elm Street School can be obtained at the AOS 96 central office.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Elm Street Elementary School Snow Removal Bid"

The Whiting School Committee is soliciting bids for snowplowing and sanding at the Whiting Village School for the 2022 - 2023 winter season.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Whiting Village School Snow Removal Bid"

The Machiasport School Committee is soliciting bids for snowplowing at the Fort O'Brien School for the 2022 - 2023 winter season.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Fort O'Brien School Snow Removal Bid"

The Wesley School Committee is soliciting bids for snowplowing at the Wesley Elementary School for the 2022 - 2023 winter season.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Wesley Elementary School Snow Removal Bid"

The Cutler School Committee is soliciting bids for snowplowing at the Bay Ridge Elementary School for the 2022 - 2023 winter season.

Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bay Ridge Elementary School Snow Removal Bid"

All Bids are to be submitted to:

**AOS 96**  
**Machias Bay Area School System**  
**Scott K. Porter, Superintendent of Schools**  
**291 Court Street**  
**Machias, ME 04654**

**All bids must be received by 4 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2022.**

The East Machias School Committee, Whiting School Committee, Machiasport School Committee, Wesley School Committee and the Cutler School Committee reserve the right to reject any and all bids.



### Notice

**Washington County Community College is seeking Request for Quotation in the following area:**

#### Student Counseling Services

**Deadline for all submissions is 8/25/2022 at 9 am.**  
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of special education professionals. There is such a shortage that 9 percent of special education teachers in the state are under conditional certifications, according to a 2020 study on educator recruitment and retention rates by the Education Policy Research Institute.

“It will make providing compliance with our Individualized Education Plan, our special education plans. It will make that complex,” he said. “In some cases, it creates real challenges where we have specialized programs that have students require one-on-one services. That will be a huge challenge for us.”

Botana said teacher departures from his district have been higher than usual this year, prompting concerns for the future.

“It feels like this year has been sort of younger, you know, mid-career, well-respected teachers that have just decided to leave,” he said. “Some of it to leave Portland but some of it just to leave the profession. I do think that is what feels different this year than it has over the past few years.”

In the Portland school district, resignations have increased among most categories of workers. Thirty-seven employees that work in food service, custodial, transportation, technology, and secretarial roles have resigned this year, a dramatic increase from the 19 during the 2021 school year and the 12 seen at the end of 2020. Resignations among ed techs have also increased; at the end of the 2022 school year, 38 ed techs resigned; during 2021, 16 left, and in 2020 there was one departure.

Resignations among principals and assistant principals also have sharply increased in Portland. In 2022, eight principals or assistant principals have resigned compared to one in 2021 and zero in 2020. According to the TeachMaine plan, 23 percent of the public school principals and 43 percent of assistant principals in the state are in their first two years on the job.

Teacher resignations in the district hit a high in 2021, when 110 left, a jump from 78 in 2020. This year, Portland has seen 109 teachers leave the district. Retirement numbers have stayed steady, though, like resignations, ed techs have departed at increasing rates.

Cornelia Brown, the superintendent for the Auburn school district, said her schools are also having trouble recruiting and retaining ed techs.

“We have had ed tech shortages for at least the last three years,” she said. “We have also had other support staff shortages in school nutrition, crossing guards and bus drivers. Pretty much most of our support staff positions.”

Brown is looking to fill 12 teacher openings before the district’s first day of school on Aug. 31, including six elementary positions, three in middle school, and three in high school. She thinks the teaching jobs will be filled in time but said applications have been less successful for more specialized roles.

“It really depends on the position,” she said. “We had very few applications for positions such as special education teachers (and) school counselors, but then we had a very good response for our administrative positions, so it depends on what the opening is.”

Steve Bailey, the executive director of the Maine School Management Association, said he’s heard from superintendents across the state who

say there aren’t enough qualified applicants for teaching positions.

“Other educational support professionals seem to be in greater demand. We have certainly had some shortage areas for teachers, either because of retirements or people who have left the profession,” Bailey said. “And mostly what people have been reporting to us is that the candidate pool is much smaller than what they’ve experienced in prior years.”

While most districts have had problems finding qualified applicants, Yarmouth Superintendent Andrew Dolloff said his schools had not had an issue finding replacements even though departures are on the rise.

In 2021, his district had seven retirements and 11 resignations; this year, he’s had 14 teachers retire or resign. While Dolloff normally expects a 5 to 6 percent turnover rate, he said that in the past couple of years, his district has seen around 10 percent each year.

“Usually, when you get somebody in the 10-year range, they’re pretty committed to seeing it through,” he said, adding that the district “always had a teacher or two each year who has done the job for one to four years or so and they just decide it’s not for them. I don’t think the time has changed, but now instead of one or two of these teachers, there might be four or five each year.”

Dolloff said his district has not had trouble attracting new candidates, and every vacancy has been filled for this coming school year.

“We’re an outlier; we’re in very good shape,” he said. “We pay quite competitively on the statewide scale. We’re just outside of Portland here in southern Maine, our salary and benefit packages tend to be very competitive. We’re an attractive district.”

Pay has been an issue for most teachers in Maine, the lowest-paying state for teachers in New England, according to TeachMaine. Grace Leavitt, the president of the Maine Education Association, said salary has contributed to the teacher shortages.

“There’s approximately a 78 percent pay gap for classroom teachers and others in certified roles, meaning that professionals in other professions who have comparable education and expectations are earning roughly 20 percent more than a teacher’s salary,” she said.

“A lot of support professionals just don’t feel like their roles are so essential. They don’t feel that they’re recognized and respected, and they’re not paid anywhere near what they need to be paid. You see the signs of the fast-food places that, you know, are paying way more per hour than some of our support professionals have.”

Maine’s 1999 teacher salaries were higher than those in 2018 after adjusting for inflation, according to a 2020 study on educator recruitment and retention from the University of Southern Maine, though that recently changed when Gov. Janet Mills approved a minimum teacher wage to \$40,000. Despite this increase, there are other financial disincentives to teaching in the state, according to Bishop, the UMaine dean.

One drawback to teaching in Maine is the Windfall Elimination Act, which says teachers do not buy into Social Security, instead relying on their pensions once they retire.

“Years ago, when someone entered the field of teaching, they stayed in

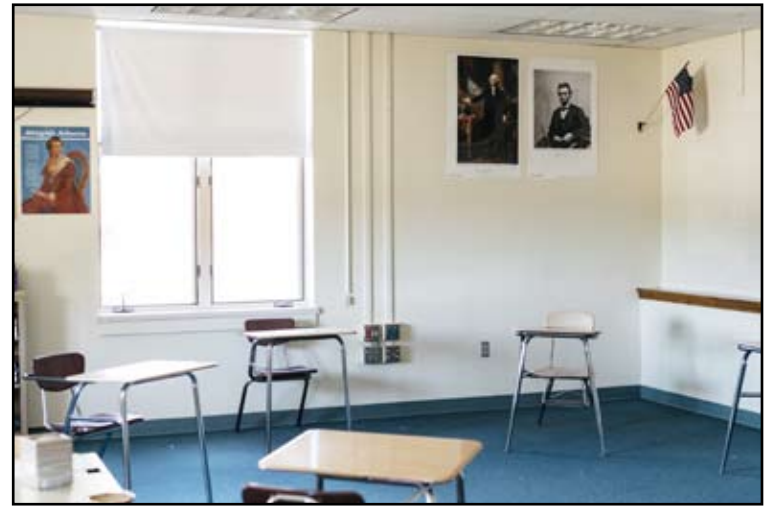
any profession, for that matter, their whole lives,” Bishop said. “It’s just not what people do anymore. They don’t go into one profession and stay there for 30 years. Thirty years ago, it made sense because they were teachers their whole lives, so they would come out with a pension that was sufficient and comparable to Social Security.”

But teachers in the state now are less likely to stay in their field, and delaying their ability to buy into Social Security puts them at a severe disadvantage in planning for retirement.

“I’ve had a number of people actually tell me that they chose not to teach in Maine because of this problem,” Bishop said. “There’s a pretty significant financial disincentive to be a teacher in Maine for this generation of educators.”

Leavitt also believes a lack of appreciation and respect for teachers is contributing to the retention rate for educators in the state.

“You’ve seen some of the attacks at school board meetings over the past several months, especially in the minority of people,” she said. “I do feel that the vast majority of people in our community support our educators, but to be questioning curriculum ... the teachers are



Teachers and administrators blame the departures and resulting shortages on the grueling toll of teaching during the pandemic, an aging workforce, and fewer new teachers. Photo by Ryan David Brown

working with the experts that are trained in our fields and so there should be respect for the training and the professionalism that we have.”

Leavitt said the Maine Education Association has warned the state about a decline in teachers for upwards of 10 years. It’s an important issue, she said, because it affects future generations so deeply.

“There’s a misperception that I hate even saying the quote, but some people think that ‘Oh, anybody can

teach,’” she said. “But that’s not true. We want to be sure we have qualified professionals working with our students. And so that is a real struggle to try to be sure that those needs are being met for our students.”

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**NOTICES / LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF TAX SALE  
Town of Wesley, Maine**

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Wesley is accepting bids for the purchase of the municipality’s interest in multiple real estate tax-acquired properties. Each bid must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked “Tax sale bid” on the outside along with map/lot number of property being bid on. Each bid may be for one property only; any person wishing to bid on several properties must submit a separate bid for each one. All bids must be received at the Wesley Town Office no later than 2:00 p.m. On September 09, 2022. Late bids will not be opened or considered. Each bid must also include the bidder’s name, mailing address, phone number as well as an enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Bids must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a check or money order, in an amount equal to or greater than 10 % of the bid price. Each successful bidder’s deposit will be credited to the total purchase price for that parcel. Deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders, please add self address stamped envelope. Any bid which does not contain the proper deposit will be rejected. Bids will be opened, reviewed, and awarded by the Selectmen at the Wesley Town Office on September 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. The Board reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids. Each successful bidder shall have 30 days from the date of the bid acceptance in which to complete the purchase. Each property will be conveyed by a municipal quitclaim deed without covenants. The winning bidder is responsible for all filing fees & transfer tax fees. In the event that a successful bidder fails, for any reason, to complete the purchase in the time stated, the bid acceptance is void and the bidder’s deposit shall be forfeited to the Town. The Board of Selectmen may thereafter negotiate a sale of the property with any or all unsuccessful bidders. The properties for sale are as described and listed. The tax maps and other public information concerning the properties may be reviewed at the Wesley Town Office during its normal business hours.

MAPS for properties up for bid are located on the Towns website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/wesleyevents/wesley-community-events>

**Available Lots for Bid:**

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Minimum Bid
00B-1126	Deer Haven	5 acres	Minimum Bid \$1,000.00
001-013	Guptill Rd.	½ Acre	Minimum Bid \$200.00
00C-423-7+9	Deer Haven	1 Acre	Minimum Bid \$600.00
00F-910-1007	Deer Haven	7 acres	Minimum Bid \$1,500.00
00G-507	Deer Haven	5 acres	Minimum Bid \$1,000.00
009-13-004	Route 9	6+/- acres & Buildings	Minimum Bid \$3,000.00
<i>*House on lot 009-13-004 must be tore down within 60 days of receiving full payment and all materials and contents must be disposed of properly.</i>			
00B-824	Deer Haven	5 acres	Minimum Bid \$1,000.00
00D-917	Deer Haven	5 acres	Minimum Bid \$1,000.00
004-008	Guptill Road	Building Only	Minimum Bid \$200.00
00B-1221-1222	Deer Haven	10 acres	Minimum Bid \$1,000.00

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Guptill's Logging  
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**Charge Nurses (LPN or RN):** 16-40 hours per week; LPN Base Pay \$28.67-\$30.67; RN Base Pay \$35.23 - \$37.70; additional pay for evening, night, and weekend hours worked.

**CNAs - 24 - 40 hours per week;** base pay \$16.69 - \$17.86; additional pay for evening, night and weekend hours worked.

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For a job description, request an application, or submit a resume contact:  
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Eastport, ME 04631  
(207) 853-2531, ext. 11  
administrator@emnh.org

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**Washington County Community College is seeking highly motivated individuals with a strong work ethic to fill full-time immediate openings in the Information Technology and Maintenance Departments.**

### Maintenance Technician

This full-time hourly position performs custodial cleaning, maintenance repairs of campus buildings. Position works Monday through Thursday, 12:30p.m. to 9:30p.m., Fridays 9a.m. to 6p.m. Minimum Qualifications: Vocational and technical education and (2) two years of experience in building maintenance and custodial work. Salary: \$35,484 to \$39,769 salary commensurate with credentials and experience. A shift differential of \$.30 per hour will be paid for evening work. Overtime opportunities available. Excellent Health and Dental benefit package with many benefit options.

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### St. Croix Regional Family Health Center Dental Hygienist

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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,  
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## The Town of Columbia Falls is seeking to fill the position of

### Deputy Clerk

The Town of Columbia Falls is seeking applicants for a regular part-time hourly Deputy Clerk position. This position involves the operations of the day to day business of the Town Office. The position includes but is not limited to cash handling, processing vehicle registration, processing various licenses and permits, processing real estate tax payments, personal property tax payments, voter registration, assisting with elections, town meeting, and various other duties. This individual will provide general office support to the Administrative Assistant, Selectboard, Treasurer and Planning Board. This position requires excellent customer service skills, telephone skills, computer skills and the ability to work as a team as well as independently. Pay will be based on experience. Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. For further information please contact the Town Office at 207-483-4067 or [townofcolumbiafalls@gmail.com](mailto:townofcolumbiafalls@gmail.com)

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## UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR LISTINGS

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



## AQUACULTURE SITE MANAGER - Maine

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

**The Role:**

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

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

Please forward your resume, in confidence, to:

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

MVNO00010433



## Maintenance Supervisor and Technicians

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

- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Good attendance/punctuality critical
- Positive attitude with the ability to multi-task and prioritize activities
- Good organizational skills, attention to detail
- Mechanical Aptitude – ability to reassemble equipment that has been dismantled
- Ability to diagnose and trouble shoot problems with equipment
- Experience in the Food Processing Industry preferred but not required

**Duties Include:**

- Daily set up and breakdown of processing equipment to support production
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- Support production as needed
- Maintain spare part inventory to reduce equipment downtime.

**Skills/Experience helpful but not required:**

- Welding
- Plumbing
- Familiarity with hand tools/power tools
- Knowledge of refrigeration systems
- Basic understanding of electrical wiring

**Physical Demands:**

- Ability to walk, climb stairs/ladders, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch while working. Stand for extended periods. Capable of lifting/moving 25 to 50 lbs with no issues.

**Please forward your resume to:**

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

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# HELP WANTED



## Downeast Community Partners (DCP) is hiring for a part-time Registered Nurse in Washington County!

- Be a part of a rewarding program at DCP.
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- See the difference your skills can make in helping families succeed.
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### We look forward to hearing from you!

Send Cover, Resume and 3 references to: Downeast Community Partners, Attn: Human Resource, P.O. Box 648, Ellsworth, ME 04605 or go to our website @ [www.downeastcommunitypartners.org](http://www.downeastcommunitypartners.org) to download an application.

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## Baileyville School Department is seeking a Guidance Counselor

*Must have proper certifications!*

If interested, send resume, transcripts, certification and 3 current letters of reference to:

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Baileyville, ME 04694  
or email [chrisssu107.org](mailto:chrisssu107.org)

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### EXPANDING AND GROWING

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For more information or to submit a resume please contact Julie Daniels @:  
Sunrise Opportunities  
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**Washington County Fair**

**Saturday & Sunday August 27, 28**  
**9AM to 4PM - Pembroke Fairgrounds**  
**Admission \$7 per day • 10 and under free**

**All day events both days:** Children's Games, Train Rides, Bounce House, Face Painting, Balloon man, Chance Raffle, Livestock Display, Crafts Tables, Music Cider Press, Operation Game Thief Educational Display

**Saturday:** Carriage Rides, Harness Racing, Kind Kids Music Performance, 4-H Youth Science Activities, Judging of Vegetables, Canine Demonstration, Antique Car & Tractor Show and Scything Demonstration

**Sunday:** Church Service, Chainsaw Art Demonstration, Flower & Wreath Making Demonstration, Ladies' Skillet Toss, Men's Hammer Throw, Hay Bale Stacking Competition, Pet Show, Pig Scramble, DownEast Border Riders Trail Class Competition

~Check out our Facebook page: Washington County Fair~

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# OUTDOORS IN MAINE



## Legendary Maine Guides

by V. Paul Reynolds

The Northwoods Sporting Journal, in its August issue, published for the first time anywhere a complete listing of Maine's Legendary Maine Guides, starting with the honorific's namesake, Wiggie Robinson, who received the title posthumously in 2009. The article also contained photos of most of these legendary guides.

The Wiggie Robinson Legendary Maine Guide Award is presented annually at the Maine Professional Guides Association annual banquet. Winners must have been a Registered Maine Guide for 20 years and been an active guide for at least 10 of those years. Along with guiding, winners must be active in

the local or outdoor community, or active on boards or committees that enhances and promotes the importance of Maine's outdoor resources.

Working Maine guides are a special breed, with or without the title of Legendary Maine Guide. The ones who make a living guiding hunters, fishermen and outdoor recreationalists of every stripe are accomplished woodsmen and women who wouldn't be doing what they are doing if they did not have an abiding passion for the Maine outdoors, as well as the attendant ability to do their jobs well.

All of these hardworking, licensed entrepreneurs deserve our respect

and even admiration. For this reason, it is disappointing that over the years the Legendary Maine Guide award has not gotten the primacy and public visibility it deserves from either the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, which selects the recipients, nor the Maine Professional Guide's Association, which represents our professional licensed guides. In a couple instances over the years, the presentation of the award was lost in the shuffle or simply not followed up by appropriate press releases and photos to the state media.

This fundamental dereliction does a disservice, not only to the stature of the award but to the memory of the late Wiggie Robinson and those

still-living Legendary Guides who have followed Wiggie's sterling example.

There is an easy way to patch this void. We suggest that both MDIF&W and the MPGA simply publish on their respective websites and annually maintain this complete standing list of Legendary Maine Guides. These legendary guides, after all, are the best of the best, and they represent our state's outdoor heritage and legacy. Their names are part of this history and ought not to get lost in the daily shuffle.

**Wilmot "Wiggie" Robinson (posthumously) 2009**  
**Gil Gilpatrick 2010**  
**Gary Corson 2011**  
**Gardner DeFoe 2012**

**Matthew P. Libby 2013**  
**Don Dudley 2014**  
**Danny Legere 2015**  
**Richard Scribner 2016**  
**Donald E. Helstrom, Jr. 2017**  
**Lance Wheaton 2018**  
**Bonnie Holding 2019**  
**Carroll Ware 2020**  
**Polly Mahoney 2022**

*The author is editor of the Northwoods Sporting Journal. He is also a Maine Guide and host of a weekly radio program "Maine Outdoors" heard Sundays at 7 p.m. on The Voice of Maine News-Talk Network. He has authored three books. Online purchase information is available at [www.maineoutdoorpublications.com](http://www.maineoutdoorpublications.com).*



## The Nature of Phenology

*A weekly feature on the timing of outdoor occurrences*

By Hazel Stark and Joe Horn

### Arrowhead flowering

by Hazel Stark

While Maine doesn't boast the longest or most intense summer season, we sure do have a pleasing variety of outdoor recreational opportunities that satisfy, regardless of the weather. Chilly morning? Hike a mountain to warm up. Hot and humid? Head to a lake or ocean beach to cool off on a swim. Warm and still? Head out for a mellow paddle by canoe or kayak and take in the sights you wouldn't normally see on foot. Right now, a freshwater paddle in shallow water may reward you with a glimpse of the flowers of a unique and useful plant: the arrowhead.

As the purple pickerel weed flowers fade along pond and river edges, you can seek spikes of scarlet red cardinal flowers in the same areas and the white, three-petaled flowers of the arrowhead. The three petals of arrowhead flowers reveal its taxonomic place

as a monocot. For those of you who haven't brushed up on your high school or college botany lessons recently, here's a primer on monocots vs. dicots.

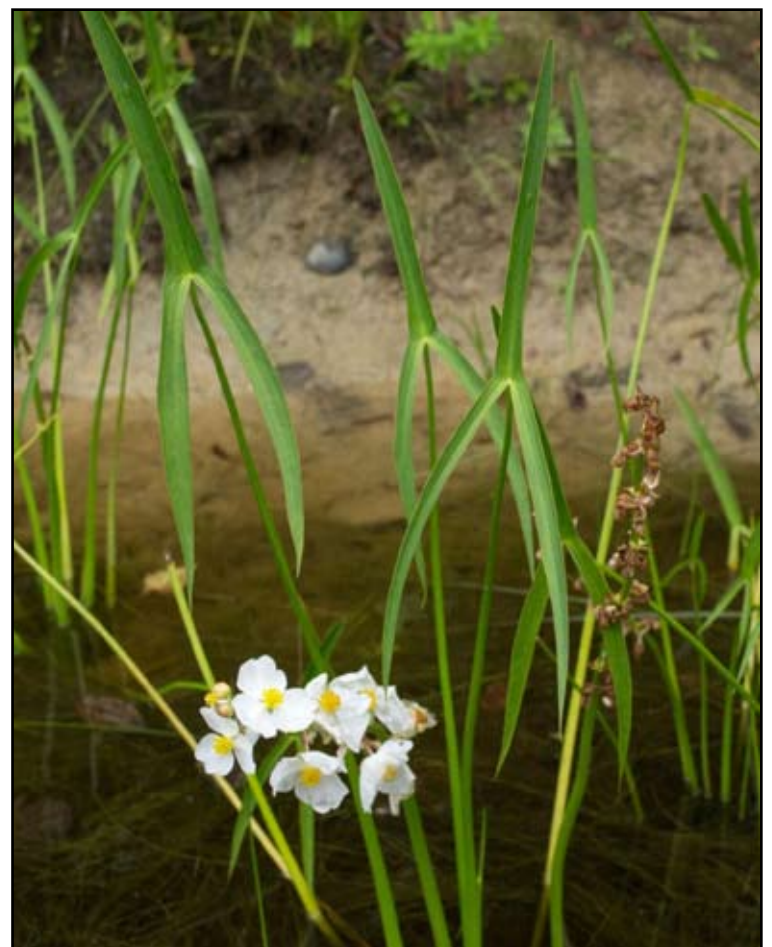
Flowering plants (those that aren't mosses, ferns, or conifers, for example) can be grouped into one of two categories: the monocots, which have flower parts in multiples of three, and the dicots, which have flower parts in multiples of four or five. Here's a quiz: picture the six petals of a lily or an orchid vs. the five petals of a pansy or wild strawberry. Which are monocots, and which are the dicots? Pansies and strawberries are dicots, and lilies and orchids are monocots.

Leaves also provide a clue about the category. Monocots have parallel veins, like in grasses, and dicots have netting veins like you've seen on lettuce or spinach. These categories are named based on the number of cotyledons, or

embryonic leaves, each member has. Picture a freshly germinated bean plant: you'll first see two tiny leaves open before the regular bean leaves start to grow. These two leaves are what helped protect the seed within. "Di" means two, and "cot" is short for cotyledon, which are those tiny first leaves. I bet you can figure out what monocot means.

Why does this paddle through the weeds of botanical jargon matter? Well, if you're trying to identify a plant, just for fun or perhaps because you want to learn what species you can eat, it's going to be a much easier journey for you if you can quickly put a plant you see into a category that greatly narrows down the possibilities of what it could be.

So back to my favorite August monocot, arrowhead. Look for a plant up to four feet tall growing in the water that has arrowhead-shaped leaves with parallel veins and flowers on tall stalks above the water with three white petals. Arrowhead, known scientifically as *Sagittaria latifolia*, has many other common names, including wapato and duck potato, which refer to its historical use as a choice wild edible. The tubers that grow in muddy underwater soils are edible when roasted or boiled and have a texture like a potato but a flavor of a water chestnut. They taste even better when peeled. Arrowhead tubers can be harvested with a stick or your feet poking around in the mud since once they're freed, they float to the surface. These starch-rich gems have been an extremely valuable food source to indigenous people across much of North America—from Alaska to Newfoundland and down all the way to Texas. Even beavers, muskrats, and porcupines treat



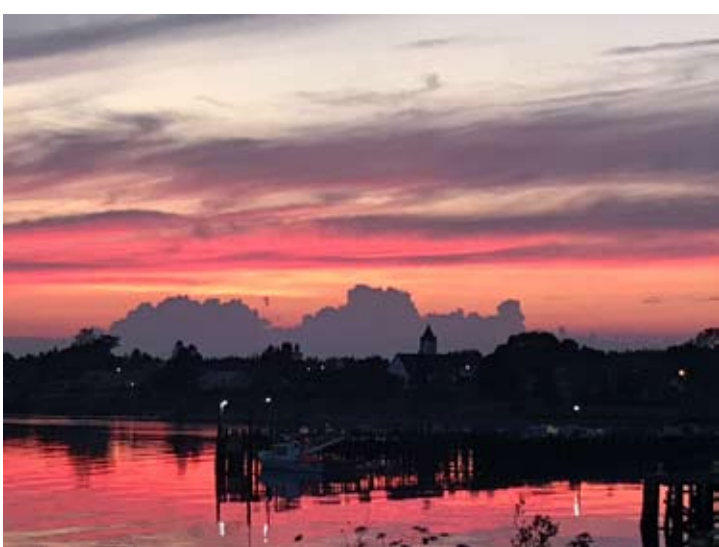
*Arrowhead tubers are best to harvest in the fall or early spring when the flowers are not in their full glory, Photo by Hazel Stark*

the whole plant as a delicacy, so much so that some indigenous populations were known to collect the tubers from within the pantries of muskrat homes.

So the next time you're outside, consider going on a paddling scavenger hunt for arrowheads. Keep in mind that correct plant identification and sustainable harvesting practices are critical components of any foraging foray to ensure not only your health, but also the health of the species you're after. And arrowhead tubers are best to harvest in the fall or early spring when the flowers are not in their full glory, so now's really the best time to simply discover where they grow near you and enjoy their

beauty.

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### Moosabec skyline

*West Jonesport's charming skyline, including the prominent Lamb of God Church spire, is the backdrop for a breathtaking sunset over Moosabec Reach. Photographed from the Jonesport-Beals Bridge Friday evening, Aug. 5. Photo submitted by Pamela Boutilier.*